

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

Obituaries

Lloyd Beneda

Lloyd Beneda, 102, a retired farmer and stockman, and a lifelong resident of Decatur County, died Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

He was born April 12, 1907, in Norcat, to James and Mary (Ruzicka) Beneda Sr.

He was raised on a farm five miles north of Oberlin, where the family moved when he was 3. He attended Lone Star school.

On Feb. 7, 1934, he and Susie Goltl married in Oberlin. They lived on a farm north of Oberlin until the 1940s, when they moved to a farm in Bassetville Township southwest of town. His wife died May 17, 1982.

Mr. Beneda loved the rural way of life and passed that love on to his children. Besides farming, he did mechanical work of any kind. He was a member of the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

He also was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, James Jr., John, Everett and Frank; and two sisters, Kathryn Pavlicek and Pauline Krizek.

Survivors include two sons, Orin Beneda and Elvin Beneda of Oberlin; a daughter, Glenva and Tom Burrell, Max, Neb.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday, June 19, 2009, at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin with the Rev. Doug Hasty officiating and burial in the Oberlin Cemetery.

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

Verl E. Crabill

Verl Eugene Crabill, 81, a former resident of the Norcat and Clayton area, died June 16, 2009, at his home in Norton.

Mr. Crabill was the only child of Gordon and Enid Gertrude (Brewer) Crabill. He was born Feb. 18, 1928, in Rockwell Township of Norton County.

He attended the Rockwell Grade School and then Norcat High School.

He married Minnie Mae Price on June 8, 1946. They lived in Clayton, where he farmed for several years and also worked in heavy construction. He also worked at Decatur County Feeders and for Decatur County. His wife died Dec. 31, 1991.

On Jan. 24, 1998, he married Noreen (Hickert) Kaus and moved to Norton.

In his younger years, Mr. Crabill taught Sunday school and was a Boy Scout leader. He drove a school bus for 10 years and during that time also drove the boy's activity bus. He was always one of the team's biggest supporters.

Mr. Crabill served Clayton as mayor and a city councilman for several years. He did a little of everything for the city, from fixing broken water mains to helping with the annual Halloween wiener roasts. In April 2006, he joined the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

in Norton.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Randy Crabill, Denver; four daughters, Diana and George Fowler, Lawrence, Ind., Ruby and Mike Cook, Clayton; Ronda and Verlan Wagoner, Sharon Springs, and Mary and Keith Palmgren, San Antonio, Texas; 12 step-children; 40 grandchildren and step-grandchildren; and 47 great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren, and four more on the way.

He also was preceded in death by his parents.

The rosary was said Friday at the Enfield Funeral Home, Norton.

Mass of christian burial was Saturday, June 20, at the church, with burial in the Clayton Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to Hospice Services of Norton County, Box 250, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Gerald K. Hafner

Gerald Keith Hafner, a 1953 graduate of Herndon High School, died Saturday, June 20, 2009, in Bremerton, Wash. He was the son of Walt Rowland and Elma Cecelia (Pearson) Hafner.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; two daughters and a son; a brother, Wally and Olive Hafner, Herndon; and two sisters, Shirley McDonald, Denver, and Mary and Bill Lewis, Atwood.

Maxine F. Hatch

Maxine Faye (Shaw) Hatch, 84, Riverside, Calif., a 1942 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Sunday, June 14, 2009.

Mrs. Hatch was born July 25, 1924, in Oberlin, the daughter of Earl Kimball and Gertrude Belle (Lytle) Shaw. After graduating from high school, she moved to Riverside.

She and Joseph Harvey Hatch, also a former Oberlin resident, married in Riverside on Dec. 29, 1946. Mr. Hatch died Sept. 26, 1982. They had no children.

Mrs. Hatch worked for the City of Riverside Light and Water Department for 12 years, then the County of Riverside auditor-controller's office for 18 before she retired in 1975.

The couple lived in Riverside until 1975, when they moved to Peris, Calif. After her husband's death, she returned to Riverside and lived in Magnolia Village Senior Living Center for the last 15 years.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Retired Public Employees Association and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Mrs. Hatch is survived by life-long friends George and Jimmie Simms, Ron Simms and Steve and Shirley Simms; three nephews, Don and Lorna Shaw, Keith and Evelyn Shaw and Clarence and Norma Ames; three nieces, Patty and Harold Yost, Jeanie and Ken Miller and Ina and Jerry Harris, whom they considered as their own. Rick and Marie Baker, two special friends, were devoted to making her life easier.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers Clyde Shaw and Walter Shaw; and three sisters, Ethel Vernon, Myra Shine and Marie Shaw.

Eastern Star services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, at Acheson Graham Garden of Prayer, 7944 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif.

Burial will be at Riverside National Cemetery.

Lois J. McPherson

Lois Joy (Johnson) Mizell McPherson, 81, Tucson, Ariz., mother of Harold Mizell of Norton, died Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

Mrs. McPherson was born Nov. 15, 1927, in Norcat, the daughter of John and Bessie Johnson. She graduated from Norcat Rural High School and obtained a teacher's certificate from Fort Hays State Teachers College. She taught school for several years.

On Feb. 29, 1948, she and Thomas Mizell were married. They lived on the family farm near Clayton. Later, due to her health, they spent summers on the farm and the rest of the year in Tucson. Mr. Mizell died in September 1976.

