

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

Obituaries

Dorven Beckman

Dorven "Fat" Beckman, 79, Grinnell, owner of the Grinnell Locker, a farmer and a former mayor and school board member there, died Friday, June 12, 2009, at Hays Medical Center.

He was the father of Judy (Randy) Ostmeyer of Oberlin.

He was born Nov. 29, 1929, at home near Mingo, to Henry John and Gertrude Cecilia (Kruse) Beckman. He grew up on the family farm north of Oakley, graduating from Oakley High School in 1948.

On August 17, 1949, he married Rosemary C. Robben in Angelus. From 1955 to 1960, they rented a farm near Seguin. In November 1959, they bought the locker plant and moved to Grinnell. In the late 1960s, Mr. Beckman began farming in western Logan County.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Grinnell and a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He served several years on the board of the Kansas Meat Processors Association in the 1960s and '70s. He was mayor of Grinnell in the 1960s, and a city councilman and a member of the Grinnell School Board, and involved with community activities. His family said he loved any opportunity to get people together for a good time.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Dona Sue Beckman; two brothers, Bert Beckman, and infant Willard Dean Beckman; and two sisters, Velma Wolf and Luetta Baalman.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; two sons, Wayne and Jolene Beckman, Kensington, and Brian and Dawn Beckman, Grinnell; two other daughters, Deanna Beckman, Grinnell, and Carol and Todd Raps-tine, Holdrege, Neb.; three sisters, Delores Herdt, Everett, Wash., Rosalee and Richard Pinkston, Oakley; and Pat and Bob Carpenter, Newalla, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass is set for 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at the church in Grinnell, with Father John Lager officiating and burial in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the church parish center, and the Rosary will be said at 7 p.m.

The family suggests contributions to Grinnell Pride, in care of the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Nettie Olga Britton

Nettie Olga Britton, 92, a long-time resident of Jennings, died June 8, 2009, at the Redbud Estates in Plainville.

She was born Oct. 26, 1916, on a farm in Decatur County, the daughter of Henry and Helen (Skubal) Prachejl. She grew up on the family farm southwest of Jennings. She attended country school at Jackson and Rock Island and Jennings High School.

She married Joseph Vincent Britton on Dec. 22, 1934, in Norton. They made their home on a farm southwest of Jennings. After retiring, the couple moved to Selden. Her husband preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1978. She returned to Jennings for a few years then lived in Russell and Oberlin, before moving to Plainville in 2006.

She worked at the Jennings Junior/Senior High School lunchroom, Jennings Newspaper and as a Social and Rehabilitation Services housekeeper. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, Extension Homemaker's Unit, Willing Workers, Happy Ten Quilting Club and Western Fraternal Lodge.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty and Robert Maske, Natoma; eight grandchildren: 18 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her son, James in 1991; daughter-in-law, Frances Britton; a brother, Louis Prachejl; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Robert McCobb officiated and burial was at the Big Timber Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the Jennings Fire Department and Jennings Czech Museum. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Verl Ray Cook

Verl Ray Cook, 56, a 1971 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died June 8, 2009, at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

He was born Jan. 2, 1953, in Oberlin, the son of Royce and Lola (Der-

ley) Cook. He and was reared on the family farm northeast of Oberlin. He attended Vallonia School and Oberlin Elementary School.

After graduating, he farmed with his father. He married and became the father of two daughters.

Survivors include his parents, Royce and Lola Cook, Selden; daughters, Janel Cook, Amarillo, Texas; and Becky Cook, Topeka; a sister, Sharon and Lyle Zimmerman, Grinnell; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lee Royce Cook.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home with Brother John Paulson officiating. Burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery.

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

Phyllis LaRea Harp

Phyllis LaRea Harp, 83, Bakersfield, Calif., a 1944 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died on May 24, 2009, as a result of complications from Parkinson's Disease.

She was born May 20, 1926, in Sheridan County, the daughter of Stephen and Gertrude Wennihan, and moved to Bakersfield in 1945.

She was a data entry operator at Good Samaritan Hospital for 36 years.

Preceding her in death was her former husband, Ralph Harp; a son, Gale Curtis Roe; two brothers, Virgil and George Wennihan; and a sister, Aileen Cook.

