

# Obituaries

## Richard L. Bunstock

Richard Lewis Bunstock, 78, a longtime resident of Cedar Bluffs, died Feb. 19, 2006, at McCook.

He was born Sept. 30, 1927, at McCook, the son of Clarence and Lillie Bunstock. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944, and served four years until his discharge in 1948.

He married Donna Sullivan of Cambridge, Neb., before shipping overseas. On returning to McCook he worked with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad until his retirement 41 years later in 1989.

His wife, Donna, died in 1969, and he married Merry Meints of McCook in 1970. They were divorced in 1974, and he married Deloras Nickerson of Gothenburg, Neb., in 1975. They made their home in Cedar Bluffs, and alternated living at Cedar Bluffs and the Sandpipers Resort in Edinburg, Texas, until her death in 2003. He lived briefly in Edinburg before returning to Cedar Bluffs in 2005.

He was a prolific poet, publishing two books, and was named a Poet in Residence for the State of Kansas.

Following his retirement, they spent winters in the deep south of Texas and traveled broadly, and spent summers in Cedar Bluffs. He was an avid nudist.

Survivors include a son, James and Kerin Bunstock, Lincoln, Neb.; three daughters, Candice and Paul Arent, Loveland, Colo.; Yolanda and Ron Weimer, Highlands Ranch, Colo.; and Jackelyn Nickerson and husband, Pete Palek, North Platte, Neb.; a brother, William and Ursula Bunstock, Chico, Calif.; two stepsons Troy and Rita Erdman, McCook, and Derek and Ginger Erdman, North Platte, Neb.; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his three wives.

## Sylvester John Meitl

Sylvester John Meitl, 86, a retired farmer and rancher, died Feb. 22, 2006, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

He was born Oct. 10, 1919, the second of nine children of John and Bertha (Ypma) Meitl. He grew up on the Meitl homestead in the Lund community until 1930, when the family moved to their home in Dresden Township. He attended country school six years and the Leoville schools for six years. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942 and served with the Signal Corps in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany for four years during World War II.

After returning home, he purchased a farm in Prairie Dog Township and farmed. He married Faye Votapka on Oct. 24, 1951, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville. They became the parents of five children. They were members of the church at Leoville and after he and his wife moved to Oberlin, they attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Knights of

Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Faye, Oberlin; their children, Mark and Leta Meitl, Dresden; Kevin Meitl, Oberlin; Mary Lou and Jimmy Carrico, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Susan Meitl, Mustang, Okla.; and Julie Meitl, Yukon, Okla.; four brothers, Gerald and Lois Meitl, Dresden; Walt and Rosella Meitl, Oberlin; Father Roger Meitl, St. Francis; and Harold and Janice Meitl, Green Valley, Ariz.; a sister, Jackie Kenney, Indianapolis, Ind.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ernest and Elmer Meitl; and a sister, Genevieve Campbell.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Saturday morning at the church in Leoville with the Rev. Roger Meitl and the Rev. George Kochvelikkam officiating. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery with military rites by the Selden American Legion.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be left at Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Robert E. Nelson

Robert E. Nelson, 77, a native of Jennings, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was born May 7, 1928, at Jennings, the son of Laurence and Edna (Faris) Nelson. He graduated from Jennings High School.

He married Patricia Stramel on Oct. 7, 1947, at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Leoville. He was in the retail lumber business and managed Foster Lumber Yards in Almena, Hoxie and Colby until his retirement. He was a volunteer fireman for many years. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Honorary Life Member of the Knights of Columbus in Colby.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Nelson, Colby; three daughters, Judith and Daniel Watkins, Hoxie; Joyce and Larry Washburn, Colby; and Marilyn and Rue Sowers, Goodland; a brother, William and Charlotte Nelson, Jennings; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby. Father Dana Clark officiated and burial was at St. Frances Catholic Cemetery at Hoxie.

A memorial was established to the church at Colby. Contributions may be sent to Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan., 67730.

## Kenneth H. Rydquist

Kenneth Hazen Rydquist, 81, former owner and operator of Culligan Soft Water Service in Oberlin, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

He was born Jan. 3, 1925, at the family farm, which was home-steaded by his grandfather, Erland

Rydquist, in the Lund community southwest of Oberlin. His parents were Eugene Walfred Rudolph and Clara Marie (Lundquist) Rydquist.

He attended Excelsior School and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1943. He enlisted in the United States Navy, serving with the 7th Fleet for three years during World War II. After his discharge, he worked for local Oberlin people until 1947 when he became district manager for the *Omaha World Herald*. In 1947, he received his pilot's license.

