

# Obituaries

## Maxine Glee Cargill

Maxine Glee Cargill, 82, a native of Decatur County, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at the Andbe Home in Norton.

She was born May 3, 1922, in Grant Township in Decatur County, the daughter of Jesse Meredith and Eunice Neola (Barnett) Huff. She attended Jolly Hill Rural School, graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1940 and attended summer school at Fort Hays State University.

She moved to Los Angeles, Calif., and married Albert D. Hoover on Nov. 20, 1942. They made their home in Los Angeles, Jennings, and Myra, Texas. He preceded her in death.

She moved to Norton in 1960 and married Roy C. Cargill on Jan. 23, 1965, in Norton and he died in 1994. She had taught country school in Allison and later worked as a nurse and licensed mental health technician at the Norton State Hospital. She was a professional seamstress from 1975 until 2001.

She had been a member of the United Methodist Church in Jennings, Myra, and Norton, before becoming a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Norton, where she was a Lay Reader. She was active with the Kansas Cartridge Club, had served as the assistant chairman of the Norton Gun and Coin Show for 16 years, and was a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include: five children, Neola Hoover, Wilsonville, Neb.; Alma Hoover, Norton; Walter and Sherry Hoover, Norton; Mary and Jim Wooldridge, Booneville, Mo.; and Robert Hoover, Norton; three step-children, Barbara Schack, Amarillo, Texas; Beverly and Roger Hawks, Shawnee; and Ronnie Cargill, Amarillo; a brother, Meredith and Hilaria Huff, Island Ranch, Colo.; a sister, Carol and Sandy Spires, Norton; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Jacky Huff, and a step-grandson, Shane Hawks.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Trinity Episcopal Church in Norton with the Rev. Dennis Gilhousen officiating. Burial was at the Jennings Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Andbe Home, Norton. Contributions may be sent to Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

## Laura Montague Claar

Laura Montague Claar, 83, wife of Oberlin native Dale Claar, died Jan. 11, 2004.

Her husband graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1942 and was the son of the late Ralph and Esta Claar.

They were married on Dec. 25, 1949, and had two children and three grandchildren.

After her death, Dale moved to 12424 E. 75th Street, Apt. 14, Owasso, Okla., 74055-4053, to be near his daughter in Tulsa.

## Mabel Lou Fortin

Mabel Lou Fortin, 89, a native of Dresden, died Nov. 27, 2004, in Colorado.

She was born July 14, 1915, at the family farm north of Dresden, the daughter of Joseph F. and Julia (Shimmick) Pavlicek. She attended South Bethel School, Jennings High School and South Bend Central High School, South Bend, Ind.

She married Eugene M. Fortin on Jan. 9, 1935, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville. They made their home in Leoville. She moved to Denver with her son, Darrel, in 1980. She was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church; Dresden American Legion and St. Ann's Altar Society, Leoville.

Survivors include six children, Duane and Pat Fortin, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Carol Bollig, Aliso Viejo, Calif.; Therese and Eugene Folland, Topeka; Joyce Fortin, Quartz Hill, Calif.; Donald Fortin, Topeka; and Pamela and Craig Johnson, Thornton, Colo.; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Darrel Fortin; brothers, William, Joe, Frank and Theodore Pavlicek; and sisters, Bessie Brown, Elizabeth Micek and Anna Shaw.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Saturday morning at the church in Leoville with the Rev. George Kochuvekkakam officiating. Burial was at Mount Calvary Cemetery at Leoville.

A memorial was established to St. Rita School for the Deaf. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Thersa Irene Pope

Thersa Irene Pope, 79, sister of Loyl Wilson of Oberlin, died Dec. 2, 2004, at the Sheridan County Hospital in Hoxie.

She was born Sept. 26, 1925, at Selden, the daughter of John and Irene (Headley) Wilson. She married Lawrence R. Pope on June 9, 1947. They lived on a farm near Selden until moving to Hoxie. She was a member of the Baptist Church of Selden and Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Lee Pope, Selden; and James Lawrence Pope, Scottsdale, Ariz.; a brother, Loyl Wilson, Oberlin; three grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a brother, Lyle Wilson; and two sisters, Loris Hay and Leah Sarensan.

Graveside services were held Saturday at the Hoxie Cemetery with the Rev. Daniel Kim officiating.

Memorials may be given to the Helping Hands Hospice of Hoxie. Contributions may be sent to Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, 1024 Sheridan Avenue, Hoxie, Kan., 67740.

## Victor E. Wagoner

Victor E. Wagoner, father of Rosalie Bainter of Selden, died Nov. 14, 2004, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

He was born Dec. 1, 1913, in Sheridan County, the son of Nick and Susan (Schwebach) Wagoner. He attended school in Sheridan County.

He married Eleanor Depperschmidt on Feb. 24, 1936, at St. John's Catholic Church at La-Crosse. He lived in Decatur County until moving to Sheridan County in 1955. In March of 1970, he moved to Franklin, Neb.

