

# Obituaries

## Lea Rae Brooks

Lea Rae Brooks, 75, postmaster at Clayton, died Friday, July 18, 2003, at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina.

She was born Oct. 2, 1927, on the family farm, the first of eight children of Raymond and Frances Branscomb. During her childhood, the family lived on a farm between Edmond and Densmore, where she attended a rural grade school. The family moved to Norton when she was a freshman in high school.

She married Ralph Brooks of Clayton on April 29, 1944. He was in the service and they lived in Florida, Wisconsin and Illinois, then returned to Clayton, where they farmed. She also worked part-time in the Clayton Post Office and Duckwalls in Norton. She became postmaster at Clayton in 1990. She was a member of the Clayton United Methodist Church and Lazy Daisy Club.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph, of the home; a son, Don and Barbara Brooks, Clayton; two daughters, Jo and Dennis Walker, and Janet and John Guerrero, all of Salina; two sisters, Norma and Jerry Robinette, Nampa, Idaho; and Blanche and Frank Weiser, San Antonio, Texas; four brothers, Warren and Shi-Shi Branscomb, Belleville, Mich.; Max and Patsy Branscomb, Foster City, Calif.; Don and Jackie Branscomb, New Plymouth, Idaho; and Larry and Julie Ann Branscomb, Lakeville, Minn.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother, Floyd. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the United Methodist Church in Clayton. Pastor Charles Keller officiated and burial was in the Clayton Cemetery.

A Lea Rae Brooks Memorial Fund was established. Contributions may be sent to Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67674.

## Helen Gertrude Grill

Helen Gertrude Grill, 91, a former resident of the Traer area, died Saturday, July 19, 2003, at Community Hospital in McCook.

She was born March 3, 1912, at Enterprise, the daughter of George and Goldie (Fisher) Sandrock. She graduated from Falls City High School and the University of Nebraska.

She married Carl F. Grill on June 7, 1936, in Lincoln, Neb. They had lived in several communities in Nebraska and in Denver, where she taught music.

Survivors include her husband, Carl; a son, John and Luci Grill, all of McCook; a daughter, Sondra and Joe Douglass, Silverthorne, Colo.; a sister, Dorothy Kratz, Lincoln, Neb.; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Homer

and Kenneth Sandrock.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. today at Carpenter Breland Funeral Home in McCook with Tom Volz officiating. Burial will be at Mount Lindo Cemetery in Denver on Thursday.

Memorials may be given in her name and left at the funeral home, 305 West C, McCook, Neb., 69001

## Pauline E. Loomis

Pauline Elizabeth Loomis, 90, a sister of Phyllis Metcalf of Oberlin, died July 11, 2003, in Denver.

She was born March 5, 1913, at Oberlin, the daughter of H. Howard and Lena Florence (Reasoner) Eiler. She graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1931 and Kansas State Teachers College. While teaching in Westmoreland, she met Vernon L. Loomis of Emporia. On a furlough from the Army during World War II, they were married on Nov. 14, 1942. While he was serving in Italy, she returned to Oberlin and taught at the high school.

After the war, her husband secured a teaching position at the University of Denver and they moved there to make their home. She worked as a substitute science teacher for the Denver Public Junior and Senior High Schools for 16 years. She was active in the Women's Faculty Group of the University of Denver and a bridge group for over 40 years. She was a member of Park Hill Congregational Church, where she had served as a deacon.

Survivors include her husband, Vernon; a brother, Harry and Beverly Eiler, McCook; a sister, Phyllis and Dole Metcalf, Oberlin; a daughter, Barbara Stude, Denver; three grandsons, Tyler and Michael Stude and Brian Loomis, and one great-grandson, Nicolas Stude.

She was preceded in death by her son, Howard L. Loomis; two brothers, Robert and Floyd Eiler, and a sister, Margaret Huribut.

Memorial services were held Thursday, July 17, 2003, at the Park Hill Congregational Church in Denver.

## Sylvia L. Martin

Sylvia Laverne Martin, 87, a longtime Oberlin and Cedar Bluffs resident, died Saturday, July 19, 2003, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

She was born Dec. 31, 1915, at Webster in Rooks County, the daughter of Irl and Mary (Combs) Gilliland. She was reared there and graduated from high school in 1933. She attended a beauty college in Omaha, then worked with an aunt in Norton.

She married Joseph M. Martin on Oct. 15, 1938, in Damar. They lived in Decatur County all of their married life. She worked as a beauty operator for several years in Oberlin and also operated an antique store in her basement. In the late 1960's, the

couple moved to the Martin family farm west of Cedar Bluffs, then later moved to Cedar Bluffs. In recent years, they were residents of Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society in Oberlin.

