

# Obituaries

## Mark Wilson Seck

Mark Wilson Seck, 49, formerly of Oberlin, died Oct. 3, 2005, at his home in North Platte, Neb.

He was born Aug. 16, 1956, in Olathe, the son of Jerome Lawrence and Evelyn Agnes (Wilson) Seck. He was reared in Gardner and attended school there. As a young man, he was active in the Morning Glory 4-H Club and scouting. He graduated from Gardner High School in 1974 and continued his education at Kansas State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in agriculture in 1979. His work took him to the Holy Land, Peru and various places in the United States.



Mark Seck

He married Marsha Miller on Nov. 23, 1991, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. They made their home in Oberlin for eight years. He worked for Marietta Farms and Lohofener Grain in Oberlin. In 1999 the family moved to North Platte, where he was a switchman for the Union Pacific Railroad.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin, then joined St. Patrick's Catholic Church after the family moved to North Platte.

Survivors include his wife, and three children, Christine, Gilbert and Jerome, all of the home; his parents, Jerome and Evelyn Seck, Gardner; two sisters, Rhonda and Terrell Pritts, Little Rock, Ark.; and Loretta and Jim Baxa, Manassas, Va.; his mother-in-law, Jeanette Miller, and father-in-law, Leon Miller and wife, Connie, Oberlin; and his wife's grandmother, Grace Cook, Oberlin.

Mass of the Resurrection was said Thursday morning at the church in North Platte. The Rev. Vincent Parsons officiated and burial was Thursday afternoon at the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for his children's education. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## David L. Beckwith

David L. Beckwith, 69, a former Oberlin resident, died Oct. 1, 2005, in Pueblo, Colo., as the result of a massive stroke.

He was born April 4, 1936, in Decatur County, the son of Ray and Lillie Beckwith. He was a 1954 graduate of Norton Community High School.

During the early 1960s, following three years of college at Fort Hays

State University, he worked in law enforcement in Oberlin with his uncle, Luther Capps.

In 1965, Dave married Fran and they moved to the Denver area where he was employed by the Denver Sheriff's Department for 28 years. He retired in 1993 and he and his wife moved to Burlington, Colo., in 1995. They moved to Pueblo, Colo., in 1999.

Survivors include his wife and five children: John and Kathy Beckwith; Joe and Jeanette Beckwith; Jill and Charles Wojan; Julie and Alan King; and Jeri and Wendell Kennedy; and 18 grandchildren.

Services were held Friday afternoon at Advantage Englewood Chapel, 2775 S. Broadway, Englewood, Colo.

## Myrtle M. Hazuka

Myrtle M. Hazuka, 90, a resident of Cedar Living Center, died Oct. 5, 2005, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

She was born Oct. 9, 1914, in Haxtun, Colo., the daughter of C.W. and Goldie (Gerald) Peters.

She married Joe Hazuka in 1934. Survivors include a son, Dale and Avis Hazuka, McDonald; a sister-in-law, Edith Peters, Brush, Colo.; brother-in-law, Al Grizzle, Denver; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers; sisters; her husband; a daughter, Vivian Doris; a son, Robert Eugene; and a great-grandson, Joseph A.R. Hazuka III.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Wesleyan Community Church in Bird City. The Rev. Dan Carson officiated and burial followed at Grace Cemetery at McDonald.

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

## Darrel M. Pachner

Darrel Martin Pachner, 60, of Golden, Colo., a nephew of Kathy Van Meter of rural Norcat, died Aug. 1, 1945, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Boulder, Colo., from cancer.

He was born Aug. 1, 1945, at Akron, Colo., the son of James and Marian (Van Meter) Pachner. He was reared at Akron, Colo., and was a 1964 graduate of Otis High School in Otis, Colo. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and social member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Golden, Colo., and the Elks Club at Arvada, Colo.

Survivors include his mother, Marian Pachner, 552 E. 3rd, Akron, Colo., 80720; and a sister, Barbara and Dan McCall, Thornton, Colo. He was preceded in death by his

wife, Judy, and his father.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the American Legion Hall in Golden, Colo. There was cremation.

