

Obituaries

Clara A. Robison

Clara A. Robison, 97, a native of Decatur County, died June 23, 2005, at Ronan, Mont.

She was born July 14, 1907, in Decatur County, the daughter of Mathias and Elizabeth (Grill) Ecker. She attended country schools through eighth grade, then worked for a brief time in Denver.



C. Robison

She married Elmer L. Robison on Nov. 30, 1929, in McCook, Neb. They lived in several places in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. Her husband entered the ministry in 1946 and they served churches in Kansas, Colorado, and Anaconda, Great Falls and Valier, Mont., before retiring in 1977. Her husband preceded her in death in November 1996.

Survivors include a daughter, Maxine and Ronald Kimmel, Roman; three sons, Paul and Hazel Robison, Durango, Colo.; Luther and Kay Robison, Big Fork, Mont.; and Ira and Kay Robison, Billings, Mont.; two sisters, Lila Pickering, Titusville, Fla.; and Della Bremskamp, Brighton, Colo.; a sister-in-law, Gladys Ecker, Riverton, Wyo.; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; two sisters; two infant grandsons; and two infant great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on July 16 at the First United Methodist Church in Great Falls with burial in Lakeview Cemetery. Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to the Intermountain Children's Home and Services, 500 S. Lamborn St., Helena, Mont., 59601-9981.

Leta I. Bell

Leta I. Bell, 85, mother of Elwin Bell of Dresden, died July 20, 2005, at Dawson Place Nursing Home in Hill City.

She was born June 1, 1920, at rural Hill City, the daughter of Joseph Benjamin and Hazel May (Jones) Chalfant.

She married Mark E. Bell on November 4, 1936, in Hill City, and he preceded her in death on June 17, 1983. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Hill City Ringneck Booster Club.

Survivors include four sons, Elwin Bell, Dresden; James Bell, Morland; Larry Bell, Penokee; and Orman Bell, Hill City; a daughter, Joyce Lyon, Wichita; two brothers, Hubert Chalfant, Henderson, Nev.; and Loren Chalfant, Hill City; a sister, Esta Frazier, Hill City; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Stinemetz Funeral Home in Hill City. The Rev. Judy Stricker officiating and burial was at Memorial Lawn Cemetery at Hill City.

A memorial was established to Dawson Place Nursing Home and contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 522 N. Pomeroy, Hill City, Kan., 67642.

Harlan Grafel

Harlan D. Grafel, 80, a retired Herndon businessman, died Wednesday, July 20, 2005, from injuries suffered in a car accident west of McCook.

He was born Oct. 17, 1924, in Hitchcock County, Neb., the son of August P. and Mary (Wolfgram) Grafel. He graduated from Herndon High School in 1942. He was drafted into the U. S. Army in 1944 and served his country during World War II in Okinawa.

After his discharge, he farmed south of Culbertson, Neb., with his three brothers and worked in the oil field until 1965, when he began a bulk oil, fuel, and fertilizer business in Herndon. He later opened a

plumbing shop in Herndon.

He married Norma M. Crocker on Oct. 25, 1947, and they had two children, Richard and Sheila.

Survivors include his wife, Norma, of Herndon; his son, Rich, rural Oberlin; his daughter, Sheila and Greg Marney, Rossville; two brothers, Ray and Barbara, rural McCook; and Elmore and Beverley, rural Culbertson; three sisters, Gladys Crocker, McCook; Beulah Brown, Fort Morgan, Colo.; and Donna and Ted Hoxie, Lincoln, Neb.; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Harry; and a sister, Grace Dack.

A memorial service was held Saturday afternoon at Republican Valley Event Center in McCook. A private inurnment will be held at a later time.

A memorial was established to the Herndon City Fire Department. Contributions may be sent to Carpenter Breland Funeral Home, 305 West C, McCook, Neb., 69001.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Harlan Grafel would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity. We sincerely appreciate your thoughts and deeds. Thank you.

Richard William Kelly

Richard William "Rick" Kelly, 19, a native of Oberlin, died Friday, July 22, 2005, in Norton.

He was born Nov. 17, 1985, at Oberlin, the son of Richard and Danna (Butler) Kelly. He attended the Norton Community High School and was a food technician.

Survivors include his parents, Richard Kelly, Oberlin, and Danna Kelly, Norton; a sister, Erin and Chris Hernandez, Salina; and a brother, Logan Kelly, Norton.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at the Christian Church in Norton with Jeff Nielsen officiating. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to: Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Lester R. Ketterl

Lester R. Ketterl, 84, a retired Herndon farmer, died July 19, 2005, at Willow Ridge Retirement Community in McCook.