He was a member of the St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church of Franklin; the Hoxie Saddle Club, and the Decatur Saddle Club. He served on the Sacred Heart Church board and school board in Oberlin.

Survivors include four sons, Victor J. Wagoner, Edmond; Nick Wagoner, Columbus, Neb.; and Norbert Wagoner and John Wagoner, Franklin; seven daughters, Janet Miller, Lincoln, Neb.; Violet Kinderknecht, Almena; Arleen Spesser, Norton; Linda Zierlein, Norton; Rosalie Bainter, Selden; Elaine Milkie, Franklin; Roxie Bruggeman, Roseland, Neb.; 43 grandchildren; 94 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife and three brothers.

Funeral services were held Nov. 18 at the church in Franklin with the Rev. John Birkel, the Rev. Thomas Widel and the Rev. Thomas Au officiating. Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Bloomington, Neb. Arrangements were by Hutchins Funeral Home, Franklin, Neb.

## Kevin Whitney

Funeral services are pending for Kevin Whitney of Norton, who died on Monday at the Norton County Hospital.

Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin 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

May 5: Chipper Miller, Manhattan, speeding 79, \$114.

Nov. 4: Jeffrey Hoagland, Colby, speeding 49 in 40 mph zone, \$90; Benjamin Hall, Scott City, speeding 52 in 40 mph zone, \$102.

Nov. 24: Joe Hill, Clarmore, Okla., speeding 78, \$108.

Nov. 26: Shelly Holle, Chanute, speeding 79, \$114.

#### Limited Action

American Family Insurance

Group vs. Michael Mapes, \$6,650 plus costs and interest, etc.

#### Small Claims

High Plains Veterinary vs. Diane Specht, \$145 plus costs and interest.

### JAIL BOOKINGS

These persons were booked into the Decatur County Jail last week:

Joel Linden, 20, Trenton, Neb., Dec. 2, driving under the influence, Red Willow County.

Elvis Martinez, 19, McCook, Dec. 2, theft, Red Willow County.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Edward J. Anderson of Richard and Linda Weber, as joint tenants, tract in the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 25, T2S, R29W.

Sheriff Ken Badsky, Sheriff of Decatur County, to Lester L. Chambers Survivors Trust, the NE 1/4 of Sec. 32, T1S, R26W, except 1/2 mineral interest.

Earnest and Donna Huff, co-trustees, to Earnest E. Huff Revocable Living Trust and Donna Huff Revocable Living Trust, Terry and Diana Rippe, as joint tenants, E 1/2 of Sec. 36, T1S, R27W.

## Federal Court

### BANKRUPTCIES

Steven Eric and Lisa Lamar Stacy, Oberlin, dba Stacy Painting, Arty Party Catering, liabilities \$67,055, assets \$18,490, Chapter 13.

## Town Crier

**Today:** Junior high scholar bowl, 3:30-4 p.m.

Auxiliary soup supper, 6:30 p.m., at Legion.

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

**Thursday:** Junior high pep assembly, 3:15 p.m.

Junior high boys basketball, 4:30 p.m., here, with Colby.

**Friday:** Chamber open house, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

High school basketball, tournament at Brewster. Time to be announced.

High school dual wrestling, 2 p.m. at Colby.

**Saturday:** High school dual wrestling tournament, 8 a.m., at Colby.

High school basketball at

Brewster, time to be announced.

Winter Farmers Market, 10 a.m., first floor of courthouse.

Matinee, 2 p.m., Sunflower Cinema.

Teens for Christ, Christmas caroling, 6:30 p.m. at Rexford.

**Sunday:** Stores open, 1-4 p.m.

**Monday:** Junior high boys league tournament, 3 p.m., to be announced.

Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Oberlin Elementary School winter concert, grades 1-3, 7:30 p.m., school gym.

**Tuesday:** Storytime, 4 to 4:30 p.m., Oberlin City Library.

Weight Watchers, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Medical Arts Building.

High school C team basketball,

4:30 p.m., here, with Hill City.

High school basketball, 6:30 p.m., here, with Hill City.

**Next Wednesday:** Knights of Columbus and Catholic Youth Organization caroling, 6:30 p.m. Meet at Sacred Heart Church.

**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, including testing water for bacteria and nitrates. For details call (785) 475-8118.

# One year later man still missing

A year after the disappearance of a 44-year-old Goodland man, a new sheriff wants to reacquaint the public with the case, hoping he might stir up a fresh lead.

"I want to try some new things we haven't tried in the past," said Sheriff Kevin Butts. "I have talked to the mother and step-father and assured them I will try to find out what might have happened last year."

On Nov. 24, 2003, Sherman County sheriff's deputies got a call about 5:30 p.m. on an argument at the home of Mark Peden, 6940 County Road 19, about 3 1/2 miles north of Goodland. On the phone, Marci Peden told dispatchers her husband was in an argument with a man holding a knife. She said her husband had a shotgun.

Jimmy McClelland, 5920 County Road 14, allegedly the man with a knife in the argument, reportedly ran from the scene. He has been missing since that night.

