

From the Record

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Obituaries

Rita Grace Fortin

Rita Grace Fortin, 80, a sister-in-law of Walt Fortin and June Fortin of Oberlin, died Nov. 16, 2007, at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Mo.

She was born March 12, 1927, in Selden, the daughter of Faye Alexander and Ida Grace (Kinsler) Bishop. She married Jimmie Fortin on June 5, 1944, at Dresden and he preceded her in death on May 27. She attended Dry Valley Methodist Church.

Survivors include daughters, Peggy and Kenneth Heidlage, Granby, Mo., and Connie and Vernon Houck, Wentworth, Mo.; two sons, Jesse and Karla Fortin.; and Fred Fortin, Pierce City, Mo.; a sister, Wava Adeen Randolph, Spokane, Wash.; sisters-in-law, June Fortin, Oberlin; Dottie and Paul Holliday, Palestine, Texas, and Virginia and Herb Bucklinger, Springfield, Mo.; brothers-in-law, Walt and Donna Fortin, Oberlin, and Noah and Sheryl Fortin, Eugene, Ore.;

a cousin, Jack E. Fortin and son, Charles, Oberlin; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Jimmie "Ponch" Fortin in 1966; and a grandson, Casey William Heidlage, in 1988.

Funeral services were held Nov. 20, 2007, at the Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, Mo.

Lorna Elaine Holste

Lorna Elaine Holle Holste, 77, of Atwood, mother of Loretta McFee of Oberlin, died Nov. 19, 2007, at the Rawlins County Health Center in Atwood.

She was born Dec. 20, 1929, at the family farm near Ludell, to Rennig and Frieda (Rippe) Holle. She attended school at Immanuel Lutheran School in Ludell, graduated from Atwood Community High School in 1947 and received her degree from Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia in May 1951.

She married Gerhard Holste on June 8, 1951. She had worked at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood. She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Women's Missionary League; New Horizons Family and Community Education group; the church choir; Aid Association of Lutherans Lamplighter; and Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church of Atwood.

Survivors include her husband, Gerhard, Atwood; their children: Cindy and Dan Belchley, Littleton, Colo.; Sylvia and Marc Walker, Atwood; Loretta and Rob McFee, Oberlin; Harlan and Ruth Holste, Ludell; Lois and Butch Schartz, Ellis; and Marilyn Holste and Bill Fehringer, Sterling, Colo.; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at the church in Atwood with Pastor Don White officiating. Burial was at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery at Ludell.

Memorials were established in her name to the Rawlins County Health Center-Cardiac Rehab, Atwood Second Century Fund, and the church. Contributions may be sent to Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. 2nd, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Freida Marie Matheny

Freida Marie Matheny, 82, a longtime Oberlin resident, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

She was born April 7, 1925, in Danbury, Neb., the daughter of Francis Alfred and Pauline Fredericka (Unger) Tauber. She was reared in and attended school in Danbury.

She married Cecil Demont Matheny on Nov. 8, 1947, in Oberlin. They lived in Kanona, Danbury and Lebanon, Neb., before returning to Oberlin. She was a telephone operator. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Survivors include children, Gordon and Juvy Matheny, Abilene, Texas; Gary and Kay Matheny, Oberlin; Bob Matheny, Danbury; Mary Huffaker, Eureka; and Janet Matheny, Oberlin; brothers, Francis Jr. and Joyce Tauber, Hill City, and Harold and Becky Tauber, Wichita; and a sister, Elsie Tauber, Hutchinson; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Raymond Ray Matheny; her parents; brothers, Fred, Albert and Henry Tauber; a grandson, Randy Matheny; and daughter-in-law, Sara Reiners.

Funeral services were held Monday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Pastor Judi Stricker officiated and burial was at the Hamburg Cemetery, rural Danbury.

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

Frank C. Sulzman

Frank Charles Sulzman, 67, a 1958 graduate of Leoville High School, died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at his farm home near Selden.

He was born April 28, 1940, in Sheridan County, the son of William and Bertha (Zodrow) Sulzman. He attended the Leoville schools. He served in the U.S. Army and was a farmer and stockman.

Survivors include brothers, Bob and Vivian Sulzman, Cottonwood, Ariz.; Bill Sulzman, Colorado Springs; and Jim Sulzman, Selden; sisters, Jeanette Sulzman, Grand Island, Neb.; Agnes and Don Roberts, McCook; Mary Lou and Jack Laird, Lakewood, Colo.; Virginia Sulzman, Centennial, Colo.; Susanne and Wayne Manley, Shawnee, Okla.; and Carol Sulzman, Littleton, Colo.; and a sister-in-law, Lillian Sulzman, Dresden.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Don Sulzman.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Saturday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville with the Rev. Henry Saw Lone officiating. Burial was at the Selden Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the Humane Society. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II with the 464th Army Air Force Base Unit until his discharge as a staff sergeant.

