

# Obituaries

## Sgt. Randy J. Matheny

Sgt. Randy Jay Matheny, 20, who was serving in Iraq, died Feb. 4, 2007, killed by a roadside bomb near Baghdad.

He was born June 9, 1986, in Oberlin, the son of Gary and Jan (Alexander) Matheny. He lived in McCook and graduated from McCook High School in 2004.

He joined the Nebraska National Guard on March 28, 2005, and went to Fort Jackson, S.D., for basic training in October 2005. His unit, the 1074th Transportation Company of Sidney, was called to serve at Camp Al Taqaddum, Iraq in October 2006.

Survivors include his father, Gary Matheny and fiancée, Kay Chambers, Oberlin; his mother, Jan and Duane Collins, McCook; his fiancée, Courtney Gibson, McCook; a brother, Paul and Christine Matheny, Fort Riley; sisters, Karen Matheny, Camp Anaconda, Iraq; Laci and Jason Ingels, McCook; and Kori Collins and boyfriend, Zach Randolph, Omaha; his grandparents, Freida Matheny, Oberlin; Myrna and Larry Lacina, Westminster, Colo.; and Margot Alexander, Broomfield, Colo.; and a great-grandmother, Hazel Flaska, Oberlin.



R. Matheny

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Cecil Matheny and Joe Alexander.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the McCook City Auditorium with Col. Rod Armon officiating. A full military honor committal followed at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials in his name may be sent to Carpenter-Breland Funeral Home, 305 West C Street, McCook, Neb., 69001.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Runyan, Greeley, Colo.; a daughter, Vicky and Dick Warkentin, and a son, Rick and Kathy Runyan and wife, Greeley; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Elaine and Jerald Leitner, Oberlin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and twin grandsons.

Memorial services were held Friday afternoon at Adamson West Chapel in Greeley. There was cremation.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Northern Colorado Inc., or to a charity of the donor's choice and sent to: Adamson Funeral and Cremation Services, 2000 47th Ave., Greeley, Colo., 80634. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.adamsonchapels.com.

## Lumir Jesse Skubal

Lumir Jesse Skubal, 81, a retired farmer in the Leoville area, died Feb. 12, 2007, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

He was born May 25, 1925, near Jennings, the son of Vencil and Sophie (Petrasek) Skubal. He attended Jennings schools and graduated from Jennings High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a pilot. He graduated from Fort Hays State University, where he met his future wife, Reta Jean Hubbard. They were married in McDonald on Aug. 8, 1948.

He received his Master's Degree from California State University at Chico and taught industrial and vocational arts in Arbuckle and Hollister, Calif., until his retirement in 1983. At that time, he and his wife returned to Kansas, where he farmed for 20 years. He was a member of the Dresden United Methodist Church, American Legion, Jennings Lions Club and ZCJB Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Reta Jean; two sons, Steve Skubal, Leoville, and Gary and Robyn Skubal, Sweeny, Texas; a daughter, Sharon and Lloyd Pittman, Novato, Calif.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Arlene Sanns, Reno, Nev.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Greg Hubbard officiated and burial was at the Big Timber Cemetery, rural Jennings.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

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## Robert D. Pope

Robert D. Pope, 83, owner of the Midway Motel and Cafe in Selden, died Feb. 13, 2007, at the Sheridan County Long Term Care in Hoxie.

He was born Jan. 27, 1924, on a farm in Decatur County, the son of Peter and Bertha (Woerpel) Pope. He was reared on the family farm and attended Welch Country School. He graduated from Decatur Community High School in Oberlin in 1941.

During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps as a ball turret gunner and attained the rank of sergeant. He worked in agricultural-related jobs after his discharge.

He married Esther (Shaw) Koerperich on Aug. 19, 1965, in Selden and became a father to her five children. They lived in Selden, where they operated the Midway Motel and Cafe, and Selden Liquor Store. They also ran a laundromat for a time. They retired in September 1990 and his wife preceded him in death on April 25, 1991.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and American Legion Post at Selden.

Survivors include their children, Robert and Elaine Koerperich, Nick and Elaine Koerperich, Paula and Jerry Schiltz, and Gloria and Terry Goscha, all of Selden, and Janice and Willis Heck, Newton; a brother, Roland and Gwen Pope, Barsto, Calif.; three sisters, Phyllis Hensley, Colorado Springs; Betty and Don Wallace, Ephrata, Wash.; and Joyce and Dean Weis, Great Bend; a sister-in-law, Vi Pope, Horton; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents; a brother, Ruben Pope; two sisters, Madonna Lee Pope and Phyllia Brantley; and a great-grandson, Dylan Jade Bruggeman Schiltz.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Saturday morning at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden with the Rev. Henry Saw Lone officiating. Burial was at the Selden Cemetery with military committal rites by the Selden American Legion Post.

A memorial was established to the church or Selden American Legion Post. Contributions may be mailed to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

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## Donald Kelley

Donald Kelley, 76, a brother of Dick Kelley of Oberlin and Carolyn Kelley-Plotts of Norcatour, died Friday in Little Rock, Ark.

He was born Aug. 29, 1930, at the farm home of Claude and Dorothy (Davison) Kelley in rural Decatur County. He was a 1949 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Jacksonville, Ark.

A complete obituary will be carried in next week's paper.

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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:

### JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:  
Ernie Sheets, 40, Palisade, Neb., Jan. 25, driving under the influence, Red Willow County.  
John Waitkus, 23, Norcatour, Feb. 3, bad checks, Decatur County Sheriff's Office.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

K. Dwyer and J. Albright Irrevocable Trust to Judith Albright, the S 1/2 of a SW 1/4 of Sec. 16, T5S,

R26W.

