

# Obituaries

## Lillian F. Pickens

Lillian Faye Pickens, 97, a former resident of the Rexford area, died Jan. 8, 2004, at a nursing home in Great Falls, Mont.

She was born May 23, 1906, the daughter of Michael and Mary (Rausch) Dentler. She was baptized in Zion Evangelical Reformed Church in Owensboro, Ky. Her family moved to Kansas in the fall of 1917 when she was 11 years old. She continued her education there.



L. Pickens

She married Harry E. Pickens on April 10, 1923, in Atwood, and he preceded her in death in August of 1976. She continued to live in Kansas until moving to Great Falls in October, 1989, to be near her daughter, Phyllis Floyd. On Jan. 2, 2003, she entered the nursing home.

Survivors include a daughter, Phyllis and Ross Floyd, Great Falls; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three grandchildren, Kathy, Johnnie, and Cynthia; two great-grandchildren, and one brother.

Snider Funeral Home of Great Falls was in charge of arrangements. Private burial was held on Jan. 13, at the Rexford Cemetery at Rexford. Pauls Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

## Robert L. Borthwick

Robert L. Borthwick, a former resident of Oberlin, died Jan. 4, 2004, at his home in Winnemucca, Nev., at the age of 57.

He was the son of Leonard and Ila (Chilson) Borthwick, both graduates of Decatur Community High School. He was born Oct. 25, 1946, in Detroit, Mich., and moved to Oberlin at an early age where he made his home until the age of 18. He resided in Wyoming for 29 years, moving to Winnemucca seven years ago.

He was an apprentice to his father as a youngster to learn the electrical trade and became a master electrician in both industry and mining. He was a member of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and the Loyol Order of Moose.

Survivors include his wife, Diana Carole Borthwick; two sons, Gavin and Justin Borthwick; a daughter, Gywnn, and a granddaughter, Devvon, both of Laramie, Wyo.; a sister, Mary of Moorcroft, Wyo.; two brothers, John of Gillette, Wyo., and Bill of Virginia; nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1985, and his father in 1990.

Memorial services were held Jan. 12, 2004, at Albertson Funeral Home in Winnemucca, Nev. A memorial was established to Humboldt Volunteer Hospice and may be sent to the funeral home, 47 W. First St., Winnemucca, Nev., 89445.

## Dr. Kenneth S. Norton

Dr. Kenneth S. Norton, 86, brother of Marian Fraker of Oberlin, died Jan. 13, 2004, at his home in Riverside, Calif.

He was born Aug. 10, 1917, in Decatur County, the son of Ernest and Grace (Waldo) Norton. He attended school in Decatur County and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1934.

After graduating from Kansas State University, he did post-graduate work at Northwestern, Stanford and Columbia Teachers College where he received his doctorate. He was a school administrator in Colby, before moving to Riverside in 1957 where he was administrator of the Riverside Unified and Jurupa Unified School Districts.

During World War II he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and was awarded a Purple Heart and Navy Cross after being wounded at Omaha Beach on D-Day with the 2nd Ranger Battalion.

He married Betha Boulls on June 18, 1946, at Jennings and she preceded him in death. While living in Riverside, they were active sports fans following local youth teams, and the University of California at Los Angeles football and basketball and were honorary grandparents to many Riverside players.

He was affiliated with the Kansas Masons, Riverside Elks and Rubidoux Rotary Club. He was a charter member of Wesley United Methodist and Rubidoux United Methodist churches.

Survivors include a son, Robert, Flagstaff, Ariz.; a daughter, Linda

and Ron Sperlich, Riverside; seven grandchildren; a sister, Marian and Bob Fraker, Oberlin; two nieces and four nephews, and his caregiver, Debra Nemitz.

A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 5770 Arlington Ave., in Riverside with Green Acres Mortuary in Bloomington in charge of cremation.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Wesley United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 4068, Riverside, Calif., 92514.

## Douglas E. Otter

Douglas Eugene Otter, 39, an employee of Otter Manufacturing at New Almelo, died Jan. 11, 2004, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

He was born Sept. 27, 1964, at Norton, one of the five children of Marion and Marilyn (Hickert) Otter. He grew up on the family farm north of New Almelo and was baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Almelo and remained an active member all of his life. During his youth, he was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Youth Organization.

He attended school in New Almelo and graduated from Lenora High School. He attended Northwest Kansas Vocational-Technical School at Goodland graduating with an electrician journeyman's degree.

He lived in Lakin for four years and worked as an electrician for the Iowa Beef Plant at Holcomb. He then returned to New Almelo to work for Otter Manufacturing, now Otter Incorporated.

