

# THE OBERLIN HERALD

## Obituaries

**Francis E. Riepl**  
 Francis E. "Rip" Riepl, 85, a native of Herndon, died at the Brendan House in Kalispell, Mont., on March 17, 2006. He was born June 22, 1920, in Herndon, the son of Mathias and Suzanna (Pinger) Riepl. He graduated from Herndon High School and joined the U.S. Navy in August 1941.



Francis Riepl

re-enlisted in the Air Force and during the Korean War he served on the Montana border. Upon his return to Denver after the Korean War, he earned a masters degree in education at Denver University, then worked for the Denver Public Schools for over 30 years. He met his wife, Adeline, during his last class at Denver University and they shared almost 50 years of marriage. After his retirement, he became active in the Shrine clowns and enjoyed performing at the Shrine Circus and the Stock Show, marching in parades and visiting children at Children's Hospital in Denver.

Survivors include his wife, Adeline E. Diehl; his daughter, Martha and Timothy Mauser, Elizabeth and Angus; his son, Lee H. and Cynthia, Ashley and Brooks; his step-children, Bonnie and Paul Morris and Stephen Case; two step-grandchildren and families; and his sister, Fern and Loyd Moore, and family. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, at University Park United Methodist Church in Denver.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Transportation Fund (for parents of children in the Shriners Hospital), c/o El Jebel Shrine, 4625 W. 50th Ave., Denver Colo., 80212-2997.

**Cleo D. Fox**  
 Cleo D. Fox, 68, a retired oil field driller and mechanic in Oberlin, died Sunday at his home.

He was born Oct. 27, 1937, at Goodland, the son of Raymond and Clarice (MacAfoos) Fox. He lived at Rexford until the age of 11 when the family moved to Scandia. He attended Rexford and Scandia schools. He married Linda Weiss on Aug. 17, 1974, in McCook.

Survivors include his wife, Linda, Oberlin; a son, Billy Dean Fox, and a daughter, Catherine and Bob McClimans, Burnet, Texas; a step-brother, Wayne Corbin; a sister, Barbara and John Kappers, Oberlin; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Jo; a brother, Clifford Fox; and a step-brother, Carolee Corbin.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Bill Duncan will officiate and burial will be at the Rexford Cemetery.

A Cleo Fox Memorial Fund has been established. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

**Barbara L. Kirkpatrick**  
 Barbara L. Kirkpatrick, 66, a native of Decatur County, died March 24, 2006, at the Salina Regional Health Center Santa Fe Campus in Salina.

She was born Feb. 4, 1940, in Decatur County, the daughter of Glen and Florence (Hoppes) Vernon. She worked for Pawnee Mental Health for 26 years, retiring in 2005. She was a member of the Zion Brethren in Christ Church in Abilene.

Survivors include three daughters, Bonnie Jones, and Laura and Steve Seymour, Salina; and Toni and Mike Wagner, Abilene; a son, LeWayne and Brenda Jones, Chapman; a brother, Butch and Bev Vernon, Longmont, Colo.; two sisters, Millie Vernon, Estes Park, Colo., and Janice and Rich Hayes,

Atwood; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter; two sons; two brothers; and one sister.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the church in Abilene with Pastor Kerry Coup officiating. Burial was at Rose Meron Cemetery at Clay Center.

Memorials were established to Terry Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University, or the Diabetes Association. Contributions may be sent to Neill-Schwensen-Rook Funeral Home, 918 7th Street, Clay Center, Kan., 67432.

**William Mrstik**  
 William Mrstik, 75, brother of Eugene Mrstik of Jennings, died March 19, 2006, in Milwaukee, Wis.

He was born Oct. 25, 1930, at Kanona, the son of Edward and Clara (Fiala) Mrstik.

Survivors include two sons, David and Mike; two brothers, Eugene of Jennings, and Eldon, Fillmore, Calif.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at the Jennings United Methodist Church. A complete obituary will also be carried later in *The Oberlin Herald*.

**Annette Pearl Wood**  
 Annette Pearl Wood, 81, a 1942 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Friday, March 24, 2006, at Memorial Hospital in McPherson.

She was born Aug. 2, 1924, at Oberlin, the daughter of Glenn and Bertha (Holtzman) McBride. She attended Oberlin schools. She married Francis Lee Wood on Oct. 25, 1942, at Oberlin. They made their home in Hill City, Norton and Salina before moving to McPherson in 1979.

She had worked as a secretary for the Red Willow County Courthouse in McCook, Neb.; Methodist Church and Farm Bureau Insurance Company, both of Hill City; the Norton Dry Cleaners; and later for Farm Bureau as secretary and as a licensed insurance agent at Norton. She was co-owner and operator with her husband of Old Time Photos by Wood. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Hill City and New Life Foursquare Gospel Church at McPherson.