A memorial was established to donor's choice.

## Axie Irene Sass

Axie Irene Sass, 79, a longtime Oberlin resident, died Saturday at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

She was born Dec. 15, 1925, in Oberlin, the daughter of Charles Arthur and Anna Jane (Stewart) Still. She was reared in Oberlin, attended Oberlin Elementary School and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1945.

She married Ross Harry McVay on June 20, 1945, in Oberlin. They lived in Oberlin until moving to Missouri in 1951. They returned to Oberlin three years later. Her husband preceded her in death in 1956.

She married Paul Sass on July 18, 1964, in Oberlin and they made their home here. She was a member of the United Church of Oberlin and Royal Neighbors of America.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Sass; two children, Mike and Marie McVay, Colby, and Leanna and Bill Roberts, Abilene; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Lee Still; and a sister, Bonnie Rollins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in McCook. Pastor Judy Stricker officiated and burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the church or Cedar Living Center. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Rick Walker

Funeral services are pending for Rick Walker, 45, of Delphos, a 1978 graduate of Decatur Community High School, who died from injuries received in an accident on Friday at Loveland, Colo.

He was the son of Marvin and Thelma (Brock) Walker of Lindsborg, but formerly of Oberlin. Mail will reach his parents at Bethany Home No. 14, 321 N. Chestnut, Lindsborg, Kan., 67456.

A complete obituary will be carried in next week's paper.

## Iris Vera Wurm

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church for Iris Vera Wurm, 88, a lifetime Oberlin resident, who died Monday. The Rev. Rick Langness will officiate and burial will be at the Oberlin Cemetery.

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 clerk, sheriff and register of deeds:

### DISTRICT COURT

#### Traffic

- Sept. 5: Ricky Williams, Milliken, Colo., speeding 80 mph, \$120.
- Sept. 11: Jeffery Freeburg, Visalia, Calif., speeding 80 mph, \$120.
- Sept. 16: Stephanie Ritter, Dresden, speeding 76, \$96.
- Sept. 21: Amy Knipp, Damar, speeding 76, \$96.

### SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

These calls were worked by the Decatur County sheriff's office last week:

- On Saturday, Russell Emigh, 44, Selden, rolled his truck when he tried to miss a deer in his 2001 Ford pickup around 11 p.m. on Friday. Mr. Emigh was driving on county road 5E when the deer crossed the road. He tried to miss the deer, lost control of the truck and rolled. There was severe damage to the truck, but no injuries. Mr. Emigh got a ticket for failure to report the accident.
- Driving a 1989 Kenworth truck, Roger Lenz, 49 of Canada hit a deer around 1:40 p.m. on Sunday when it jumped into the road. Mr. Lenz

was traveling south on U.S. 83 around mile marker 215 when the deer crossed in front of him. There was minor damage to the truck. Mr. Lenz did not receive a ticket.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

- Marvin E. Wollen, et. al., to Julie Ann Cunningham, with the consent of her husband, Gary Cunningham, the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and E 1/2 of SE 1/4, Sec. 12, T3S, R29W.
- Ronald and Linda Larson to Kirk Brown, the E 12'8" of Lot 11 and the W 35'4" of Lot 12, Block 5, Garwood Addition, City of Oberlin.
- Marjorie Tacha to Marjorie Tacha, trustee of the Shearer family trust, 320 acres in the E 1/2 of Sec. 1, T5S, R27W; and the NW 1/4 of Sec. 35, T4S, R26W, and the SW 1/4 of Sec. 5, T5S, R26W.
- Judith Nusse to Marjorie Tacha, Lots 1-5, Block 5, City of Jennings.
- Marjorie Tacha to Marjorie Tacha, trustee of the Shearer family trust, Lots 1-5, Block 5, City of Jennings.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

- These calls were reported last week by the Decatur County ambulance crew:
- Oct. 3: 5:20 p.m., standby, junior varsity football game.
- Thursday: 4:28 p.m., standby, junior high football game; 6:14

p.m., trauma, football field, to Decatur County Hospital; 7:21 p.m., medical, S. Cole, to Decatur County Hospital.