He married Bridgett Ann Jones of Norton on Aug. 18, 1990, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Almelo. They made their home in New Almelo with their two children. He served as Catholic Young Organization sponsor for the local group and was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. His hobbies included making miniature bulldozers, rebuilding his 1949 Chevy pickup and 1940 Ford, golfing and bicycling. He participated in three Bike-Across-Kansas events and several other bike tours.

Survivors include his wife, Bridgett, of the home; a daughter, Joni and Dustin Shellito and Lexus Mae, Winona; son, Zackery Otter of the home; his parents, Marion and Marilyn Otter, New Almelo; brothers, Frank and Levonne Otter, Joshua, Brandon and Gabrielle, Clayton; Greg and Tammy Otter, Alyssa and Seth, New Almelo; and Steve Otter, Wichita; one sister, Emily and Gary Kessler, Robert and Alan, Lakin; his father-in-law, George Jones, Sr., Norton; brother-in-law, George Jr., and Shelly Jones and Hunter, Altamont; his grandparents, Vern and Fern Jones, Norton; seven uncles, and 11 aunts.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Margaret Otter, and Al and Amanda Hickert; his mother-in-law, Beulah Jones; uncles, Jim, Bill and Bob Hickert and Vernon Kotchwar, and aunts, Carolyn Hickert and Bertilla Conroy.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Thursday at the church in New Almelo, with the Revs. Vincent Thu Laing and Stan Chapin officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery at New Almelo.

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

## Milford Shelton

Milford Shelton, 82, father of Allen Shelton of Oberlin, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2003, at the Graham County Hospital in Hill City.

He was born Jan. 29, 1921, at Morland, the son of Samuel Fletcher and Elsie (Scott) Shelton. He married Stella Desbien on Jan. 12, 1942, in Damar. He was an electrician and superintendent at the Hill City Power Plant.

Survivors include his wife, Stella, Hill City; five sons, Allen Shelton, Oberlin; Denis Shelton, Hill City; Jim Shelton, Hays; Rodney Shelton, Russell; and Maurice Shelton, Chanute; a brother, Samuel Shelton, Fredericksburg, Texas; two sisters, Marvel Anderson, Hill City; and Maxine Cramer, El Segundo, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Spencer-Stinemetz Chapel in Hill City with the Rev. Aaron Modondo officiating. Private family committal will be at a later date.

A memorial was established to the Graham County Hospital. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 522 North Pomeroy Avenue,

Hill City, Kan., 67642.

## Kevin Leroy Vernon

Kevin Leroy Vernon, 45, formerly of Norcatur and Oberlin, died Jan. 14, 2004, at Blue Springs, Mo.

He was born Oct. 2, 1958, at Oberlin, the son of Glenn Eldon and Florence "Tiny" L. (Hoppas) Vernon. He attended Norcatur Grade School and Oberlin Elementary School, graduating from Salina South High School.

He graduated from Emporia State University and made his home in Bedford, Texas, before moving to Blue Springs, Mo., where he was employed as a computer operator for Masters and Johnson Co. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

He married Diane Stewart on Dec. 7, 1984, in Bedford, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Diane, Blue Springs, Mo.; one son, Glenn Vernon of the home; a brother, Voyle "Butch" and Beverly Vernon, Lafayette, Colo.; three sisters, Barbara Kirkpatrick, Abilene; Janice and Richard Hayes, Atwood; and Ronda Hill, Denver; father- and mother-in-law, Leo and Eiko Stewart of Kansas City, Mo.; and a sister-in-law, Amelia Vernon, Estes Park, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Charles "Chuck" Vernon in 1994; and two nephews, Jimmie and Terrie Jones.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin with Jim Plotts officiating. Burial was in the Norcatur Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the American Diabetes Association. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## C. Dale Yauk

C. Dale Yauk, 82, brother-in-law of Zola Brown and Ella Betts of Oberlin, died Sunday at Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook.

He was born Sept. 7, 1921, in Kansas, the son of William and Cora (Mabry) Yauk. He grew up in Imperial, Neb., where he graduated from high school in 1939.

He married Ola Maggard on Aug. 8, 1942, in Oberlin. They lived in Oberlin before moving to McCook, where he worked as a bookkeeper and parts man for Budig Motors and later for Hormel Chevrolet. He retired in 1983. He was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ola of McCook; a daughter, Dee and Marion Swanson, Hastings, Neb.; a brother, William and Nadine Yauk, Laverne, Calif.; a granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Cecel Smith.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in McCook with Elder Tim Hutchins officiating. Burial will be in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in his name. Contributions may be sent to Herrmann Funeral Home, 607 Norris Ave., McCook, Neb., 69001.