He married Ellnette Maye Marie Anderson on April 12, 1949, at the Lund Covenant Church southwest of Oberlin, and she preceded him in death on June 26, 1999. He purchased one-half interest in the Culligan Soft Water Service in Oberlin in 1949. He later bought out his partner in 1962 and operated the business until 1975. He worked as sales manager of KFNH Proud Country and later became general manager before retiring in 1986.

He was active in the community, serving in numerous service organizations and in public office. He was a charter member of the Oberlin Covenant Church and served as a deacon, trustee, Sunday school superintendent, church and Sunday school treasurer and on the board of directors.

Survivors include two sons, Rick Rydquist, North Richland Hills, Texas; and Mick and Cooker Rydquist, Kansas City; three sisters, Goldie Raulston, Simpsonville, S.C.; Eunice Dunn, Red Cloud, Neb.; and Neva Brown, Sacramento, Calif.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Norris Rydquist; and two sisters, Muriel Rydquist and Rena Hickson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Pastor Heidi Wiebe officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the Evangelical Covenant Church, Decatur County Good Samaritan Center and Decatur County Hospital, all of Oberlin. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Charlotte Hart

Funeral services are pending for Charlotte Hart, 64, of Oberlin, who died Monday at Hays.

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

Jan. 27: Douglas Easton, Henderson, Nev., speeding 82, \$132; Neil White, Colby, speeding 77, \$102.

Feb. 13: Eldon Pickett, Lawrence, speeding 77, \$102.

### Limited Action

Surgical Associates vs. Carolyn Hackney, \$2491 plus costs and interest, etc.

### SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

The Decatur County Sheriff's Officers worked these calls last week:

• Picked up a dog in Jennings on Friday, took it to High Plains Veterinary Service. When a dog is taken to the vet by an officer and there is a ticket, the dog is kept three business

days here and then is taken to the McCook Humane Society. Unclaimed dogs there are put up for adoption.

• Received a report that a two-wheel bench grinder was taken from the Clarence Hoppas farm a mile east of U.S. 36 and a mile north of the Bohemian Hall Road. It was discovered that it was missing on Friday.

• Received a report Saturday that two bucket calves had been taken from George Wessel's farm 10 miles south and six west of Oberlin. Sheriff Ken Badsy said Mr. Wessel said he heard his dogs barking around 2 a.m., but he didn't check the calves until later.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Marjorie Nondorf, trustee of the Marjorie Nondorf Living Trust, to Janet Nitschke, trustee of the Revocable Living Trust Indenture of Janet Nitschke, the SE 1/4 and the S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 24, T1S,

R30W.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

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

Feb. 21: 8:32 a.m., trauma, W. Ash, no transport; 3:56 p.m., stand-by at structure fire, Traer Road.

Thursday: 10:36 p.m., Decatur County Hospital to Hays Medical Center, Hays.

Friday: 9:32 p.m., standby at fire, W. Commercial.

## City Hall

### MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday: Mark Corcoran, vicious animal, \$140 plus all medical bills, no dog tags, \$65; Danny Messersmith, Oberlin, illegal tag, \$140, no motor vehicle liability insurance, \$340; Schuyler Hulett, Oberlin, illegal tag, \$140; Dewayne Dickinson, Oberlin, no driver's license, \$290.

## Town Crier

**Today:** Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.

**Thursday:** Substate basketball. Junior high vocal and band concert, 7:30 p.m., auditorium.

**Friday:** Ribbon cutting and coffee hour, 9 to 11 a.m., Nex-Tech/Ultimate Fertilizer.

World Day of Prayer, 2 p.m., Oberlin United Methodist Church. Substate basketball.

**Saturday:** High school speech, 8 a.m., at Ellis.

Substate basketball. Rep. John Faber and Sen. Ralph

Ostmeyer, 11 a.m., jury room of the courthouse.

**Monday:** Freshmen orientation, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday:** State basketball. Rotary Club, noon, The Gateway.

Junior high scholar bowl, 4 p.m., here.

State basketball.

