

# Family

## Deaths

### Helen Marie (Verhoeff) Nickels

Helen Marie (Verhoeff) Nickels, 73, of Oskaloosa, died Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at Hickory Pointe Care and Rehabilitation Center in Oskaloosa after a long illness. She was a former Grinnell resident.

Private graveside services were Tuesday at the McLouth-Cemetery. Memorial Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Oskaloosa United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thomas D. Sims officiating.

Mrs. Nickels is survived by a son, Mike Nickels of McLouth; daughter Paula Nickels of Grandview, Mo.; sister, Judy Dietz of Merriam and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Mark A. Nickels; brother, Frank Lee Verhoeff; sister, Evalyn Allen, and twin infant brother and sister.

Mrs. Nickels was born Aug. 17, 1928, in Cove County, the daughter of Frank J. and Evalyn M. (Laurent) Verhoeff. She grew up on a farm near Grinnell, and graduated from Grinnell High School and was a graduate of Kansas State University at Manhattan.

She was married to Paul Robert "Bob" Nickels on July 1, 1951, at Manhattan, during the 1951 flood. He preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1992.

Mrs. Nickels assisted her husband and children in farming and on the family dairy near Oskaloosa. She began her teaching career in a one room school. She was a teacher for 40 years.

She was a member of the Oskaloosa

United Methodist Church, the Oskaloosa Lions Club, the American Legion Auxiliary of Ozawkie and a member of a Home Extension Unit in rural Oskaloosa.

Memorials may be made to the Oskaloosa United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund or to the Oskaloosa Lions Club Egg Hunt Fund and sent in care of the Barnett Funeral Home P.O. Box 416, Oskaloosa, Kan. 66066

### LaVerna C. Robben

LaVerna C. Robben, 76, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at the Logan County Hospital, Oakley.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Oakley, Fr. Roger Meitl and Fr. Alvin Werth officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Oakley. Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. Thursday at Kennedy-Koster Funeral home, Oakley. Rosary will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Survivors include: her husband of Oakley; sons Larry F. and Daniel L. of Oakley, Michael A. of Burlington, Colo.; daughters Linda M. Howard of WaKeeney, Lana Sue (Susie) Wilson of Colby; brother, Don Lintel of Kingman, Ariz.; sisters Armella Kruse of Oakley, Lela Heier of Goodland, Eunice Weber of Goodland, Geraldine Swart of Grinnell, Elaine Hammerschmidt of Garden City, and

Marietta Coats of Topeka; 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one grandson.

Mrs. Robben was born Nov. 9, 1925, at Collyer to Herman H. and Mary L. (Mader) Lintel, and was a lifetime area resident. She was a homemaker and member of St. Joseph Church, Oakley, Daughters of Isabella, St. Joseph Altar Society, and past member of EHU Oakley.

She married Francis J. Robben, Jr. on March 4, 1946, at Angelus.

Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph School, Logan County Manor, or Logan County Hospital, all of Oakley, and can be sent of care of the funeral home, PO Box 221, Oakley.

### Jeff Hopper

Jeff Hopper, 26, of Gem, died Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at Goodland. Funeral arrangements are pending with Harrison Chapel, Colby.

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# Runners receive trophy at Menlo



Sally Michael

• Brewster Correspondent

According to Betty Wolfe, there isn't much different in the school calendar and events over the years. She checked the 1941 calendar, and found there were 25 high school boys turning out for track with the squad winning a large second place trophy in the Menlo Invitation track meet. (Now, Betty says things don't change, but seems like there were lots more boys out for track, back then, and I sure haven't heard of a Menlo track meet, for many years. sm.) Anyway, back to 1941. The Concert Band received a II rating, the Marching Band, a II rating, Boys Glee Club, a III and Girls Glee Club, a IV rating, at the district music festival, held in Goodland that year.

The Senior Class presented the play, *A Million Dollar Penny*, from which they helped finance their senior trip to Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. Admission to the play was adults and high school students, 25 cents, junior

high, 15 cents, and 1-6 grade, 10 cents. A profit of \$70 was earned from this. (Back to the future, wouldn't it be fun to still have projects like this, today? sm.)

Continuing on with Betty's notes on 1941, which by the way, you can check for yourselves, at the Heritage Library, from 1-4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 9-11 a.m. on Saturdays. Along with the walks down "Memory Lane", there are books, videos, talking books, and many family histories on file.