Survivors include a daughter, Lynne (Alex) Munoz; five grandchildren; five great-granddaughters; and a sister-in-law, Marcella Wennihan.

Chapel services were May 30 at Hillcrest Mortuary, conducted by Minister Candace Biagi.

Barbara (Latta) Long

Barbara (Latta) Long, 72, wife of Oberlin native G.B. Long, died Monday, June 8, 2009, in Katy, Texas.



B. Long

Mrs. Long was born Nov. 25, 1936, in Enid, Okla., to Baier and Ruth Latta. Stricken by polio at the age of 12, she spent most of her life in a wheelchair. She attended college at the Oklahoma A&M Okmulgee campus, receiving a degree in commercial art. While in college, she met and married Glen B. Long. He was also wheelchair bound due to a car accident when he was 15 years old. They lived in Oberlin for a while but soon moved to a warmer climate in Houston.

She was an accomplished artist, and her work were sold in galleries throughout the United States. She painted the portraits of board members at General Electric, and the Rutlands, owners of Wholesale Electric Co., and created graphic art for various organizations.

Mrs. Long was preceded in death by her husband; her mother, Ruth Schoonover and husband Russell; her father; and two sisters, Leona Missmer and Norma McClintock.

She is survived by a daughter, Glenda R. (David) Cowan, Katy, and a brother, Leonard (Gene) Latta, Edmond, Okla.; a brother-in-law, Jim McClintock, Houston; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 13, 2009, at the Jeter Memorial Funeral Home, Friendswood, Texas, with the Rev. Conda Traxler officiating. Burial followed at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster, Texas.

Visitation was Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

Arthur H. May

Arthur H. May, 90, a retired farmer, died June 7, 2009, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

He was born Jan. 11, 1919, on a farm northwest of Oberlin, the son of Ernest and Martha (Voelker) May. On Jan. 19, 1919, he was baptized Arthur Heinrich Wilhelm May at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Oberlin. He was later confirmed there as a teenager.

He was reared on the family farm in Logan Township. He attended grade school at Mount Pleasant and St. John's Lutheran Parochial School. He stayed home one year after the eighth grade to help on the

family farm before going to high school. He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1937. Until going to the service, he continued to help on the family farm.

During World War II, he served in the United States Army from April of 1941 until July of 1945, and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He took part in the invasion of North Africa, the North African Campaign, and Italian Campaign with the Quartermaster Corps. Upon returning from the war, he purchased a farm in Logan Township and returned to farming.

On May 10, 1946, he married Alice Rezner. They became parents in 1952 when they adopted their infant daughter, and only child, Dianne Louise. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Oberlin American Legion Post.

Survivors include his wife Alice; daughter, Dianne and John Bremer; a brother, Martin and Evelyn May; a brother-in-law, Jack E. Fortin, a sister-in-law, Wilma May, all of Oberlin; and two granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Elbert and Harlan May; and a sister, Mildred Fortin.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg officiated and burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery with military rites by the Oberlin American Legion.

A memorial was established to the St. John's Lutheran Church Lutheran Youth Fellowship. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

David Shuler

David Shuler, 57, a 1971 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died May 22, 2009, at his home in Grand Junction, Colo.

He was born March 18, 1952, in Oberlin, the son of Dean and Rita (Kleinsorge) Shuler.

He married LaKen Heinrichs on Feb. 4, 1984, in Garden City. They lived in Kansas and Nebraska before moving to Colorado in 1996.

Dave began working while in junior high school for Don's Super Market in Oberlin and after high school, he worked for Raye's IGA in Oberlin. In 1985, he started his retail management career with Gibson's Discount Centers in Scott City and Goodland. He completed the management-training program for Country General Stores in 1995 in McCook, then transferred to Glenwood Springs, Colo., to serve as store manager. From 1998-2000 Dave was co-manager of the Glenwood Springs True Value store. He later was in route sales with Voortman Cookies.

Survivors include his wife, LaKen, Grand Junction; his mother, Rita Garver, Oberlin, three brothers, Bob and JoAnn Shuler, Larned; Don and Wanda Shuler, Belleville; and Ron Shuler, Salina; and two sisters, Debbie Garver, Kansas City; and Jill Howell, Hays.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dean Shuler.