Survivors include two children, Steve Martin, McCook; and Joeline Johnson, Canon City, Colo.; a sister, Bernice Zerger, Arvada, Colo.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on April 7, 2000; her parents; and two brothers, Ward and Harold Gilliland.

Vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Mass of the Resurrection will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam and Deacon Stan Chapin will officiate. Burial will be at the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the Parkinson's Foundation or donor's choice. Contributions may be left at Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Maynard Smalberger

Maynard Wayne Smalberger, 74, a 1948 graduate of Decatur Community High School in Oberlin, died Friday, July 18, 2003, at Community Hospital in McCook, Neb.

He was born May 23, 1929, one of 12 children of Glenn and Arvilla (Sines) Smalberger, at their farm northeast of Oberlin.

He was baptized as a child at Sherman Chapel near his home. He attended grade school at Sherman Center, District 104, and graduated from Decatur Community High School.

During the Korean Conflict, he served as a member of the United States Army from Sept. 7, 1951, until being honorably discharged on May 27, 1953. He received a Korean Service Medal; three Bronze Service Stars, and a United Nations Service Medal. He had been employed at Dale's Texaco and Jim Logan's Service Station in Oberlin and the Kansas-Nebraska Gas Company in McCook and Cozad, Neb. He was a member of the Oberlin American Legion Post.

Survivors include two brothers, Melvin of Oberlin and Richard of Beaverton, Ore.; two sisters, Ella Mae and William Walrman, Strasburg, Colo., and Margie Welsh, McCook; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Harold, Darl, Lloyd and Rex; and sisters, Agnes and Donnalee Smalberger and Beulah Lawyer.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Tom Smith will officiate and burial will be at the Sherman Cemetery, rural Oberlin, with military rites by the Oberlin American Legion Post.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be left at the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

# From the Record

## Courthouse

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

### DISTRICT COURT

#### Traffic

July 14: Allen French, Aurora, Colo., speeding 84, \$143.

July 15: Lisa Stacy, Oberlin, permit operation with expired registration, \$69.

Thursday: Autumn Roberts, Fritch, Texas, speeding 86, \$159.

Friday: Joshuan Stephens, Eden, Texas, speeding 76, \$95.

#### Limited Action

Gary Fredrickson DMD vs. Craig Carroll, \$91.

#### Marriage Licenses

June 23: Robert Travis Miller of Cambridge, Neb., and Trena Lynn Dejmal, Kearney, Neb.

July 2: Joshua Aaron Tubbs and Tisha Lynette Masoner, both of Oberlin.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Augustine and Anna Unrein to Russel Unrein, the N 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 9, T5S, R26W, reserving a life estate to each.

Augustine and Anna Unrein, to Toni Unrein, the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 9, T5S, R26W, reserving a life estate to both.

U.S. marshal to LaVerne Rippe, Lots 1-6, and 10-18, Block 9, Town of Traer.

Mary Brown, Pamela Banta and David Banta, trustees of the Howard D. and Lura C. Banta Revocable Trust, to Allen and Judy Ploussard, trustees (1/2 to The Allen Lee Ploussard Revocable Inter Vivos Trust, and 1/2 to The Judy A. Ploussard Revocable Inter Vivos Trust), Lot 5, and the S 17' of Lot 4, Block 10, and the adjoining N 1/2 of the closed alley adjoining Lot 5, Rodehaver's Addition, City of Oberlin.

Dixie L. Westervelt to Revocable Inter Vivos Trust of Dixie L. Westervelt, a tract in the N 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 2, T3S, R29W, beginning

at the NW corner of Block 19, Summit Addition; Lot 9, Block 2, Summit Addition; and the W 65' of Lot 3 and Lots 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10, all in Block 23, Johnston's Addition, City of Oberlin.

Judy Cathcart quit claim to William Cathcart, Lots 1-5 inclusive, Block 2, Marks-Cole Addition, and Lot 30, Block 6, Original Town, City of Oberlin.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

These calls were reported last week by the Decatur County ambulance crew:

July 14: 8:14 a.m., transfer, Decatur County Hospital to Great Plains Medical Center in North Platte, Neb.; 1:24 p.m., transfer, Great Plains Medical Center in North Platte to Decatur County Hospital; 2:57 p.m., standby at fire, N. of Cedar Bluffs.

July 15: 2:04 p.m., medical emergency, W. Cedar.

Last Wednesday: 3:23 a.m., medical emergency, N. Grand.

## Correction

A picture on the front page of the July 16 issue of *The Oberlin Herald* incorrectly identified Kelly Brown as Sammie Anderson. This was a reporter's error.

