

# Obituaries

## Gordon E. Anderson

Gordon Eugene Anderson, 79, a retired farmer and rancher, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, at the Decatur County Hospital.

He was born Sept. 1, 1926, the son of Carl and Olga (Olson) Anderson. The family lived on the homestead of Louis Zacrison, an uncle of his father, in western Decatur County.



G. Anderson

He attended Logan School District in Decatur County and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1944. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps from February 1945 to October 1946. After his discharge, he farmed with his father, who had moved to the homestead of his grandfather, J.M. Anderson, in Rawlins County.

He married Norma Joann Votapka on May 24, 1952, at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin. They made their home on farms in Rawlins County until 2000, when the couple moved to Oberlin.

He was a member of the Herndon Covenant Church and served in 4-H leadership, and on the boards of the church, Rawlins County Extension Service, Rawlins County Soil Conservation Service, Herndon Equity Co-op Association and Laing School District.

Survivors include his wife, Norma of Oberlin; son, Lynn Anderson, Austin, Texas; daughter, Dr. Carol and Robert Fink, Wamego; daughter-in-law, Gayle Anderson, Oberlin; brother, Elden and Detta Anderson; sister, Gertrude Myers, Mansfield, Ohio; two aunts, Edla Olson, Oberlin; and Goldie Anderson, Caldwell, Idaho; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Dennis Anderson. Funeral services were held Monday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Pastor Keith Reuther officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the Herndon Covenant Church and Decatur County Fair Foundation Livestock Barn. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Kenneth C. Colton

Kenneth C. Colton, 80, a 1944 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Dec. 12, 2005, at Hays Medical Center in Hays.

He was born July 7, 1925, in Ellsworth, the son of George Francis and Iva Rowena (Munson) Colton. He attended school through tenth grade there. His father, who worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, accepted a position in Oberlin and he completed his last two years of high school in Oberlin. He joined the Army Air Corps be-

fore being assigned to the infantry during World War II. He served with the 106th Infantry Division, 423rd Regiment, L-Company. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Northwest Kansas and worked for Southwestern Bell for 35 years.

He married Shirley Jean Webber of Harper in 1950 in Sterling. They lived in Colby for five years before moving to Oakley. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Oakley United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; a daughter, Sandy and Bob Arnold, Blackwell, Okla.; a son, Greg and Guisy, Broomfield, Colo.; and their families; and three brothers, Charles and Fern, Hays; Darrel and Joyce, LeCompton; and Larry and Rose, Wichita; and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sons, Chris and Tim.

A memorial service is planned at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31, at the church in Oakley with Pastor Mike Eurit officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Oakley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and the U.S. Army, Fort Riley.

Memorials are suggested to donor's animal shelter; Valley Hope in Norton; or Lakeside Methodist Camp at Scott City. Contributions may be sent to Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, 217 Freeman Ave., Oakley, Kan., 67748.

## Dr. Armour H. Evans

Dr. Armour H. Evans, 99, a former pastor of the Oberlin United Methodist Church, died Dec. 12, 2005, at Wesley Towers in Hutchinson.

He was born May 28, 1906, in Wellington, the son of R.W. and Maggie Nee (Lambe) Evans. He graduated from Wellington High School; Southwestern College in 1929; Iiiff School of Theology in 1932, and 1934; and received his Master Hospital Administration at Northwestern University in 1948.

He served as pastor of several congregations in Kansas, including Oberlin from 1940 to 1942. He also served as a chaplain during World War II.

He married Dorothy Suter on Sept. 8, 1932, in Hunter, Okla., and she preceded him in death on Dec. 18, 1994.

Survivors include a son, Dr. John and Cathy Evans, Memphis, Tenn.; a daughter, Mary Alice and Bob McLeod, Cherokee, Okla.; a daughter-in-law, Carmen Evans Fergeus, Columbus, Ga.; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, James Evans, and two brothers, Robert and Glen Evans.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at Wesley Towers Chapel in Hutchinson with the Revs. Mark Conard, Nick Warner, Robert Brooks and Rick Saylor officiating.

Graveside services were Friday afternoon at Prairie Lawn Cemetery at Wellington with military graveside rites by the Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Memorials were established to the Chaplains' Fund or the Good Samaritan Fund, both at Wesley Towers, or the Armour H. Evans Scholarship Fund at Iiiff College School of Theology, Denver. Elliott Mortuary of Hutchinson is in charge of arrangements.

## Dr. Bill J. Machart

Dr. Billy Joe Machart, 63, an Oberlin native and a long-time veterinarian, died Dec. 13, 2005, at Clearwater.

He was born Aug. 27, 1942, on a farm south of Oberlin, the fourth of five children born to Joseph and Viola (Hess) Machart. He attended Oberlin schools and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1960.

