

Obituaries

Laura Mae Dechert

Laura Mae Dechert, 93, a longtime Rexford area resident, died Thursday, June 26, 2003, at the Sheridan County Long Term Care Unit in Hoxie.

She was born July 14, 1909, near Portis, in Osborne County, the daughter of Harve and Ora (Fees) Lemon. She grew up in Portis and attended school there. Her family later moved to Rexford. She later moved to Oberlin, where she worked as a telephone operator for four years.

She married Herman E. Dechert on Sept. 7, 1929, in Colby. They made their home on a farm northwest of Rexford until moving to Oberlin in 1972. Her husband preceded her in death on Sept. 3, 1978. She attended the United Church.

Survivors include a brother, Chester Lemon, Dallas, a niece, Phyllis and Manuel Chavez, Denver; three nephews, Dennis and Ila Lemon, Salina; Tom and Hien, and Kenneth and Peggy Lemon, Sanders, Ky., and their families.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Agnes Brown, and a brother, Clyde Lemon.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Revs. Nolan and Barbara Pierce officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the United Church of Oberlin and Golden Age Center. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Dean L. Gallatin

Dean L. Gallatin, 72, a resident of Oberlin since 1990, died Tuesday, June 24, 2003, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

He was born May 27, 1931, in Norton County, the son of William and Mildred (Hayes) Gallatin. He attended school in Clayton. He married Zeta Salome Rhodes and they farmed in the Clayton area. She preceded him in death. He married Rachel Sass Vardemire on Sept. 14, 1990. He was a member of the Jennings United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rachel; and nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Ray, Lloyd and Keith.

Graveside services were held Wednesday morning at the Clayton Cemetery. The Rev. Nolan Pierce officiated.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be left at Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Robert William Haas

Robert William Haas, 78, brother of Lois Larson of Oberlin, died June 19, 2003, at the Grove Nursing Center, Grove, Okla.

He was born Nov. 7, 1924, the son of William and Mary Edith (Hinshaw) Haas, at Preston. He was baptized in the name of the Triune God on June 14, 1925, at Preston Methodist Church. He made a public confession of the faith in Jesus Christ through the Rite of Confirmation at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Natrona in March 1937.

He married Marjorie Lea Moffat on Oct. 9, 1949, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Natrona. A retired line-man, mail carrier and farmer, he lived in the Pratt area over 50 years; in Canon City, Colo., from 1991 to 2000, then in Grove, Okla., since April 2000.

He served in the Army as a Private First Class in the 108th Infantry in the Philippines in 1944 and 1945. He was a lifetime member of the Kinsley Gun Club and recently became a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Grove.

Survivors include his wife, Mar-

jorie; two sons, Kenneth and Connie, Lamar, Colo., and David and Karen, Grove; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothea and Ray Wiltshire, Pratt; and Lois and Wayne Larson, Oberlin. Among nieces and nephews in the Oberlin area are Craig and Karen Larson and children; Norman and Joanne Wendelin and children, and Brad K. Larson.

Funeral services were held June 22, 2003, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Natrona. The Rev. Michael Schotte officiated and burial was at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorials were established to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grove, and the Pratt Library.

Denelda V. Hamill

Denelda V. Hamill, 70, a former employee of Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, died Wednesday, June 25, 2003, at Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook.

She was born Aug. 25, 1932, at Wauneta, Neb., the daughter of Donald and Vada (Petsch) McCollam. She grew up in the Eden Precinct at Wauneta. The family moved to Trenton, Neb., where she attended high school.

She married Delmar Dewey on May 26, 1950.

She married Fritz LeRoy Hamill at Holcomb on Jan. 2, 1981. Most of her life was spent in southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas. She lived at Herndon for 14 years and was employed at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin for 10 years. She had been a resident of Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook for the past year.