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The Oberlin Herald will correct or clarify any mistake or misunder-

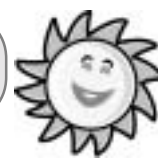
standing in a news story. Please call our office at 475-2206 to report errors. We believe that news stories should be fair and factual, and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

## Markets

July 21, 2003  
closing markets  
Wheat, \$2.81 bushel  
Milo, \$2.91 hundred weight  
Corn, \$2.10 bushel



# WEATHER



### Decatur County Forecast for July 22<sup>nd</sup> - July 28<sup>th</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
82/55	89/62	92/64	95/65	93/67	84/62	82/60

Normal High	90	Sunrise	6:32 to 6:37am
Normal Low	62	Sunset	9:05 to 8:59pm

The weather this week will be fairly typical for the end of July. We'll start out with refreshingly cool weather Tuesday and Wednesday as high pressure passes by to our north. Temperatures bounce into the 90s again for the end of the week, cooling again for the weekend. The greatest chance for rain will be Thursday and again Saturday night into Sunday. Friday and Monday will each have a chance for evening thunderstorms as they roll off the Front Range and across the Plains.

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### (National Weather Service)

(For the period ending Mon. 7 a.m.; the maximum temperature is for the previous day.)

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
July 15	97	61	
July 16	96	61	
July 17	104	75	
July 18	103	69	
July 19	102	68	
July 20	89	71	
July 21	99	62	

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.00 (Oberlin); for the month of July, 0.46 (Oberlin); for current year to date, 12.43 (McCook); one year ago (unavailable).

Oberlin has had seven days of 100-plus temperatures so far this month.

For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.475 mhz.

# American Profile

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## Town Crier

**Friday:** Coffee hour, 9 to 11 a.m., chamber office.

**Saturday:** Oberlin Business Alliance auction; 10 a.m. Beach party, 10 a.m. Rendezvous band, 8 p.m.

**Tuesday:** School local option bond election, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Senior Citizens potluck, 6 p.m., Wheat Ridge Terrace dining room.

**Monday, Aug. 4:** Enrollment for grades 7, 8 and 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

high school.

Enrollment for students with last names A-M; 9-12 and 1-3 p.m., Oberlin Elementary School.

**Tuesday, Aug. 5:** Enrollment for grades 10, 11 and 12; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Decatur Community High School.

Enrollment for students with last names N-Z, 9-12 and 1-3 p.m., Oberlin Elementary School.

## SPECIAL QUESTION USD 294 LOB ELECTION POLLING PLACES

for  
TUESDAY - JULY 29, 2003

USD 294 Voters that reside in the following precincts will be able to vote at the following polling places:

**OBERLIN GOLDEN AGE** — Altory, Center, Grant, Harlan, Liberty, Logan, Olive, Roosevelt and Sherman

**OBERLIN AMERICAN LEGION** — Bassettville, Beaver, Cook, Finley, Oberlin, Prairie Dog, Sappa and Summit  
Plus USD 294 Votes in Custer & Dresden Townships

**NORCATUR CITY HALL** — Garfield and Lincoln with Norcatour City  
Plus USD 294 Voters in Norton County

**OBERLIN AMERICAN LEGION** — Oberlin City #1

**DECATUR COUNTY COURTHOUSE** — Oberlin City #2

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.  
on Tuesday the 29th of July, 2003

### OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES

Civil Rights Comprehensive Notification for **Oberlin Unified School District No. 294.**

In compliance with the Executive Order 11246; Title II of the Education Amendments of 1976; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972; Title IX Regulation Implementing Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and all other Federal, State, School rules, laws, regulations and policies, the **Oberlin Unified School District No. 294** shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color national origin, or handicap in the educational programs or activities which it operates.

It is our intent to comply with both the letter and spirit of the law in making certain that discrimination does not exist in its policies, regulations, and operations. Grievance procedures for Title IX and Section 504 have been established for students, their parents, and employees who feel discrimination has been shown by the local education agency.

Specific complaints of alleged discrimination under Title IX (sex) and Section 504 (handicap) should be referred to:

#### Title IX Coordinator

Kelly Glodt, Superintendent  
131 East Commercial  
Oberlin, KS 67749  
785/475-3805

#### Section 504 Coordinators

Nita Lavielle, Guidance Counselor  
605 East Commercial  
Oberlin, KS 67749  
785/475-2231

Sheila Jansonius  
Guidance Counselor  
201 West Ash  
Oberlin, KS 67749  
785/475-2122

Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504 complaints may also be filed with the Regional Office for Civil Rights. Address correspondence to:

U.S. Department of Education, Region VII  
Office for Civil Rights  
10220 N. Executive Hills Blvd.  
Kansas City, MO 64153