

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# Obituaries

## Bernice E. Ragenovich

Bernice E. Ragenovich, 99, an aunt of Eunice Richards of Oberlin, died May 1, 2008, at Montgomery Care in Walla Walla, Wash.



B. Ragenovich

She was born Dec. 23, 1908, in rural Herndon, the daughter of Oscar and Adina (Peterson) Walinder. Her parents moved to a farm in Decatur County when she was eight years old. She attended Prairie Temple Elementary School, Decatur Community High School, Enterprise Academy in Enterprise, and attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb., for a year.

Following World War II, she married Alexander Ragenovich in 1946. They took up ranching in the Snowy Mountains in Fergus County, Mont., and later moved to Lewistown, Mont., where she lived until she was 90 years old when she moved to Walla Walla, Wash., to be near family. She was a member of the Lewistown Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Survivors include two daughters: Adina Ragenovich and Iral Ragenovich, both of Portland, Ore.; a step-daughter, Sandra Gebbia, Gold Canyon, Ariz.; two sons: Michael Ragenovich, College Place, Wash., and Alex Ragenovich, Bozeman, Mont.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband. Burial will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery at Lewistown, Mont.

Memorial contributions may be made to Adventist Development and Relief Agency through Mountain View-Colonial DeWitt, 1551 Dalles Military Road, Walla Walla, Wash., 99362.

## Helena C. Bruggeman

Helena Catherine Bruggeman, 85, a longtime resident of Leoville, died May 7, 2008, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

She was born Aug. 22, 1922, at Grinnell, the daughter of William and Regina (Robben) Baalman. She was reared and attended school at Grinnell.

She married Clarence John Bruggeman on Oct. 7, 1952, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville. They made their home on a farm near Leoville. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville and later transferred her membership to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. She was also a member of the Altar Society of both parishes.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Bruggeman, Colby; and Gary and Alvera Bruggeman, Oberlin; two daughters, Regina and Joe Stanley, Oberlin, and JoAnn and Bob Shuler, Larned; six grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Lois Baalman, Salina.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, on March 11, 2004; her parents; five brothers, Edward, Brother Albert, C. M., Urban and Ralph, and three sisters, Sister Clementia, Sister Mary Theresa, and Martha Horinek.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Saturday morning at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. The Rev. Henry Saw Lone officiated and burial was at Mount Calvary Cemetery at Leoville.

Memorials were established to the Oberlin Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Leoville Cemetery Fund, Masses or Cedar Living Center. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Kent Davis

Kent Davis, 83, a former Oberlin resident, died May 4, 2008, in Salina.

He was born in Goodland on June 2, 1924, the son of Fred and Lucile (Kent) Davis. He moved to Salina with his family and graduated from Salina High School in 1942. He married Phyllis Hamrick on March 11, 1944, and after serving in the U.S. Army, he and his wife returned to Kansas. He was retired from a career as a sales representative with Kraft Food Company.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis; a daughter, Carolyn and Larry Martin, Salina; a son, Steve and Jo Davis, Springfield, Mo.; a sister, Shirley and Dr. Willis Funk, Oakley; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

his parents, and a sister, Mary Lou Napoli, a 1940 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

A memorial mass was held Thursday at Christ Episcopal Cathedral in Salina. Cremation.

## Joseph F. Kruse

Joseph F. Kruse, 82, a lifelong resident of Leoville, died Friday, May 9, 2008, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita.

He was born March 12, 1926, in rural Leoville, the son of Bernard George "Ben" and Barbara Catherine (Geisinger) Kruse. He attended school at Green Valley, a mile east of his family's farm. After finishing his education, he farmed and ranched with his father.

He married Janice Brown at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden on May 10, 1975. They made their home on the family farm where he was born and raised and this year marked the 100th anniversary that his family has lived on the same farm. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

Survivors include his wife, Janice of the home; two sons, James and Mike, both of Selden; two sisters, Florence Zodrow, Leoville, and Germaine and Ray Weis, Dresden; and a brother-in-law, Jim Woodall.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Rita "Toots" Kruse, Loretta Woodall and Mary Ann Zodrow; and two brothers-in-law, Conrad Zodrow and Seraphine Zodrow.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville. The Rev. Henry Saw Lone officiated and burial will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery at Leoville.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Carolyn Glee Nelson

Carolyn Glee Nelson, 64, of Clay Center, Neb., a 1961 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died April 30, 2008, at the Rose Brook Care Center in Edgar, Neb.

