

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

Obituaries

Robert George Wurm

Robert George Wurm, 87, a retired car salesman and painter, died Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.



Bob Wurm

He was born June 29, 1921, on a farm near Traer, the youngest son of George J. and Elizabeth (Hoffbauer) Wurm. He was baptized on Aug. 21, 1921, and confirmed in 1937 at St. John's Lutheran Church. He was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

He attended Green Valley rural school near Traer until 1930, when the family moved to Oberlin. He graduated from Oberlin City School and attended Decatur Community High School. At the age of 12, he began working for Nitsch and Nitsch, a local car dealership. He washed cars, labored as a mechanic, and finally sold cars until his retirement in 1985.

He married Merna Davis on April 27, 1940, in Phillipsburg. His wife preceded him in death on March 10, 1997.

Survivors include two daughters, Roberta and Lynn Johnson, and Jackie Votapka, Oberlin; five granddaughters; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Elsie Hayes, Hutchinson; a brother-in-law, Marvin and Lorraine Davis, Leavenworth; sisters-in-law, Delphia Nowels, Oberlin; Millie Carroll, Lakewood, Colo.; Avis Davis, Englewood, Colo.; Wava Markmann, Shawnee; and honorary granddaughter, Chris Dempewolf.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Neil Votapka; his wife's parents, William Ora and Lula Davis; brothers, Herman and E.J. "Swede" Wurm; sisters, Helen Wurm and Mary Leitner; sisters-in-law, Iris Wurm and Merle Babb; and several brothers-in-law.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran Church. The Rev. Kevin Schnakenberg officiated and burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial was established to Cedar Living Center or donor's choice. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Oberlin; two children, Brian and Shaundell VanPelt, Hays; and Lisa and Glenn Dreiling, Colwich; two brothers, Keith and Maritta VanPelt, Oberlin; and Charlie and Janelle VanPelt, Indianola, Neb.; four grandchildren; and his mother-in-law, Mary Lemman, Oberlin;

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. The Rev. Henry Saw Lone officiated and burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery.

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

Nelda L. Vaughn

Nelda Lorraine Vaughn, 90, a longtime resident of Oberlin, died Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

She was born May 14, 1918, on a farm in Lyons Township of Decatur County, the daughter of Milo Franklin and Edna (Whartman) Rhodes. She grew up on the family farm, along with three brothers and three sisters. She attended Fairview country school and Dresden High School.

She married William Herbert Vaughn on March 3, 1935, in Oberlin. For the first 10 years of their marriage, they lived in the Selden and Hoxie area. In 1945, the family moved to a farm near Dresden where they lived for 30 years before moving to Oberlin in 1975. Her husband preceded her in death on Nov. 22, 2001.

After her children were grown, she worked at the Jennings High School and later the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Oberlin.

Survivors include three children, Gloria McKenna, McCook, Neb.; Gary and Judy Vaughn, Henderson, Colo.; and Joyce and Steve Carlton, Oberlin; a son-in-law, John Keith, Hill City; a brother, Milo "Junior" and Darlene Rhodes, Casper, Wyo.; a sister-in-law, Merla Rhodes, Hays; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Wilma Skubal Keith; sons-in-law, Ed McKenna and Bob Skubal; a granddaughter, Laura Keith; and two brothers, Doran and Delbert Rhodes, and three sisters, Dorothy and Helen Randolph and Georgiela Johnson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Royce Leitner 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.

Genevieve Marie Weis

Genevieve Marie Weis, 83, a former resident of the Leoville area, died April 23, 2009, at the Sheridan County Hospital Long Term Care in Hoxie, where she had been a resident since 2002.

She was born Aug. 8, 1925, in Antonino, Kan., the oldest daughter of Robert and Theresa (Werth) Werth. Her family moved to Park, when she was three years old. She attended a rural school south of Park.

She married Ralph Weis on Nov. 26, 1946, and they lived on a farm southeast of Leoville. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and 60-year member of the Altar Society. She had made more than 4,000 rosaries for foreign missions and enjoyed working at the Thrift Shop in Dresden.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph, Dresden; two daughters, Carolyn Woolard and Marilyn and Jim Kuehn, El Dorado Hills, Calif.; two sons, Donald and Karen Weis, Smith Center; and Cyril and Charlene Weis, Saquache, Colo.; three sisters, Hermina and Leo Weis, Dresden, Linda and Adrian Small, Garden City; and Irene and Leonard Flax, Wright; four brothers, Mark and Sondra Werth, and Marvin and Judy Werth, Wichita; Joe and Agnes Werth, Hays; and Jerry Werth, Farmington, N.M.; and a sister-in-law, Frieda Werth, Wichita.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Geraldine Marie Weis; and two brothers, Cyril and Edwin Werth.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Tuesday morning at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville. The Rev. Henry Saw Lone officiated and burial was at Mount Calvary Cemetery at Leoville.

A memorial was established for Masses or the Leoville Cemetery Fund. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, Selden, Kan., 67757, or 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: Kevin D. Baiotto, Kirksville, Mo., speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, \$117.

Small Claims
Addleman Drug vs. Jennifer Serpa, \$86, plus costs and interest.

Limited Actions
Credit Management Services Inc. vs. Chantelle Beneda, \$653, plus costs and interest.

Credit Management Services Inc. vs. Malinda VanPelt, \$419, plus costs and interest.

Board of County Commission vs. Elton Gillespie Jr., \$7,633, plus costs and interest.