Friday: 6:30 p.m., standby, high school football game.

## City Hall

### POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department worked these calls last week:

- Sometime between Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2, someone entered a garage at 1008 E. Ash belonging to Rodney New. Patrolman Troy Haas said they weren't sure if the door was open or closed. The thief took a tool cabinet and box with assorted tools and a drill in it.
- Around 3:40 p.m. last Wednesday, Brian Hileman, 34, was backing his 1994 Ford pickup out of 302 N. Beaver when Georganne Wiggins, 34, was backing a 1982 Bronco out of 212 N. Beaver. The two backed into each other. There weren't any injuries. The vehicles had minor damage.

## Federal Court

### BANKRUPTCIES

(Chapter 7 unless otherwise noted)  
Frank Sierze, Oberlin, liabilities \$7,914, assets \$5,023.

## Town Crier

**Today:** Farmers Market, 8 a.m. on Penn Ave., in front of Chamber office.

Gifted seminars, grades 6-8, all day.

Basketball and wrestling meeting, 7 p.m., at Oakley.

Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., Legion hall.

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

**Thursday:** FFA Northwest District Dairy career development event, 8 a.m., at Hays.

Commodity distribution, 9 a.m., Golden Age Center.

Chamber board meeting, noon, chamber office.

Support our Schools meeting, 6 p.m., Oberlin Elementary library.

Junior high school football and volleyball, 4:30 p.m., here with Colby.

**Friday:** High school football, 7 p.m., here with Stockton.

**Saturday:** Rockathon for hurricane victims, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

Northwest Kansas League volleyball tournament, 10 a.m., at

Quinter. Northwest Kansas League cross country, 11 a.m., at Oakley.

**Sunday:** Oberlin Teens for Christ benefit soup and dessert supper, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Bohemian Hall.

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

**Tuesday:** Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, 9:30 p.m., courthouse.

Rotary Club, noon, The Gateway.

Senior potluck, 6 p.m., Wheat Ridge Terrace. All seniors welcome.

High school vocal concert, 7:30 p.m., auditorium.

**Decatur County Food Pantry** is

open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith. Gifts of non-perishable food and household items are always needed.

## Corrections

The obituary for Wilbur Hix in the Oct. 5 issue of *The Oberlin Herald*, said that he was a farmer and rancher at Norton. This should have been Norcat. It listed Francis Arlene Hix among survivors, and this should have been Francis and Arlene Hix. These were reporter's errors.

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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

### October 10, 2005 closing markets

- Wheat, \$3.45 bushel
- Milo, \$2.66 hnd weight
- Corn, \$1.71 bushel
- Soybeans, \$4.71 bushel
- Sunflowers, \$9.90

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## WEATHER

Decatur County Weather--- Oct 11 <sup>th</sup> - Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>				
Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
53/40	63/38	68/40	73/43	75/43
Normal High: 70			Sunrise: 7:48 to 7:52 A.M.	
Normal Low: 40			Sunset: 7:03 to 7:09 P.M.	

A slow moving October storm system came just in time to save the 2006 wheat crop, anywhere from 1" to 3" was reported across the tri-state area yesterday and last night. Today we could catch a few more showers then the skies clear and temperatures warm the rest of the week and into the weekend. Another nice looking storm system is scheduled in the High Plains next Sunday night and Monday. It won't be long before we see our first snow!

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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.
Oct. 4	89	68	
Oct. 5	80	47	0.23
Oct. 6	58	31	
Oct. 7	52	26	
Oct. 8	64	26	
Oct. 9	73	39	
Oct. 10	69	46	0.41

Precipitation totals: for the week, 0.64; for the month, 0.64; current year to date, 23.02; previous year to date, 21.83.

National Weather Service—Weather History:  
"On Oct. 9, 1928...the temperature climbed to 98 degrees in McCook, Neb....a record for the month of October at that location."  
By Charlotte Meints, local observer

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