

Obituaries

Dr. Jerry Reith

Dr. Jerry Reith, 52, a native of Oberlin, died Feb. 16, 2007, at South San Francisco, Calif., from a life-long heart condition.

He was born Aug. 27, 1954, in Oberlin, the son of Fred and Connie (Sanders) Reith. The family later moved to Chico, Calif., and he graduated from Pleasant Valley High School. He attended California State University at Chico, and California State University, Hayward, as well as graduating from Life Chiropractic School in Hayward.

He was licensed as an emergency medical technician, X-ray technician and doctor of chiropractic. He also earned a doctorate in health sciences from the University of California at Irvine.

Survivors include his wife, Sunia; his parents, Fred and Connie Reith; and three brothers, Tom, Rick and daughter Amanda, and David and Joni, all of the Bay area. He was a nephew of Evelyn May and Dorothy Moore of Oberlin.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Richard and Martha Reith, and Cleo and Estelle Sanders. A memorial service was held in South San Francisco.

Gustave F. Steffen

Gustave Frank Steffen, 86, of Gering, Neb., a native of Jennings, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, Neb.

He was born Oct. 22, 1920, in rural Decatur County, Kansas, to Henry and Marie (Kolsky) Steffen. He graduated from Jennings High School in Kansas before serving his country in the U.S. Army.

He entered the U.S. Army on Sept. 8, 1942. He earned the rank of sergeant as an airplane armorer. He received the Good Conduct Medal and Distinguished Unit Badge before his honorable discharge on Nov. 19, 1945.

He returned to Kansas and married Janet Rhodes on July 29, 1948 in Dresden. He was a farmer and also started his own business as owner/operator of an over-the-road trucking business, from which he retired in 1992. He was a past member of the Masons.

Survivors include his daughter, Patricia and Kevin Fox, Cheyenne, Wyo.; a grandson, Chris and Regina Knaub, Scottsbluff; a granddaughter, Chandra Knaub, Gering; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant sister; and his wife, Janet, in 2001.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the First Church of God in Gering with Pastor Guy Walton officiating. Burial was at the West Lawn Cemetery in Gering with military graveside rites by the Nebraska National Guard. Joliffe Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Katherine Cook

Katherine "Nan" Cook, 76, a former resident of Norcat, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at her rural home in Norton County.

She was born Sept. 11, 1930, in Palisade, Neb., the daughter of Lloyd and Thelma (Sterns) Vance. She grew to womanhood in Phillipsburg and attended school there while living with her father.

She married Paul Cook and they moved to Norcat after living various places throughout the United States when he did farm work. She had worked in the Cardinal Cafe, served on the Norcat City Council, and helped with the *Norcat News Sheet*.

Survivors include her children, Lonnie and Carl Wentz, Boise, Idaho; Mike and Ruby Cook, Clayton; Whitey and Chaluy Cook, Newalla, Okla.; Brian and Tami Cook, Norcat; Terry Cook, Norton; Topper and Nikki Cook, Clayton; and Kathy and Steve Watson, Nokesville, Va.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul; a son, Patrick Cook; a grandchild; and two great-grandchildren. Ron Temple officiated and burial was at the Norcat Cemetery.

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

Donald Kelley

Maj. Donald Kelley, 76, Retired, U.S. Air Force, died Feb. 16, 2007, at Jacksonville, Ark.

He was born Aug. 29, 1930, in Decatur County, the son of Claude Otis and Dorothy (Davison) Kelley. He was reared on a farm near Lyle. He attended rural schools and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1949. He joined the Air Force in 1951 and served for 20 years. As a pilot, he was part of an elite group who flew supersonic B-58s.

He married Elizabeth Shipe of Little Rock, Ark., on March 16, 1957. They also lived in Plattsburgh, N.Y.; Fort Worth, Texas; Bellevue, Neb.; and Anderson Air Force Base, Guam. After retiring in 1971, he partnered with Carroll T. Boyd to form Boyd and Kelley Service, where they worked together in the heating and air conditioning

business until December 2006.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, American Bowling Congress and Jacksonville Men's Bowling Association.

Survivors include a daughter, Pamela and Aaron Hudson, Little Rock; a son, Timothy Kelley, Cape Canaveral, Fla.; four brothers, Bob Kelley, McPherson; Bill and Betty Kelley, Junction City; Dick and Donna Kelley, Oberlin; and Jim and Linda Kelley, Lawrence; two sisters, Kathryn Van Zandt, New York City, and Carolyn and Jim Plotts, Norcat; an aunt, Bernice Davison Furrer, Lakewood, Colo.; and a step-granddaughter, Sarah Taylor, Conway, Ark.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Elizabeth; and an infant sister, Ruth Marie Kelley.

Funeral services were held Feb. 20 in the chapel of Griffin Leggett Rest Hills in North Little Rock. Burial was at Rest Hills Memorial Park with military honors.

Memorials may be made to the church, 220 W. Main, Jacksonville, Ark., 72023; or to American Red Cross Blood Donations. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 7724 Landers Road, North Little Rock, Ark., 72117.

