

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

Obituaries

Virginia (Mrstik) Carey
Virginia Rose (Mrstik) Carey, 79, a 1941 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Nov. 18, 2003, in Denver, after a long illness.



V. Carey

She was born in Roosevelt Township in Decatur County on Feb. 17, 1924, the first child of Rudolph and Emma (Fiala) Mrstik. She spent her early years on the farm where she was born, and later the family moved to Oberlin. After graduating from Decatur Community High School in 1941, she worked for 4 1/2 years at Henry Hahn's Oberlin Bakery and then moved to Denver where she was employed in the office at Landon Abstract Company for several years.

In 1948, she married Lys J. Carey of Louisa, Ky., in the Methodist Church in Oberlin. Former employer Henry Hahn baked her wedding cake and his wife played the organ at the church. They made their home in southwest Denver, where she was active with the Parent Teacher Association at both Barnum Elementary and then Rishel Junior High. She served as publicity and newsletter chairman and president at both schools. She also attained Life Membership in the Colorado Congress of Parents and Teachers. Both daughters were members of the Girl Scouts and she supported those activities as well.

She served in several capacities with the Denver Radio Club and helped put together their publication, The Round Table, and handled membership duties and benevolence until her death. She received her amateur radio license and was on the air as WOMUT. She was a member of the Rocky Mountain Relay League and lifetime member of the Amateur Radio Relay League.

Survivors include her sister, Maxine and Keith Sauvage, Oberlin; her children, William and Lynne Carey, Benbrook, Texas; Phillip and Florence Carey, Colorado Springs; Rita Ann Carey, Westminster, Colo.; and Judy and Bert Bieck, Greeley, Colo.; and eight grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, and her husband, Lys, in May, 2001.

Memorial services were conducted at Aspen Chapel in Lakewood, Colo., on Nov. 22, 2003.

Condolences may be sent to the family at 3180 West 115 Place, Westminster, Colo., 80031-7158. The family requests that donations be made to the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation, 1895 Franklin Street, Denver, Colo., 80218 or to the charity of donor's choice.

Betty June Archer

Betty June Archer, 77, a 1944 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, in Fremont, Neb.

She was born Sept. 9, 1926, in Decatur County, near Oberlin, the daughter of Densel and Neva (Crook) Townsend. She married Gerald D. Archer on Oct. 15, 1949, in Denver and he preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 1989.

She graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., in 1975. After moving to Fremont in 1976, she taught business subjects at Logan View High School and for the past 13 years was a sales associate for Gateway GMAC Real Estate in Fremont. She was a member and past president of the Fremont Nile Club, member of Sat-ra Temple Daughters of the Nile, and of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Kevin J. and Janet Archer, Omaha; her mother, Neva Townsend, Oberlin; a brother, Gary L. and Lucille

Townsend, Danbury, Neb.; and two grandchildren, Kelsey and Joshua Archer, Omaha.

Private family services will be held. A memorial was established to the First United Methodist Church and the Fremont YMCA. Lattin-Dugan-Chambers Funeral Chapel of Fremont was in charge of arrangements.

Bertha Frances Brock

Bertha Frances Brock, 105, a longtime resident of Jennings, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

She was born Nov. 8, 1898, in rural Kanona, the daughter of Theodore and Mary (Pracheil) Tacha. She was reared on a farm on the Prairie Dog Creek near Jennings. She attended Rock Island Rural School and graduated from Decatur County High School in 1917. She attended Normal Training in Oberlin that summer, then taught at the Rock Island School for two years.

