

# Obituaries

## Lois Buchholz

Funeral services are pending for Lois Buchholz, mother of Jim Buchholz of Oberlin, who died Monday at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. Tabor-Rice Funeral Home of Brighton, Colo., is in charge of arrangements.

## Kenneth E. Forgue

Kenneth Emile Forgue, 60, of Richmond, Texas, a former Oberlin resident, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at the Nenirauk Hospice of Texas Medical Center in Houston. He was born July 31, 1945, in Plainville, the son of Emile and Edna (Bedard) Forgue. Funeral services are pending. Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.

## Vincent J. Knopp

Vincent Joseph Knopp, 86, formerly of Selden and Hays, died Thursday, April 13, 2006, at the Catholic Care Center in Bel Aire. He was born Feb. 8, 1920, on the family farm near Selden, the son of Thomas Francis and Julia Anna (Mumm) Knopp. He attended Sunny Slope School and was a World War II veteran. He served in combat in the European Theater.



Mr. Knopp

He married Juliana B. Meitl on Nov. 8, 1943, in Leoville. They farmed near Selden, before moving to Hays in 1969. They sold the farm in 1977. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and served on their Honor guards.

Survivors include five sons, Frank and Tony, both of Colorado Springs; Steve, Russell; Tim, Kansas City; and Carl, Olathe; four daughters, Barbara Mueller, Huntington Beach, Calif.; Mary Hessel-flo, Beloit; Anita Doll, Tegucigalpa, Honduras; and Agnes Ward, Wichita; a sister, Viola Lindeman, Oakley; 23 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Dec. 26, 2003; an infant son, David Paul; a sister, Louise; and a brother, Clarence.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden. The Rev. George Kochuvekkakam officiated and burial was in the Selden Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested for Masses or the Selden Cemetery. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, Selden, Kan., 67757.

## Odene Eloyce Koehler

Odene Eloyce Koehler, 87, a lifelong Oberlin resident, died April 13, 2006, at the Decatur County Hospital.

She was born Feb. 26, 1919, in Oberlin, the daughter of Verny R. and Jennie (Nitcher) Bradley. She was reared here, attended Oberlin Elementary School and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1936.



Mrs. Koehler

She married Everett W. Koehler on Dec. 25, 1938, in Oberlin. She was a receptionist and bookkeeper for the welfare department for 37 years before retiring in 1981. She was a member of the United Church of Oberlin, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the Nile.

Survivors include her daughter, Cheryl and Dale Votapka, Oberlin;

a sister, Elaine and Elwood Mines, Oberlin; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Orvin Bradley; infant brother, Perry Arthur Bradley; and infant sister, Friona Bradley.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Judy Stricker officiated and burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the church or Last Indian Raid Museum. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Lynn A. Pierce

Lynn A. Pierce, 65, father of Jennifer Monaco of Oberlin, died April 12, 2006, at his home in Stafford.

He was born Sept. 27, 1940, the son of Leo and Mildred (West) Pierce. He attended Kansas State University and graduated from Emporia State University earning a bachelor of science and master's degree.

He married Wanda Ellis in Lebanon on Sept. 27, 1959. They had lived in Stafford since 1964. He taught high school and junior high chemistry and biology at Stafford schools for 38 years. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Stafford and Stafford County Country Club, Stafford Optimists Club, coached junior high football, basketball and track, high school boys and girls basketball, was a past member of the Elks Lodge and was a member of the Stafford Education Foundation board.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda; a son, Barry Pierce, Arkansas City; three daughters, Lori Furgason, Cimarron; Joni Gast, Junction City, and Jennifer Monaco, Oberlin; a brother, Leo Dean Pierce, Ellsworth; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the church in Stafford with Pastor Eric Taylor officiating. Burial was at the Fairview Cemetery at Smith Center.

Memorials may be sent to the First Christian Church or Stafford Education Foundation, in care of Minnis Chapel, 125 N. Main, Stafford, Kan., 67578.

## Lona Bates Plotts

Lona Bates Plotts, 94, a former resident of Dresden and Oberlin, died April 6, 2006, in Eugene, Ore.

She was born Jan. 4, 1912, the daughter of F. Irvin and Stella (Prather) Bates. She graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1930.

She married Logan Plotts on Dec. 24, 1934. She worked for Penney's in Oberlin for several years. They moved to Chilohquin, Ore., in 1937 and then to Eugene in 1941, where she worked as an office manager for Pathology Consultants before retiring in 1980.

Survivors include her nieces, Verla Bates Carr, Doris Broyles Clemens, and Pauline Bates Barrett; and nephews, Larry Bates, Darrell Broyles and Marlon Dee Bates.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, in May of 2002; a sister, Ruth Bates Broyles; two brothers, Dale and Paul Bates; and nieces, Leola Broyles Black and Darlene Broyles. James W. Plotts of Oberlin is a cousin by marriage.

Memorial services were held on Monday in Eugene.