Survivors include four daughters, Sonya and Doug Richey, Orlando, Fla.; Diana and Donald Solko, Herndon; Dena Dewey, Trenton, Neb.; and Darla Anderson, Hays; two sons, Donald "Steve" and Jackie Dewey, Hillrose, Colo.; and Shad and Jane Dewey, McCook; a sister, Carolyn and Raymond Lopez, Fort Sumner, N.M.; 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Darrell in 1954; and two sisters, Joyce and Karen.

Graveside services were held Monday morning at the Trenton Cemetery with Johnny Walker officiating. Inurnment will be in the Trenton Cemetery.

A memorial was established in her name. Contributions may be sent to: Herrmann Funeral Home, 607 Norris Ave., McCook, Neb., 69001.

J. Edward Railsback

J. Edward Railsback, 88, a graduate of Norcatur Rural High School, died June 25, 2003, at a hospital in Buffalo, N.Y.

He was born Aug. 6, 1914, in Almena, in Norton County, the third child of Clyde and Irma (Brooks) Railsback. He worked in an Air Force factory during World War II.

He married Florence Sanders on Nov. 7, 1942, in Buffalo and they had lived there over 60 years. He was a retired transmission mechanic. He was a former Boy Scout Troop committeeman, and a member of the Parish Holy Name Society.

Survivors include his wife, Florence; two sons, Dale and Margaret Railsback, Buffalo, and Paul and Carol Railsback, Pittsburgh, Pa.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Russel and Marianne Railsback, Corvallis, Ore.; a sister, Olive and Walter Hafner, Herndon, and a sister-in-law, Ethel Railsback, Oberlin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Lyle, Lila Pad-

dock, Jaquetta Ward, Gordon, Cloyd, Cloyce, Leon and Gail.

A Mass of Christian Burial from the Church of the Holy Family was held Saturday morning at Night-engage Funeral Home in Buffalo. Entombment was in Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum.

Wayne S. Ridpath

Wayne S. Ridpath, 84, a 1937 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died June 1, 2003, at a hospital in Brick, N.J.

He was born April 15, 1919, in Frontier County, Neb., the son of Leonard Lee and Edna May (Morton) Ridpath. He grew up in Decatur County.

He married Agnes Leftus on Oct. 23, 1943, in Hoboken, N.J. He was a World War II veteran and served in the U.S. Air Force 4 1/2 years.

Survivors include two sons, Wayne F. and Kelly, South Hill, Va.; and Gary F. and Nancy, Brick, N.J.; four sisters, Leona and Roy McConnell, Strasburg, Colo.; Helen McChesney, Cambridge, Neb.; Maxine and Lee Van Pelt, Cedaredge, Colo.; and Joan and Dewey Randolph, Athens, Texas; seven grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Agnes, in November 2001; an infant brother; a sister, Frances McConnell; three brothers-in-law, Elvin McConnell, Donald Van Pelt and Harold McChesney.

Services and burial were held June 4 in Brick.

Francis D. Stanley

Francis D. Stanley, 83, of Manhattan, a former Oberlin school superintendent, died Sunday, June 29, 2003, in a Topeka hospital.

He was born Nov. 9, 1919, on a farm south of Minneapolis, the son of Archie and Josephine Gary Stanley. He was a 1937 graduate of Clay Center High School, then graduated from Wichita State University and Fort Hays State University. He was a World War II Coast Guard veteran and served on the USS Cambridge.

He married Mary Marie Olson on April 8, 1944. He served over 30 years as a school superintendent in Circleville, Downs, Oberlin, Solomon and Rose Hill. He was a member of the Randolph United Methodist Church; Masonic Lodge of Circleville; Order of Eastern Star and Isis Shrine in Salina. He was also a member of the Kansas Tennessee Walking Horse Association and Phi Delta Kappa.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; twin sons, Denis, Lake Perry, and Dale, Manhattan; and son, Doug, Augusta; a daughter, Ila Rose Bosworth, Topeka; a sister, Ruth Porter, San Jose, Calif.; two sisters-in-law, Mary Brandel, Renton, Wash., and Hazel Stellmacher, Lawrence; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. today at Penwell-Gabel Mid Town in Topeka. Graveside services will follow at 1:30 p.m. in Dwight Cemetery at Dwight.

