

Sheriff’s Blotter

The Decatur County Sheriff’s Office worked the following calls for the week of Dec. 5 through Dec. 11:

Dec. 5

The Department answered phone calls, conducted a welfare check on North Dexter Avenue in Norcatgur, and dealt with a hitchhiker out of Norton County.

Dec. 6

The Department dealt with a report of a suspicious vehicle near I Ln and Rawlins Road and assisted with a disabled vehicle on U.S. Highway 36 near 1800th Road.

Dec. 7

The Department dealt with a miscellaneous incident out of Scott City, conducted a welfare check on West Frontier Parkway (U.S. Highway 36) in Oberlin, investigated a traffic driving complaint near Norcatgur on U.S. Highway 36, executed a search warrant on U.S. Highway 36 in Oberlin, and answered a phone call.

Dec. 8

The Department executed an arrest warrant out of Kearney,

Neb., investigated a suspicious vehicle in Norcatgur, assisted Sheridan County with a call out of Selden, conducted follow-up activity at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin, answered a phone call, served a summons, and conducted seven traffic stops within Decatur County.

Dec. 9

The Department investigated a traffic driving complaint on U.S. Highway 36 in Oberlin, investigated a driving complaint on U.S. Highway 83, served two summonses, answered a phone call, and conducted four traffic stops within Decatur County.

Dec. 10

The Department transported an inmate, answered two phone calls, investigated an unspecified hazard on U.S. Highway 36, investigated a traffic driving complaint on U.S. Highway 83, and conducted follow-up activity on East Maple Street in Oberlin.

Dec. 11

There were no call outs as of this writing.

Courthouse News

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. 10: David Wayne Lerch, Lake Mary, Fla., speeding 81 mph in a 65 zone, \$181.

Nov. 14: Scott Kenneth Tech, Prescott, Ariz., 84 mph in a 65 zone, \$207.

Nov. 23: Lance William Guarienti, Pueblo, Colo., 83 mph in a 65 zone, \$201.

Nov. 24: Mustapha Bousnadji, San Bernardino, Calif., 78 mph in a 65 zone, \$171.

Limited Actions

Bureaus Investment Group Portfolio No. 15 LLC v. Joseph West II, \$2,714 plus costs and interest.

Credit Management Services Inc. v. John Dean, \$5,797 plus costs and interest.

Capital One, N.A. v. Beverly D. Reiter, \$2,954 plus costs and interest.

Credit Management Services Inc. v. Just Indermuhle, \$457 plus costs and interest.

Credit Management Services Inc. v. Jack Hays, \$1,437 plus costs and interest.

Credit Management Services Inc. v. Michael Hunt, \$1,036 plus costs and interest.

Accounting For You v. Denny Clapp, \$245 plus costs and interest.

Nebraska Furniture Mart Inc. v. Alexandra Cressler, \$3,796 plus costs and interest.

Housing Authority of the City of Oberlin v. Joyce Pederson, eviction granted.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Wava J. Reames transfers on death to Shawnda Carlisle, Lot 2, Blk. 7, Original Town, City of Norcatgur.

Ronald E. Garchar to Scheetz Brothers Inc., the SW/4 Sec. 1, T5S R26W.

Ronald L. and Gina M. Montgomery to Ronald L. and Gina M. Montgomery as Trustees of the Ronald L. and Gina M. Montgomery Revocable Trust, the N/2 Sec. 7, T3SR26W, and an irregular tract in the NE corner of E/2 NW/4 Sec. 18, containing 15 acres more or less, all in T3S R26W.

Noren Farms Partnership to Judy L. Thelander and Alice V. Robson, as tenants in common, all the NW/4 Sec. 1, T3SR30W, except and excluding therefrom that parcel described in the survey recorded in Book A84 at page 391 of the records of the Register of Deeds.

Roderick F. and Patricia Fringer transfer on death to Rhonda L. Jennings and Kimberly A. Bruley, as tenants in common, all interest in and to, Lot 9 and the west 25’ Lot 10, Blk. 17, Summit Addition, City of Oberlin.

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NOTICE

BOARD VACANCY NOTICE: AT-LARGE MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2022 of a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 294, Decatur County, Kansas, and that such vacancy will be filled by appointment of the Board of Education not sooner than fifteen (15) days following publication of this notice in the *Oberlin Herald* on Tuesday, December 16th, 2025. The appointed member will serve until the next general school board election.

Such vacancy exists by reason of the resignation of Sandra Meier.

Applications consisting of a Cover Letter and Resume should be submitted to the District Office by no later than 12:00 PM, Wednesday, December 31, 2025.

A Special Board Meeting will be held on Monday January, 5th at 6:00 PM at the USD 294 District Office to both interview candidates and fill the vacancy during that meeting.

By order of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 294, Decatur County, Kansas, this 8th day of December, 2025.

Alexa Rompewich
Clerk, Board of Education

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS

CHAD M. FORD,
Plaintiffs

vs.