He was born May 28, 1921, on a farm northeast of Herndon, the son of Louis and Katherine (Lippold) Ketterl. He spent his childhood near Herndon, where he attended a country grade school and graduated from Herndon High School in 1939.

He married Ruth Wolfram on Nov. 20, 1945, and she preceded him in death on July 29, 1984. He was a farmer and dairyman until his retirement in 1982. He moved to Willow Ridge Retirement Community in March 2000.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Herndon, and the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna and Michael Christen, Meria, Neb.; a son, Bernard and Laurie Ketterl, Eagle, Neb.; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Kleidosty, Atwood.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Amber Ketterl; two brothers, Lavern and Clarence, and a sister, Margaret Riener.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the church in Herndon with Father Damian Richards officiating. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. Second, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Raymond B. Ritter

Raymond B. Ritter, 83, a former resident of Decatur County, died July 22, 2005, at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell.

He was born Nov. 20, 1921, at Dresden, the son of Bernard and Philomena (Kruse) Ritter. He was reared at Dresden and attended school at Leoville.

He married Bernadine Colling on Aug. 6, 1955, at McCook. He farmed for nearly 40 years southwest of Oberlin. He was a member of the Oberlin school board of education and a former member of Sacred Heart Church and Sacred Heart Church Council in Oberlin. They moved to Russell 10 years ago and he became a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Russell. He was also a 4th Degree member of the Oberlin Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Bernadine, of the home in Russell; five daughters, Marie and Jim Bloss, Seattle, Wash.; Ramona and Greg Cook, Russell; Delores Healey and Tim, Maple Hill; Rose and Pete Cisneros, DeSoto; and Catherine Ritter, Russell; three brothers, Francis and Pauline Ritter, and Sylvester and Margaret Ritter, Dresden; and Victor Ritter, Jennings; four sisters, Florence Thompson, Hoxie; Sister Dolores Ritter, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii; Alfreda and Dick Colling, McCook; and Bernadine and Don Spresler, Leoville; two sisters-in-law, Alberta Ritter, rural Oberlin, and Wilma Ritter, Selden; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Dennis, Seraphim and Cletus Ritter.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the church in Russell with Father Charles Steier, Father James Grennan and Father Paul Colling officiating. Burial was at the church cemetery in Russell.

Masses may be given in his memory and a memorial fund was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to Pohlman-Heise Mortuary, 610 N. Maple, Russell, Kan., 67665.

Donald E. Roe

Donald E. Roe, 77, a 1946 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Thursday, July 21, 2005, at the Decatur County Hospital.

He was born March 24, 1928, at the family farm near Cedar Bluffs, the son of Earl and Elsie (Hesseltine) Roe. He attended a rural school and Decatur Community High School.

He married Ardis Duckworth on May 16, 1948, at the Congregational Church in Danbury, Neb. They made their home on a farm in Beaver Township until 1967, when they moved to Oberlin. He managed a local business, then later owned Oberlin Dry Cleaners. He was also a bus driver for the Oberlin school district. He served as a volunteer fireman and received a 25-year plaque. He also was a volunteer at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center and had served on the advisory board.

Survivors include his wife, Ardis; four children, Larry and Peggy Roe, and Jolene and Jerry Fortin, Oberlin; Carol and Jerry Manning, Derby; and Donna and Robert Spresler, Atwood; a brother, Delbert Roe, North Platte, Neb.; four sisters, Doris and Claude Runyan, Greeley, Colo.; Della Roe, Long Beach, Calif.; Doreen and Keith Lindberg, Topeka; and Deanna and Steve O'Toole, Olathe; a sister-in-law, Jean and Robert Chandler, Flora Vista, N.M.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister-in-law, Eunice Roe; and two nephews, Greg Roe and Brian Lindberg.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Bill Duncan officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

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

June 23: Cathy Robinson, Omaha; speeding 78; \$108.

July 1: Gregory Maurer, Ipswich, S.D., speeding 78, \$110.

July 14: Gregory Mcallister, Omaha, speeding 80, \$120; Rodney Olson, Colorado Springs, Colo., speeding 77, \$102.

July 21: Raymond Ashford, Atwood, speeding 79, \$114.

Limited Action

Board of County Commissioners of Decatur County vs. Jerry Bishop, \$101 plus costs and interest, etc.

Dillon Companies vs. Robert Vaughn Jr., \$16 plus costs and fees, etc.

Unified School District No. 295 vs. Mark and Julianna Baker, \$900 plus costs and interest, etc.

Unified School District No. 295 vs. Waverly Bryant, \$479 plus costs and interest, etc.

Small Claims

Kenneth Miller vs. Ed Brittan, \$1,485.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following person was booked into the Decatur County Jail last week:

Aaron Ploussard, 21, Oberlin, July 16, contributing to the delinquency of minors, Oberlin Police Department.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Phillip Erickson transfers on death to Mary Long, Kristine Reneberg, and Kenneth Erickson, Lot 7, Block 12, Original Town, City of Oberlin; Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 16, East Addition, City of Oberlin; Lot 2, Block 7, Sappa Addition, City of Oberlin; and part of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 1, T3S, R29W.

Unified School District No. 295 to City of Jennings, tract containing 9.8437 acres in T4S, R27W.

Robert and Patricia Robertson to Robert and Patricia Robertson, trustees of Robert E. Robertson and Patricia L. Robertson Revocable Trust, 159 acres in SW 1/4, Sec. 23, T3S, R27W.

Edna Mott, trustee Edna M. Mott Trust, to Constance Riedel, Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 21, and E 1/2 of N-S alley adjacent W thereof, and N 1/2 of vacated Washington Street adjacent to and on S side of Lot 6, Block 21, all in Johnston Addition, City of Oberlin.

Marvin and Thelma Walker to Jennifer Anne Serpa, Lot 15 and W 132/3' of Lot 16, Block 5, Garwood Addition, City of Oberlin.

AMBULANCE CALLS

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

July 18: 9:45 a.m., transport from Decatur County Hospital to Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, Neb.; 6:20 p.m., standby at house fire northeast of Traer.

July 19: 12:16 p.m., transport from Decatur County Hospital to

Great Plains Regional Medical Center, North Platte, Neb., and return.

Thursday: 7:44 a.m., medical, rural Oberlin, to Decatur County Hospital.

Saturday: 11:35 a.m., medical, E. Ash, to Decatur County Hospital; 6 p.m., standby at races.

City Hall

POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin police department worked these calls last week:

- Received a report on Thursday that someone had broken into the coin-operated water dock by the city shop sometime between 5 p.m. last Wednesday and 7:45 a.m. Thursday. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said the thief broke in where the money is collected, but city workers didn't think the person got much money.
- Received a report that someone broke into the car wash on U.S. 36 sometime between 11 p.m. Thursday and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Chief Lockhart said the thief forced the walk-in door, causing around \$150 in damage. He said there apparently wasn't any money missing.
- Filed more charges against Sean Fife, who was arrested in Rawlins County on Sunday, July 17, on forgery charges after a foot chase in Oberlin and in Rawlins County. Chief Lockhart said Mr. Fife has two more forgery charges, one for using his brother's license and another for using his brother's Social Security number on W-4 forms. He is also being charged with obstructing an officer.

Town Crier

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: FROGS Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oberlin City Park.

Friday: Farmers Market, 8 a.m., in front of Chamber office.

Friday: Beach party, 7 p.m., Main Street in Oberlin.

Monday: Oberlin Elementary School enrollment, A-M.

High school enrollment, grades 10-12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Oberlin Elementary School enrollment, N-Z.

High school enrollment, grades 7-9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m., Medical Arts meeting room.

Wednesday, Aug. 3: Oberlin Business Alliance, noon, LandMark Inn.

Monday, Aug. 15: Hunter education course, 6:30-10 p.m., ambulance barn. Pre-register at Dale's Fish 'N' Fun or Custom Trophy.

Wednesday, Aug. 17: Hunter education course, 6:30-10 p.m., Oberlin Gun Club.

Thursday, Aug. 18: Hunter education course, 6:30-10 p.m., Ambulance barn.

Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith. Gifts of non-perishable food and household items are

always needed.

Summer months: High school office will be open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

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

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WEATHER

Decatur County Weather ----- July 26th -30th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
73/53	83/55	88/58	95/63	97/63

Normal High: 90
Normal Low: 62

Sunrise: 6:35 to 6:39am
Sunset: 9:01 to 8:57pm

Temperatures will feel much more pleasant this week but will warm up into the mid and upper 90's by the weekend. Some storms could roll through the area today as a trough in the Jet Stream slides over us heading east. A high pressure will cause temperatures to warm up this weekend and keep out any rain until next week. Temperatures will drop some after Sunday staying at or below 95.

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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.
July 19	84	63	trace
July 20	98	67	
July 21	106	70	
July 22	102	67	
July 23	102	67	
July 24	100	72	
July 25	96	71	

Precipitation totals: for the week, trace; month of July, 2.26; current year to date, 15.54; previous year to date, 15.37.

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By Charlotte Meints, local observer

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Markets

July 25, 2005
closing markets

Wheat, \$2.94 bushel
Milo, \$3.08 hnd weight
Corn, \$1.96 bushel
Soybeans, \$6.09 bushel
Sunflowers, (unavailable)