

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Obituaries

Gerald R. Riepl

Gerald R. Riepl, 79, a 1943 graduate of Herndon High School, died July 27, 2004, at his home in Cimarron.

He was born Feb. 18, 1925, on a farm near Herndon, the son of Matt and Susanna (Pingetzer) Riepl. He was a sailor in the U.S. Navy during World War II and served in the Pacific Theater.

He married Helen E. Bendon in Oberlin on Aug. 27, 1950, and they made their home in Manhattan. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1952 with a degree in agronomy and soil conservation.

They moved to Cimarron, where he was the Gray County District Soil Conservationist until retiring in 1985. He then spent 10 years as a crop hail adjuster. He was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader and was a member of the Cimarron United Methodist Church, National Association Retired Federal Employees, and Kansas State University Alumni Association.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; four sons, John Riepl, Overland Park; Gary and Suzy Riepl, St. Joseph, Mo.; Greg and Connie Riepl, Edmond, Okla., and Jim and Christal Riepl, Katy, Texas; six grandchildren, Shauna and Hugh Oldham, Kansas City, Mo.; Travis and Mariah Kirschner, St. Joseph; Lauren and Leslie Riepl, Edmond, Okla.; and Melissa and Bryan Riepl, Katy, Texas; two great-grandsons, Cody and Caleb Kirschner, St. Joseph, Mo.; and a brother, Francis Riepl, Columbia Falls, Mont.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Ida Saxrude, Helen Rose Riepl and Bertha Groves; and a brother, Ensign Edward W. Riepl.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at the United Methodist Church in Cimarron with the Rev. Frank DeFisher officiating. Burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery on Friday afternoon with the Rev. Doug Hasty officiating.

Memorials were established to the church in Cimarron or the Cimarron Library. Contributions may be sent to Swaim Funeral Home, 919 N. Fifth Street, Cimarron, Kan., 67835.

Ray Elmer Garver

Ray Elmer Garver, 86, a former Decatur County sheriff, died Saturday, July 31, 2004, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

He was born June 23, 1918, in Oberlin, the son of Frank and Jesse (Wilson) Garver. He attended Oberlin Elementary School and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1937. During World War II, he was inducted into the United States Army on Feb. 28, 1945. He served with the 748th Engineers Base Equipment Company and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 22, 1946.

He married Jacquetta Dean on Dec. 20, 1950, in Oberlin. They became the parents of two daughters. His wife preceded him in death on Dec. 28, 1970.

He married Rita (Kleinsorge) Shuler on Dec. 15, 1973, in Oberlin and he became the step-father of four sons. He had also worked as a truck driver and school bus driver for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Rita; daughters, Debra Garver and Jim Wilson, Overland Park; and Jessica and Ed Howell, Hays; step-sons, Bob and JoAnn Shuler, Oberlin; David and LaKen Shuler, Grand Junction, Colo.; Donald and Wanda Shuler, Belleville; and Ronald Shuler, Salina; a brother, Rex Garver, Bella Vista, Ark.; two sisters, Peggy May, Decatur, Ga.; and Mamie Unger, Oberlin; eight grand-

children; four step-grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Ray Garver; a brother, Virgil Garver, and a sister, Mary McDougal.

Graveside memorial inurnment services will be at 10 a.m. today at the Oberlin Cemetery with the Rev. Mike McVay officiating. Military committal services will be conducted by the Oberlin American Legion Post.

A memorial was established to the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Contributions may be left at Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Willis R. Kusy

Willis R. Kusy, 82, brother of Neoma Tacha of Jennings, died July 5, 2004, at the Community Springs Hospital in Springfield, Ohio.

A former Jennings resident, he was born Nov. 26, 1921, on a farm near Munden, the son of Joseph and Marye (Kusy) Flaska. He graduated from the school system at Cuba, Kan.

He entered the U.S. military in 1939 and was a helicopter pilot. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Air Force in 1965.

He married Mildred Bladow on Jan. 15, 1948.

Survivors include a daughter, Jody and Dr. Gordon Bills, two granddaughters, Laura and Carylan, Cincinnati, Ohio; a son, Paul Kusy, Columbus, Ohio; and a sister, Neoma and Bob Tacha, Jennings.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred, and his parents.