Many rumors have circulated since Mr. McClelland's disappearance last year. Some had him found dead in the creek bed near Kanorado. Others said Mr. McClelland had checked into a treatment center, hitched a ride to Denver or caught a train headed west.

Sheriff Butts knows there has been a lot of speculation about what happened, mostly because of the high interest in the case and the number of friends Mr. McClelland had. He said the department has followed up on every report.

Many people, including members of his family, now believe Mr. McClelland is dead, but that his body may never be found. Family members have ideas about who was responsible, and feel that the former sheriff did not do everything he could have.

One reason some think Mr.

McClelland might have run away before deputies arrived that night was that he was on probation for a

drug conviction, and because he had a knife, he might have had his probation revoked and had to spend time in prison. However, family members believe even the threat of prison would not have stopped Mr. McClelland from calling home to see if it was OK to return.

"I don't believe the threat of prison was that great," Sheriff Butts said. "This was his first drug offense, and I do not believe that would have kept Mr. McClelland away this long without some contact with his family."

Other things complicate the investigation, including the fact that a woman who was with Mr. McClelland that night, the only witness to the fight other than the Pedens, died just four months later.

Details of the events of that night and the argument are pretty one-sided, and that leaves room for rumors to develop. Sheriff Butts said he is looking at all the information and may consider a search warrant for the Peden property.

"We know McClelland and Peden had an argument," former Sheriff Doug Whitson said last year. "We do not know exactly what it was about. McClelland apparently took off running on foot before the deputy arrived."

Mr. Whitson said Deputy Burton Pianalto, the first officer to arrive, did not see Mr. McClelland running away. Mark Peden told him Mr. McClelland had run away.

Sheriff Butts said Sunday that the Pedens said the scuffle took place near a shop south of their house. They claimed Mr. McClelland had come at Marci with a large knife. Mark Peden said he had a shotgun and fired it three times over Mr. McClelland's head. When that did

not stop him, he told officers, he hit him with the gun.

Heather Marie Bissett, 42, Goodland, was with Mr. McClelland, a former Union Pacific railroad track worker. Sheriff Butts said Ms. Bissett and Mr. McClelland had met while both were in a rehab program, and the couple was living together.

Ms. Bissett apparently was pushed down in the scuffle. Sheriff Butts said she had driven off in Mr. McClelland's yellow pickup before deputies arrived. Deputies found her in the pickup about a mile south and charged her with drunk driving.

Ms. Bissett died suddenly of pneumonia Monday, March 29, at the Goodland hospital.

Deputies searched around the Peden house that night until about 3 a.m., and they went back out again the next day with dogs and a plane.

Mr. Whitson said the deputies found a set of footprints they felt were his tracks heading to the southwest, but they lost them after a quarter mile.

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## School Menus

### December 13-17

#### OBERLIN

**Monday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, pineapple. Lunch: chicken sandwich. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: waffle, ham, pears. Lunch: pizza. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: none; school starts at 10 a.m. Lunch: ham, scalloped potatoes. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, muffin, fruit cocktail. Lunch: pigs in a blanket. **Friday** — Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage, Mandarin oranges. Lunch: hamburger. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

### PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — ham patties, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, bread, pears. **Tuesday** — sliced ham, au gratin potatoes, peas, bread, strawberries. **Wednesday** — club sub, Doritos, baked beans, peaches, ice cream. **Thursday** — chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, bread, fruit cocktail. **Friday** — pizza, green beans, breadsticks, applesauce. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

## Markets

### December 6, 2004

**closing markets**  
Wheat, \$3.11 bushel  
Milo, \$2.91 hnd weight  
Corn, \$1.86 bushel  
Soybeans, \$4.68 bushel  
Sunflowers, \$12.25 bushel



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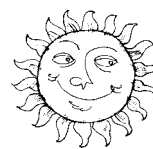
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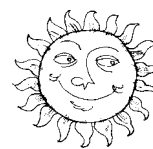
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# WEATHER



### Decatur County Weather for December 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
48/25	53/26	55/27	57/28	59/29	45/21	41/23

Normal High 42  
Normal Low 18  
Sunrise 7:52 to 7:57am  
Sunset 5:19 to 5:20pm

December is starting on a dry and mild note. Good news for those farmers still trying to get the last of the corn and milo cut. Other than a couple cool fronts that could squeeze out some light rain or snow the county will be dry through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Temperatures will run 10-15 degrees above normal ahead of the cool fronts and drop to around normal behind them. We still have several wireless rain gauges, weather monitors and NOAA weather radios in stock for Christmas. Give us a call or order on-line.

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### (National Weather Service)

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

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Nov. 30	27	2	0.03(.3"/s)
Dec. 1	31	1	
Dec. 2	34	10	
Dec. 3	37	11	
Dec. 4	44	24	
Dec. 5	49	22	
Dec. 6	33	24	0.02

Precipitation totals: for the week, 0.05; for the month of November, 2.25; for the month of December, 0.02; current year to date, 24.60.

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