She married Robert McPherson in Tucson on Feb. 24, 1979, and they lived in Tucson. After Mr. McPherson's retirement, they fulfilled her life-long dream of traveling. They joined the Tucson Family Campers, where they made many friends and memories.

She was a member of the Rincon Baptist Church.

Mrs. McPherson had many interests and hobbies, including sewing, crocheting, tatting, cake decorating and cooking. Her special talent was playing the piano. She created Hope Chests for each of her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Thomas Mizell; an infant daughter, Linda; and two brothers, Charles Johnson and infant George Emory Johnson.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Robert McPherson of the home; a son, Harold and Kris Mizell, Norton; three daughters, June and Billy Hoffman, Panhandle, Texas, Anita and Eldon Pfannenstiel, Hays, and Noreen and Dan Sleanor, Tucson; a step-son, Gary and Trish McPherson, and a step-daughter, Irene and Bob Gillette, all of Tucson; nine grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held June 22, 2009, in Tucson. Grave-side services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Clayton Cemetery with Pastor Carrie Bueler officiating. No visitation.

Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin, is in charge of arrangements.

Florence Zodrow

Florence Zodrow, 86, Leoville, died Monday, June 22, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. Funeral services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home, Selden.

Thompson, Fredricksburg. Floyd Gillespie, Newcastle;

Kansas: Gale Cook, Sabetha; Elma Lee Erickson, Atwood, Atwood Public Library, Paul Chaffin, Goodland; Ruth Meyer, Mrs. Robert Baer, Leonard Cullison, Martha Nemeth, Topeka; Mike McVay, Colby; Donna Wilson, Wichita; Ellen Morgan, Salina.

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 Limited Actions

W.K. Eskildsen M.D. vs. Steven Stacy, \$705, plus costs and interest.

Hansen Plumbing Inc. vs. Wade Jones, \$2,368, plus costs and interest.

est. Surgical Associates vs. Carolyn A. Hackney, \$171, plus costs and interest.

Belmont Management Co. vs. Jessica Foster, \$1,920, plus costs and interest.

Credit Management Services Inc. vs. Sharla Ritter, \$459, plus costs and interest.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:

June 18: James Credeur, 20, McCook, probation violation, Decatur County Sheriffs Office.

June 18: Leif Ramsey, 36, Oberlin, driving while suspended, Oberlin Police Department.

June 20: Mark Vittitow, 48, driving while intoxicated, open container, Oberlin Police Department.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

UPC Lease and Rental to Uptown Management Co., part of S/2SW/4 of Sec. 36, T2S, R29W.

Town Crier

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

Thursday: The Vic Mowry Band from Hoxie at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, 7 p.m. in Town Square. The public is invited.

The Oberlin American Legion meet at 7:30 p.m. at the post home. All members are encouraged to attend.

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 475-3711.

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

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

Thursday: oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, cornbread, strawberries and bananas.

Friday: hamburger-mushroom stroganoff, beets, fruit cup, noodles, brownie.

Monday: smothered steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears.

Tuesday: macaroni and cheese with smokies, California-blend vegetables, bread, watermelon,

cookie
Wednesday: turkey, sweet potatoes, cook's choice vegetable, bread and mixed fruit with blueberries.

Markets

June 22 closing markets

Wheat, \$5.33 bushel
Corn, \$3.39 bushel
Milo, \$5.20 hundredweight
Soybeans, \$10.50 bushel
Sunflowers, \$14.25 hundred-weight

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Corrections

An item in the People in Our Community column in the Wednesday, June 3, edition of *The Oberlin Herald* said that Kimberly Tackett, Warrensburg, Mo., great-granddaughter of Fern Jording and granddaughter of Phil and Marj Law, had been accepted into the American Choral Directors Association. Miss Tackett wasn't accepted into the association but to its choir. This was a reporting error.

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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.

Honor Roll

Welcome and thanks to these recent subscribers of *The Oberlin Herald*:

John Andrews, Perry, Ga.; George Meadows, Pasco, Wash.; Connie Smith, Chippewa Falls, Wis.; Meredith White, Long Beach, Calif.;

Colorado: Sam Willcoxon, Highlands Ranch; Zola Branch, Arvada; Chris Ertler, Wheat Ridge;

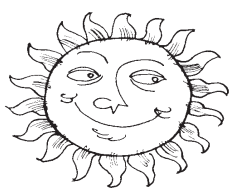
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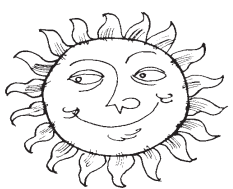
Texas: Evan Wenger, Aubrey; Mrs. Marvin Fedro, Robinson; R. Dee Temple, Ingleside; Nola

Thompson, Fredricksburg. Floyd Gillespie, Newcastle;

Kansas: Gale Cook, Sabetha; Elma Lee Erickson, Atwood, Atwood Public Library, Paul Chaffin, Goodland; Ruth Meyer, Mrs. Robert Baer, Leonard Cullison, Martha Nemeth, Topeka; Mike McVay, Colby; Donna Wilson, Wichita; Ellen Morgan, Salina.



Weather



Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Southwest wind around 5 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 68. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Thursday: Patchy fog before 1 p.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 96. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Friday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 95. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. 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 15	75	59	1.05
June 16	82	53	0
June 17	88	55	0
June 18	91	60	0
June 19	91	63	0
June 20	85	59	.04
June 21	72	62	0

Precipitation totals for the week, 1.09; for the month, 2.75; for the year 12.05; one year ago, June 2008, 12.99

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By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

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