She was born Dec. 17, 1943, in Oberlin, the daughter of Glee and Rena (Rydquist) Hickson. She married Victor D. Nelson on Nov. 6, 1964, in Oberlin.

Survivors include her husband, Victor; a daughter, Kristi Sauvage, a son, Donald and Tina Nelson, and a grandson, all of Clay Center, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister Janiece King; and an infant brother, Gerald.

Services were held on May 6, 2008, at the Clay Center Christian Church with Pastor John Green officiating the service. Burial was in the Clay Center Cemetery with McLaughlin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Bernadine L. Shick

Bernadine Lavon Shick, 80, formerly of Norcat, died Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at the Andbe Home in Norton.

She was born Jan. 20, 1928, in Alexandria, S.D., the daughter of the Rev. Charles and Laverne (Sheldon) Walz. She attended grade school and high school in South Dakota.

She married Robert Shick on Nov. 25, 1964, in Norcat. They made their home in Norcat and in Norton where she and her husband operated a halfway house for those in need. They later moved to Florida, and had recently returned to Norton. She was a member of the Norton Eagles Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Shick, Norton; four sons, John and DiAnn Shick, Ocala, Fla.; Jim

Shick, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.; Eric Fouts, Norton; and Steve Hawks, Almena; four daughters, Roberta and Jay Price, Pierce, Neb.; Vickie Fuhrman, Huntington, Ind.; Teresa and Glenn Tipper, Chiloquin, Ore.; and Carla and husband, Kansas; a brother, David Walz, Philippines; six sisters, Betty Chambers, Topeka; Alta Stahn, Huntington, Ind.; Donna Rother, Medicine Lodge; Marlene Russo, Phoenix, Ariz.; DeAnn Keim, Sabetha; and Billie Saavedra, Albuquerque, N.M.; 18 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Maureen Walz.

A memorial service was held Saturday at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. There was cremation and a private burial will be held at a later date.

A memorial fund has been established to the Eagles Lodge Cancer Fund. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

## Daisy M. Stratton

Daisy Mae Stratton, 95, a 1930 graduate of Clayton High School, died April 25, 2008, at Hilltop Lodge in Beloit.

She was born May 17, 1912, in Assumption, Ill., the youngest daughter of Cornell and Millie Tapp. When she was still an infant, the family moved to Grand Island, Neb., and in 1920, they moved to Clayton, where she attended Clayton schools.

She married Morton Johnston of Brewster in 1930 and they had a son, Willis, and a daughter, Glenda Gay. Her husband died in 1947.

She married Joe Stratton in 1955. They moved from Buffalo, Wyo., to Glen Elder in 1975, and he died in 1982. She lived in Glen Elder until moving to Hilltop Lodge in August, 2007.

Survivors include her son, Willis "Bud" and Dorothy Johnston, Glen Elder; a daughter, Glenda Harris, Grand Junction, Colo.; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother; a sister; and a son-in-law, Leroy Harris.

Funeral services were held May 1 at the First Christian Church in Glen Elder. Pastor Kelly Benton officiated and burial was in the Glenwood Cemetery. McDonald-Roberts Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Henry M. Wolfram

Funeral services are pending for Henry M. Wolfram, 88, a longtime Oberlin resident, who died Sunday, May 11, 2008, at the Presbyterian Manor in Arkansas City.

He was born Aug. 18, 1919, at rural Herndon, the son of Martin and Emma (Grafel) Wolfram. He attended Green Valley School.

He married Beatrice McCoy on Aug. 18, 1945, in Herndon. They lived in Traer before moving to Oberlin. He was a farmer and later worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation until his retirement. He was a member of the Oberlin Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include a son, Larry and Sandra Wolfram, Liberal; a daughter, Connie and Curtis Meixner, Arkansas City; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice on Oct. 9, 2007; his parents; two brothers, Edwin and Gerald; and two sisters, Florence Eby and Delores Huff.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## 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

April 14: Kari E. Fortin, Oberlin, speeding 75, no seat belt, \$126.