A memorial service was held on May 29, 2009, at Fellowship Church in Grand Junction, Colo.

Memorials were established to Fellowship Church, 765 24 Rd., Grand Junction, Colo., 81505, or, Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado, 2754 Compass Dr., Ste. 377, Grand Junction, Colo., 81506.

Callahan-Edfast Mortuary and Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Maxine M. Sulzman

Maxine Marie Sulzman, 79, Selden, a 1948 graduate of Selden Rural High School, died Friday, June 12, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Mrs. Sulzman was born May 14, 1930, in Fort Morgan, Colo., to Thomas Moore and Mayme Marie (Youngs) Murphy.

She and her five siblings grew up in Wiggins, Colo., and in California before settling in Selden. After graduating from high school, she obtained a teaching certificate from Fort Hays State College.

On Jan. 16, 1952, she and Norris Sulzman were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden. They lived in Goodland and Phillipsburg. Mr. Sulzman retired from the railroad and they moved to Selden in 1992.

Mrs. Sulzman was a mother and homemaker. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Selden, and its Altar Society. Her hobbies included sewing, crocheting, flowers, her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband,

Selden; two sons, Robert (Karen) Sulzman, Richardson, Texas, and David (Dean) Sulzman, Wichita; three daughters, Patty (Ron) Lucke, Burlington, Colo., Peggy (Tim) Weibel, Stratton, Colo. and Susan (Brian) Pfannenstiel, Parker, Colo.; two brothers, Bill (Betty) Murphy, Phillipsburg, and Keith (Marie) Murphy, Norton; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Daniel; brothers, Jim and Jerry Murphy; and a sister, Sandy Archer.

Mass of the Resurrection was to be Tuesday, June 16, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Selden. The Rev. Henry Saw Lone officiated. Stephanie Ritter was the song leader and Marge Miller the organist.

A vigil service was Monday evening at Pauls Funeral Home, Selden.

Casket bearers were Bob Sulzman, David Sulzman, Ron Lucke, Tim Weibel, Brian Pfannenstiel and Dean Dicus. Burial was in the Selden Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established to the Serenity Room at Citizen's Medical Center, 100 E. College Dr., Colby, Kan. 67701; American Heart Association, 3816 Payshare Circle, Chicago, Ill. 60674; or American Lung Association, 2024 N. Woodlawn, Suite 114, Wichita, Kan. 67208.

Harold Orrin Wiltfong

Harold Orrin Wiltfong, 79, Norton, father of Becky (Kurt) Vollertson of Oberlin, died at the Norton County Hospital last Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

The son of Carl Leslie and Effie Bell (Higgins) Wiltfong, he was born Dec. 23, 1929, in Dellvale. Mr. Wiltfong attended school in Norton County.

On Dec. 31, 1957 he married Betty Foley. He worked for the City of Norton, the State of Kansas, and for more than 25 years, at the Reich Grain Elevator. He retired from Norton County in January 1995.

He was a Korean War veteran and a lifetime member of the American Legion.

He had also served on the Norton County Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, of Norton; another daughter, Debbie and Terry Russell, Manhattan; four brothers, Eugene and Maxine Wiltfong.

Glen and Elinor Wiltfong, Norton, Gerald and Donna Wiltfong, Phillipsburg, and Max Wiltfong, Tempe, Ariz.; a sister, Dona Roberts, Norton; three grandchildren; two step-grandsons; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother-in-law, Lolan Roberts, and a great-niece, Catherine Roberts.

Funeral services were Monday, June 15, 2009, at the Enfield Funeral Home, Norton, with Pastor Terrill Worthington officiating and burial in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to Norton County Emergency Medical Services, 809 N. Norton, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Markets

June 15
closing markets
 Wheat, \$5.64 bushel
 Corn, \$3.61 bushel
 Milo, \$5.57 hundredweight
 Soybeans, \$10.88 bushel
 Sunflowers, \$14.75 hundred-weight

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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 12: Shannon R. Pierce, Colorado Springs, speeding 75 mph, \$105.

