

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Obituaries

**Patricia Burke Kump**  
Patty Burke Kump, 81, wife of Oberlin native Dr. Warren Kump, died March 8, 2009, at a hospital in Minneapolis, Minn.



P. Kump

She was born in St. Paul, Minn., on Feb. 16, 1928, the daughter of John B. Burke and Margaret (Barrett) Burke. She attended St. Luke's School, the convent of the Visitation High School and the University of Minnesota. While working as an airline stewardess stationed in Kansas City she met her future husband, Warren L. Kump, a medical student. They were married at the St. Paul Cathedral on Oct. 16, 1950. They lived in Chicago while Dr. Kump interned, then in North Carolina where he was stationed with the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1953, they moved to the Minneapolis area where they lived for the rest of their lives.

She volunteered many hours of her early married years to the Margaret Berry Settlement House in North-east Minneapolis, to St. Mary's Hospital, and to numerous other worthy causes. She was later the prime mover in organizing a Montessori pre-school in the Bryant-Glenwood area, and in 1978 was recognized as "Laywoman Volunteer of the Year" by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. In 2007, she was named the "Distinguished Alumna of the Year" by the Visitation Convent School in St. Paul.

In 1960, she read about a nun who was doing great things among the poor in Calcutta, whose name was Mother Teresa. She wrote to her, and thus began an exchange of hundreds of letters, most of which are now contained in the archives of the Missionaries of Charity in Rome. Mother Teresa asked Patty to begin an organization of lay people to be called "The Co-Workers of Mother Teresa," not to be fundraisers but to extend the comforting work of Mother Teresa to their own families and communities. Mother Teresa's growing fame and Patty's effective efforts soon resulted in a rapidly growing Co-Worker association with Patty's semi-annual Co-Worker Newsletter reaching more than 30,000 readers. In 1970, The Co-Workers of Mother Teresa was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York with Mrs. Kump as president.

Mother Teresa stayed with the Kumps in their Golden Valley home many times, and Mrs. Kump traveled with her throughout the United States. She met her also several times in Europe, as the Co-Workers grew to become an international association. She thus became the editor of Mother Teresa's International Co-Worker Newsletter. The work continued until Mother Teresa's death, and in October, 2003, Mrs. Kump was asked to participate with Pope John Paul II in the beautification of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

Survivors include her husband, Warren; four children, Theresa and Tom Leghorn, New Rochelle, N.Y.; Dr. Lee and Michelle Kump, Port Matilda, Pa.; Mary and Daniel Seely, Brooklyn Center, Minn.; and John and Suzanne Kump, Lake Elmo, Minn.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral mass was held on Thursday, March 12, at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Minneapolis. Private entombment was at Gethsemane Cemetery in New Hope, Minn. Gearty Delmore Funeral Chapel in Robbinsdale was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Saint Therese Foundation, 8000 Bass Lake Rd., New Hope, Minn., 55428; (763) 531-5459 or the North Memorial Foundation, 3300 Oakdale Avenue North, Robbinsdale, Minn., 55422.

**Nadine F. Ferguson**  
Nadine Francis Ferguson, 89, a 1938 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died March 10, 2009, in Wichita.

She was born Dec. 15, 1919, in Oberlin, the daughter of Claude and Mamie (Dale) Paddock. She married Harry O. Ferguson on Christmas Day in 1938 in Oberlin and they lived in Wichita. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include four children: Larry and Deedy Ferguson; Sharon and James Jackson, Vicki and Bob Allen, and Pam and Darren Bridges; 12 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sat-

urday at Cochran Mortuary in Wichita.

Memorials were established to the American Heart Association and the Alzheimer's Association of South Central Kansas. Contributions may be sent to Cochran Mortuary and Crematory, 1411 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kan., 67214-1191.

**Carolyn Launchbaugh**  
Carolyn Marie Launchbaugh, 93, a 1937 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died March 6, 2009, at her rural home in Union Township in Sheridan County.

She was born Feb. 16, 1916, in Denver, the second child of Arthur G. and Blanche (Bartlett) Leist. When she was three years old her family moved from Denver to a farm adjoining her grandparents' farm in the Sherman Chapel community in Decatur County. While attending high school in Oberlin, she roomed in town and worked as a housekeeper.

After graduation, she attended business school in Grand Island, Neb., and later attended normal training and obtained her teaching certificate from Fort Hays Teacher's College. She taught in one-room country schools, including Stateline School near her parents' home and Steinshouer School in southern Sheridan County. Her last teaching assignment was McGraw School.