His body was cremated. A memorial service will be held on Saturday at Springfield. Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Sept. 3, at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington.

Pauline 'Polly' Muckey

Pauline "Polly" Muckey, 90, a former restaurant operator in Oberlin, died July 20, 2004, at the Life Care Center of Aurora, Colo.

She was born Aug. 29, 1913, in Smith County, the daughter of Charles and Laura Bolin. She grew up on a farm in the Smith Center area.

She married Andy Muckey on April 1, 1933, at Beloit. They lived in Mankato for several years before moving to Oberlin, where they operated the PenGuinn Cafe and the Oberlin Coffee Shop until 1953. They returned to Mankato in 1953 and operated the Annex Cafe for two years. In 1955, they returned to Oberlin, then moved to Denver in 1957. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include her daughters, Jean Rohla and Gladys (Cooper)

Muckey; two grandchildren, Paula and Derrick Tichy, Highlands Ranch, Colo.; and Kirk and Joelle Muckey, Brighton, Colo.; four great-grandchildren, Justin, Kaden and Gavin Muckey and Taylor Tichy; a sister, Berthena and Eldon Kirkendall, Dupont, Colo.; and a brother-in-law, Clifford and Wilma Muckey, Havensville. She was an aunt of Charles Lincoln and JoAnn Ufford of Oberlin.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Bernie; her parents; three brothers, Cecil, Jake and Howard Bolin, and two sisters, Sadie Lincoln and Opal Abernathy.

Funeral services were held Friday at Olinger Aurora Chase Chapel with Chaplain Melinda Smith of Agape Hospice Services officiating. Burial was at Eastlawn Cemetery in Aurora, Colo.

A memorial was established to Agape Hospice Services, 6041 South Syracuse Way, Suite 220, Greenwood Village, Colo., 80111.

CARD OF THANKS

Our thanks to those who remembered Pauline through their prayers, cards, floral contributions, telephone calls, memorials and other acts of kindness. God bless you.

Jean Rohla
Gladys Muckey
Paula, Derrick and Taylor Tichy
Kirk, Joelle, Justin, Kaden and Gavin Muckey

Elton Rex Wendel

Elton Rex Wendel, 83, a graduate of Norcat Rural High School, died July 16, 2004, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

He was born March 8, 1921, in Norton County, the son of Ernest and Mina (Bryant) Wendel. He attended Lone Star Rural Grade School.

He married Eva Alexander on Aug. 3, 1946, in Sabetha. They lived at Norton, Herndon, St. Francis, Chappell, Neb., and Phillipsburg before returning to Norton. He was a licensed mental health technician at the Norton State Hospital.

He was a member of the Norton Christian Church, Lions Club and International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Eva, of the home in Norton; and a son, Kenneth Wendel, Norton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Maynard.

Funeral services were held July 20, 2004, at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton with Jeff Nielsen officiating. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Norton Christian Church and sent to 208 N. Kansas, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Town Crier

Today: Farmers Market, as producers arrive, downtown Oberlin. Bucket calf show, 8 a.m.

Open class and 4-H floriculture entered, 8-10 a.m., followed by judging.

Dairy/beef show, 9 a.m.

Benefit car wash for Decatur Community High School cheerleaders, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., D & M Sinclair Service parking lot.

Sheep show, 5 p.m.

Kids tractor pull, 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit open hours, 6-10 p.m.

Carnival opens, 7 p.m.

Bridges Band concert, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Thursday: Swine show, 9 a.m.

Media interviews with grand and reserve champion livestock, 11 a.m. Senior and intermediate round robin showmanship contest, 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit open hours, 6-10 p.m.

Livestock auction, Oberlin Livestock, 6:30 p.m.

Carnival open, 7 p.m.

Local talent concert, 7:30 p.m.

Friday: Clean up livestock exhibits, 8 a.m.

Pet parade at Good Samaritan Center, 1:30 p.m.

Fashion review, 5:30 p.m., at Gateway.

Exhibit open hours, 6-10 p.m.