D&M Sinclair Services vs. Dan Fringer, \$763, plus costs and interest.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Norman D. Richards, transfer on death to Douglas Richards, all interest in E/2N/2NW/4 of Sec. 22, T2S, R28W.

Norman D. Richards, transfer on death to Barry Richards, all interest in W/2N/2NW/4 of Sec. 22, T2S, R28W.

City Hall

MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday, April 23: Deidre Burkhardt, McCook, speeding 48 in a 30 mph zone, \$143; Nathaniel Skoug, Dubuque, Iowa, disobeyed traffic signal, \$125; Jessica Foster, Oberlin, no proof of insurance, \$365.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department worked these calls:

• On Tuesday, an employee of Stanley Hardware reported that someone had taken about \$100 out of the soda machine in front of Stanley Hardware sometime between Wednesday, April 1, and Thursday. The machine was locked, said Chief Wade Lockhart, and showed no sign of forced entry.

• Sometime between 9:30 and 10 a.m., someone took a wallet belonging to Carol Miller of Norcat out of her purse, which was inside her vehicle. Mrs. Miller said she parked

in front of Fair Chiropractic Clinic and took a walk. Chief Lockhart said Mrs. Miller didn't know the wallet was missing until she returned home and someone at the clinic called her because the wallet had been turned in.

Mrs. Miller estimated that \$200 in cash was missing.

• At 9:03 p.m. Thursday, Dawn McCombs, 49, backed her 2002 Ford Taurus out of an employee parking spot at the Frontier Restaurant and hit a 1991 Buick Park Avenue belonging to Grace Bouts which was parked on York Avenue. Ms. McCombs received a ticket for improper backing. There was minor damage to both vehicles, the chief said.

Federal Court

BANKRUPTCIES

(Chapter 7 unless otherwise noted)
Cheryl Lane Hargett, Herndon, liabilities \$22,673, assets \$22,998.
Carolyn Elizabeth Polivka, Oberlin, liabilities \$189,383, assets \$70,450.

Town Crier

Today: High school costume day.

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

Thursday: Junior high track meet, 3 p.m. here, with Colby, Goodland, St. Francis.

Oberlin Elementary School band concert, 7:30 p.m., grades 4 to 6.

Oberlin American Legion election meeting, 7 p.m., Legion hall.

Friday: Sixth-grade orientation, 1:45 p.m., high school.

Junior high dance, 7 to 11 p.m., Saturday.

High school golf tournament, 9 a.m., at Atwood.

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

Monday: Siren test, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

High school golf, 9 a.m., Thomas More Prep, Hays.

High school band concert, 7:30 p.m., auditorium.

State FFA contest.

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

High school track meet, 3 p.m., here.

Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce Cinco de Mayo dinner with walking tacos and churros, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Park, for new sound system downtown.

Tuesday: 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 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: ham-and-scalloped-potato casserole, peas, roll, peaches.

Thursday: bierock casserole, mixed vegetables, cinnamon apple slices, bread, pudding.

Friday: barbecued chicken, potato salad, corn, bread, apricots.

Monday: salmon patty or loaf, green-bean casserole, mandarin oranges, bread, cook's choice complement.

Tuesday: swiss steak with tomatoes, peas, rice pilaf.

Wednesday: polish sausage with kraut, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread, applesauce gelatin.

Spring Cleaning?
Sell those unwanted items with a classified ad. Call 475-2206 and place your ad today.

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.

Tired of addressing all of those invitations?

Your thank you cards will be a breeze with an X-Stamper.

Call Pat for details. 475-2206

Notice Taxpayers

May 12th is the Deadline for the Last half of 2008 taxes. If not paid on or before May 11, 2009 these taxes will bear interest.

Please bring first half receipt or tax statement information when making payment.

Jean Hale
County Treasurer
Decatur County, Kansas

Markets

April 27 closing markets
Wheat, \$4.94 bushel
Corn, \$3.38 bushel
Milo, \$5.04 hundredweight
Soybeans, \$9 bushel
Sunflowers, \$12.95 hundred-weight

WEATHER

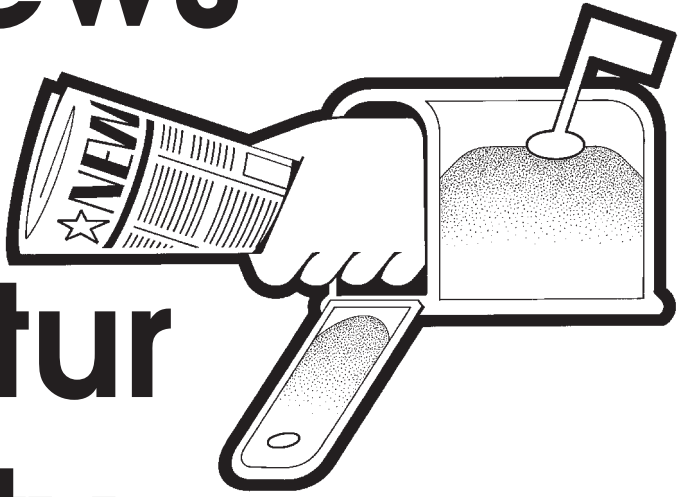
Forecast
Today: A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. **Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. East wind around 10 mph.
Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45.
Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. **Night:** A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Saturday: A slight chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. **Night:** A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. **Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
From The National Weather Service.

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
April 20	67	37	0
April 21	71	40	0
April 22	80	39	0
April 23	86	40	0
April 24	88	49	0
April 25	74	39	0
April 26	45	39	.05

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.05; for the month, 3.65; for the year 4.25; one year ago, April 2008, 4.62
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.
By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

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