

# Obituaries

## Merrill F. Durr

Merrill F. Durr, 86, a brother-in-law of Joy Votapka of Oberlin, died Nov. 24, 2011, at Hester Care Center, Wesley Towers, in Hutchinson.

He was born May 17, 1925, in Bushton, the son of Floyd and Esther (Boldt) Durr. He graduated from Ransom High School in 1943 and then served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950 and a Master of Science in 1954 from Fort Hays State University.

He married Vera E. Cathcart on Aug. 1, 1948, in Oberlin. They lived in Ulysses from 1950 to 1984, in Palco until 1988 and then moved to Hutchinson. He was a teacher, school administrator and commodities broker before he retired.

Mr. Durr was a member of the Lysle Rishel American Legion Post, Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, the Kansas Association of School

Administrators, the Lions Club and the Grant County Teachers Association.

Survivors include his wife, Vera; two sons, Philip M. Durr, McPherson, and Steven C. (Teri) Durr, Enid, Okla.; three grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Dorothy Durr Fabrizio; and a daughter-in-law, Kathleen Durr.

Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Hutchinson with the Rev. Jim Rhacsa officiating and military honors by a Navy honor guard.

Private family inurnment will be at the McPherson City Cemetery mausoleum.

Memorials were established to Hospice of Reno County or the Good Samaritan Fund at Wesley Tower.



Merrill Durr

# From the Record

## Courthouse

These transactions were taken from the records in the offices of the Decatur County court clerk, sheriff and register of deeds:

- DISTRICT COURT**  
**Traffic**  
Nov 27, Christopher William Bailey, Norcat, no seatbelt, \$10.  
Nov 27, Sandra Kay Geihlsler, Levant, no seatbelt, \$10.  
Nov. 27, Joshua Jay Long, Smith Center, no seatbelt, \$10.  
Nov. 27, James Daniel Remley, Atwood, no seatbelt, \$10.  
Dec. 8, Pedro Garcia, Cozad,

Neb., speeding 47 mph in 30 mph zone, \$165.

Dec. 8, Jeffrey Waggner, Oberlin, tag violation, no liability insurance, \$393.

**Limited Actions**  
Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland vs. Angel Treese, Oberlin, \$757 plus costs and fees.  
City of Norcat vs. Paul Lange, Fowler, Colo., \$143 plus costs and fees.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**  
Betty Ann and Charles Miller to Creed S. Huff, Lot 10, Blk. 8, Original town of Oberlin.  
Betty Ann Miller, trustee of the

Bobby Hill Lifetime Testamentary Trust, to Creed S. Huff, Lot 10, Blk. 8, Original town of Oberlin.

Scott and Patricia Hendrickson to Patricia Hendrickson, Lot 3, and part of Lot 4, Blk. 1, Garwood Addition to City of Oberlin.

Shanna M. and Brad D. Long to Lois E. Meitl, Lot 7, 8 and part of Lot 9, Blk. 7, East Oberlin Addition to the City of Oberlin.

Lawrence F. and Lynda K. Wendelin to L.F. Wendelin Family Ltd., S/2 SW/4 Sec 18 T2S R29W.

Erik L. Wentz to Chris Welch, Lots 3 and 4, and N28' of Lot 5, Blk. 8, Original Town of Norcat.

Robyn Jessica Moore to Chris Welch, Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 11, Kenney's Addition to Norcat.

Dewaine V. Stapp, quitclaim to Elaine Kingsley, Randy Stapp and David Stapp, E/2 of Sec 36, T1S R26W.

Stephen G. and Patricia A. Ranz, quitclaim to Eric Steven Ranz, Julie Elvira Ranz and Alex Austin Ranz, NW/4 of Sec 32, T1S R27W, reserving a life estate.

DeLana L. and Crista E. Sauvage to Jeff Wade, S12' of Lot 6, and all of Lot 7 in Blk. 16, Original Town of Oberlin.

# Town Crier

**Today:** Widows and Friends Christmas luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Coffee, Tea and Me.

Christmas dinner, noon, Jennings Senior Center. Bring a salad or dessert.

Thursday: Junior high boys basketball league tournament, 2 p.m. at Hoxie.

High school wrestling, 5:30 p.m. at Rawlins County with Hoxie.

Ladies Shopping Night downtown, 9 to 11 p.m., Oberlin Business Alliance.

Friday: Coffee hour, 9 a.m. to noon, *The Oberlin Herald*.

High school basketball, 6:30 p.m., here, with St. Francis.

Saturday: Oberlin Junior Varsity Invitational wrestling tournament, 9 a.m.

Oberlin merchants' "Christmas On Us" drawing, 11 a.m., gazebo in Centennial Park.

Free kids' movie at Sunflower Cinema, 2 p.m.

Norcat Christmas drawing, 3 p.m., old school building. Santa will be there.

180 House Christmas open house, 3 to 6 p.m., 408 N. Elk Ave.

Benefit soup supper at old Norcat school, 5 to 7 p.m. for Loretta Lawn Fowler.

High school student council Snowball dance, 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday: Senior potluck, 12:15 p.m., Golden Age Center.

Old-fashioned hot dog and marshmallow roast at Sappa Park, 2 to 5 p.m. Meet behind Crossroads Express at 2 p.m.