He married Alta Faye Walker in December 1942 in Oberlin, where they made their home. One son, Vincent, was born to them. His wife died on June 1, 1952.

He married Patricia Anne Pierce Kuhn on Sept. 23, 1953, in Oberlin, and his family grew to include her three children, Howard, Barbara and Jerry. They later had a son, Greg. They lived in Dodge City and Oberlin. They later moved to the Kansas Masonic Home in Wichita, where she died on Aug. 24, 1996.

He was a manager of the lumber yard for 40 years before retiring. He was a 55-year member of the Mountain Slope Masonic Lodge and a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the Oberlin American Legion and the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include children, Vincent and Elvita Landau, Brooking, S.D.; Gregory Landau, Wichita; Howard and Carolyn Kuhn, Topeka; Barbara and Larry O'Toole, Andover; and Jerry and Nancy Kuhn, Knoxville, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; both wives; a brother, Vincent Wayne Landau; and a sister, Lucille Wennihan.

Graveside inurnment will be held later at the Oberlin Cemetery. Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.

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She married Fred Harper and they had a daughter, Beverly. She worked as a beautician, owned several cafes, and was an employee of Gates Rubber Co. and Sweater Bros. Luggage, both in Denver.

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Survivors include five granddaughters and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Nov. 20 at Swan Law Funeral Home in Colorado Springs.

Courthouse

These transactions were taken from the records in the offices of the Decatur County court clerk, sheriff and register of deeds:

**DISTRICT COURT JAIL BOOKINGS**  
The following was booked into the Decatur County Jail:  
Robert Jensen, 53, Oberlin, Nov. 14, probation violation, Northwest Kansas Community Corrections, Norton.

POLICE BEAT

The Oberlin Police Department worked these calls:  
• Sometime between Oct. 5 and Oct. 19, several items in Kevin Cooper's garage in the 100 block of North East Avenue went missing. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said Mr. Cooper reported the theft of a tool box, floor jack and spotlight valued at \$465.

• Cynthia Sauder, 56, of Oberlin, received a ticket for improper backing after she hit a 2002 Ford pickup

Markets

**November 26, 2007 closing markets**  
Wheat, \$7.60 bushel  
Milo, \$6.05 hnd weight  
Corn, \$3.52 bushel  
Soybeans, \$9.51 bushel  
Sunflowers, unavailable

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belonging to Bernie Vacura on Sunday, Oct. 28. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said Ms. Sauder, driving a 1995 BMW, was backing north on Broadway and hit Mr. Vacura's truck. There was minor damage to her vehicle but none to his.

• Richard Valentine, 54, received a ticket for improper backing and no liability insurance after his backed his 1993 Toyota pickup into Greg Olson's 1996 Chrysler parked in the 200 block of South Cass on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Corrections

A photograph on Page 7A of the Nov. 21 issue of *The Oberlin Herald* identified No. 43 as Connor McHugh. No. 43 on the eighth-grade team is Shane McEvoy. This was an editing error.

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An item in the same issue encouraged people to send wounded servicemen a Christmas card using the address of Walter Reed Army Medical Center. This apparently is a hoax.

Walter Reed says it cannot accept mail or packages addressed to an unidentified service member under Department of Defense policy issued in 2001. The Army says the U.S. Postal Service will not accept this mail, and it will be returned or destroyed. The Walter Reed website lists ways people can contribute to service members for the holidays at www.wramp.amedd.army.mil.

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The Oberlin Herald will correct or clarify any mistake in a news story. Please call our office at 475-

2206 to report errors. We believe that news should be fair and factual, and we appreciate your help.

Sunflower Cinema

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Oberlin  
785-475-3374






Saturday, Dec. 1: 7 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 2: 2 p.m.

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WEATHER

**Decatur County Weather - Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**

| Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
|  55/23 |  38/18 |  43/25 |  40/25 |  35/20 |
| Normal High: 45<br>Normal Low: 25  |   |   | Sunrise: 7:42 to 7:46am<br>Sunset: 5:20 to 5:22pm   |   |

The Thanksgiving snow was nice and in the current forecast we could see another 3' to 6". Today will be the warmest day through the period, with a cold front tomorrow squeezing out a few snow flurries. Thursday and Friday will be "tweener" days with a possible storm system coming over the weekend. Saturday and Sunday temperatures in the 20's and 30's would have all precipitation this weekend in the form of snow. We'll just need to keep an eye on the track as to whether we get snow or it misses to the south or north.

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(Information below for period ending 8 a.m.