Claire E. Lesle

Claire E. Lesle, 76, a resident of Norcat, died at his home there on Feb. 12, 2007.

He was born and reared on a farm near Auburn, Iowa, the son of William and Florence (Karleen) Lesle. He graduated from Auburn High School and attended Zion Lutheran Church. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, serving aboard the USS Princeton and USS Yorktown.

He married Mary Mozena on April 18, 1957. He graduated from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, in 1958. He held several positions in agriculture including farm management, custom spraying operations and fertilizer plant management in Iowa and Minnesota, and was named president of Pro Gro Inc. in Mankato, Minn., in 1973, a position he held until his retirement. After retiring, he moved to Colorado Springs, then to Norcat.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; two sons, Craig and Lori Lesle, Colorado Springs, and Mark Lesle, Fairbanks, Alaska; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Kenneth Lesle, and an infant daughter, Elizabeth Marie.

A memorial service was held Feb. 14 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Norton. Memorials were established in his name or to the donor's choice.

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Correction

A story in the Wednesday, Feb. 28, edition of *The Oberlin Herald* reported that the Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils would play Sacred Heart High of Salina in the second round of the substate basketball tournament Thursday. The Kansas State High School Activities Association scheduled the Lady Red Devils to play Belleville-Republic County. This was a reporting error.

should be fair and factual, and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

Markets

March 5, 2007 closing markets
Wheat, \$4.61 bushel
Milo, \$6.76 hnd weight
Corn, \$4.07 bushel
Soybeans, \$6.42 bushel
Sunflowers, \$15.00 hnd weight

WEATHER

Decatur County Weather – March 6th – 10th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
60/28	55/25	58/28	60/30	55/25

Normal High: 53
Normal Low: 25

Sunrise: 7:03 to 7:08am
Sunset: 6:40 to 6:45pm

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

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Feb. 26	46	21	
Feb. 27	57	29	
Feb. 28	47	31	
Mar. 01	31	21	
Mar. 02	36	24	
Mar. 03	42	21	
Mar. 04	63	25	

Precipitation: for the week, 0.00; for the month, 0.40; for the year, 1.99.

Weather History: Feb. 27, 1987-Near whit-out conditions persisted for nearly 6 hours when 3.3" of snow mixed with wind gusts up to 35 mph.

By Jim Merriott – NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer

After the nasty cold wind last week the warmer and less windy weather forecasted this week will be greatly appreciated! Above normal temperature can be expected now that most of the snow has melted and the two weak fronts this Wednesday and Saturday will lack moisture. This scenario is good for drying muddy roads and having baby calves. The warmer and drier weather looks like it will continue into the middle of the month then we will have to see if a storm or two rolls through over the second half.

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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. 16: Timothy Samuelson, Oakley, speeding 82, \$138.

Limited Action

Countryside Veterinary Clinic vs. Peggy Barnett, \$93 plus costs and interest, etc.

Countryside Veterinary Clinic vs. Marcia Stanton, \$266 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Dery Bishop, \$590 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Donna Boswell, \$1,004 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Michael Davis and Marina Fisher, \$604 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Sharon and Chuck Gamblin, \$7,104 plus costs and interest, etc.

Marriage Licenses

Feb. 8: Andrew George Frankforter, Lincoln, Neb., and Stephanie Nicole May, Oberlin.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following was booked into the Decatur County Jail:

Danny Kofler, 40, McCook, March 5, probation violation, Decatur County Sheriff's Office.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Blanche I. Hardesty Revocable Trust to Elwood and Trilba Brock, as joint tenants, the SW 1/4 of Sec. 12 in T5S, R27W.

Elwood G. Brock Living Trust and Trilba Brock Living Trust, to Elwood and Trilba Brock, as joint tenants, the N 1/2 and W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 29, T4S; and the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 5, T5S, R26W.

Myron and Margaret McKinley to the McKinley Family Revocable Trust, the NW 1/4 of Sec. 29, T3S, R26W.

Trust Agreement of Rodney R.

Tolle to Tolle Family Trust, the NW 1/4 of Sec. 15 and the SW 1/4 of Sec. 10, all in T2S, R26W, and the S 1/2 of Sec. 34, T1S, R26W.

Patricia and Harold Berry Sr., and Lynda and Melvin Cox, to Jack and Donna Fortin, Lot 19, Block 2, Original Town, City of Oberlin.

Wanda Farr to Mary Kasson, Lot 4 and the N 10' of Lot 5, Block 8, Sappa Addition, City of Oberlin.

Mary Kasson to Melissa Uehlin, Lot 4 and the N 10' of Lot 5, Block 8, Sappa Addition, City of Oberlin.

James and Gina Andersen to Carey and Terry Berry, Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and the S 4 of Lot 19, all in Block 7, Original Townsite, Cedar Bluffs.