Marriage Licenses

April 17: Aden Avrey Glaze and Brianna Sharee Moses, both of Oberlin.

May 26: Coley Gene Hackney and Chelsey Marie Schissler, both of Herndon.

Limited Actions

Credit Management Services vs. Karina and Jonathon Fisher, \$1,270. plus costs and interest.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:

June 8: Robert Hayden, 39, Oberlin, driving while suspended, Oberlin Police Department.

June 10: Steven Overmiller, 18, Oberlin, holding for Juvenile Justice Authority, Decatur County Sheriff's Department.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

The Tacchini Loving Trust to Ernie W. Tacchini and Keven D. Tacchini, as joint tenants, N/2 of Sec. 1; N/2 and SE/4 of Sec. 3; N/2NE/4 of Sec. 10; all in T4S, R28W.

Barbara H. Osborne to Turtle Creek Farms LLC, NW/4 and SE/4 of Sec. 30, T5S, R30W.

The Oberlin Concrete Co. to ASC Towing and Repair, Lots 1-3 and N18' of Lot 4, Block 19, in Johnston's Addition to the City of Oberlin.

Jacob and Jennifer Fahrenbruch to Verl A. Sauvage, S70' of Lot 8 and Lot 9, Block 5, Garwood Addition, City of Oberlin.

City Hall**MUNICIPAL COURT**

Thursday, June 11: Jennifer Walters, Oberlin, dog at large, second offense, \$115; Melissa Chambers, Oberlin, dog at large, \$90; Montine Alstrom, Oberlin, improper backing, \$125; Kimberly Garrard, Lake Mills, Iowa, speeding 44 in a 30 mph zone, \$119; Jamie Miller, Oberlin, transporting alcoholic beverages, \$265, minor in possession, \$315; Travis Riffle, Oberlin, driving under the influence, \$565, ADSAP \$125, booking fee, \$45; Jai Rivet, Foxworth, Texas, no driver's license, \$165, illegal tag, \$165; no proof of insurance, \$365; Daniel Fringer, Oberlin, illegal tag, \$165, no liability insurance, \$365.

Federal Court
BANKRUPTCIES

(Chapter 7 unless otherwise noted)
 Dean, Christine Franklin, aka Christine Franklin, Herndon, liabilities \$143,161, assets \$38,550.

Town Crier

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

Friday: Celebrate Recovery: supper 6:30 p.m.; meeting, 7 p.m.; small groups, 8 p.m.; fellowship, 9 p.m., Oberlin Community Fellowship Church. For details, call (785) 475-3711.

Saturday: Sammy's Safari Carnival from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Center. All children, pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, are welcome. Games and prizes for everyone. Sponsored by the center's residents. Admission is free.

Sunday: Senior potluck, 12:15 p.m., Golden Age Center.

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

Thursday, July 16: Blood drive, noon to 6 p.m., The Gateway. Call (800) 448-3543 for a reservation. Walk-ins welcome.

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. Donations 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: chicken-vegetable casserole, broccoli salad, biscuit, peaches.

Thursday: roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed fruit, bread, birthday cake.

Friday: beef and noodles, tomato-vegetable medley, apricots, noodles, pudding.

Monday: polish sausage with kraut, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, cook's choice fruit.

Tuesday: porcupine meat balls, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread, cantaloupe.

Wednesday: taco salad, peaches, chips, fruit cobbler.

Corrections

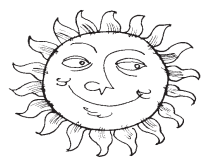
An item in the Norcatu News in the June 10 issue of *The Oberlin Herald* listed pool tournament winners on May 27 without a last name for Barb Whitehead, who placed third. This information was not given to the newspaper.

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The Oberlin Herald will correct

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WEATHER

**Forecast**

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 90.

From The National Weather Service.

National Weather Service

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
June 8	62	48	0
June 9	74	50	0
June 10	65	55	0
June 11	70	54	.40
June 12	65	54	.42
June 13	78	57	.12
June 14	78	57	.02

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.96; for the month, 1.65; for the year 10.96; one year ago, June 2008, 12.99

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

By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.