## Carol Ritts

Carol Ritts, 73, a native of Clayton, died April 3, 2006, at the United Medical Center-West in Cheyenne, Wyo.



Mrs. Ritts

She was born Aug. 23, 1932, in Clayton, the daughter of Jack and Dorothy (Hix) Rist.

She married John Ritts on Oct. 6, 1957, in Sidney, Neb.

She was a lab technician, doing her internship in Chicago. She worked as a technician in Hutchinson, Norton and Russell. She retired from Blue Cross and Blue Shield as a case worker after 20 years.

She was a member of Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers Club and an honorary member of the Wyoming Auto Racing Club.

Survivors include her husband, John, of the home; two sons, Dennis Ritts and Brian Ritts, both of Cheyenne; and one grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Gerald Rist.

Memorial services were held April 7 at Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes at Cheyenne. Cremation took place at Cheyenne Memorial Gardens.

Memorials were established to: Best Friends of Kanab, Utah, or the Cheyenne Animal Shelter, in care of her husband at 1960 E. Pershing Blvd., Cheyenne, Wyo., 82001-4107.

## James R. Strobel Sr.

James R. Strobel Sr., 58, of North Platte, Neb., a former Oberlin resident, died April 13, 2006, in Denver.

He was born Jan. 18, 1948, at North Platte, the son of Carl F. and Anna M. Doyle Strobel.



Mr. Strobel

He was reared in Brady, Neb., and attended school there. He did ranch work, was a ditch rider in various communities, and later worked as a brakeman for Burlington Northern for over 15 years.

He married Dianne Lehman on Aug. 5, 2005, in Las Vegas.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne, North Platte; her two children, Sherry Lynn and Jeff Javers and family, Sioux Falls, S.D., and Lynne and Mark Lutz and family, Sutherland, Neb.; three sons, James Jr. and Misty and family, North Platte, Roland and Melinda and family, Iliff, Colo., and Carl, McCook; and three sisters, Shirley, Elizabeth and Mary.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant twin daughters.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Carpenter Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Vince Parsons as celebrant. Burial was at the Gothenburg Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the medical expense fund in his memory. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 1616 West B, North Platte, Neb., 69101.

## Norma Bainter Tice

Norma Bainter Tice, 83, a native of Dresden, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Hoxie.

She was born May 6, 1922, at Dresden, the daughter of Roy and Bessie (Randall) Bainter.

She married Dwane Tice on Nov. 3, 1947, and he preceded her in death on March 29, 1981.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Gwynne Tice; three daughters, Marcia and Russ Aumiller, Alis and Mike Weimer, and Avis and Pat Herl; a son, Kim and Joyce Tice; a brother, Gayle and Ruth Bainter; three sisters, Irma Shipley, Rayta and Max Mues, and Della Jean Shipley; two sisters-in-law, Eloise Tribble and Mara and Al Johnson; a brother-in-law, Merald and Shirley Tice; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Michael; a sister, Leta; a brother, Dale; and two sons-in-law, Wayne Buchanan and Bill Vahling.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral home in Hoxie with the Rev. Daniel Kim officiating. Burial will be in the Hoxie Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the McGraw United Methodist Church. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 1024 Sheridan Ave., Hoxie, Kan., 67740.

# 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

March 2: Barbara Badger, Goodland, speeding 85, \$150.

March 17: Christine Fisher, Garden Plain, speeding 80, \$120; Nancy Robinson, McCook, speeding 76, \$96.

March 18: Emile Gould, Grove, Okla., speeding 90, \$195.

April 4: Doug Lasley, Campo, Colo., no commercial driver's license, \$110.

#### Marriage Licenses

April 6: Ryan Ralph Unger of Oberlin and Darci Kay Zwegardt of St. Francis.

## JAIL BOOKINGS

These persons were booked into the Decatur County Jail last week:

Terry Stough II, 27, Enid, Okla., April 11, criminal damage, Decatur County Sheriff's Office.

Steven Schillereff, 18, Norton, April 14, driving under suspension, Decatur County Sheriff's Office.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

L' Marie Robertson, quitclaim to L' Marie Robertson Revocable Trust, the N 50' of Lots 7, 8 and 9, block 19, Rodehaver's Addition, City of Oberlin.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

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

April 10: 5:57 p.m., medical, S. Cole, to Decatur County Hospital.

Last Wednesday: 9 a.m., medical, southeast of Jennings, to Decatur County Hospital.

Thursday: 4:43 a.m., medical, S. Cole, to Decatur County Hospital; 9:56 a.m., Decatur County Hospital to Community Hospital, McCook, and return.

Saturday: 6:19 a.m., medical, N. York, no transport; 11:35 a.m., medical, Cedar Bluffs, to Decatur County Hospital.

## City Hall

### MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday: Elizabeth Mason, Oberlin, inattentive driving, \$100; Michael Davis, Oberlin, no liability insurance, \$340, illegal tag, \$140; Richard Valentine, Oberlin, warrant issued for failure to appear, driver's license suspended; Colby Larson, Oberlin, failure to appear on district court order.