Family Christmas Party at Cedar Living Center, 2:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Porch Light Food Drive, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., Oberlin Teens for Christ.

Children's Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m., Herndon Covenant Church.

**Thursday, Dec. 22:** Oberlin Turnaround, 5:30 p.m., Coffee, Tea and Me, food, fellowship and fun.

Downtown Oberlin, Men's Shopping Night, 9 to 11 p.m., Oberlin Business Alliance.

**Friday, Dec. 23:** No school, Christmas break.

**Sunday, Dec. 25:** Christmas Day.

**Golden Age Center:** 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinocle. Quilting, puzzles, games daily. Chicken-foot dominoes, 1 p.m. first and third Tuesdays.

Mexican Train, second and fourth Tuesdays; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, step exercise; 12:15 p.m., pot luck dinner, third Sunday each month.

A representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will be at the county Health Department **once a month** for free well evaluations, including testing.

**Tuesday, Thursday:** The Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith. Donations of cash, frozen or nonperishable food and household items are always needed.

**SENIOR MENU**

Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center, weekdays at noon:

**Today:** lasagna, corn, tossed salad, garlic bread, mixed fruit.

**Thursday:** roast beef, mashed

potatoes, gravy, pears, bread, birthday cake.

**Friday:** chicken a la king, Italian blend vegetables, gelatin with fruit, biscuit, cook's choice complement.

**Monday:** steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, apricots.

**Tuesday:** Swedish meatballs, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, bread, peaches.

**Next Wednesday:** tuna salad, vegetable soup, tropical fruit, salad, bread, crackers, cookie.

## Markets

**Dec. 12, 2011 closing markets**  
Wheat, \$5.90 bushel  
Corn, \$5.76 bushel  
Milo, \$5.47 bushel  
Soybeans, \$10.22 bushel  
(Decatur Cooperative Association)

## Honor Roll

Welcome and thanks to these recent subscribers to *The Oberlin Herald*:

**Elsewhere:** Debra Scheufler, Tempe, Ariz.; John Tyrrell, Cameron, Mo.

**Colorado:** Kathy Conroe, Montrose; Jack Roberts, Longmont; Tracy Hoeckelberg, Littleton; Fred Reichert, Colorado Springs.

**Kansas:** Pat Whetzel, Ellsworth.

**Area:** Mike Ferguson, Norcat; H.J. Jacobs, Dresden.

## Corrections

The Oberlin Herald will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 475-2206 to report errors. We believe that news stories should be fair and factual, and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

## Sunflower Cinema

220 N. Penn  
Oberlin  
785-470-2200

## Arthur Christmas PG

Friday, Dec. 14 - 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 15 - 7 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 16 - 2 p.m.

This advertisement sponsored by:



## Norton Livestock Norton, Kansas Special Bred Cow/Bred Heifer Sale Thursday, Dec. 22 1:00 p.m.

- Pairs**  
30 Blk-Red pairs 3-6 years, calves are 150-300 lbs.  
40 Blk-Red pairs 3-6 years, calves are small-250 lbs.
- Bred Hftrs**  
20 Blk Hftrs Bred Red Angus calve in Feb.  
60 Blk Hftrs Bred Blk 1050-1100 lbs. calve Feb. 15
- Bred Cows**  
30 Blk 2nd calves Bred Blk calve Feb. 25 for 70 days  
150 Blk cows 3 to 6 yrs. Bred Blk Early calving  
25 Blk-Bwf 3 & 4 yrs. Bred Blk calve Feb 25 for 70 days  
80 Blk-Red-Charx cows 3-6 yrs.  
Jan-Feb calvers 80% bred Charx balance blk  
90 Blk cows 3-6 yrs Bred Blk calve Feb. 1 to May 1  
85 Blk-Bwf cows 5-6 yrs Bred Blk calve Feb. 25 for 70 days  
50 Red cows 3-6 yrs Bred Blk Early calving  
40 Red Angus Cows 2nd calf to 6 yrs old calve Feb. 25 for 70 days
- 35 Hereford Cows bred blk calve Feb. 1 solid to short solid  
25 Blk-Bwf cows older cows Bred Blk start calving Feb. 20.

Sale Barn Office Phone 785-877-5161

Clarence Tien - Cell 785-567-8113 • Jan Tien - Cell 785-567-8151  
Home 785-973-2231 Home 785-973-2744



**Come join Us**  
9 - Noon  
Friday 16th  
**The Oberlin Herald Coffee Hour**  
Coffee, hot cider, goodies

# Weather

**Forecast**

**Today:** A chance of rain and snow before noon, then a slight chance of rain between noon and 3pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 42. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 39.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 37.

**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 45.

**National Weather Service**  
(Information below for period ending 8 a.m.; maximum temperature for previous day.)

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip	Snow
Dec. 5	27	1	0	
Dec. 6	18	-15	0	
Dec. 7	23	-15	0	
Dec. 8	38	7	0	
Dec. 9	30	11	0	
Dec. 10	37	8	0	
Dec. 11	39	9	0	

Precipitation for week: 0  
Precipitation for month 0  
Precipitation for year: 24.66  
Precipitation one year ago: 24.76  
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.  
By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

From the National Weather Service



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