

Obituaries

Grace Elizabeth Cook

Grace Elizabeth Cook, 90, a longtime Oberlin resident, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

She was born Sept. 30, 1917, near Scott City, the daughter of Henry and Edith (Eikelberger) Wilken. She was reared on a farm in Scott County, attended country schools and graduated from Scott City High School in 1937.

She married Wade Cook on Nov. 8, 1937, in Scott City. Over the next 16 years they lived in Scott City, Sharon Springs, Lakin and Dighton.

In 1953, they moved to Oberlin. After her husband's death in 1993, she continued to live in Oberlin and recently moved to Cedar Living Center. She was a member of the Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women.

Survivors include three children, Harold Cook, Norton; Jeanette Miller and Sam Steinmetz, Oberlin, and Connie and Edward Quadour, Pueblo, Colo.; a daughter-in-law, Vickie Cook, McCook; two sisters-in-law, Alice Wilken, Loveland, Colo., and Wennie Pottorff, Stratton, Colo.; 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Merlin Cook; two brothers, Arthur and Fred Wilken; two sisters, Thelma McClellan and Fern Lee, and a grandson-in-law, Mark Seck.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Doug Hasty will officiate and burial will be at the Oberlin Cemetery.

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

Harlan E. Geihlsler

Harlan Edward Geihlsler, 81, a resident of the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, died Feb. 18, 2008, at the center in Oberlin.

He was born May 14, 1926, in Palisade, Neb., the son of Harold and Sophia (Kircher) Geihlsler. He attended Palisade public schools.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946 as a squadron leader in the Asiatic Pacific Campaign and received a Purple Heart for his involvement on Okinawa Island.

He married Anna Irene Lewis on August 12, 1947, in Oberlin. They lived southeast of McCook, where he was a farmer.

He played Santa Claus for 40 years for schools, nursing homes and families. He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include a son, Dean Geihlsler, Colby; two daughters, Debra Geihlsler, Boston, and Donna Geihlsler, Wichita; a brother, Burdette and Gleannys Geihlsler, Benkelman, Neb.; a sister, Burdean and Alfred Melchert, Stratton, Neb.; six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Anna on April 18, 2005, and a brother, Gerald.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Carpenter Breland Chapel in McCook with Jerry Beckenhauer officiating. Burial was in the Danbury-Marion Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in his name. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 305 West C, McCook, Neb., 69001.

Frankie Pachner

Frankie Pachner, 94, a former Oberlin resident, died Feb. 10, 2008, in Sterling, Colo.

He was born Aug. 12, 1913, in Oberlin, the son of Frank and Barbara (Ruzicka) Pachner. He

married Marie Fisher in 1939 and they divorced in 1953. He married Beulah Nicholson in 1966. He was a transmission mechanic, truck driver and helped his nephews farm at Akron, Colo.

Survivors include his wife, Beulah, Sterling; sons, Larry Pachner, Colorado, and William How, Iowa; daughters, Sandy Saenz, Wyoming; Pamela Riley, Minnesota; Linda Banda, New Mexico, and Barbara Clay, Nebraska; a daughter-in-law, Suzanne How, Colorado; a sister, Anne Kaspar, Colorado; 26 grandchildren, and 33 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Katherine; brothers, John, Rudolph, Joseph, James and Louis; sons Robert and Gary, and daughters Bridget and Tiara.

Memorial services were held Feb. 14 at Chaney-Reager Funeral home with the Rev. Michael Young officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name and sent to: 126 North 4th Ave., Sterling, Colo., 80751.

Hazel Emahizer Runge

Hazel Fern Emahizer Runge, a 1938 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Feb. 5, 2008, at the Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

She was born Sept. 6, 1919, on the family homestead in rural Decatur County, the daughter of Berte and Susie (Hoppas) Emahizer.

The family moved to nine miles north of Rexford with she was 2. She attended Fairview School, then went to high school in Rexford for two years before transferring to Oberlin, where she took the normal training course. She taught at several country schools, including Hawkeye and White Dove, and later at the Faber school in Rawlins County, and the Levant and Atwood schools. During the summers, she attended Fort Hays State, Kansas State University and Emporia State.

She worked for many years as a nurses' aide and received her Licensed Practical Nursing degree in 1975.

She married Leonard Runge of Atwood on Aug. 1, 1948, at the home of her parents. She opened a Learn and Play Day Care Center in 1966. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

The couple moved to Colby in 1993 and transferred their membership from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood to Trinity Lutheran Church of Colby.

Survivors include her daughters, Rita and Alan Wade, Jean (Schlesener) Runge, Jan and Jim Poore; a son Wayne and LeAnn Runge; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 2004, and a grandson, Brandon in 2006.

Memorial services were held at the church in Colby, on Feb. 11, with the Rev. John Schmidt officiating. Interment was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery at Ludell.

Survivors include her daughters, Rita and Alan Wade, Jean (Schlesener) Runge, Jan and Jim Poore; a son Wayne and LeAnn Runge; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 2004, and a grandson, Brandon in 2006.

Memorial services were held at the church in Colby, on Feb. 11, with the Rev. John Schmidt officiating. Interment was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery at Ludell.

Virgil Ervin Sines

Virgil Ervin Sines 88, a native of Decatur County, died Feb. 17, 2008, at Memorial Hospital in Cambridge, Neb.

He was born July 30, 1919, at the family farm in Decatur County, the son of Lester David and Lela (VanPelt) Sines. He entered the U.S. Army on Nov. 22, 1943, and served during World War II as an automotive mechanic and



Virgil Sines

military policeman. After he was discharged in 1946, he returned to McCook and worked as a mechanic for E.M. Sliger Motors and later for Lee Janssen Motors until his retirement in 1982.

He married Edith (Dawson) Cochran on April 25, 1947, in Hill City. He attended the First Assembly of God and was a member of the Danbury American Legion McDonald/Ryan Post.

Survivors include his step-son, Lawrence Cochran, Tucumcari, N.M.; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Sines, McCook; a brother, Gerald and Lee Ora Sines, McCook; a sister, Carolyn and Gary Leitner, McCook; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a son, Danny Sines; a brother, Cleith Sines; and a sister, Virginia Harsch.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at the First Assembly of God Church in McCook with Pastor Eddie Wright officiating. Burial was in the Sherman Cemetery, rural Decatur County.

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

Carol Jean Spires

Carol Jean Spires, 79, a native of Jennings, died Feb. 16, 2008, at the Norton County Hospital.

She was born March 7, 1928, on a farm near Jennings, the daughter of Jesse and Eunice (Barnett) Huff.

She married Briace "Sandy" Spires on Oct. 7, 1945, in Jennings. They lived in Jennings and Hoisington before moving to Norton in 1952. She was a nurse aide at the Norton County Hospital for 33 years. She was a member of the Norton First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Sandy, Norton; a son, Briace "Opie" and Jackie Spires, Stockton; four daughters, Sandra and Myron Cochran, Louisville, Ky.; Linda and Gene Carter, Norton; Sharol and Bart Ward, Roeland Park, and Angie and Scott Sisson, Shawnee; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, a sister and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Norton First United Methodist Church. Burial was at the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the church or the Norton County Hospital. Contributions may be sent to Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Clarification

The Record section of the Wednesday, Feb. 20, edition of *The Oberlin Herald* reported that a divorce had been filed on Feb. 5 by Rebecca Tate and Jay Tate. This case had been dismissed without a divorce on Feb. 11.

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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

March 11, 2007: Mark Perez, Henderson, Neb., speeding 82, \$138.

Sept. 24, 2007: Jaclynn Devis, Sidney, Neb., speeding 80, \$126.

Jan. 23: Jessica Kaus, Bison, speeding 81, \$132.

Feb. 11: Anna Cressler, Oberlin, no child restraint, \$126.

Divorces

Feb. 11: Rebecca Tate and Jay Tate, dismissed. (This was reported as filed in last week's paper on Feb. 5, but it had been dismissed on Feb. 11).

SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

The Decatur County sheriff's office reported these calls last week:

• An alarm went off at a home in the country Monday morning, said Deputy Jay Tate. Dispatch received

a call from the alarm company and Deputy Tate checked it out but it was a false alarm.

• An accident at 5:50 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, when Adam Steinmetz, 21, was driving his 2008 Toyota pickup west on the 5 North road or O Lane, with the new names, and swerved to keep from hitting a deer, rolling his truck. Deputy Tate said the truck was destroyed and had to be towed from the scene. There were no injuries.

Town Crier

Today: FFA judging, 9 a.m., at Goodland.

Odyssey presentation, 3:40 p.m., workroom at the Decatur Community High school.

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

Thursday: High school parent-teacher conferences canceled, due to substitute basketball tournament.

Parent-teacher conferences, 5 to 9 p.m., Oberlin Elementary School.

Kansas Music Educator's Association state contest, all day, Wichita.

Girls substate basketball semifinals, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at high school.

Friday: No school. Parent-teacher conferences, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., high school and Oberlin Elementary School.

Coffee hour, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Ward Drug.

Kansas Music Educator's Association state contest, Wichita.

Boys substate basketball semifinals, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at high school.

Saturday: Kansas Music Educator's Association state contest, Wichita.

High school speech, at Ellis.

FFA judging, 9 a.m., at Quinter.

Girls substate basketball finals, 6 p.m., at high school.

Boys substate basketball, finals, 7:30 p.m., at high school.

Sunday: Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

Monday: 2008-'09 registration for 11th grade, home room.

Junior High Northwest Kansas Scholar Bowl, 4:30 p.m., at Goodland.

Tuesday: Jody Tubbs, Veterans

Commission, 9:30 a.m., courthouse.

2008-'09 registration for 10th grade, home room.

Junior high band and vocal concert, 7:30 p.m., auditorium.

Thursday, March 6: Forget-Me-Nots chicken and noodle benefit, 5 to 7 p.m. Masonic Temple.

Friday, March 7: Nora McDougal Urban program, 11 to 11:25 a.m., at Oberlin Meal Site, followed by lunch. Everyone welcome. Call 475-2389 for reservations.

World Day of Prayer, 2 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church.

A representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will be at the county Health Department once a month for free well evaluations, including testing water for bacteria and nitrates. For details call (785) 475-8118.

The Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith. Gifts of cash, nonperishable food and household items are always needed.

Monday-Friday: At 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch. Third Thursday of the month, senior bridge, open. Quilting, puzzles, games daily.

SENIOR MENU
Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center, 220 N. Penn Ave., weekdays at 11:30 a.m.

Today: cook's choice entree, noodles Romanoff, peas, roll, pineapple.

Thursday: chicken tortilla soup,

vegetables, applesauce, crackers, cherry crisp.

Friday: salmon patties or loaf, green beans, citrus slices, bread, tossed salad.

Markets

February 25, 2008 closing market

Wheat, \$10.97
Milo, \$8.54
Corn, \$4.99
Soybeans, \$12.92
Sunflowers, not available

Sunflower Cinema

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

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WEATHER

Decatur County Weather — Feb. 26th — Mar. 1st

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
43/23	55/28	60/25	38/23	53/28

Normal High: 50
Normal Low: 24

Sunrise: 7:15 to 7:20 AM
Sunset: 6:30 to 6:35 PM

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

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Feb. 18	41	20	.00
Feb. 19	40	19	.00
Feb. 20	63	14	.00
Feb. 21	24	12	.00
Feb. 22	39	13	.00
Feb. 23	56	13	.18
Feb. 24	43	25	.00

Precipitation totals for the week, .18; for the month, .80; for the year .80.
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.
By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.