Charles G. Brown Revocable Trust, one-third interest each to Charles B. Brown and Doris A. Brown Family Trust, Steven R. Brown and Linda A. Bywater, the SE 1/4 of Sec. 20, and the NE 1/4 of Sec. 29, T3S, R28W, and the NW 1/4 of Sec. 21, T3S, R27W.

Shirley and Fred Rausch Jr. and Jerry and Elizabeth Rogers, to the L. Lavern Holle Living Trust and the Carolyn R. Holle Living Trust, E 1/2 of Sec. 1, T3S, R30W.

Thomas Vacura, quit claim to Frances Vacura, half interest in N 1/2 of Sec. 20, S 1/2 SE 1/4 of Sec. 17, and the E 1/2 of Sec. 18, and one-quarter interest in SE 1/4 of Sec. 8, less tract, all in T4S, R27W.

Gayle and Jeffrey White, quit claim to Frances Vacura, half interest in N 1/2 of Sec. 12, and S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 1, both in T4S, R28W; W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 23, T4S, R27W; and Lots 7 and 8, Block 4, Summit Addition, City of Oberlin; and one-fourth interest in the SE 1/4 of Sec. 8, T4S, R27W, less tract.

Frances Vacura to Revocable Inter Vivos Trust of Frances E. Vacura, N 1/2 of Sec. 20, S 1/2 of Sec. 17, E 1/2 of Sec. 18, all in T4S, R27W; N 1/2 of Sec. 12, T4S, R28W; SE 1/2 of the SE 1/4, Sec. 1, T4S, R28W; W 1/2 of the SW 1/4, Sec. 23, T4S, R27W; Lots 7 and 8 in Block 4, Summit Addition, City of Oberlin; and the SE 1/4 of Sec. 8, T4S, R27W, less tract.

## Town Crier

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

**Monday:** High school substate basketball, to be announced.  
**Tuesday:** High school substate basketball, to be announced.

**Friday, March 2:** World Day of Prayer service, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oberlin Covenant Church.

**Saturday, March 3:** Northwest Wind Special Olympics basketball game with teachers and staff, 1 p.m., Oberlin Elementary School.

**Monday-Friday:** At 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center, Monday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle. Third Thursday of the month, senior bridge, open. Quilting, puzzles, games daily. Senior lunch at the center, 220 N. Penn Ave., at 11:30 a.m.

The 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.

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.

### SENIOR MENUS

At the Oberlin meal site, in the Golden Age Center:  
Today: baked fish, cheesy broccoli, rice pilaf, bread, apricots.

Thursday: Tater Tot casserole, creamed corn, bread, jello w/mandarin oranges and pineapple.

Friday: chef salad, citrus slices, bread sticks, cherry cobbler.

Monday: pasta, beef and tomato casserole, succotash, mandarin oranges, bread, pudding.

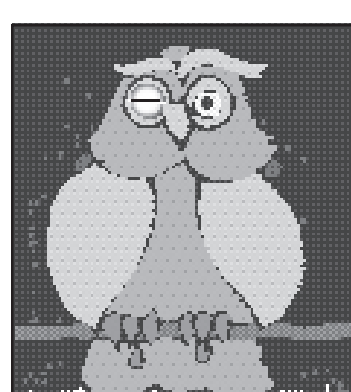
Tuesday: paprika chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned carrots, bread, jello w/fruit.

Next Wednesday: chili with beans, five-cup salad, crackers, cinnamon roll.

## Markets

### February 19, 2007 closing markets

Wheat, \$4.43 bushel  
Milo, \$6.77 hnd weight  
Corn, \$4.05 bushel  
Soybeans, \$6.72 bushel  
Sunflowers, \$14.50 hnd weight



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## Correction

Precipitation reported in the Feb. 14 issue of *The Oberlin Herald* for the month of January was recorded as 0.29 of an inch of moisture, based on how much snow had melted. The correct measurement, based on the moisture content of snow which fell during the month, was 1.59 inches. Year-to-date figures in this week's paper should be correct. The mixup was due to a reporting error.

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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.

# WEATHER

**Decatur County Weather – February 20<sup>th</sup> – 24** (National Weather Service)  
(Information below for period ending 8 a.m. Mon.; maximum temperature for previous day.)

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Feb. 12	31	6	
Feb. 13	31	1	
Feb. 14	29	-5	
Feb. 15	14	-10	0.30(4" / s)
Feb. 16	43	1	
Feb. 17	41	27	
Feb. 18	44	24	

Precipitation: for the week, 0.30; for the month, 0.30; for the year, 1.89.  
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.475 mhz.  
By Jim Merriott – NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer

Finally a warm-up that will put a dent into the snow field that's been whitening our landscape since Christmas! Temperatures in the upper 40's and low 50's this week should do the trick. The funny thing that these temperatures will feel like a major heat wave, but is actually normal for this time of the year. The next two storm systems over the weekend and early next week show a track me to the north and east with rain and snow. We could see some moisture, but nothing out of the ordinary.

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<p><b>'05 CHEV SILVERADO 1500 EXT CAB 2WD SLT</b> SLT, 5.3 V8, XM, Onstar, HD Trailer Pkg., 23k, Very Nice SALE \$21,000</p>	<p><b>'05 GMC SIERRA 2500HD CREW CAB 4WD</b> SLE, 6.6L Dtmx., 5 spd, Allsn AT, XM Flat Bed, 39k, Local Trade! SALE \$29,900</p>
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