

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

Obituaries

DeWayne Lee Vacura

DeWayne Lee Vacura, 70, a Jennings farmer and rancher for many years, died Thursday, March 18, 2004, at Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.



D. Vacura

He was born Jan. 22, 1934, at the family farm near Jennings, the son of Jim and Mildred (Kaspar) Vacura. He was reared in the Jennings community, attended Jackson Country School and graduated from Jennings High School in 1951. He served in the United States Army following the Korean Conflict in the Korean Occupational Forces.

He married Frances Bullimore on May 27, 1956, at the United Methodist Church in Jennings. He was the fourth generation to live on the family farm near Jennings. After retiring, the couple moved to Oberlin in 1987.

He served on the Jennings School board, and also served on the Decatur Co-op board for 26 years. He was instrumental in the starting of the new Decatur Co-op hardware store and elevator facility in Jennings. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Oberlin.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; son, Tom, Jennings; daughter, Gayle and Jeff White, Goddard; a sister, Donna and Neil Severns, Norton; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a niece, SuzeAnn Severns.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Royce Leitner officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery with military committal rites by the Oberlin American Legion Post.

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

Lois Eloise Haase

Lois Eloise Haase, 82, a 1940 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died March 14, 2004, at the Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Valley, S.D.

She was born Sept. 27, 1921, in Decatur County, the daughter of Homer and Vida (Parks) Nicodemus. She attended Vallonia Country School and Decatur Community High School.

She married Gilford Fisher in January 1941, and they had six children. He and an infant daughter, Sally Ann, preceded her in death in 1974.

She married Vernon Haase on Dec. 22, 1984. They lived in Chickamauga, Ga., until Dec. 2000, when they purchased a home and moved to Oberlin.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Royal Neighbors. She and her husband, Vernon, were charter members of the Ooltewah Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Vernon; three sons, Rod and Jan, Owasso, Okla.; Rollie and Susan, Gladstone, Mo.; and Roger and Cindy, Jamestown, N.D.; two daughters, Sandy and Charles Moore, Topeka, and Myrna Wilson, Oberlin; his children, Dale and wife, Milan, Italy; Gary, Hawaii; Rick and wife, Rome, Ga.; and Marian and husband, Gerry, Hebron, Neb.; several grandchildren and step-grandchildren and their families; a sister, Ruth Laidig, Oberlin; and four sisters-in-law, Mildred Holmdahl, Mary Lemman, Lila Fisher and Ardess Cappel.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Neil, Keith and Vyril Nicodemus; a daughter-in-law, Diane Fisher, and a grandson, Rick Nottingham.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the United Church of Oberlin. The Revs. Nolan and Barbara Pierce officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or in her name. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Ernst F. Holste

Ernst F. Holste, 89, brother of Pauline Zander, longtime resident of Oberlin, died March 16, 2004, at the Rawlins County Health Center in Atwood.

He was born July 16, 1914, at Ludell, the son of Henry and Sophie (Niermeier) Holste.

He married Hilda Dunker on Oct. 12, 1944, at Trinity Lutheran Church at Ludell. He was a farmer and stockman and a lifetime resident of Ludell. He was a member of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church of Atwood.

Survivors include his wife, Hilda, Ludell; two sons, Charles and Lea Holste, and Roger and Betsy Holste, Ludell; a daughter, Peggy Jean and the Rev. David Kuerschner, St. Charles, Mo.; two sisters, Mathilda Hennings, Atwood; and Pauline Zander; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Charlotte Nietfeld, Margaret Hesterman and Amanda Nietfeld.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Atwood with the Rev. Don White officiating. Burial was at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, rural Ludell.

Memorials were established to the Lutheran Hour Ministries or to a charity of donor's choice. Contributions may be sent to Brantley Funeral Home, 215 S. 4th Street, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Carl M. Horn

Carl M. Horn, 90, uncle of Leonard Cochran of Oberlin, died Feb. 24, 2004, at Willow Tree Care Center in Delta, Colo.

He was born Oct. 1, 1913, in Glade, the son of Theodore Christopher and Minnie Belle (Rambo) Horn. He spent his childhood and attended school in Oberlin. He moved to Cedaredge, Colo., in 1940.

He married Irene J. Crook and she preceded him in death on March 27, 1966, in Delta. He married Mattie J. Austin on April 9, 1967, in Cedaredge and she died Nov. 26, 2002, in Cedaredge. He was a carpenter and mined uranium.