She married Kenneth Fay Brock on April 23, 1919, in Goodland. They lived on a farm northeast of Jennings for 21 years, then moved to her parents' place, where they lived for 10 years before moving to a farm south of Jennings. Nine years later, they moved to Jennings. She was a member of the Jennings United Methodist Church; United Methodist Women; Tuesday Study Club; Order of Eastern Star, and Bridge Club.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Rosa Brock, Lindsborg; a son-in-law, Tommy Amato, Reno, Nev.; three grandchildren, Bill Brock, Bob Brock and Sandra Chandra; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two children, William Brock and Maida Amato; a brother, William Tacha; sisters, Mabel Carper, Mae Wylie and Edna Rardin; and a grandson, Michael Amato.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Jennings United Methodist Church. Pastor Glenn Krebs officiated and burial was at the Jennings Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the church at Jennings. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Bertha M. Fetsch

Bertha M. Fetsch, 93, mother of Karen Smith of Oberlin, died Dec. 17, 2003, at the Wichita County Health Center in Leoti.

She was born Sept. 21, 1910, at Marienthal, the daughter of William

Charles and Hilda Marie (Gerstberger) Galster. She was a lifetime resident of Wichita county.

She married Louis A. Fetsch on March 4, 1929, at Marienthal and he preceded her in death on Sept. 26, 1992. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Mary Altar Society of Marienthal.

Survivors include four daughters, Marquita Fetsch, Marienthal; Pat Rohling, Derby; Gloria Pfannenstiel, Chapman; and Karen Smith, Oberlin; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Wilma Ridder, Burlington, Colo.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Hildegard Parrish and twin sisters, who died in infancy.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at St. Mary Catholic Church in Marienthal with Father Benjamin Martin officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Leoti Emergency Medical Service or the Greeley County Home Health Care. Contributions may be sent to Price and Sons Funeral Home, Leoti, Kan., 67861.

William J. Schwab

William Joseph Schwab, 43, a 1979 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Dec. 14, 2003, in St. Francis.

He was born Sept. 13, 1960, in Norton, the son of Bill and Pat (Huff) Schwab. He was reared on the family farm near Norcatour and attended Norcatour Grade School and Decatur Community High School, where he excelled in sports.

After graduating, he helped his father with the family farming and ranching operation. He married Angela Weller, and the couple first made their home on a farm near Norcatour before moving to Oberlin.

Survivors include his wife and four children, Joshua, Mathew, Austin and Samantha Schwab of the home; his parents, Bill and Pat Schwab, Norcatour; two sisters, Debby Beard, Norcatour; and Susan Bouldinghouse and fiancé, David Rohleder, St. Peter's; his grandmother, Lela Huff, Northglenn, Colo.; and a nephew, Scott Bouldinghouse, San Francisco.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Emanuel and Bernice Schwab, and Leonard Huff. Private family graveside services were held Thursday afternoon at the Oberlin Cemetery. The Rev. Royce Leitner officiated.

A memorial was established to the Joe Schwab Memorial Fund. Contributions may be left at Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

In loving memory of Eunice M. Thornton. We love you and miss you dearly. This poem was written by Lynette (Thornton) Streit which goes like this:



'My Mother My Inspiration'
When I was little, I learned from you unconditional love and dedication too.

When life got hard you were there by my side through all the uncertainty you did not hide.

You treated everyone like a brother, an equal to you. I'd proudly say "That's My Mother".

Even though I was different from the others, you stayed by my side, my gift from God, my Mother.

You now have cancer and have been so very ill, so strongly and bravely you climb every hill.

Now it's my turn, because to be just like you, I will stay by your side till all of this we are through.

Because you taught me love, dedication and not to hide, through this storm with you I will ride.

You will always be my inspiration, you taught me how to live life with Total Dedication.

Thank you Mom for being my Inspiration.

Lynette (Thornton) Streit, January, 2002
~ Mom passed away in my arms on March 17, 2002. ~
I am sure that is the way she would have wanted to go.

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

Dec. 9: Margaret Penner, Wienkler, Manitoba, no child restraint, \$80.

Dec. 15: Aguirre Hernandez, Oberlin, speeding 80, no seat belt, \$130.

Last Wednesday: Carrie Wilkison, North Platte, speeding 78, \$108.

Limited Action

Kearney Eye Institute vs. Scott Dolan, \$200, plus costs and interest. Steven Hinze DDS vs. Bertha Matchett, \$180, plus costs and interest.

est. Platte Valley Medical Center vs. Cynthia Dolan, \$443, plus costs and interest.

