

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# Obituaries

## Donna Marie Boswell

Donna Marie Boswell, 59, a resident of Oberlin for several years, died April 1, 2008, at the Norton County Hospital.

She was born July 11, 1948, in Colby, the daughter of Bernard and Evelyn (Orr) Meitl.

She grew up on a farm north of Leoville and attended the Leoville school.

She married Don Quakenbush on Oct. 21, 1966, in Leoville. They divorced in 1992. She later married Robert Boswell in Oberlin, on Nov. 23, 1996. She had lived in several communities and states, including Iowa, Goodland, Leoville, Hays, Dodge City, Selden, Belleville and Wichita, before moving to Oberlin in 2003. She had been a seamstress, nursing assistant, and had worked construction.

Survivors include: her mother, Evelyn Meitl, Oberlin; three sons, Dwayne and Sherry Quakenbush,

Oberlin, Terry and Kindra Quakenbush, Fort Campbell, Ky., and Mickeal Quakenbush, Oberlin; a daughter, Debby Sigwing, Norton; a step-daughter, Annette and Steven Epstein, Northridge, Calif.; four brothers, David and Janet Meitl and Ed Meitl, all of Dresden; Dan and Jennifer Meitl, North Platte, Neb.; and Alvin Meitl, Salina; five sisters, Pauletta and Tony Bieker, Menlo; Pat and Ron Gray, Wichita; Betty McDowell, Prattville, Ala.; Rose and Ken Chancellor, McCook; and Mary Kinser, Jennings; three grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her father; her husband, Robert; a son, two grandchildren, Aaron Phillips and Kristina Quakenbush; a brother, Larry Meitl, a brother-in-law, Tim Kinser, and a sister-in-law, Naomi Meitl.

A memorial service was held Tuesday afternoon at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton, with inurnment in the Belleville Cemetery.

Contributions to the Donna Boswell Memorial Fund may be made in care of the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Henrietta Ann Bremer

Henrietta Ann Bremer, 80, a lifelong resident of Decatur County, died Friday, April 4, 2008, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

She was born Feb. 22, 1928, in Sappa Township, the daughter of Henry A. and Mabel (Ericson) Olson. She graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1946, and from Colorado Women's College in Denver in 1948.

She married Fred W. Bremer on June 6, 1948, in the Federated

Church of Oberlin. They lived on a farm in Custer Township, 10 miles south of Oberlin, where they lived until January 2008. She was active in Camp Fire Girls as a young girl, was a drum major in high school, managed the Oberlin swimming pool while a lifeguard there, was a talented musician and played the piano and organ, earned her private pilot's license and flew a Piper Cherokee 180, and volunteered with the Civil Air Patrol. She was a member of several neighborhood clubs and the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include several nieces, and an aunt, Edla Olson, Oberlin.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 7, 2008, her parents, and two sisters, Dorothy in 1998 and Hazelle (Zel) in 2007.

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 to Decatur Health Systems. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Lloyd Claar

Lloyd Claar, 88, a native of Rexford, died January 14, 2008, in Tucson, Ariz.

He was born Nov. 18, 1920, near Rexford. He was reared in Jerome, Idaho, then moved to Olympia, Wash., in 1940, when his Idaho National Guard Company was mobilized.

He married Lucille Robey on December 7, 1940. He was a World War II veteran, serving with General Patton's 3rd Army in the European Theater. He worked in civil service at Fort Lewis from 1951 to 1972. He retired as a Master Sergeant from the Washington National Guard.

He was the Claar family genealogist and had traced the family back through the Revolutionary War to Germany and Switzerland.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille; a son, David and Patti Claar, Seattle; and a daughter, Charlene Usrah, Tumwater, Wash.

Memorial services were held February 4, 2008, at Mills and Mills Funeral Home in Tumwater. A memorial was established to the Multiple Sclerosis Association or Make-A-Wish Foundation.

## Berenece McKay

Berenece Frances McKay, 96, a lifelong resident of Decatur County, died Thursday, April 3, 2008, at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

She was born February 10, 1912, on the family farm near Dresden, the youngest of six children born

to Noah and Martha (DeLude) Fortin.

She was reared on the family farm. She attended a rural grade school and graduated from Dresden High School in 1931, along with three other classmates.

On July 24, 1932, she secretly married Thomas Alan "Tommy" McKay at the Presbyterian parsonage in Oberlin. They finally told their families two weeks later. They lived with his brother and wife, Howard and Kathy McKay for 18 months before moving into a home they built along the Prairie Dog Creek, 13 miles south and one mile east of Oberlin. They farmed and raised wheat, corn, alfalfa and cattle. In 1957, the couple retired and moved to Oberlin.

Early in their marriage they attended the Shibleth Methodist Church and later, Lund Covenant Church. After they moved to Oberlin, they joined the United Methodist Church. In 1993, they moved to the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin and he preceded her in death on May 30, 2000.