In April 1941, Phog Allen, janitor of the school and caretaker of the grounds, which once was referred to as "doctor of grassology," was busy digging around the school yard, that year. Even though it was spring, his aim wasn't for fishing worms, but to aid in the installation of electrical cables, for the lights that would form the illumination of the school yard. Do you suppose Phog gave thought that his grandkids and great grandkids would be blessed by the work he was doing that year?

Oh, yes, as a little reminder that we could still have some winter weather, there is a report about a furious south wind, loaded with dirt and Russian thistles, (well, that hasn't changed. sm)

which ushered in a snow storm that lasted for the final week of April, and dropped several inches on snow. And that's the way it was, in Brewster, Kansas, in 1941. Thanks for the trip, Betty.

A few weeks ago, when Betty brought me some information about the Heritage Center, I didn't know that it would turn out to be so much fun. Somehow, thinking about those schoolkids of '41 on the brink of a World War, gives us all something to think about in these unsettled days.

There's a local lady that is going to have her 85th birthday, on April 26. She has had a rough time with her health, lately, so how about dropping Cornelia Baird a wish for a Happy Birthday. Her address is Cornelia Baird, PO Box 83; Brewster.

## Hospital

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER  
Tuesday, April 16, 2002

### Admissions

Rex Asbridge, Oakley  
Melba Meyer, Colby  
Darrel Holzmeister, Oakley

### Dismissals

Avesta McGrath, Goodland  
Betty Secrest, Colby

## Markets

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previous business day  
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Wheat	\$2.67
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## Community Calendar

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Heartland Christian School kindergarten roundup, 8:20-11:30 a.m.  
Kindergarten visitation, Sacred Heart School  
Brown bag Al Anon (non-smoking), 775 E. College Drive, noon  
*The Red Cross at Ground Zero*, Pioneer Memorial Library, noon  
Pi Gamma, Ann Friesen, 1 p.m.  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 4th, 5-8 p.m.  
*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, Cultural Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.  
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

SHARE delivery, Sacred Heart School gym, 9 a.m.  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 4th, 5-8 p.m.  
*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, Cultural Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.  
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

## Kountry Kitchen

An easy to make recipe for breakfast or lunch.

### Italian Sausage Strata

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 12 ounces mild Italian sausage, casings removed
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 small red or green pepper, seeded and chopped
- 3 cups milk
- 4 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 10 to 12 slices day old bread, crusts trimmed
- 1 and 1/3 cups sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In large skillet, heat oil over med-high heat. Add sausage and cook, breaking up with a spoon, until sausage begins to lose its pink color. Add onion and red pepper, continue cooking 5 minutes longer. Set aside. Heat milk, in microwave oven, in glass measuring cup until bubbles appear around edges. In large bowl, whisk eggs, then gradually whisk in hot milk. Blend in mustard and dry seasonings. Lightly butter 8 x 12 glass baking dish. Line bottom with some of the bread slices, trimming to fit as needed (use scraps to fill in gaps.) Sprinkle with 1 cup cheese, top with sausage mixture, then line with remaining bread slices, trimmed as needed. Slowly pour egg mixture over bread slices, pressing slices down lightly to submerge. Sprinkle with remaining 1/3 cup cheese. Place dish on baking sheet and bake for 45-50 minutes, (or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.) Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Makes 6-8 servings.



Lois Myers

• Correspondent

## Friends celebrate birthday

Roger Hale spent last weekend in Stockton where he hosted a 84th Birthday party for his mother Junia Hale. Friday afternoon, April 12, 40 friends and neighbors enjoyed ice cream and cake in her honor. She received a phone call from her brother-in-law, Don and Phyllis Hale in Longmont, Colo., and a phone call from her friend Gwen Young, Colby.

Easter dinner guests of Jim and Hedy Tubbs were Luke Tubbs, Kansas; LeAnna Tubbs, Mingo; Dave and Lesa Beamer, Oakley; Rose and Ralph Schukman, Hays; Dale Deaver, Levent; Dale and Alan Tubbs, Duane and

## About People

Laura Tubbs, Zach, Jacque and Elizabeth, Bud and Peggy Stupka, John Wallsmith, Joe Rudell, Bettie Hamill, and Berniece Luker.

Nola and Garland Handley called on Berniece Luker last week. They were returning to their home at Battle Creek, Mich., after spending the winter months in the Phoenix, Ariz., area. The ladies are cousins.

Hedy Tubbs and Ruth Garrett were in Garden City on business Wednesday.

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