Memorial donations may be made to Circleville Gym Restoration Fund, Circleville, Kan., c/o Penwell-Gabel Mid Town, 1321 SW 10th, Topeka, Kan., 66604.

Markets

June 30, 2003
closing markets
Wheat, \$2.63 bushel
Milo, \$3.20 hundred weight
Corn, \$2.13 bushel

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

June 13: David Jackson, Dixon, Mo., speeding 82, \$131.

Friday: Richard Huff, Lebanon, Neb., speeding 77, no seat belt, \$111; Sarah Marcuson, Oberlin, passing in no passing zone, \$119; Gale Long, Nacogdoches, Texas, speeding 86, \$158.

Marriage License

June 18: Daren Scott Fortin and Erica Marie Stanley, both of Oberlin.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Elmo and Margaret Lund, quit claim to Leo and Carolyn Zodrow, the SE 1/4 of Sec. 10, T2S, R28W.

Marcia and Richard Emig, to Joe Schwab and Angela Weller, as joint tenants, Lot 7, Block 2, Bryan Addition, City of Oberlin.

Norman and Hannelore Meixner, quit claim to Norman and Hannelore Meixner as joint tenants, E 30' of

Lots 7, 8, 9, and the S 4' of the E 30' of Lot 10, Block 16, Rodehaver's Addition, City of Oberlin.

Scott and Francy Waddell to Justin Brown, the E 67' of Lots 5 and 6, and the E 67' of the S 1/2 of Lot 4, Block 3, Sappa Addition, City of Oberlin.

AMBULANCE CALLS

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

June 23: 12:03 p.m., transport to McCook; 1:51 p.m., medical alarm, W. Ash, no transport.

Last Wednesday: 1:58 p.m., medical, rural Oberlin; 9:08 p.m., medical, N. Elk.

Friday: 12:48 a.m., medical, Traer; 10:51 a.m., medical, W. Cedar; 3:07 p.m., medical, W. Ash.

Saturday: 1:35 a.m., medical, rural Oberlin, no transport.

City Hall

MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday: William Black, Oberlin, speeding 35 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$65; Zachary Specht, Oberlin, expired tag, \$75 fine plus \$35 court

costs (\$35 paid, balance of \$75 due in 10 days); Kristen King, Oberlin, no liability insurance, failed to appear (warrant issued and drivers license suspended); Christopher Boesel, Bennett, Colo., driving while suspended, failure to appear (warrant issued, \$500 personal bond forfeited).

Federal Court

BANKRUPTCIES

Erika Jean Boxler, aka Erika Jean Queener, Norton, liabilities \$29,070, assets \$14,360.

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.

Town Crier

Today: Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., south ambulance barn.

Friday: Fourth of July festivities at City Park. Hamburgers, hot dogs, melon, 4-8 p.m., Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women.

Sunday: Teens for Christ, 7-9 p.m.

July 14-18: Vacation Bible

School, 9-11:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church. Call Karen Eskew, 475-2879, or Kelly Shields, 475-3450 for details.

Monday-Friday: 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center: Monday, push pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; Wednesday, pinochle; Thursday, pitch; Friday, push pinochle. Last Thursday

of month, senior bridge, open. Quilting, puzzles, games daily.

A representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will be at the Health Department once a month for free well evaluation including testing well water for bacteria and nitrates. For details call (785) 475-8118.

Driver's license rules change

Rules for getting driver's licenses changed Tuesday under bills passed this year by the Kansas Legislature.

Decatur County Treasurer Jean Hale said she attended a meeting in Hays for treasurers and driver's license examiners about the new rules at the beginning of the month.