Mon.; maximum temperature for previous day.)

| Date    | Hi | Low | Precip.        |
|---------|----|-----|----------------|
| Nov. 19 | 82 | 40  |                |
| Nov. 20 | 54 | 37  |                |
| Nov. 21 | 34 | 30  | trace (1/4"/S) |
| Nov. 22 | 34 | 10  |                |
| Nov. 23 | 36 | 8   |                |
| Nov. 24 | 36 | 8   | 0.25" (4"/S)   |
| Nov. 25 | 36 | 18  |                |

Precipitation: for the week, 0.25; for the month, 0.25; for the year, 20.55.

For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.475 mhz.  
By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer

Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission invites you to attend

A Christmas Concert



featuring The Oberlin Area Concert Band

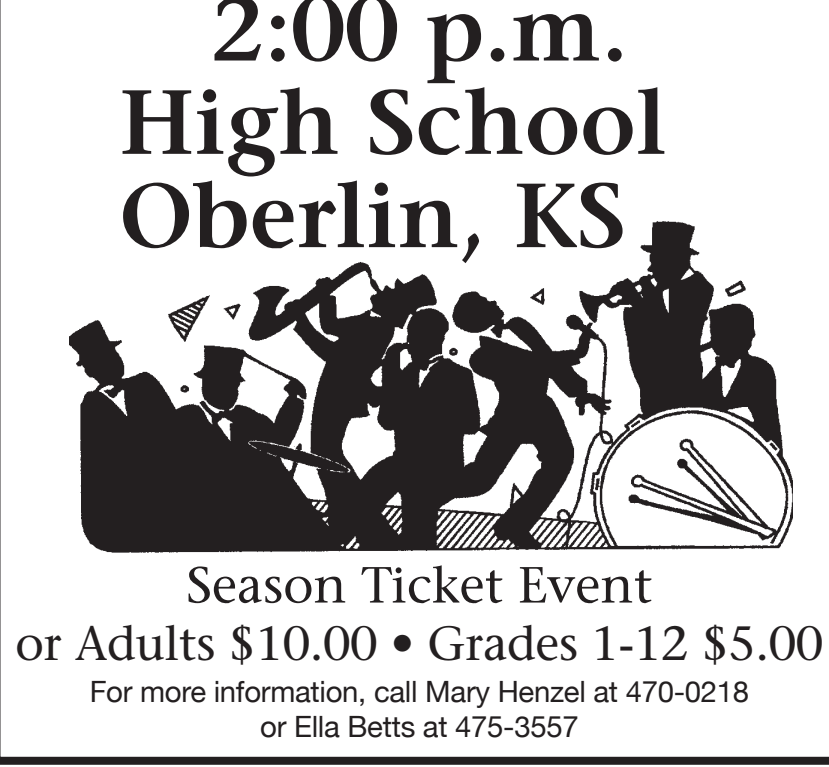
Sunday December 2, 2007 2:00 p.m. High School Oberlin, KS



& Clueless

Town Crier

**Today:** Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.  
**Thursday:** High school scholar bowl, 4 p.m., at Atwood.  
Junior high boys basketball, 4:30 p.m., at Goodland.  
**Friday:** Pooch's Pizza fund raiser, 5:30 p.m., Good Sam.  
High school basketball, 6:30 and 8 p.m., at Oakley. Wrestling, 6:30 p.m., here, with Oakley.  
**Sunday:** Downtown stores open, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Oberlin Area Band Concert Band and Clueless, 2 p.m., high school auditorium.  
Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.  
**Monday:** No school.  
High school scholar bowl, 4 p.m., Colby.  
High school "C" team basketball, 6 p.m., here, with Atwood.  
Parents meeting on bullying prevention, 7-8 p.m., high school auditorium.  
**Tuesday:** Jody Tubbs, state Veter-



ans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., courthouse.  
High school basketball tournament at McCook.  
Junior high band/vocal concert, 7:30 p.m., high school auditorium.  
**SENIOR MENU**  
Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center, 220 N. Penn Ave., 11:30 a.m.  
**Today:** baked fish, green beans, fruit cup, rice pilaf.  
**Thursday:** roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, cinnamon apple slices.  
**Friday:** baked spaghetti, carrots, tossed salad, bread sticks, pineapple cranberry crunch.  
**Monday:** meat loaf, au gratin potatoes, peas, bread, pears.  
**Tuesday:** chicken vegetable casserole, broccoli cauliflower salad, biscuit, cranberry fluff.  
**Next Wednesday:** cook's choice entree, Spanish green beans, ambrosia salad, cookie.

Season Ticket Event  
or Adults \$10.00 • Grades 1-12 \$5.00  
For more information, call Mary Henzel at 470-0218  
or Ella Betts at 475-3557

This program is presented in part by the Kansas Art Commission, a State agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal Agency which believes that a great nation deserves great art. Also by the Oberlin Arts & Humanities Commission and the Hansen Foundation.