**Next Wednesday:** Late start school day, 10 a.m.

**Sunday, March 12:** Rendezvous and Oberlin Area Band concert, 2 p.m., Morgan Theater at The Gateway.

## Public Notices

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
(Published in The Oberlin Herald, Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 2006)3t

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of KENNETH RYDQUIST, Deceased.  
Case No. 2006-PR-06

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated February 27, 2006, has been filed in this court by Rick Rydquist and Michael Rydquist, as the co-executors named in the Last Will and Testament of Kenneth Rydquist, deceased, praying for probate of the will, and for the appointment of Rick Rydquist and Michael Rydquist as co-executors of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration

pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the co-executors or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

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Michael Rydquist, Petitioner

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Attorney for Estate

## Markets

### February 27, 2006 closing markets

Wheat, \$4.07 bushel  
Milo, \$3.17 hnd weight  
Corn, \$1.99 bushel  
Soybeans, \$4.92 bushel  
Sunflowers, \$7.50

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# WEATHER



## Decatur County Weather — Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> — Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
75/35	60/28	58/25	65/28	55/25

Normal High: 49  
Normal Low: 22

Sunrise: 7:11 to 7:16 A.M.  
Sunset: 6:33 to 6:38 P.M.

Record warmth with highs near 80 degrees will finish the month of February. In addition, we virtually saw no precipitation during the month, putting us in a situation where we must see a nice rain or late season snow storm in March. A Pacific front tomorrow has no moisture with it and a storm system over the weekend looks like it will track directly over us, thus putting us in the dry slot. We may see temperatures near 80 again next week, so chances for a big snow storm get slimmer and slimmer as we move along!

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### (National Weather Service)

(Information below is for period ending 8 a.m. Mon. Maximum temperature is for previous day.)

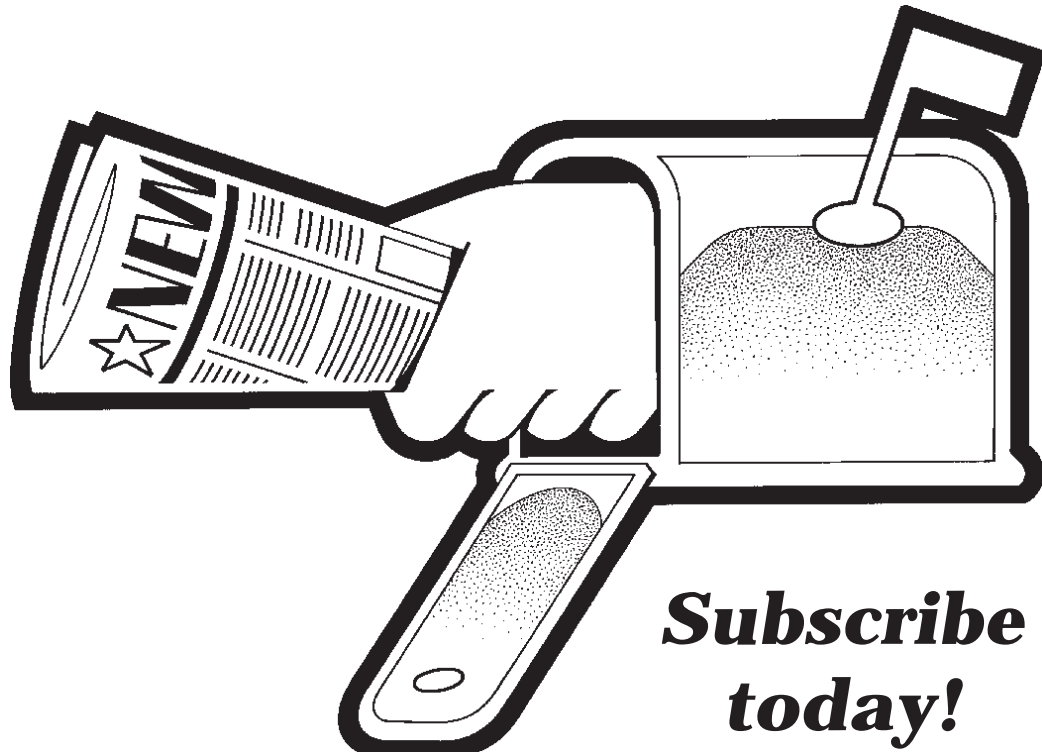
Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Feb. 20	47	14	
Feb. 21	42	12	
Feb. 22	51	20	
Feb. 23	59	16	
Feb. 24	65	16	
Feb. 25	39	13	
Feb. 26	67	32	

Precipitation for the week: 0.00; for the month, 0.15; for the year, 0.68.

*Weather History:* Frequent dust storms during February 1935 in eastern Colorado caused a fatality Feb. 21 when two railroad section cars collided near Arriba, Colo.

By Jim Merriott — NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

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