

# Obituaries

## Clara Loren Riddle

Clara Loren Riddle, 80, a sister of Fred E. Counter of Oberlin, died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at the Salina Regional Health Center in Salina.

She was born March 7, 1926, at Oberlin, the daughter of Fred John and Wilda (Hanchett) Counter. She graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1943.

She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene at Salina.

She married Roy Riddle on Aug. 13, 1977, in Abilene and he survives. Other survivors include two sons, Ray and Linda Manning, Kanopolis, and Derek and Michele McKellips, Salina; three daughters, Marcia and Mike Carter, Salina; Lila Walz, Grinnell; Cindy and John Koch, Edmond, Okla.; a brother, Fred E. and Sandy Counter, Oberlin; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Marshall Manning; a grandson, Cory Nickel; and two brothers, Wilbur and Clem Counter. Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. at First Church of the Nazarene in Salina on Thursday with the Rev. Jon Fillipi officiating. Inurnment will be held later at the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the church, 1425 S. Ohio, Salina, Kan., 67401.

## Lena Brent

Lena Brent, 83, sister of Bill Goodnight of Oberlin, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at the home of her daughter in Greensburg.

She was born May 26, 1923, the daughter of William and Flora Mae (Braden) Goodnight. She graduated from Haviland High School.

She married Elmer Brent on July 14, 1943, in Wichita, and reared a family of seven children on a farm in Edwards County. They moved to Oberlin in 1982. She had lived with her daughter in Greensburg since October.

Survivors include her husband, Elmer; two sons, Donny and Richard Brent; five daughters, Ginny Barnes, Carol Senter, Vickie Barta, Peggy King and Karin Scruggs; 16 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Bill, Clifford and Ray Goodnight; and a sister, Faye Nichols.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her step-mother, Mable Goodnight; two brothers, Arnold Leon and Leonard Goodnight; and a sister, Leona Davis.

Memorial graveside services were held Tuesday morning at the Cullison Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Kiowa County Library or the Oberlin Library. Contributions may be sent to Fleener Funeral Home, Box 763, Greensburg, Kan., 67054-0763.

## Charles G. Brown

Charles G. Brown, 94, an uncle of Doyle Brown of Jennings, died July 31, 2006, in Iowa City, Iowa.

He was born March 14, 1912, in Decatur County, the second of five sons born to David and Ellen (Johnson) Brown. He graduated from Topeka High School and attended Kansas State College.

He married Nina Wilson on Nov. 30, 1932. She died on Jan. 4, 2002.

After moving to Iowa in 1940, the couple lived in Vinton, Anamosa and Cedar Rapids before moving to Oskaloosa in 1950. In 1952, he started Charles Brown Insurance, a business which continues as part of

Butler-Brown Insurance, in which his son, Steve, is a partner.

He was a member of the Central United Methodist Church and Kiwanis, and had served on the city council of Oskaloosa and as mayor for two terms.

Survivors include two sons, Charles and Doris Brown, Sun Lakes, Ariz.; and Steven and Cyndi Brown, Oskaloosa; a daughter, Linda and Bill Bywater, Iowa City; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Bartos, Dale, Dwight and Allen Brown.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at the church in Oskaloosa with the Rev. Bob Dean officiating. Burial was at the Forest Cemetery. Bates Funeral Home of Oskaloosa was in charge of arrangements.

## Virgil Brent Sexson

Virgil Brent Sexson, 55, son of former Oberlin resident Bonnie (Lunkenheimer) Sexson, died as the result of a massive heart attack at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo., on July 14, 2006.

He was born Aug. 22, 1950, in Hutchinson, the son of Marvin F. and Bonnie (Lunkenheimer) Sexson. He enlisted in the Air Force and his first mission serving his country was at San Antonio Air Force Base in Texas. He later served at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, then went on to Elmendorf Air Base in Anchorage, Alaska, where he served until his retirement from the service. His father preceded him in death on March 19, 2006.

Survivors include his mother; four children, Shannon and Stacie, Denver; Ashley and her fiancé, Bryan; and Lance, Loveland, Colo.; a step-brother, Marvin G. and Lenora; an aunt, Gladys Beeson, Fountain, Colo.; and three cousins.

Services were held at Newcomer Funeral Home in Denver. Burial with military honors followed at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver.