## Markets

January 19, 2004 closing markets

Wheat, \$3.68 bushel  
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Corn, \$2.60 bushel  
Soybeans, \$7.79 bushel  
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# 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

Jan. 12: Joshua Hind-Josa, Lenora, Texas, speeding 88, \$177; Jason Rowh, Jennings, speeding 79 and seat belt violation, \$124.

### Limited Action

Board of Commissioners of Decatur County vs. Bob Barnett, \$50, plus costs and interest.

### Small Claims

D&L Pest Control vs. Dave and Kim Haresnape, \$53, plus costs and interest.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Elaine and Steve Wheeler, to Robert Hessenflow, remainder interest to Jack Wheeler, the SE 1/4 of Sec. 18, T3S, R27W, and a tract 320' x 420' in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Sec. 18, T3S, R27W.

Derry and Kristen Bishop to

Derry and Kristen Bishop, as joint tenants, the NE 14 of Sec. 3, T5S, R29W.

Decatur Petro Alliance LLC quitclaims to Dwight Wentz, 3 tracts in the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4, tract 30' x 150', tract 250' x 370', tract 250' x 370', less tract 80' x 500', all in Sec. 36, T2S, R29W.

Donald and Marie Aschwege to Sauvage Gas Service Inc., N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 8, T1S, R29W (dated Jan. 19, 1995).

Donald and Marie Aschwege to Sauvage Gas Service Inc., S 1/4 of Sec. 8, T1S, R29W (dated Jan. 19, 1995).

Donald and Marie Aschwege to Jamie Fortin, the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 and the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 14, T1S, R29W.

Maynard Smalberger Estate to Rob and Loretta McFee, as joint tenants, part of Lots 8 and 9, Block 10, Summit Addition, City of Oberlin.

Robert Bryan to William Milnes and Sandie Johnson, an irregular tract in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Sec. 19, T4S, R29W.

Ila Ray transfers on death to Vicky Ray, Karen Berkey and Marla Manning, one-half interest in a tract 95' x 100', in the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4, Lot 19, Block 6, Sec. 1, T3S, R29W, Original Town, City of Oberlin.

Darrel and Marla West to G&M Properties Ltd., the NW 1/4 plus 98 acres m/l in the W 1/2 of the E 1/2, Sec. 1, T2S, R26W.

Gene and Anita Bertrand, trustees of Revocable Inter Vivos Trust of Anita L. Bertrand, to Walter and Betty May, app. 1.2 acres in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 in Sec. 19, T2S, R30W.

Elizabeth and Dwayne Jones, trustees of the Elizabeth A. Jones Trust No. 1, to Walter and Betty May, app. 1/2 acres in the NW 1/4 of Sec. 19, T2S, R30W.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

Only one call was reported last week by the Decatur County ambulance crew:

Sunday: 3:50 p.m., trauma, E. Hall Road, transport to Decatur County Hospital.

## Town Crier

**Today:** Chamber coffee hour, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Bank.

Blood drive, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., The Gateway.

College Financial Aid Night, 7-8:30 p.m., high school.

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

**Thursday:** Junior high girls basketball, 4:30 p.m., here, with Atwood.

Oberlin Invitational basketball tournament, 5 p.m.

**Friday:** High school wrestling, 3:15 p.m., Beloit Tournament.

Oberlin Invitational basketball tournament, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** High school wrestling, 9 a.m., Beloit Tournament.

Oberlin Invitational basketball tournament, 3:30 p.m.

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

**Monday:** C Team basketball, 6 p.m., here, with St. Francis.

**Tuesday:** Rotary, Gateway, noon.

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

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

Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m., Med-

ical Arts Building.

High school band concert, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 28:** Decatur County Democrats reorganizational meeting, 7 p.m., Golden Age Center.

**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 Depart-

ment once a month for free well evaluation including testing well water for bacteria and nitrates. For details call (785) 475-8118.

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## WEATHER

**Decatur County Forecast for January 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
	33/19	38/17	43/21	38/20	43/19	35/16	42/20
Normal High	39				Sunrise 7:56 to 8:00am		
Normal Low	16				Sunset 5:47 to 5:54pm		

Today and tomorrow will be cooler than normal then temperatures will bounce around seasonal values for several days. The next two storm systems, today and Saturday, will slide to our south through Texas and Oklahoma. Upper level flow will remain from the northwest the next two weeks, which will keep high temperatures around 40 and lows in the mid to upper teens. A light snow is possible the middle of next week as a quick moving clipper system dives out of the Northern Rockies and through the High Plains.

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

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Jan. 13	58	16	
Jan. 14	57	19	
Jan. 15	58	22	
Jan. 16	64	20	
Jan. 17	53	28	
Jan. 18	51	31	
Jan. 19	37	21	

Precipitation totals: for the week, 0.00; for the month of January, 0.15; for current year to date, 0.15.

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