Marian and Ray Thornton transfer on death to Bob Dempewolf and Rose Riffle, as joint tenants; Greg Dempewolf, Lee Dempewolf and Amber Dempewolf, as joint tenants; Patricia Stapp and David Stapp, as joint tenants; and Linda and David Schliep, as joint tenants, the S 1/2 of Lots 10, 11 and 12, in Block 12, Marks-Cole Addition, City of Oberlin.

Town Crier

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

Thursday: Eastern Star benefit homemade chicken-and-noodle dinner for Forget-Me-Nots, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Masonic Temple dining room. Elevator available.

Friday: End of third nine weeks. County 4-H Day, 5:30 p.m., Oberlin Elementary School.

Saturday, March 15: Farmer/Rancher Appreciation dinner, 6 p.m., The Gateway.

Sunday: K-State Singers, 2 p.m., Morgan Theater, The Gateway.

Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

Monday: Oberlin School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., district office.

Thursday, March 15: Good Samaritan Center 50th anniversary celebration; ribbon cutting for Garden of Hope, 2 p.m.

Good Samaritan Center open house, 2 to 4 p.m.

Good Samaritan Center program and reception, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 16: Coffee hour, 9 to 11 a.m., the Bank.

Benefit Relay for Life pancake, sausage and egg feed, 5 to 7 p.m., high school cafeteria, before play.

All-school play, 7:30 p.m., high school auditorium.

Saturday, March 17: Home and Garden Show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., The Gateway.

Knitting course organizational meeting, 2 p.m. Call (785) 693-4476 or 475-7255 for location and details.

All-school play, 7:30 p.m., high school auditorium.

Sunday, March 18: Home and Garden Show, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Gateway.

Monday-Friday: At 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center, Monday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle.

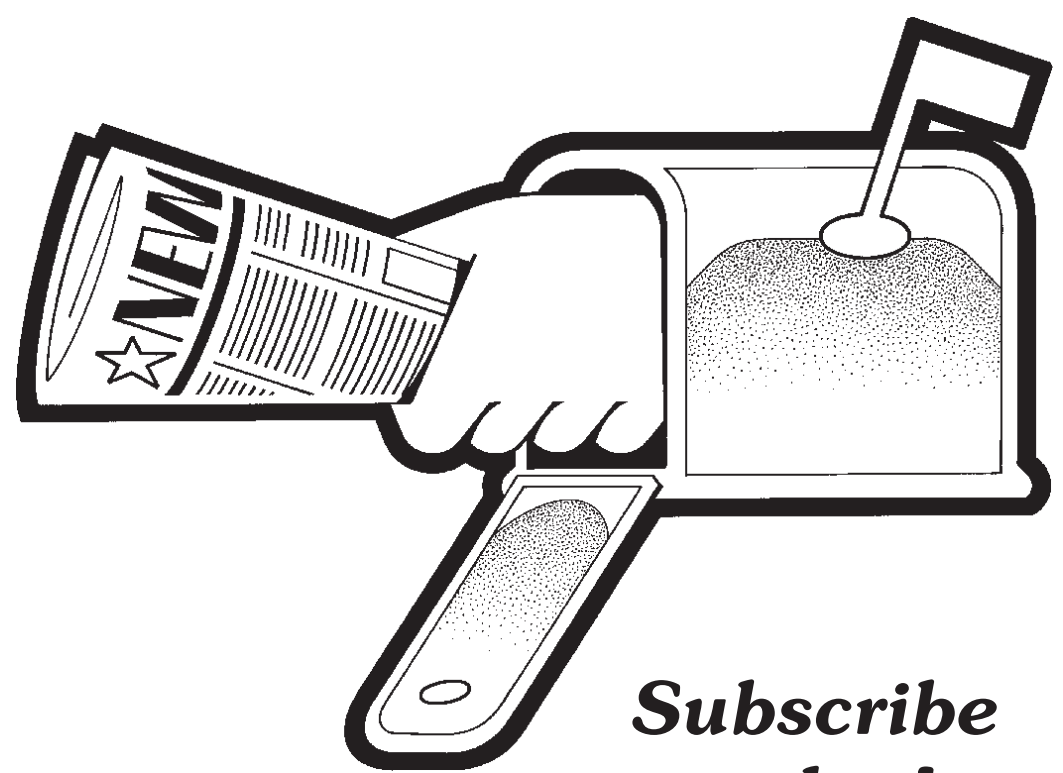
Third Thursday of the month, senior bridge, open. Quilting, puzzles, games daily. Senior lunch at the center, 220 N. Penn Ave., at 11:30 a.m.

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: sausage gravy, mashed potatoes, cook's choice vegetables, biscuits or bread, fluffy fruit dessert.
Thursday: sloppy joes, pasta with vegetable salad, plums, bun, cake.
Friday: turkey, green beans, cranberry sauce, bread, sweet potato casserole.
Monday: chili dog with cheese, oven-browned potatoes, mixed vegetables, bun, apricots.
Tuesday: chicken fajita salad, mandarin oranges, chips, cherry crisp.
Next Wednesday: ham and beans, pea salad, cornbread, rosy applesauce.

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