## Steven L. Shuler

Steven Leslie Shuler, 56, a farmer at Selden, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital in Denver.

He was born Feb. 23, 1950, in Oberlin, the son of Fred and Josie (Beal) Shuler. He was reared on a farm southwest of Selden and attended grade school and high school in Selden. He graduated from Decatur Community High School in Oberlin in 1968.

He married Sherri Lotker on March 7, 1968, at Selden and they later divorced. He served in the U.S. Army and spent three years in Germany before returning to Selden to farm. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and American Legion Post of Selden.

Survivors include his companion, Ilene Seas, Wichita; two sons, Matthew and Desiree Schroch, Godfrey, Ill., and Samuel Shuler, Virginia Beach, Va.; two daughters, Amy and Sebastien Gavieiro, Germany; Deborah Shuler and Jeremy Shaw, Selden; a brother, Everett and Dorene Shuler, Oberlin; a sister,

Ellen Kay Walker, Clay Center; a brother-in-law, Charles Smith, Fort Worth, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and his former wife, Sherri Lotker, Denver.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Roger Shuler; and two sisters, Beth Ann Shuler and Eunice Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Selden. The Rev. Daniel Kim will officiate and burial will be in the Rexford Cemetery.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, Selden, Kan., 67757.

## Mary Ann Zodrow

Mary Ann Zodrow, 81, a lifelong resident of Leoville, died Aug. 1, 2006, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

She was born March 26, 1925, at the family farm six miles south of Leoville, the daughter of Bernard and Barbara (Geisinger) Kruse. She attended Green Valley School and graduated from Leoville High School in 1945.

She married Conrad Zodrow on Feb. 18, 1946, in Leoville. They made their home in the Leoville community all of their married life, with the exception of three years spent in Lawndale, Calif.

The couple purchased the grocery store and post office in Leoville in 1965. They operated the store until 1970 and the post office until 1981. They also operated a dairy on their farm west of Leoville. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella.

Survivors include her children, Joe and Renee Zodrow, Leoville; Pat and Ed Conard, Hoxie; Sharon and Keith Karnes, LaCrosse; Tom and Michelle Zodrow, Grapevine, Texas; and Paul Zodrow, Selden; a brother, Joe and Janice Kruse, Selden; two sisters, Florence Zodrow, Leoville; and Germaine and Ray Weis, Dresden; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 9, 2001; her parents; and two sisters, Loretta Woodall and Rita Kruse.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Friday morning at the church in Leoville. The Rev. Henry Saw Lone officiated and burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery at Leoville.

A memorial was established in her name. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

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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

July 3: Christa Hardy, Oberlin, speeding 79, \$120.

July 7: Carrie Nichols, Oberlin, speeding 82, failure to wear seat belt, \$148.

#### Limited Action

Decatur Health Systems Inc. vs. John Rojas, \$911 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Co-op Association vs. Mark Baker, \$848 plus costs and interest, etc.

Pizza Hut vs. Marina Fisher, \$33 plus costs and interest, etc.

Pizza Hut vs. Brian Hileman, \$56 plus costs and interest, etc.

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Sara Boyd, \$7,970 plus costs and interest, etc.

Kansas University Endowment Assn. vs. Jodie Wenger, \$3,000 plus costs and interest, etc.

#### Marriage Licenses

July 12: Bradly Rex Moore and Katherine Lynn Stoker, both of Oberlin.

July 13: Edwin Travis Raile and Valisha Marie Castle, both of Oberlin.

#### JAIL BOOKINGS

These persons were booked into the Decatur County Jail recently:

Dain Harris, 47, McCook, July 27, violation of protective order, Red Willow County.

Carl Karft, 22, McCook, July 27, assault, Red Willow County.

Joseph Shepherd, 18, McCook,

July 28, attempted auto theft, Red Willow County.

Kyle Blackman, 22, Indianola, Neb., Aug. 4, attempted possession of illegal substance, Red Willow County.

### SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

The Decatur County Sheriff's office worked this call last week:

• Around 2:10 p.m. Friday officers got a call that there was an accident on K-383 on the east end of Jennings. Jay Kump, 84, of Jennings, was driving a 1996 Ford pickup when it hit a 2003 Honda sports utility driven by Robert Vanderkooi, 63, <town?> stopped for road construction.