She married George William Launchbaugh on Dec. 23, 1944, at the Methodist parsonage in Hoxie. They lived on the Launchbaugh family farm in Union Township their entire married life. They worked together as partners in their farming operation until their retirement in the late 1970s when their son, Steven took over. Retirement years were spent in Texas.

She was a member of McGraw Victory Club and McGraw United Methodist Church, in which she served as superintendent and teacher of the Sunday school for many years.

Survivors include her husband, George Launchbaugh, McGraw; a son, Steven and Kathy Launchbaugh, McGraw; a daughter, Carol and Mike Metro, Salina; a sister Lee Ora and Gerald Sines, McCook, Neb.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Alvin Leist.

Funeral services were held March 9, 2009, at the McGraw United Methodist Church with Pastor Barbara Patterson officiating. Burial was in the Dresden Cemetery, at Dresden.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Contributions may be sent to Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, 1024 Sheridan Ave., Hoxie, Kan., 67740.

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Carolyn Launchbaugh extends a sincere thank you to each of you who responded to our loss in your own special way: gifts of food, prayers, flowers, memorials, phone calls, cards, words of comfort, and offers of help. Thank you for caring.

George Launchbaugh  
Steven and Kathy Launchbaugh and sons  
Carol and Mike Metro and family

**Joseph Elwood Mines**  
Joseph Elwood Mines, 88, a lifelong resident of Decatur County, died Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

He was born Oct. 23, 1920, on a farm northwest of Oberlin, the son of Joseph I. and Elta (Waldo) Mines. He and his brother, Don, were reared on the family farm in Decatur County. He attended West Liberty Grade School and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1938. He was an active member of FFA while in school and was proud

when he and his teammates won a state blacksmith competition his senior year.

He married Elaine Bradley on Dec. 12, 1943, at the Federated Church in Oberlin. After his marriage he and his brother lived on the family farm.

He grew up working alongside his father and brother in their cattle and grain operation.

He and his wife moved to Wheatridge Terrace in Oberlin in August 2007. She later moved to Cedar Living Center and died on Nov. 28, 2007. After her death, he moved to Cedar Living Center.

Survivors include two daughters, Connie Goslar, Mesa, Ariz., and Nancy and Ron Baumfalk, Aurora, Colo.; a brother, Don and Ann Mines, Oberlin; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler officiated. Inurnment will be at the Oberlin Cemetery at a later date.

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

**Kenneth C. Price**

Kenneth Charles Price, 85, a retired Clayton farmer and rancher, died Saturday, March 14, 2009, at the Norton County Hospital in Norton.

He was born May 21, 1923, on a farm northeast of Lyle, in Decatur County, the son of Charlie and Alta Agnes (Knutson) Price. He was reared on the family farm in the Lyle Community. He attended College Hill country school and graduated from Norcatur High School.

He married Pansy D. Wiltfong on June 8, 1943, in Norton. They lived on a farm near Clayton. They farmed and ranched and, over the years, furnished their horses, buggy, wagon, stage coach and hay rack to provide rides for weddings, proms, community celebrations, parades, museum events, and even to transport Santa Claus on occasion.

He was a member of the Clayton United Methodist Church, Norton Saddle Club and had been involved with the Prairie Dog 4-H Club. They retired from the farm in November of 2006 and moved to Whispering Pines in Norton.

Survivors include his wife, Pansy, Norton; two children, Freeman Wayne and Carrie Price, Branson, Mo.; and Marlene and Ronald L. Wolf, Kensington; a brother, Virgil and Joyce Price, Norcatur; two sisters, Bula Kelley, Lamar, Colo.; and Virginia Britton, Norton; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Russell Price, and a sister, Minnie Crabill.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Clayton United Methodist Church. The Rev. Larry Danforth will officiate and burial will be at the Clayton Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the Norton 4-H and Norton Jaycees. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749

**Markets**

**March 16 closing markets**  
Wheat, \$5.26 bushel  
Corn, \$3.55 bushel  
Milo, \$5.29 hundredweight  
Soybeans, \$8.06 bushel  
Sunflowers, \$11.50 hundred-weight

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**NOTICE OF CLOSING OF REGISTRATION BOOKS**  
City/School General Election, April 7, 2009  
Decatur County

**Notice of AUTOMark Public Viewing**  
On Monday, **March 23rd**, the **AUTOMark Voting Machines will be on display for the public to view, as Lawful Testing from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the 2nd Floor.**

*NOTE: Previous notice said AUTOMark Viewing would be April 23, 2009. This was incorrect.*

# 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**

Oct. 18, 2005: Robert S. Moore, Elizabeth, Colo., speeding 95 mph, \$255.