Survivors include nephews and nieces of the Fortin and McKay families.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Loyd, Everett and Fred Fortin, and two sisters, Bertha McKay and Blanche Tacha.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Pauls Funeral Home. The Rev. Tom Smith officiated and burial was 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.

## Rachel Francis Owens

Rachel Francis Owens, 46, mother of Jennie Anderson of rural Herndon, died March 17, 2008, at North Oaks Health Systems in Hammond, La.

She was born August 26, 1961, in Oceanside, Calif., the daughter of Raymond and Barbara Kollourhy.

Survivors include two daughters, Jennie and Clay Anderson, Herndon, and Melissa Killourhy, Hayward, Calif.; three grandchildren, and three sisters, Lorrie Morris, Oceanside, Calif.; Jennifer Wolcott, San Diego, Calif., and Mary Pauli Ponchatoula, La.

There was cremation. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Arizona.

## Kent Ploussard

An obituary for Kent Ploussard may be found following the story on Page 1A.

# 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 22, 2008: Francis E. Nickle Jr., Colorado Springs, speeding 91, \$210.

March 9, 2008: Wendy L. Stell, Albuquerque, speeding 82, \$138.

### Limited Action

Verl Sauvage vs. Beverly Smith, \$1,920 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems Inc. vs. Sonya A. and Elton Gillespie, \$5,172 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems Inc. vs. Ronda R. Skibbe, \$2,644 plus costs and interest, etc.

Credit Management Services Inc. vs. Nichole and Christopher Kelley, \$12,458 plus costs and interest, etc.

Credit Management Services Inc. vs. Julie and James Weigel, \$20,012 plus costs and interest, etc.

### JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail: April 5, 2008, Ethan Long, 18, Oberlin, driving while suspended.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Doyle H. Fredrickson to Kevin G. Meitl, S/2 of Lot 4, all of Lot 5, Blk. 7, Sappa Addition to the City of Oberlin

Trevor D. and Tina M. Williams to Thomas L. Wasson, Lots 9 and 10, S.10' of Lot 11, Blk. 12, Summit Addition to the town, now City of Oberlin

Roy E. Ungert to Kevin Unger and Jeanie K. Loudon Unger, S/2 SE/4, SE/4 SE/4 and SW4, Sec. 13, T3S, R29W, less right of way; NE/4 NE/4 and NW/4 less right of way, Sec. 24, T3S, R29W.

Quit Claim to Fred and Lesa Juenemann Trust, W/2, Sec. 28,

T5S, R30W; NE/4, Sec. 30, T5S, R29W.

Virgil T. Dreiling Trust to Gary L. and Shirley A. Emigh, SE/4, Sec. 1, T5S, R29W.

Virgil T. Dreiling Trust to Russell L. Emigh, W/2 NE/4, Sec. 1, T5S, R29W.

Virgil T. Dreiling Trust to Emigh Brothers, LLP, E/2 NE/4, Sec. 1, T5S, R29W.

Archie L. Harman Estate, Conrad and Cathy Harman, Patrick and Frances Harman, Sherry and Ronald Quint to Galen and Nadine Tacha, E/2 of Lot 33, and the E30' of Lots 34, 35 and 36, Blk. 10, original town, now City of Jennings.

Roger and Rhonda Jane Carlisle, Donna and Timothy Lee Urban, Cheryl and Randy Thull to Jack and Donna Fortin, Lots 17 and 18, Blk. 2, original town of Oberlin.

Thomas and Alexis Basgall to Diana I. Phillips and Randolph A. Solko, irregular tract in the SW/4 NW/4, Sec. 30, T1S, R30W containing 8.43 acres more or less.

# College offers degrees

Northwest Kansas Technical College at Goodland is offering all of the classes needed for a student to earn the Associates of Applied Science degree.

This is the first year the college began offering technical math, ethics in the workplace and human relations for life and work, in addition to the technical writing and computer fundamental and applications classes.

Students now have the option of a one-year program in which they can earn a technical certificate or they may take additional general

education classes in order to earn a college degree. That means that not only can students learn how to repair a diesel engine, operate a computer network, or help patients with asthma management, they can also learn about personal finance, essay writing, cultural sensibility and psychology of goal setting.

"In addition to offering students the chance to get the experience and technical expertise needed to find a job, these new classes give students an opportunity to obtain a full-rounded college education and relative skills so essential for

success in today's workforce," said Kenneth Clouse, president of the college.

The Associates of Applied Science degree is transferrable to bachelor's degree programs at three Kansas colleges: Fort Hays State University, Pittsburg State University and Washburn University in Topeka. A transfer agreement is currently in the works with Kansas State University at Salina and the University of Phoenix online degree program.

For details, go to www.nwktc.edu.

## Three classes offered

Ever thought of learning to make jewelry, arrange flowers or cook a delicious meal in a hurry?

If so, the Decatur Tomorrow committee on Utilizing Existing Facilities and Buildings has three classes scheduled to teach just that.