## Town Crier

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

**Thursday:** Junior high track, 3 p.m., at Oakley.

**Friday:** High school track, 3 p.m., at Oakley.

High school golf, 3 p.m., at Hill City.

Heartland Restoration services, 7 p.m., The Gateway.

**Saturday:** Tripple Creek Riders Saddle Club trail ride, 10 a.m., Hansen-Mueller elevator, Cedar Bluffs.

Heartland Restoration services, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., The Gateway.

High school speech, all day, at Quinter.

Regional speech, all day, Smith Center.

Mid American Youth Basketball 3 on 3 tournament, 8 a.m., here.

Cheryl Metcalf Piano Progression, 8 a.m., music wing, high school.

**Sunday:** Senior citizen potluck, 12:30 p.m. Golden Age Center Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

**Monday:** High school athletic banquet, 6:30 p.m., cafeteria.

High school speech tournament, Scott City.

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

High school golf, 3 p.m., at Hoxie.

High school track, 3 p.m., at St. Francis.

Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 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.

## Markets

### April 17, 2006 closing markets

Wheat, \$4.03 bushel  
Milo, \$3.15 hnd weight  
Corn, \$2.06 bushel  
Soybeans, \$4.73 bushel  
Sunflowers (unavailable)

## Sunflower Cinema

220 N. Penn • Oberlin  
785-475-3374

Sat., April 22  
7 p.m.

## She's the Man

Rated PG13

Sun., April 23  
2 p.m.

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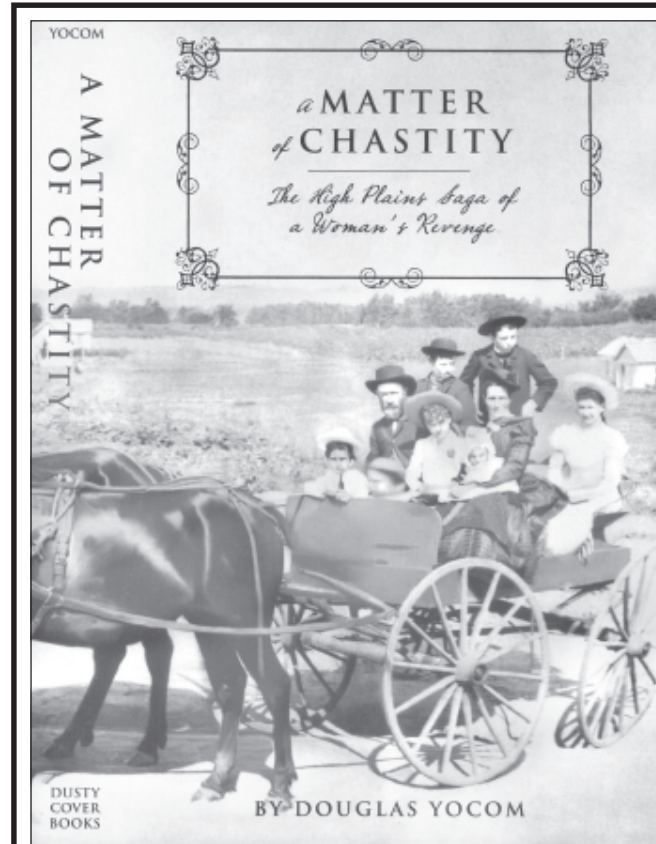
## Corrections

A story in the April 12 edition of *The Oberlin Herald* on the High Plains Artfest said incorrectly that K.D. Sowers, who won the People's Choice Award, is a niece of Armin and Vicki Sowers of Dresden. She is their daughter-in-law. She is the daughter of Sally May of Oberlin and a niece of Carolyn and LaVern Burtis. This was an editing error.

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## WEATHER

### Decatur County Weather - April 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WINDY				
60/30	65/35	68/38	70/41	75/45

Normal High: 67  
Normal Low: 37

Sunrise: 6:54 to 7:00 A.M.  
Sunset: 8:24 to 8:28 P.M.

The bad news is it will be windy again today and rain chances will stay to our north. The good news is more seasonal temperatures will settle in for the rest of the month. The next chance for precipitation is Sunday and Monday and up until then spring weather will prevail. We are sitting around average precipitation for the year with 2.75", but we need to get another shot soon, so we don't fall behind. The Sunday and Monday storm system does look more promising than today's and last Saturday's wind makers.

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### (National Weather Service)

(Information below for period ending 8 a.m. Mon.; maximum temperature for previous day.)

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
April 10	80	40	
April 11	72	46	
April 12	79	44	
April 13	91	45	
April 14	84	49	
April 15	81	46	
April 16	84	48	

Precipitation: week, 0.00; month, 0.37; year, 2.57.

Weather History: April 15, 1935-A massive front with winds 60 mph scooped up loose topsoil, creating billowing clouds of dust hundreds of feet high.

By Jim Merriott - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer

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