N.A. BROWN, MILDRED FRANCES NEIDIGH, KENNETH E. NEIDIGH, BERTHA MARIE WATERS, MERRILLE DEE KOHL, JOHNNIE HARL KOHL, JR. TRACEY GAVER, DANA REYNOLDS, KIMBERLY COLLEY, SANDRA LEE DOWNEN, DONALD DOWNEN, DONALD DOWNEN, MARK DOWNEN, CHRIS DOWNEN, LYNDA RAE WATERS, LOUIS CLYDE BROWN, RAYMOND MILTON BROWN, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any defendants which are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors, and assigns of any defendants who are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of any defendants who are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, Defendants
Case No. DC-2025-CV-000018

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to the above named Defendants, and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the above entitled District Court by the above named Plaintiffs praying for a judgment and decree quieting Plaintiffs’ title in and to the following described real estate situated in Decatur County, Kansas, to-wit:

All of that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Two (2) South, Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the 6th P.M., Lying South of Highway Thirty-six (36) and including the South Half (S/2) of the vacated right of way, Decatur County, Kansas

and further praying for a judgment and decree barring and excluding you and each of you from hereafter asserting any claim of right, title, interest or estate in or lien upon said above described real estate and you are hereby required to plead to said Petition on or before January 20, 2026 in said Court at Oberlin, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

/s/ Ken Eland, #12054
Attorney for Plaintiff
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
John Simonsson, Deceased.

DC-2025-PR-000009

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Constance Simonsson, executor of the estate of John Simonsson, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance for the services of the executor and attorney’s fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent’s will; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the executor be discharged and released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 2nd day of January, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the city of Oberlin, Decatur County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

/s/
Constance Simonsson, Executor

Steven W. Hirsch #12789
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104 So Penn, PO Box 296
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Attorney for Estate



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COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS MONTH OF November 2025

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS SALARIES IN GROSS AMOUNTS PAID 11 - 26 - 25 : General \$119,353.01 R&B 38,273.72; Health 8,728.50; Ambulance 25,741.44; Noxious Weed 8,733.09; Election 1,589.56; RFD 26,702.48 Treas Auto 3,400.00
TOTAL PAYROLL: \$232,521.80

ACCTS PAYABLE WARRANTS December PAID 12-9-25:

Advance Ins 332.64; Jeff Burmaster 357.58; Dec Co Extension Service 2,000.00; Dec Co Trea/EBC 55,493.90; Dollar General 372.70; Fair Foundation 396,994.98; Jean Ann Hale 575.75; Megan Huntley 100.00; Robert Marcum 360.00; Stanley McEvoy 529.49; Midwest Energy 152.27; Nex-Tech Wireless 880.92; Norton Co Appraisal Office 79.77; Point C CPM 54,961.09; Rose Riffle 360.00; The Oberlin Herald 1,531.02; Card Services 1,032.28; The University of Kansas 100.00; Vyve Broadband 284.51; Wex 729.34

ABC Towing 260.00; Accounting For You 680.00; Ag Valley Coop 417.60; 1st Due Division 17,380.00; Barrett Law Firm 593.50; Beaver Valley Supply 3,500.00; Leslie Beims 4,008.02; Bound Tree Medical 915.01; Brico Pest Control 150.00; Carman Computer 124.00; Caterpillar Finance 65,454.20; City of Norcatgur 277.87; City of Oberlin 3,751.64; CK Technologies 5,695.00; Colby Glass 93.60; Compliance One 323.10; Cook Diesel 165.00; Creative Collision 130.00; D&L Trucking 7,705.35; Decatur Co Employ Cafeteria 915.00; Decatur Co Health Dept 458.16; Decatur Co Title & Abstract 2,470.00; Decatur Co Treasurer 899.52; Decatur Coop 13,041.18; Decatur Health 19,759.65; Deveny Motors 314.16; Joni Diederich 360.00; Lisa Dusin 93.80; Eakes Office 737.97; Elliott Law Office 638.00; Foley Ind 3,339.69; Vickie Gassmann 619.36; Gerbitz Trucking 7,187.00; GIS Specialist 7,920.00; Karen Gregory 72.27; Hickok Hardware 167.70; Steven Hirsch 51.20; Huber Sand 1,762.18; Ideal Linen 236.08; Ina Alert 726.00; J.D. Power 337.00; John Deere Financial 37,718.16; Kansas Truck Equip 1,226.05; KCDA 350.00; KS Sheriff’s Assoc 425.00; Gabriela Labrado 75.00; Lewis, Beims & Holste 282.00; Mapes & Miller 12,399.00; Bryce Marble 201.60; Matheson Tri-Gas 464.33; Midwest Connect 390.00; Multi-Purpose Sr Ctzn 1,110.00; Nex-Tech Rural 3,521.96; Norton Co Clerk 1037.25; Norton Co Appraisal Office 85.00; Nutrien Ag Solutions 450.00; NW Fire Extinguisher 119.50 Oberlin Auto 2,618.38; Oberlin Farm & Supply 408.68; Ostmeyer 190.75; Penco Engineering 10,300.00; Tracey Pershing 82.39; Randall-Reilly 510.96; Rayes 1,354.21; RED-D-ARC 126.66; Rooks Co Sheriff 3,867.70; Sebelius, Griffiths & Horn 1,222.48; Selden Lumber 495.00; State Line Awards 56.00; Stragey Construction 160.00; Sunflower Sr Center 796.00; Jeremy Tally 105.00; The Oberlin Herald 1,093.20; Thomson Reuters-West 362.97; US Postmaster 594.00; Card Services 6,041.16; Nora Urban 270.68; UV&S 77.00; VLS Communications 22,009.06; Vyve Broadband 173.42; W.D.W.D.A.K. 225.00; Walter, Walter & Peterson 2,370.00; Ward Drug 87.19; Wellpath 162.00; Wild Side Embroidery 422.00

TOTAL ACCTS PAYABLE \$807,366.25

INCLUDING WARRANTS \$50.00 & UNDER AT \$371.46

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Stanley A McEvoy, CHAIRMAN
Ben Bryan, MEMBER
Justin Scott, MEMBER

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