Survivors include her husband, Bill, McPherson; two daughters, Frances Lee Ann and Gerry Schaben, Seward, Neb.; and Marcia Annette Weiland, McPherson; eight grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her seven brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the church in McPherson with Chuck Baker officiating. Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Hill City Cemetery at Hill City.

Memorial contributions were established to the church at McPherson or the American Diabetes Association. Contributions may be sent to Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home, 222 West Euclid Street, McPherson, Kan., 67460-4207.

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## 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

Feb. 27: Ralph Jacobson, Sacramento, Calif., speeding 80, \$120.  
 March 3: Peggy Marine, Oberlin, speeding 79, \$114.  
 March 5: Jack Keith Fortin, Oberlin, child restraints, \$80.  
 March 17: Ronald Neff, Selden, speeding 80, \$120.

### Limited Action

Great Plains Surgery vs. Jennifer Wolters, \$329 plus costs and interest, etc.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Brice and Darci Meitl to Ardell and Judith Sherry, as joint tenants, tract in NE 1/4, Sec. 26, T5S, R28W.  
 Kenneth Dean Henrikson, Robert Steimel and Russell Henriksen, trustees of the Kenneth Dean Henriksen share of the Henry Henrikson Trust No. 1, to Gerald and Lois Meitl, as tenants in common, SW1/4, Sec. 32, T528W.  
**AMBULANCE CALLS**

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

Sunday: 5:43 a.m., medical emergency, E. Ash to Decatur County Hospital; 7:31 a.m., medical emergency, S. Antelope, no transport.

### City Hall

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
 Thursday: William Widger, Monte Vista, Colo., disobeyed stop sign, \$100, speeding 49 in 30 mph zone, \$124; James Anderson, Oberlin, court costs (two), \$80; Oscar Aguirre, Danbury, Neb., court costs, \$40.

# Town Crier

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

**Thursday:** Open bridge, 1 p.m., Golden Age Center.

Northwest Kansas League high school speech, 3:30 p.m., at Quinter.

Junior high track, 3:30 p.m., at Smith Center.

**Friday:** High school track, 3 p.m., at Quinter, with Atwood.

**Saturday:** Regional Music, all day, here.

Dr. Lynn Fogleman will speak, 5 p.m., Oberlin United Methodist Church. Potluck to follow. Public welcome.

**Sunday:** Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

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

Northwest Kansas League Art Show, The Gateway, public viewing, 6 to 9 p.m.

**Next Wednesday:** Northwest Kansas League Art Show, The Gateway, public viewing, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Thursday, April 6:** Northwest Kansas League Art Show, Gateway, public viewing, 8 to 11 a.m.

**Friday, April 7:** High Plains ArtFest, The Gateway. Invitation-only gala.

**Saturday, April 8:** High Plains ArtFest, The Gateway, public viewing, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Sunday, April 9:** High Plains ArtFest, The Gateway, public viewing, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**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 nonperishable food and household items are always needed.

Monday-Friday: At 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 evaluations, including testing water for bacteria and nitrates. For details call (785) 475-8118.

# Corrections

In the story about the aviation rescue at the McCook airport in the March 22 issue of *The Oberlin Herald*, the name of the mechanic, Krent Townsend, was listed in one place as Trent. This was a reporter's error. ★★★★★

In the same issue, an item in the "People" column said that Aaron Helm went to Washington and met Rep. Jerry Moran. It should have said his brother, Jacob. This was a reporter's error. ★★★★★

In the same issue a letter to the editor said that someone entered Elsie Wolters house Sunday night, but it was just on Sunday. This was an editing error. ★★★★★

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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### Markets

**March 27, 2006 closing markets**  
 Wheat, \$3.60 bushel  
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 Corn, \$1.89 bushel  
 Soybeans, \$4.83 bushel  
 Sunflowers, \$7.65

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**WEATHER**  
 (National Weather Service)  
 (Information below is for period ending 8 a.m. Mon. Maximum temperature is for previous day.)

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Mar. 20	28	19	0.70" (11" S)
Mar. 21	27	20	0
Mar. 22	27	23	0
Mar. 23	31	12	0
Mar. 24	37	12	0
Mar. 25	42	23	0
Mar. 26	60	35	0

Precipitation for the week: 0.70 for month of March, 1.00 for the year, 1.98.

Weather History: March 22, 1957 - A 3-day blizzard began across the tri-state area. Winds blew 30-50 mph for 3 days, leaving 10-25' drifts.

By Jim Merriott - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer

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