Small Claims

Oberlin Medical Arts vs. Bill and Becky Humphrey, \$1,781, plus costs and interest.

Oberlin Medical Arts vs. Jerry Bishop, \$747, plus costs and interest.

Marriage License

Nov. 17: Kyle David Carman of Dresden, and Natasha Marie Edgerton of Selden.

JAIL BOOKINGS

This book was booked into the Decatur County Jail last week: Raymond Shatterly, McCook, 21, Dec. 18, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Red Willow County.

AMBULANCE CALLS

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

Thursday: 5:35 a.m., medical emergency, W. Hall, to Decatur County Hospital.

Friday: 12:20 p.m., car fire, S. Penn.

Saturday: 1:53 p.m., trauma emergency, high school gymnasium to Decatur County Hospital; 11:06 p.m., medical emergency, E. Commercial to Decatur County Hospital.

Sunday: 3:41 a.m., medical emergency, N. Wilson to Decatur County Hospital; 10:07 a.m., medical emergency, W. Commercial to Decatur County Hospital.

Public Notices

Estate of Rose Stritt

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Published in The Oberlin Herald, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003, Jan. 7, 2004) 3t

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of) ROSE M. STRITT, Deceased.) Case No. 03-P-42

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated December 19, 2003, has been filed in this court by Gerald Stritt, as surviving spouse and an heir of Rose M. Stritt, deceased, praying for probate

of the estate and for the appointment of Gerald Stritt as Administrator of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Administrator or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

Gerald Stritt, Petitioner

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Sewer plant application

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Oberlin, Kansas has filed a pre-application with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for financial assistance to upgrade the existing wastewater treatment facility. A meeting will be held on January 8, 2004 at 6:30 P.M., local time, in Meeting Room No. 1 & 2 at the Gateway in Oberlin, Kansas regarding the proposed project and to provide the opportunity for public comment.

The proposed project will benefit all residents of the City of Oberlin and the service area will include the entire City. Notice will also be posted at the Oberlin City Office.

Deanna M. Castle
City Clerk

Town Crier

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

All week: No school.

Sunday: Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 29-31: 9th grade boys basketball tournament, 1 p.m., at Hill City.

Tuesday: Rotary, Gateway, noon.

Story Time, 4-4:30 p.m., Oberlin Library.

Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m., Medical Arts Building.

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.

Markets

December 15, 2003
Wheat, \$3.60 bushel
Milo, \$3.84 hnd weight
Corn, \$2.36 bushel
Soybeans, \$6.97 bushel
Sunflowers, \$10.75 bushel

Corrections

In the December 17 edition of *The Oberlin Herald*, a story about a public meeting on the proposed new city sewer plant said that Roxie Pomeroy was in the audience. It was actually Rose Riffle. This was a reporter's error.

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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.

WEATHER

Decatur County Forecast for December 23rd - 29th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
48/23	53/24	55/26	58/28	45/20	35/18	40/25
Normal High	41		Sunrise 8:00 to 8:03am			
Normal Low	16		Sunset 5:21 to 5:25pm			

This year Santa will need shades and a red vest when he travels through the High Plains. With an upper level ridge in place this week's temperatures will run 10 to 20 degrees above normal. The month of December continues to see up and down swings in temperatures and looks to finish with colder weather. A disturbance over the weekend and another next Tuesday will bring a couple of shots for snow and a colder air south out of Canada heading into the New Year.

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(National Weather Service)
(Information below is for Oberlin, period ending Mon. 7 a.m. Maximum temperature is for previous day.)

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Dec. 16	38	23	0.08 (1")/S
Dec. 17	44	21	
Dec. 18	57	24	
Dec. 19	47	17	
Dec. 20	54	15	
Dec. 21	68	22	
Dec. 22	54	29	

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.08 (Oberlin), trace (McCook); for the month of December, 0.37 (Oberlin), 0.02 (McCook); for current year to date, 18.78 (McCook); one year ago (unavailable).
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.475 mhz

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