April 22: David J. Barnes, Goodland, overweight, \$276.

#### Marriage Licenses

April 25: Rodney James Marshall and Joni Marie Diederich, both of Oberlin.

#### Limited Actions

Credit Management Services Inc. vs. Shari Matson, \$1,547 plus costs, interests.

City of Oberlin vs. Leslie Plotts, \$302 plus costs, interest.

#### JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:

May 5, 2008: Bryan Michael Cane, 33, Wichita Falls, Texas, possession of marijuana, Oberlin Police Department.

#### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Brock W. Peterson and Rebecca M. Peterson, Bronz T. Peterson and Cara L. Peterson, Brandy C. Peter-

son and Leslie A. Peterson to BP3 Enterprises LLC, E/2SW/4, Sec. 16, T5S, R27W.

Wells Fargo Bank, NA d/b/a America's Servicing Co. to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., S/2, Lot 14, all of Lot 15, Block 8, original town, now City of Oberlin.

Bankruptcy Estate of Jolene L. Guettlein to Ryan and Janna Leitner, Lot 17, Block 15, original town of Oberlin.

Aaron Ploussard to Jodie Ploussard, S15' of Lot 2, all of Lot 3, N35' of Lot 4, Block 5, Summit Addition to the town, now City of Oberlin.

## City Hall

### MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday, May 8, 2008: Jason Fortin, Norcat, no insurance, \$355; illegal tag, \$155; Paula Feltman, Chamberlain, S.D., speeding 45 in a 30 mph zone, \$115; Janet Rorick, Oberlin, dog at large, \$80; Nathan Henning, Hampton, Iowa, speeding 47 in a 30 mph zone, \$133.

### POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department worked the following calls last week:

• Received a call last Monday,

May 5, that the back window of a 1989 Ford Crown Victoria belonging to Rodney Alstrom had been broken while the car was parked at the high school. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said damage occurred between 8 and 9:40 a.m. It looked like something had hit the window, he said. Jaxen Alstrom, who is a student, reported the incident. It is under investigation.

• Received a call on Friday that the driver's-side window of a 2002 Ford Windstar belonging to Janice Ganje had been broken. Chief Lockhart said Mrs. Ganje parked the vehicle behind Ward Drug Store after lunch around 1 p.m., and when she went out at 4:20 p.m. it was broken.

• Arrested Bryan Michael Cane, 33, Wichita Falls, Texas, around 8:06 p.m. last Monday. Chief Lockhart said Officer Brad Burmaster stopped Mr. Cane for speeding on U.S. 83, near High Plains Veterinary. Officer Burmaster got permission to search the trunk and found a little over two ounces of marijuana. He found drug paraphernalia in the vehicle.

Chief Lockhart said by Monday, Mr. Cane had been released, as was his 2001 Hyundai.

# Town Crier

**Today:** High school awards program, 2 p.m., auditorium.

Baccalaureate, 7:30 p.m., auditorium.

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

**Thursday:** Last day of school for seniors.

Decatur Health Systems Community Walk, 4 to 7 p.m., Sappa Park shelter house. Refreshments. (rain date, Wednesday, May 21).

**Friday:** Regional track, 3 p.m., at Hill City.

**Saturday:** Filipino cooking class with Nena Johnson, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., back of Golden Age, sponsored by Decatur Tomorrow. Call 475-2492 for details or to enroll.

**Sunday:** Commencement, 2 p.m., gymnasium.

Baby shower, 4 p.m., 120 S. East Ave., for Kristina Bruce, newcomer to Oberlin.

Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

**Monday:** Deadline for registration forms for Marketplace Bible School, June 3, 4 and 5, Sappa Park. Turn in to Johanna Mason or Ward Drug.

Junior High awards, and band and vocal concert, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Jody Tubbs, state Veterans Commission, 9:30 a.m., courthouse.

Colby Community College enrollment, 7 - 8:30 p.m., high school.

**Monday-Friday:** At 1 p.m.

at Golden Age Center, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinocle; Tuesday, pitch; third Thursda, senior bridge, open.