The first class starts at 2 p.m. Saturday. Karen Metcalf will teach Beginners Jewelry Making and Repair. Anyone who wants to take the class needs to call Mrs. Metcalf at 475-2198.

The class for floral arranging will also start at 2 p.m. Saturday and go for three weeks, including April 19 and 26. Judy Davis will teach the classes. Anyone who wants to enroll can call her at 475-2881.

The last class is Cheffing on the Quick with Great Results, taught by Doc Franklin. It is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday,

April 22 and 23, at Faith Lutheran Church. For information, call Mr. Franklin at (785) 678-2338.

## Sheriff get Guard award

Sheriff Ken Badsy will receive an outstanding employer recognition award from the Kansas National Guard on Saturday.

This is the third time Sheriff Badsy has received the award. Each time he has been nominated by Undersheriff Randy McHugh, who serves in the National Guard and has had three tours of active duty, two in Iraq and one in Nebraska guarding airports.

Sheriff Badsy said he's been nominated for allowing Undersheriff McHugh to take time off to serve in the Guard and do other activities with his unit, even though that leaves the sheriff's office down by one-third of its patrol staff.

## Clarification

The obituary for Hazel Schroeder Flaska in the April 2 issue of *The Oberlin Herald* listed only her step-children as survivors. She reared a nephew, Charles Morgan, and a niece, Charlene Karnes, and they and their spouses should have been listed among survivors. *The Herald* normally does not list names of nieces and nephews, and the newspaper was not informed that Mrs. Flaska had reared them.

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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.

## Markets

April 7 closing markets  
Wheat, \$8.99  
Corn, \$5.40  
Milo, \$9.19  
Soybeans, \$11.20  
Sunflowers, not available

# Town Crier

**Today:** FFA judging, 9 a.m., Smith Center.

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

**Thursday:** Junior high track, 10 a.m., at Oakley.

FFA district banquet, 4:30 p.m., The Gateway.

**Friday:** Taco-and-dessert benefit for Golden Age Center, bowling alley and theater building project, 5 to 7 p.m., Golden Age Center.

**Saturday:** High school golf Oberlin Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

Floral arranging class, 2 to 4 p.m., rear of Golden Age Center. 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.

**Sunday:** St. John's Lutheran Church time change, Sunday, April

13, 20 and 27, divine worship, 8 a.m. No KICK.

Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

**Monday:** Late day school start, 10 a.m.

High school athletic banquet, 6:30 p.m., cafeteria.

Jody Tubbs, Kansas Veterans Commission, 9:30 a.m., courthouse.

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

**Tuesday:** High school golf, 9 a.m., at McCook.

Junior high track, 2 p.m., at St. Francis.

Evening of forensics, to be announced.

**Saturday, April 19:** Oberlin Area Concert Band, 7:30 p.m., high school auditorium.

**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.

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 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:** wieners with kraut, mashed potatoes, three-bean salad, apricots.

**Thursday:** liver and onions, cheesy broccoli, fruit mix, bread, cookie.

**Friday:** hamburger stew, fruit cup, crackers, cinnamon rolls.

**Monday:** salmon patty, parslid potatoes, creamed peas, bread, pears.

**Tuesday:** bierock casserole, seasoned carrots, mandarin oranges, cook's choice complement.

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**Next Wednesday:** chicken fajita salad, strawberries and bananas, chips or crackers, cherry crisp.

**Sunflower Cinema**  
220 N. Penn Oberlin  
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Friday, April 11 • 7 p.m.  
Saturday, April 12 • 7 p.m.

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Decatur County Weather ----- April 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
45/30	50/30	45/28	58/30	65/35

Normal High: 64  
Normal Low: 34

Two early week disturbances will bring cooler temperatures and precipitation to the area. Depending on the time of the day the H2O will be in the form of rain or wet snow and will amount to .25" to .50" of new moisture. Friday and over the weekend sunshine returns and everyone heads to the Country Club!

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
April 1	49	22	0.0
April 2	49	22	0.0
April 3	61	28	0.05
April 4	46	29	0.07
April 5	65	27	0.0
April 6	67	41	0.0

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.12; for the month, 0.74; for the year 1.55

For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.

By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

Internet tonight!!!  
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Trying to write an appropriate thank you to cover all the kindness that has been shown to us seems so inappropriate, but I will try. Since I am unable to write to all personally it makes it even harder.

We want to thank all the people who brought food, paper goods, flowers, phone calls, visits, memorials and all the hugs. It meant so much.

Everything that was done for us for the last 6 months, hospital staff, doctors, dialysis crew were so good to Harry. A great big thank you to each and everyone at the fire station. That is a bunch of boys this town needs to be proud of. Thank you Gayle Ruggles and crew for making the sale barn look like a new church. We know it was a hard job. The music was perfect and so nice to see all the pallbearers that Harry helped up the auctioneers' road. We will always remember all the prayers that were sent our way the last six months. You taking the time to remember us and helping will never be forgotten.

Beverly Eiler and boys,  
W. Lamoine and Mark  
and families.

Call and place your ad today. 475-2206