Survivors include a daughter, Janet K. and Tom Hanrahan, St. George, Utah; a step-daughter, Robin and Bobby Sanchez, Cedaredge; a step-son, Ronnie and Judy Brewer, Cedaredge; three nephews; a niece; a great-nephew; four step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. He was a brother-in-law of Neva Townsend of Oberlin.

Graveside services were held Feb. 28, 2004, at Cedaredge Cemetery with James Gall officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Delta County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1111, Delta, Colo., 81416. Taylor Funeral Service and Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Elna Victoria Larson

Elna Victoria Larson, 97, a lay missionary for many years, died Sunday, March 21, 2004, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

She was born Oct. 16, 1906, in a four-room sod house eight and one-half miles east of Atwood, in Rawlins County, the daughter of Swedish immigrants Axel Herman "Harry" and Anna (Hoaglund) Larson.

She attended a country school, where she completed eighth grade. In 1928, she went to Minneapolis,

Minn., where she attended Minnehaha Academy for two years. She studied in the music department and at the Bible Institute.

After graduation, she returned home and was instrumental in starting a summer Bible school at the Herndon Covenant Church. She conducted Bible school there and in other northwest Kansas communities, as well as in Texas and Canada. She also taught Sunday School and led Bible studies in area homes and later at the Good Samaritan Center.

After the death of her parents, she and her brother, David, rented the farm to a cousin in the 1960s and traveled for several years. They moved to Oberlin in 1975 and enjoyed trips that included Paul's missionary journeys and Israel. After her brother's death, she later moved to Cedar Living Center. She was a member of the Herndon Covenant Church.

Survivors include cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Elder and David Larson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Herndon Covenant Church. Pastor Keith Reuther officiated and burial was in the Herndon Covenant Church Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the church and Cedar Living Center. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Willard David Noren

Willard David Noren, 76, a longtime farmer in Decatur County, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at his farm home west of Oberlin.

He was born Nov. 11, 1927, on a farm southwest of Oberlin, the youngest son of David T. and Esther Amanda (Carlson) Noren. He was reared on the family farm and attended a rural grade school. He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1946.

He married Esther V. Benda on Aug. 5, 1949, at the Herndon Covenant Church southwest of Herndon. They lived on a farm southwest of Oberlin before moving to their present farm home in 1952. He farmed most of his life.

He was a member of the Herndon Covenant Church and served on the church board, taught Sunday School and led Bible studies for many years. He also served on the Decatur Co-op Board of Directors and the Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife, Esther, of the home; a son, Steve and Connie Noren, rural Oberlin; two daughters, Judy and Larry Thelander, Salina, and Alice and Ken Robson, Ellsworth; a brother, Edwin and Ruth Noren, Cadillac, Mich.; a sister, Geneva and Gordon Christensen, Westminster, Colo.; grandchildren, Amy and Kent Warden, Jeremy and Carissa Thelander, Andy Robson, Kirk Robson and fiancée, Janelle Bach, and Britta, David and Michael Noren; and two great-granddaughters, Tara and Kylie Warden.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Evelyn Noren, who died in the Belgian Congo, Africa.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Herndon Covenant Church. Pastor Keith Reuther officiated and burial was in the Herndon Covenant Cemetery.

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

Nadine E. Seaman

Nadine E. Seaman, 82, mother of Connie Noren and Lori Seaman of Oberlin, died Sunday, March 21, 2004, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday in Abilene. Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home of Abilene is in charge of arrangements.

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
Feb. 19: Stephen Boxler, Norton, 81 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$126.

Limited Action
Decatur Coop Association vs. Tracy Rall, \$802, plus costs, interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Charles Bartholomew, \$676, plus costs, interest, etc.

Great Seneca Financial Corporation vs. Amanda Carroll, \$1,158,

plus costs, interest, etc.

Countryside Veterinary Clinic vs. Mike Barrett, \$265, plus costs, interest, etc.

REGISTER OF DEEDS
Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby to Karen Padgett, Lot 2, Block 23, Summit Addition, City of Oberlin.

Donne and Sue Fisher to Cary Wahlmeier, the W 1/2 of Sec. 9, T5S, R26W.

Charles and Carol Griffith to N.J. Griffith, trustee of N.J. Griffith Trust, the E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 1, T4S, R26W, and the NW 1/4 of Sec. 5, T4S, R26W.