Sheriff Ken Badsky said Mr. Kump said he didn't see the truck in the road or the flagman in front of it. Mr. Kump was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

There were no tickets written. Everyone had their seat belts on, the sheriff said.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

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

July 31: 3:23 p.m., trauma, W. Frontier Parkway, transported to Decatur County Hospital.

Aug. 1: 9:02 a.m., air ambulance to Hays Medical Center, Hays; 1:18 p.m., Decatur County Hospital to Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, Neb.

Friday: 2:16 p.m., motor vehicle accident, Jennings, to Decatur County Hospital.

## City Hall

### POLICE BLOTTER

These calls were worked by the Oberlin Police Department last

week:

• Around 1 a.m. last Tuesday, Sappa Valley Youth Ranch called and said there were two 16-year-old youths missing. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said the youths took off to the southwest through the field. The officers and staff didn't find the boys and they were reported as missing persons.

Around 11:23 p.m. Friday, the police were called because the ranch was missing two more boys, 16 and 17. Before the officers were able to start looking, the police chief from Trenton, Neb., called and said the first two youths had been found at a house there.

Chief Lockhart said Nebraska officers returned the first two missing boys. The second two boys were found at the shelter house at Sappa Park around 12:21 a.m.

All four of the boys were taken to the juvenile lockup at WaKeeney. Chief Lockhart said the ranch doesn't want boys back after they have run.

Last Monday, Chief Lockhart was called because the home belonging to Dr. Douglas and Sandy Fair in town had been broken into sometime between Wednesday, July 26, and Monday.

Someone entered the house on North York through a west window. Chief Lockhart said nothing was taken, but whoever broke in left muddy footprints, cigarette butts and a few beer cans.

## Federal Court

### BANKRUPTCIES

(Chapter 7 unless otherwise noted)  
Lavonne Baker, Oberlin, liabilities \$48,871, assets \$34,370.

## Town Crier

**Today:** Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Business Development Center drive through.

Open class and 4-H floriculture entered, 8 to 10 a.m., judging to follow.

Bucket calf show, 8 a.m., arena.

Dairy/beef show, 9 a.m., arena.

Ribeye sandwiches, noon, at porkburger stand by Oberlin Jaycees, benefit for livestock building.

Sheep show, 5 p.m., arena.

Register for kids pedal pull, 5 p.m.

Kids pedal pull, 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit open hours, 6 to 10 p.m.

4-H benefit barbecue dinner, 6 p.m., in front of 4-H building for livestock building.

Carnival open, 7 p.m.

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

**Thursday:** Swine show, 9 a.m., arena.

Photographs of 4-H grand and reserve grand champion livestock,

11 a.m.

4-H livestock auction, 6:30 p.m., Oberlin Livestock Auction.

Roller demo derby, 7 p.m., in front of grandstand.

Carnival open, 7 p.m.

**Friday:** Pet parade, 1:30 p.m., Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

KFNK kids ranch rodeo, 6 p.m., in front of grandstand.

Carnival open, 7 p.m.

## Markets

**August 7, 2006 closing markets**  
Wheat, \$4.39 bushel  
Milo, \$3.35 hnd weight  
Corn, \$2.15 bushel  
Soybeans, \$4.82 bushel  
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# WEATHER



(National Weather Service)

Decatur County Weather --- August 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
90/65	95/66	98/66	95/65	93/63
Normal High: 90		Sunrise: 6:47 to 6:51am		
Normal Low: 60		Sunset: 8:43 to 8:48pm		

Thanks to scattered storms over the weekend and yesterday we have not completely turned into a desert, but we need more than scattered activity to makeup for the shortfall of precipitation in July. The next five days won't help out with dry conditions and high temperatures in the 90's expected. If we do see rainfall it will again be scattered and most likely Saturday and Sunday. We'll need a change in the overall weather pattern by the end of the month so we can get the fall wheat crop in the ground.

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Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
July 31	102	75	
Aug. 1	94	71	1.54
Aug. 2	88	57	0.01
Aug. 3	87	64	
Aug. 4	93	68	
Aug. 5	101	71	0.02
Aug. 6	88	58	0.03

Precipitation: for the week, 1.60; month of July, 0.48; month of August, 1.60; for the year, 9.57.

Weather History: Aug. 2, 1996-Hail the size of tennis balls and oranges was observed during a thunderstorm 13 mi. NNE of Bird City.  
By Jim Merriott - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer