

# Obituaries

## Alice Val Jean Bowman

Alice Val Jean (Rohnke) Bowman, 79, a 1946 graduate of Norcat rural High School, died February 24, 2008, in Round Rock Texas. She was born March 23, 1928, in Woodruff, the daughter of Carl Henry and Treentje "Tena" (Jelken) Rohnke and was one of 15 children. She was reared on the family farm at Norcat. She was baptized in 1928 and confirmed in 1942 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Norcat. After high school, she moved to Helena, Mont., where some of the Rohnke family members had relocated. She worked for the State of Montana and then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. She married Willis S. Bowman Jr. on August 17, 1954, in Yuma, Ariz., and they had two sons, William and Paul. Her husband preceded her in death on July 25, 1966, while serving his country in Vietnam. Survivors include two sons, William and Cindy Bowman, Las Vegas, Nev., and Paul and April Bowman, Austin, Texas; three grandchildren; four sisters: Tena Weimer of McCook; Lillian and Raymond Hartford, and Gladys Russ, Helena, Mont.; Marie McClesney, Oberlin; two brothers: Bernard (Ben) and Donna Rohnke, Greeley, Colo., and Carl and Kathy Rohnke, Craig, Colo.; and a brother-in-law, Raymond Gustafson, Helena, Mont. She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Gustave, Frank, John, Albert and Paul Rohnke; and three sisters, Adeline Martin, Elsie Waits, and Katie Gustafson. A memorial service was held at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin on Monday with inurnment in the Norcat Cemetery. The Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler conducted services.

## Harry Howard Eiler

Harry Howard Eiler, 83, a brother of Phyllis Metcalf of Oberlin, died Monday, March 24, 2008, at his home in McCook. He was born March 2, 1925, on the family farm near Oberlin, the son of Harry Howard and Lena (Reasoner) Eiler. He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1943. On Sept. 8, 1944, he entered the U.S. Army and served during World War II. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 15, 1946, and was awarded the Purple Heart. He married Beverly Hope Van Fleet on March 2, 1949, on both of their birthdays. They made their home in McCook. In 1959, Harry became part owner and operator of the West Sale Barn with Chet Youngs. He was instrumental in the business as an auctioneer of which he was self-taught. He retired in 1991 and continued to work as an order buyer of cattle for many farmers and ranchers. He was a member of the First Congregational Church, National Auctioneers Association, National Livestock Market Association, McCook Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He also served on the Community Hospital Board and Hospital Foundation Board for eight years and served as Ag president of the Chamber of Commerce for many years. While he was an auctioneer, he volunteered his time to the Hayes and Red Willow County 4-H sales for 40 years. Survivors include his wife, Beverly Eiler, No. 11, Brassie Drive, McCook, Neb., 69001; two sons, W. Lamoine and Lisa Eiler, Portland, Ore.; and Mark and Kathleen Eiler, McCook; a sister, Phyllis and Dole Metcalf, Oberlin; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and close family friend, Marty and Barbara Newcomb, New Jersey. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Robert and Floyd Eiler; and two sisters, Margaret Hurlbut and Pauline Loomis. Funeral services were held Thursday morning, March 27, 2008, at Tri-State Livestock Sale Barn, McCook with Pastor Steve Bales officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery with military honors. Memorials may be given in his name to the Community Health Foundation. Contributions may be sent to Carpenter Breland Funeral Home, 315 West C, McCook, Neb., 69001.

## Hazel S. Flaska

Hazel Schroeder Flaska, 97, a longtime resident of the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, died there on March 23, 2008. She was born April 18, 1910, near Natoma, the daughter of Charles and Rose Anna (Blazier) Dickinson. She lived at Hoxie before moving to Oberlin. Survivors include a step-son, Arden and LaJean Flaska, Dallas, Ore.; two step-daughters, Myrna and Larry Lacina, Westminster, Colo., and Nola and Harvey Thompson, Fredricksburg, Texas; several step-grandchildren; step-great-grandchildren and step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Charles Schroeder and Emil Flaska, four brothers, Charles, Joe, William and Lewis Dickinson, and a sister, Helen Dickinson. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home Chapel in Hoxie. Burial was in the Hoxie Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Good Samaritan Center, 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749, or to the Sheridan County Historical Society, Box 274, Hoxie, Kan., 67740.

## Hazel M. Kilbourn

Hazel M. Kilbourn, 94, mother of Judy Ladehoff of Oberlin, died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at the Decatur County Hospital. She was born Feb. 7, 1914, in Diller, Neb., the daughter of Jacob and Cornelia (Willem) Lottman. She was reared in the Diller area and attended schools in Diller and Fairbury, graduating in 1931. She lived in Washington, Kan.; and Fairbury, Tekamah and Fremont, Neb., before moving to Oberlin in November of 2007. She married Floyd Goldsberry and he preceded her in death. She later married Charles Kilbourn and he also preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, Tim and Donna Goldsberry, Lincoln, Neb.; a son-in-law, Erv Priefert; a daughter, Judy and Bill Ladehoff, Oberlin; a sister, Dorothy Wiesner, St. Paul, Minn.; 11 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy Priefert, three brothers and three sisters. A memorial service and inurnment will be held in Tekamah, Neb. Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.



H. Kilbourn

## LaVergne McClelland

LaVergne McClelland, 92, a resident of Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, died March 27, 2008, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. Survivors include a son, Lowell McClelland, Conway, Ark.; three daughters, Meredith and Gene Hrnchir, Atwood; Penny Bodenhamer, Carmel, Ind.; and Cheryl Smith, California; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held. There was cremation. Williams Funeral Home of Atwood is in charge of arrangements.

## Goldie E. Raulston

Goldie Eleanora Raulston, 95, a native of the Lund community, died March 25, 2008, at the Springs in Simpsonville, S.C. She was born February 12, 1913, in Decatur County, the daughter of Eugene Walfred Rudolph and Clara Marie (Lundquist) Rydquist. She was reared on the family farm in the Lund Community southwest of Oberlin, which was homesteaded by their grandfather, Erland Rydquist. She attended Excelsior School and Lund Covenant Church. She married Russell William Raulston on Dec. 16, 1933, at her family's home. They made their home on a farm in the Lund Community before moving to Oberlin. Her husband preceded her in death on October 10, 1996. She later moved to Simpsonville, S.C., to be closer to her son and his family. She was a member of Lund Covenant Church and later attended the Evangelical Covenant Church in Oberlin. She was also a member of several church organizations and social clubs. Survivors include her two children, Lemoine and Joyce Raulston,

Simpsonville; and Leila and Bent Christensen, Australia; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; two sisters, Eunice Dunn, Red Cloud, Neb.; and Neva Brown, Sacramento, Calif. She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Norris and Kenneth Rydquist; two sisters, Muriel Rydquist and Rena Hickson; and a grandson, Danny Lynn Raulston. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Pastor Heidi Wiebe officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery. A memorial was established in her name. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Clarence John Sattler

Clarence John "Kayo" Sattler, 93, a lifelong resident of Herndon, died Monday, March 24, 2008, at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. He was born Oct. 12, 1914, in a sod house in Richland Township, Rawlins County, the son of George and Elizabeth (Kleidosty) Sattler, Jr. He was only five years old when his parents died in the 1919-20 flu epidemic. He was raised by an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Berger, along with their four daughters and one son. He attended a country school, graduated from Herndon High School in 1933, and attended one year at Kansas State University in Manhattan in the School of Engineering. He married Stella Marie Niemeth on May 5, 1936, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon. They lived on the farm where they reared their six children and a niece and nephew as their own. He was a farmer, carpenter and electrician; and also served as custodian of the Herndon School. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Herndon Senior Center. Survivors include two sons, Gerald and Carol Sattler, Madison, Wis.; and Tom and Myra Sattler, Herndon; four daughters, Pat and George Cardinal, Salina; Lois and Jerry Solko, St. Paul, Neb.; Norma and Roger Cichorz, Boulder, Colo.; and Theresa and Richard Rippe, Ludell; a nephew and niece, they reared, Kenny Sattler, Kenosha, Wis.; and Pat Louise and Gary Sloan, Colby; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Stella in 1997, and two brothers, Louis and Leo. Mass of the Resurrection was held Friday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon with the Rev. Galen Long officiating. Burial was at the church cemetery. A memorial was established to the Herndon Senior Center. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Daniel Swart

Daniel Swart, 42, a resident of Herndon, died March 25, 2008, at the Rawlins County Health Center in Atwood. He was born May 13, 1965, at Carrington, N.D., the son of Lester and Mary (Hood) Swart. He was a construction worker and a heavy equipment operator. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Mullen; three brothers, Gary Swart, Rockford, N.D.; Ken Swart, Heaton, N.D.; and Kevin Swart, Herndon; and a sister, LaVonna Gumm, Bismarck, N.D. A memorial service was held Saturday morning at the Herndon Senior Center in Herndon. There was a cremation. A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. Second, Atwood, Kan. 67730.

## Correction

The caption for a photograph of junior high school track practice in the Wednesday, March 26, issue of *The Oberlin Herald* reported incorrectly that the team's first meet would be in Atwood on Thursday. The first meet will be in Smith Center on Thursday. This was a reporter's error. ☆☆☆☆ 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.

# 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**  
May 14, 1999: Lori L. Hill, Omaha, speeding 81, \$88.  
Nov. 21, 2007: Jordan M. Lamb, Colby, speeding 76, \$152 and \$50 reinstatement fee.

**Limited Action**  
Nor'West Newspapers vs. Howard Kool Motors, \$1,445 plus costs and interest, etc.

**Divorces**  
March 28: Bob Timmons and Darla Brown Timmons, Oberlin.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**  
Martina Parks to Cecil W. Kimball, Lot 12, Blk 22, Summit Addition to the City of Oberlin.  
Elsie L. Goodnight Trust to Mike

and Jacque Elwood, SW1/4 SW1/4, Sec. 36, T2S, R29W.  
Watkins Credit Trust to Hughes Trust, NW 1/4, Sec. 34, T3S, R26W.  
Mary L. Osborne Testamentary Trust to Barbara H. Osborne, NW1/4 and SE1/4, Sec. 30, T5S, R30W.  
McClung Family Trust to Daniel L. Wasson Trust; Carol A. Wasson Trust; James I. Wasson Trust; and Laurie J. Wasson Trust, NW1/4, Sec. 28, T2S, R29W; NW1/4, Sec. 25, T4S, R29W; NE1/4, Sec. 9, T5S, R30W.  
Dennis W. Krueger and Lyn Manton Krueger, quit claim to Dennis W. Krueger Trust, SE1/4 SE1/4, Sec. 18, T2S, R27W; SW1/4 SW1/4, Sec. 17, T2S, R27W.

**City Hall MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Thursday, March 27, 2008: Blake Prohaskas, McCook, failure to drive

on right side, \$115; Jacob Fortin, Oberlin, failure to yield at stop sign, \$115; Kary Miller, Oberlin, improper backing, \$115; Rhonda Jennings, Wichita, speeding 50 in 30 mph zone, \$145.

**POLICE BLOTTER**  
The Oberlin Police Department worked the following calls last week:  
• Around 7:50 p.m., on Sunday, officers were dispatched to the 400 block of N. Wilson for a reported domestic dispute. As of Monday, the report wasn't done.  
• Received a call on Sunday, March 23, of hit and run on East Ash, just west of Marks Avenue. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said Norma Brown's 1989 Mercury Grand Marquis was parked on the street when someone hit the left front fender, tire and bumper. Chief Lockhart said they don't know when. The accident caused less than \$1,000 damage, he said.

# Town Crier

**Today:** Northwest Kansas League art show, Atwood.  
KU Honors Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Northwest Educational Service Center, Oakley.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.  
**Thursday:** Northwest Kansas League art show, Atwood.  
Junior high track, 3:30 p.m., at Smith Center.  
Diabetic Support Group, 7 p.m., lobby of specialty clinic at hospital.  
**Friday:** High school track, 3 p.m., at Hoxie.  
**Saturday:** Regional Music, 8 a.m., here.  
FFA judging, 9 a.m., at Phillipsburg.  
**Sunday:** Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Commodity distributions, 9 a.m., Golden Age Center.  
High school golf, 2 p.m., at Goodland.  
High school track, 3 p.m., at Atwood.  
**Next Wednesday:** FFA judging, 9 a.m., at Smith Center.  
**Friday, April 11:** Taco and des-

sert benefit for Golden Age Center, bowling alley and theater building project, 5 to 7 p.m., Golden Age Center.  
**Saturday, April 12:** Floral arranging class, 2 to 4 p.m., rear of Golden Age. Call (785) 475-2881 for details. Sponsored by Decatur Tomorrow.  
Beginners jewelry making and repair class, 2 to 4 p.m. Call Karen Metcalf at (785) 475-2198 for details and to enroll. Sponsored by Decatur Tomorrow.  
**Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22 and 23:** Cheffing on the Quick with Great Results, 6-9 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church. Call Doc Franklin (785) 678-2338 for details. Sponsored by Decatur Tomorrow.  
**Thursday, April 24:** American Legion general membership meeting, 7 p.m., at Legion Hall.  
**Monday-Friday:** At 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinocle; 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:** Swedish meatballs, spinach salad, mandarin oranges, noodles, applesauce cake.  
**Thursday:** oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, peaches.  
**Friday:** tuna salad, tomato soup, cucumbers and onions, pineapple ambrosia.  
**Monday:** tator tot casserole, Spanish green beans, cook's choice fruit.  
**Tuesday:** roast turkey, sweet potatoes, pineapple, pumpkin dessert bar.  
**Next Wednesday:** wieners with kraut, mashed potatoes, three-bean salad, apricots.

## Sunflower Cinema

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Saturday, April 5 • 7 p.m.

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## Markets

**March 31 closing markets**  
Wheat, \$8.87  
Corn, \$5.22  
Milo, \$8.87  
Soybeans, \$11.10  
Sunflowers, not available

Internet tonight.  
475-2206

## UPCOMING AUCTION

**SELLERS: Clarence J. (Kayo) Sattler, et al**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2008**  
**SELLING: Vehicles, Furniture, Appliances, Shop Tools & Lawn Mowers**

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**Decatur County Weather – April 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat  
48/28 55/30 45/30 58/28 63/30  
Normal High: 60  
Normal Low: 30  
Sunrise: 7:20 to 7:25 AM  
Sunset: 8:05 to 8:10 PM

A dirty weather pattern the next few days may produce some scattered rain or snow showers. Precipitation will most likely measure in the .25" to .35" range. Temperatures will be on the cooler side then warm to seasonal values, thus setting up a nice weekend to be outdoors.

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## WEATHER



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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
March 24	54	16	0
March 25	77	21	0
March 26	62	23	0
March 27	66	25	0.01
March 28	56	31	0
March 29	56	31	0
March 30	66	33	0.04
March 31	42	31	0.02

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.07; for the month, 0.62; for the year 1.43  
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.  
By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.