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

March 15: 10:28 a.m., transfer from Decatur County Hospital to Community Hospital, McCook, and return.

March 16: 9:51 a.m., medical, E. Ash to Decatur County Hospital; 1:36 p.m., transfer from Decatur County Hospital to Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital, Denver.

Last Wednesday: 7:58 a.m., medical, E. Ash to Decatur County Hospital.

Thursday: 3:35 p.m., trauma, 1 mile west of Clayton to Decatur County Hospital.

Friday: 8:01 a.m., trauma, E. Ash to Decatur County Hospital; 10:16 a.m., transfer to Community Hospital, McCook.

Town Crier

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

Thursday: Master Gardeners, drip irrigation by Gaylord Shields, noon to 1 p.m., brown bag lunch, extension office.

High school speech, 1 p.m., at Colby.

Saturday: Regional Music Festival, 8 a.m., here.

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

Community prayer service for rain and other concerns, 7 p.m., Bohemian Hall, sponsored by Decatur County Ministerial Association.

Monday: Students dismissed, 2:40 p.m., for Speech Tournament. Northwest Kansas Speech Tournament, 3 p.m., here.

Tuesday: Rotary, The Gateway, noon.

Junior High League Scholar Bowl, 4 p.m., here.

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

Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.,

Medical Arts Building.

Wednesday, March 31: Northwest Kansas League Art Show, all day, St. Francis.

Thursday, April 1: Master Gardeners, Millie Fisher, guest speaker, noon to 1 p.m., brown bag lunch, extension office.

Northwest Kansas League Art Show, all day, St. Francis.

Friday, April 2: Northwest Kansas League Art Show, all day, St. Francis.

All-school play, 7:30 p.m., high school auditorium.

Saturday, April 3: Benefit soup and pie supper for Lucy Stone and family of Dresden, 5 p.m., Bohemian Hall, sponsored by Dresden and Jennings United Methodist Churches and Smoky Hill Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Musical entertainment to follow.

All-school play, 7:30 p.m., high school auditorium.

Monday-Friday: 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center. Monday, push pi-

nochle; 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 water for bacteria and nitrates. For details call (785) 475-8118.

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.

School Menus

March 29-April 2 OBERLIN
Monday — Breakfast: waffle, ham patty, fruit. Lunch: sub sandwich, vegetable, fruit. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, muffin, juice. Lunch: corn dog, vegetable, fruit. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pocket, juice. Lunch:

chicken fajita, vegetable, fruit. **Thursday - Friday** — Unavailable. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — hamburgers, Doritos, baked beans, tropical fruit, no-bake cookies.

Tuesday — chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, pears. **Wednesday** — corn dogs, nachos and cheese, applesauce, brownies. **Thursday - Friday** — unavailable. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

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**March 22, 2004
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Wheat, \$3.94 bushel
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Sunflowers, \$12.10 bushel

Summer Job Offers:

The City of Oberlin is accepting applications for temporary summer jobs until positions are filled. These include labor jobs in the maintenance of park, streets, cemetery, swimming pool and public utilities.

Also accepting applications for swimming pool manager. Swimming pool manager must have current Water Safety Instructor Certificate and must have completed American Heart Association CPR and Basic First Aid. Experience as pool manager or assistance manager would be helpful.

Application forms can be picked up at the
City Office
#1 Morgan Drive
Oberlin, KS 67749

WEATHER

Decatur County Forecast for March 23rd - 29th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
80/38	73/38	78/40	83/45	80/43	75/40	70/38
Normal High	56			Sunrise 6:30 to 6:40am		
Normal Low	29			Sunset 6:58 to 7:04pm		

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

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Mar. 16	53	21	
Mar. 17	63	28	
Mar. 18	70	32	
Mar. 19	65	35	
Mar. 20	87	40	
Mar. 21	61	24	
Mar. 22	51	25	

Will it ever rain again? February ended and March started with a nice rain and since then nothing. The past two weeks have been warmer than normal too thanks to a ridge of high pressure anchored over the Rockies. The pattern doesn't change much this week, but a low does develop in the Pacific cutting off from the Jet over Canada and slowly meanders east into the High Plains early next week. A couple a weak pieces of energy will shoot off this low and over the Rockies this evening and Friday evening giving us isolated storm chances. Otherwise, we are dry until the low moves directly above us next Mon, Tue, or Wed.

Precipitation totals: for the week, 0.00; for the month of March, 1.41; current year to date, 2.23. For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.475 mhz.

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