He attended Kansas State University on a scholarship in agriculture. During his freshman year, he gave up his scholarship after deciding to go into veterinary medicine. While a student at K-State, he sang in the men's glee club. He graduated in 1966 and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He spent time in Vietnam with the rank of captain and was honorably discharged in 1968.

He married Natalie Jo Parker on Aug. 31, 1968, at the First Baptist Church in Clearwater. They made their home in McPherson, where he practiced veterinary medicine for a year before moving to Clearwater. He joined practice with Dr. John Fieser in 1969 and after Dr. Fieser retired in 1977, took over the practice and built the Clearwater Veterinary Clinic, where he practiced for 35 years. Due to his health, he retired in 2004.

Survivors include his wife, Natalie; a son, Andrew Machart, Winter Park, Fla.; a daughter, Amey Machart, Wichita; and a brother, Mike Machart, Clearwater.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Harold Machart; and two sisters, Twyla Machart and Joan Simons.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Clearwater with burial in the Clearwater Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the First Baptist Church, Box 275, Clearwater, Kan., 67026. Webb-Shinkle Mortuary of Clearwater was in charge of arrangements.

## Markets

### December 19, 2005 closing markets

Wheat, \$3.39 bushel  
Milo, \$2.83 hnd weight  
Corn, \$1.79 bushel  
Soybeans, \$5.28 bushel  
Sunflowers, \$7.40

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AMENDING THE 2005 BUDGET

The governing body of CITY OF OBERLIN will meet on the 30th day of December, 2005 at 6:30 p.m., at City Office for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at CITY OFFICE and will be available at this hearing.

Fund	Adopted Budget 2005			Proposed Budget 2005
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Ad Valorem Tax	Expenditures	Expenditures
Gateway Civic Center			195,750	215,560

Deanna M. Castle  
Clerk

# WEATHER

### 5-Day Forecast from National Weather Service

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High 47, low 22.  
Thursday: Partly cloudy. High of 47, low of 25.  
Friday: Partly cloudy. High 56, low 25.  
Saturday: Daytime, partly cloudy.  
Night, mostly clear. High 54, low 24  
Christmas Day: Mostly sunny. High 58.  
Christmas night: Mostly clear. Low 23

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

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Dec. 13	47	27	
Dec. 14	47	27	
Dec. 15	40	28	
Dec. 16	40	15	
Dec. 17	28	18	
Dec. 18	20	3	
Dec. 19	21	3	

Above information is for Oberlin. Precipitation totals unavailable.  
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.475 mhz.

# 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

Nov. 25: Michael Durner, Arapahoe, Neb., speeding 76, \$96.

Nov. 26: Claudia Klinger, Maxwell, Iowa, speeding 78, \$108.

#### Limited Action

Mid Plains Community College vs. Lizann Fortin, \$445 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Cooperative Association vs. Caroline Kingery, \$171 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur County Board of Commissioners vs. Brian Hileman, \$19,498 plus costs and interest, etc.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

William and Pam Harmon to Daniel and Denise Rife, as joint tenants, tract 330' by 1310.76' in the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4, Sec. 19, T2S, R27W.

M. Belle Ostrowsky to Gerver Farms Inc., the S 1/2 and the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 3, T1S, R26W.

Jerrad Breen, and Diana Breen, quit claim to Jerrad Breen, Lot 2 in Block 21, Summit Addition, City of Oberlin.

Brenda Minor to Virgil and Dorothy Kump, as joint tenants, Lot 12, Block 1, Marks-Cole Addition, City of Oberlin.

Dole and Phyllis Metcalf to Joe and Lolita Metcalf, 1/4 interest in NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of Sec. 33, T1S, R27W.

Lois Carlson, trustee of the Lois Carlson Revocable Trust, to Jay and Rebecca Tate, as joint tenants, tract 575' by 650' in the N 1/2 of Sec. 9, T3S, R30W.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

Dec. 12: 12:43 p.m., transport, Decatur County Hospital to Great Plains Regional Medical Center, North Platte, Neb., and return.

Last Wednesday: 9:43 a.m., transport, Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, Neb., to Decatur

County Hospital.

Thursday: 9:57 a.m., transport, Decatur County Hospital to Community Hospital, McCook.

Saturday: 9:35 a.m., transport, Decatur County Hospital to Good Samaritan, Kearney.

## Corrections

An obituary in the Dec. 14 issue of *The Oberlin Herald* for Goldie (Hanson) Dorson said that she was preceded in death by a sister, Goldie Urban. It should have been Viola Urban. Her son, Danny Lively, also preceded her in death. This mistake was due to an error and oversight by the reporter.

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In a story about Christmas services in the Dec. 14 issue of *The Oberlin Herald*, there was an error on times for two New Year's Day masses. The mass will begin at 8 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville, and at 10:30 a.m. at Oberlin on Sunday, Jan. 1. Also, the candlelight service on Christmas Eve at Faith Lutheran Church will begin at 7:30 p.m., not 7 p.m., as reported. 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.

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