Carnival open, 7 p.m.

Colgate County Showdown, 7 p.m.

Release of all exhibits, 9:30-10 p.m.

Bale decorating contest winner announced on midway, 10 p.m.

Saturday: Carnival, 7 p.m.

Demolition Derby, 7 p.m.

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

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. For details call (785) 475-8118.

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

Limited Action

Countryside Veterinary Clinic vs. Bill Reece, \$83, plus costs and interest, etc.

Hirsch and Pratt LLP vs. Virginia Cooper, \$580, plus costs and interest, etc.

Atwood Conoco vs. Dan Messersmith, \$38, plus costs and interest, etc.

Orchel Farm and Home LLC vs. Dan Messersmith, \$18, plus costs and interest, etc.

Small Claims

Gary Fredrickson DMD vs. Tad Hartsough, \$153, plus costs and interest, etc.

SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

These calls were reported by the Decatur County Sheriff's Office last week:

- Around 4 a.m. Saturday at mile marker 196 on U.S. 83, 18 miles south of town, assisted a motorist and gave them a ride to town.
- Assisted the Oberlin City Police Department in the motorcycle chase Saturday.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Christine and Sam Eldridge to Samuel and Esta Mack, as joint tenants, the N 1/2 of Lots 10-12, Block 12, Marks-Cole Addition, City of Oberlin.

Fred Albers Inc. to Leroy H. Wessel, part of NE 1/4 east of road in Sec. 14; part of S 1/2 of SE 1/4 east of road in Sec. 11; S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 12; W 1/2 of Sec. 13; and NW 1/4 of Sec. 24, all in T4S, R30W.

AMBULANCE CALLS

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

July 26: 8:18 a.m., medical, Jennings to Decatur County Hospital.

July 27: 9:16 a.m., medical, E. Maple to Decatur County Hospital.

Last Wednesday: 9:24 a.m.,

medical, Dresden to Decatur County Hospital; 12:50 p.m., medical, Jennings to Decatur County Hospital.

Federal Court

BANKRUPTCIES

Leroy and Betty Brown, Jennings, liabilities \$36,817, assets \$29,920.

Corrections

A story in the July 28 edition of *The Oberlin Herald* said that a car door was slammed into Officer Mike French's leg. The door hit the upper portion of the officer's right shoulder. The mistake was an editing error.

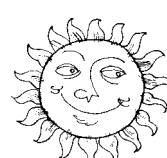
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The *Oberlin Herald* will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 475-2206 to report errors. We believe that news stories should be fair and factual, and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

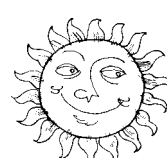
Markets

August 2, 2004 closing markets

Wheat, \$2.99 bushel
Milo, \$3.24 hnd weight
Corn, \$2.25 bushel
Soybeans, \$5.00 bushel
Sunflowers, \$9.80 bushel



WEATHER



Decatur County Weather Forecast Aug. 3rd-9th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
98/63	95/65	90/63	88/61	90/62	93/63	94/64

Normal High 89
Normal Low 60
Sunrise 6:43 to 6:49am
Sunset 8:46 to 8:53pm

Another hot day, then a couple cool fronts bring relief to finish the week. Scattered storms are possible this afternoon, Thursday night and Friday. The weekend will be dry with 90-95 degree high temperatures. After a wet July, August looks normal, with hot and mostly dry weather. We should be able to catch a storm here and there to sustain fall crops until cooler weather comes in September. With a late freeze in May and record cool weather in July are we in for an early freeze? Listen to upcoming forecasts on KXXX and KQLS radio for an answer.

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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.
July 27	78	54	
July 28	83	57	
July 29	76	56	0.03
July 30	82	55	0.29
July 31	83	55	
Aug. 1	95	61	
Aug. 2	101	63	

Precipitation totals: for the week, 0.32; for July, 7.99; current year to date, 15.69.

Last year, Oberlin received 0.56 total precipitation in July. Year to date total precipitation was 12.88 (for McCook; Oberlin data unavailable).

See you at the Decatur County Fair

Listen to the Live Broadcast of the Decatur County 4-H Auction Thursday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

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