She said Senate Bill 16 requires that every applicant for a driver's license or an identification card must provide their Social Security number or sign a waiver stating that

they don't have one. The number won't be used as the license number unless the person asks for it, however.

Also, a person can no longer have both a valid identification card and a driver's license at the same time.

Mrs. Hale said House Bill 2073 says that all male applicants ages 16 through 25 must consent to have their information sent to the Selective Service System, which keeps a list for the standby military draft.

Although information for males under 18 has to be filed, it won't be sent in until the person turns 18.

House Bill 2192 will increase the photo fee from \$2 to \$4. The license fee will increase by \$1 for each year of validity.

For a four-year regular license, the fee will increase from \$10 to \$16. For a six-year regular class C license, the fee will go from \$14 to \$22.

County looks at natural gas prices

The Decatur County commissioners talked with a representative from MidWest United Gas at the meeting last Tuesday about the county's options once its gas supply contract is up in September.

Jeff Younger, a MidWest representative, worked with the county last year to lock in a price of \$4.50 MMTBU. Mr. Younger showed the commissioners that by locking in, the county saved \$10,000 from October through April.

A new contract would start in October, said Mr. Younger. Once the contract is over, if the commissioners haven't re-signed or locked in a price, gas will cost the index price plus 60 cents.

Commissioners said with being locked at \$4.50, they have some time to think about it and watch the prices before signing anything.

The commissioners later talked with Health Administrator Marilyn Gamblin about vaccinations for children on family insurance. The federal government will no longer allow her to give free vaccines, she said.

She said she asked the hospital about billing for her, but they said no.

Ms. Gamblin said the vaccine is expensive, as is the billing process. The kids can get the shots at the hospital.

She said she will still buy the vaccines for children on Medicaid, Health Wave and those who aren't covered by insurance.

Ms. Gamblin said she is still holding a blood pressure clinic once a month at the Golden Age Center and in Jennings and Norcatur.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that the road crew is going to work right up until harvest to pull the gravel back onto the county

roads which washed off in recent rains.

- Received a letter from Oberlin Township to OK a cereal malt beverage license for the Red Crown Lounge. The license was approved.

- Held a 20-minute closed session for non-elected personnel. There was no action taken.

- Heard the Dresser grader is back from the shop with a bill of \$11,600. Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said the Agco tractor is now in the shop.

- Held a five-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel. There was no action taken.

NOTICE

VOTER REGISTRATION BOOKS for DECATUR COUNTY
USD 294 LOB SPECIAL ELECTION

WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY the 14th of July, 2003 at 5 p.m.

If you have never been a registered voter or moved, you may register in The Office of the County Clerk from 8 to 5 weekdays.

Those persons who will be 18 before Election Day may also Register to vote for this 2003 USD 294 LOB Special Election.

The USD 294 LOB Election will be held on

Tuesday the 29th of July, 2003

With the Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

BALLOTS are ready for ADVANCED VOTING in the DECATUR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

WEATHER

Decatur County Forecast for July 1st - July 7th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
91/64	93/65	90/65	95/66	90/65	88/64	87/64

Normal High 88 Sunrise 6:18 to 6:21am
Normal Low 60 Sunset 9:14 to 9:13pm

The jet stream is taking up residence over the northern tier of states, from Washington to Michigan, eastward to New England. Heat will be building over the southern Rocky Mountains, the Desert Southwest and Great Basin. This area of hot air will occasional move eastward into the southern and central Great Plains for the next few weeks. We're going to have a threat of rain once or twice a week through July, bringing brief heat relief. All in all, the weather will be near normal.

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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.
June 23	90	69	
June 24	97	66	0.04
June 25	96	56	0.12
June 26	73	50	
June 27	83	51	
June 28	89	52	0.02
June 29	91	58	1.12

Precipitation totals for the week, (Oberlin) 1.30; for the month of June, app. 4.33 (McCook); for current year to date, 11.65 (McCook); one year ago, 10.97 (McCook).

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