### SENIOR MENU

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

**Today:** sloppy joes, tater tots, cucumbers and onions, bun, seasonal melon.

**Thursday:** roast turkey, candied sweet potatoes, pineapple, roll, birthday cake.

**Friday:** taco salad, mandarin oranges, chips, brownie.

**Monday:** baked spaghetti, mixed vegetables, fruit mix, garlic bread, cooks' choice complement.

**Tuesday:** pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, strawberries/bananas.

**Next Wednesday:** barbecue meat balls, carrots, broccoli salad, bread, cinnamon apple slices.

## \* Fire hits at lunch

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Although he might be able to salvage a little bit from his home, Mr. Robey, said most of his belongings were destroyed by the fire and smoke. Besides losing his belongings, a couple of his cats died in the blaze.

He said he's staying with Maurice Zodrow, assistant manager at Raye's, until he can move into a new rental. Mr. Brown, said Mr. Robey, has purchased a house at 205 S. Marks that he will rent.

Mr. Robey, an Army veteran, has worked at Raye's since July 1984 and lived in Oberlin since 1978. He's faced hard times before, suffering a stroke and a heart attack in 2001 at the age of 35.

Monday afternoon, he met with a representative from the American Red Cross. The organization helped him with money for his first month's rent and also gave him \$150 for food and bedding.

Patti Skubal, county emergency preparedness director, said she has also talked with the state and area Salvation Army and both groups said they planned to help Mr. Robey as well. He said people in town gave him furniture and other items.

Mr. Robey said he didn't have a smoke detector in the old house. "Bet I have one in the new house," he added.

Last Monday, May 5, firemen were called to a grass fire just after 5 p.m. in the barrow ditch on U.S. 83 about 11 miles south of town. Chief Cathcart said C&H Powerline crews spotted the blaze and kept it contained until firemen arrived.

## Corrections

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

**May 12 closing markets**  
Wheat, \$7.73  
Corn, \$5.57  
Milo, \$9.40  
Soybeans, \$11.93  
Sunflowers, not available

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## Big Timber Memorial Services

# Sunday, May 25

**10 a.m. followed by Potluck Dinner at 12:30 p.m. at the City Hall in Jennings. Drinks will be furnished. Please bring your own table service.**

<h3>WAR DEAD</h3> <p>Joseph Cilek John Fiala, Sr. Albert Janousek Matt Kaspar, Sr.</p>	<h3>Foreign Service</h3> <p>Fred Wentz James Janousek Joseph Urban</p>	<p>Frank Pachner Gustave Tuffen Joseph Steek Joseph Vacura</p>
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<h3>Civil War</h3> <p>Bartholomew Henry</p>	<h3>Spanish American War</h3> <p>Anthony Kolsky</p>	<h3>World War I</h3> <p>Henry W. Heilman William Krizek</p>
<h3>World War II</h3> <p>Edward Cilek Vollie Kathka Raymond Matousek Alfred W. Heilman</p>	<h3>World War II</h3> <p>Anton Vacura Carl Kasper Bernard Ehrlich Frederick A. Flaska Lumir Jesse Skubal</p>	<h3>World War II</h3> <p>Raymond Pavlicek Myron Skubal John Petracek Stanley Mazanek Donald Shaw</p>
<h3>Vietnam</h3> <p>Wayne Buchanan</p>	<h3>Korea</h3> <p>Raymond Kaspar Norman Petracek Harwood Chandler Bennie Krizek Charles Votapka</p>	<h3>Peacetime</h3> <p>Elmer Petracek</p>

# WEATHER

### Forecast

**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south. Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. South wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

**Thursday:** Day - A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. Evening: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43.

**Friday:** Day - Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Evening: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

**Saturday:** Day - Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Evening: partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

**Sunday:** Day - Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Evening: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

**Monday:** Day - Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

Forecast from the National Weather Service. Decision Weather forecast unavailable.

### National Weather Service

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
May 5	77	35	00
May 6	72	45	00
May 7	84	48	0.02
May 8	71	37	00
May 9	65	43	0.08
May 10	68	43	0.05
May 11	57	29	T

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.15; for the month, 0.35; for the year 4.02  
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.  
By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.