Feb. 24, 2009: Alvin Biery, Franktown, Colo., speeding 82 mph, \$147.

**JAIL BOOKINGS**

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:

March 3: Steven Quigley, 26, Indianola, driving under influence, Red Willow County Sheriff's Office.

March 12: Crystal Rose, 30, Terry Rose, 31, both of Oberlin, domestic battery, Oberlin Police Department.

March 16: Gerald Sattler, 49, Herndon, theft, Decatur County

Sheriff's Office.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Donna and Elmer E. Lawver, Vyril D. and Phyllis Rush, Palmer Creek LLC, and Sharon and Jerry V. Schuetz, to Larry H. Lively, E. 74' of Lot 1 and E. 74' of N. 2' of Lot 2, Block 4, Sappa Addition to the City of Oberlin.

**City Hall MUNICIPAL COURT**

Thursday, March 12: Haley Barrett, Oberlin, inattentive driving, \$140; Tim Hays, Oberlin, two charges of dog at large, \$125; Mary Larsen, Wahoo, Neb., speeding 45 in a 30 mph zone, \$125; Kasadi Bradley, Oberlin, disorderly conduct, \$315; Debra Ripperger, Kansas City, Mo., illegal tag, \$165; Jamie Geihlsler, Oberlin, transportation of alcoholic beverage, \$265.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

The Oberlin Police Department

worked these calls:

• After getting approval to search a residence in the 900 block of West Victoria the police gave Ross Serpa, 36, of Oberlin a ticket for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Both are misdemeanors, said Chief Wade Lockhart.

• Arrested Terry Rose, 31, and Crystal Rose, 30, for domestic battery after officers were called to their home in the 600 block of N. Cass at 4:23 p.m. on Thursday. Chief Lockhart said the call came from someone in the home. Both were taken to the Decatur County Jail and both have been released.

• Received a call at 6:55 p.m. on Monday, March 2, that Haley Barrett, 17, was backing her 2000 Pontiac Grand Am out of an alley in the 100 block of North Grand and hit a parked 1996 Chrysler belonging to Dwight Wentz. Miss Barrett received a ticket for inattentive driving.

# Town Crier

**Today:** No school, spring break all week.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.  
**Sunday:** Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.  
**Monday:** Siren test, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Decatur Tomorrow meeting, 6 p.m., school cafeteria.

**Tuesday:** Pre-contest recital, 7 p.m., high school music wing.

**Next Wednesday:** FFA judging, 8 a.m., at Oakley.

**Friday, March 27:** Chamber Coffee Hour, 9 to 11 a.m., Coffee, Tea and Me.

**Saturday, March 28:** Fourth annual Alif Be Khe Trivia Night, 7 p.m., Oberlin American Legion. Call Mary Jo Lohofener, 475-2019 or Amanda Grafel, 475-3489 to register teams.

**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 the 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, 217 N. Penn, weekdays at 11:30 a.m.

**Today:** chili with beans, gelatin with fruit, crackers, cinnamon roll.

**Thursday:** roast turkey, sweet potatoes, pears, bread, birthday cake.

**Friday:** chef salad, meat on side, mandarin oranges, bread sticks,

applesauce bar.

Monday: sloppy joes, tater tots, peaches, bun, pudding.

**Tuesday:** ham, scalloped potatoes, apricots, cookie.

**Next Wednesday:** shepherd's pie, green bean casserole, bread, strawberries and bananas.

# Correction

A story on an FFA benefit work auction in the March 11 issue of *The Oberlin Herald* had several errors. The time of the auction was incorrect and the story incorrectly said the workers could be purchased on Saturday during a garage sale. The mistakes were caused by incomplete information supplied the paper, a reporting and an editing 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.

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# WEATHER

**Forecast**

**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. North wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 58. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.

**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. partly cloudy, with a high near 69. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. mostly cloudy, with a low around 39.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 69. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
March 9	61	22	0
March 10	47	14	T
March 11	34	3	0
March 12	33	3	T
March 13	33	10	0
March 14	52	15	0
March 15	61	15	0

Precipitation totals for the week, Trace; for the month, Trace; for the year 0.60; one year ago, March 2008, 2.03  
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By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

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