

Obituaries

Trilba Goddard Brock
Trilba Goddard Brock, 89, wife of Jennings native Elwood Brock, died Jan. 18, 2010, at her home in Aurora, Colo.

She was born Feb. 11, 1920, the daughter of Samuel and Emma Goddard, at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rehfeld, north of Holyoke, Colo. She attended grade and high school in Haxtun, Colo., and Central Business College in Denver.

She married Elwood Brock of Jennings on Nov. 26, 1939, at the Methodist Church in Haxtun. They lived in Denver, where she worked 37 years at Russell Stover Candies before retiring on April 8, 1985. She was a member of Montclair Lutheran Church since 1958 and served 23 years on the church council.

Survivors include her husband, Elwood Brock, Aurora, Colo.; a daughter Shirley and Larry Mayber, Aurora; a son, Gary Lee and Jan Brock, Colorado Springs; three brothers, Clyde and Eleanor Goddard, Long Island, N.Y.; and Melvin Goddard and Lloyd Goddard, Los Angeles, Calif.; four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday afternoon at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Denver with burial in Fairmount Cemetery.

Francis M. Hraha

Frank Michael Hraha, 77, a resident of Herndon for the past nine years, died at his home on Jan. 17, 2010.

He was born March 8, 1932, at Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Michael and Leona (Croat) Hraha. After the death of his father, the family moved back to the family farmstead at St. Mary's, Iowa.

He attended St. Mary's grade school and high school, then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry from Iowa State University. He served 3 1/2 years of active duty in the U.S. Army and was stationed part of the time in Germany in the 13th FA Battalion. He remained in the Army Reserve and National Guard for the remainder of 30 years, retiring as a Colonel from the 103th Coscorn of the general staff.

He married Shirley Malone in

1957 and they divorced in 1989. They had four children. He worked at Farm Bureau Life and Health Insurance Company in Des Moines and retired after 33 years as Director of Life and Health Claims.

He married Beth (Hafner) Chartier on Dec. 9, 2000, and moved to Herndon. After returning from a trip to Italy in March 2007, he was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer.

Survivors include his wife, Beth; a son, Mike Hraha, Des Moines; three daughters, Tere and David Rope, Mesa, Ariz.; Mary Wessler, Aurora Colo.; and Beth and Bob Egan, Queen Creek, Ariz.; stepchildren, Cathy and Larry Alcorn, Cindy and Dr. Elliot Cohn, Kenny and Stacy Chartier, Cheryl and Gerard Green, and Robert and Patti Chartier; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Ellen Plaehn.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church in Herndon with Father Stephen Folorunso and Father Daniel Scheetz as concelebrants. Burial and graveside services were conducted at St. Mary's Cemetery with military honors conducted by Fort Riley.

A memorial has been established in his name to the church in Herndon and Community Healthcare and Hospice, McCook. Contributions may be sent to Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. Second, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Robert Michael Karls

Robert Michael Karls, a brother of John Karls of Selden, died Jan. 19, 2010, in Montrose, Colo.

He was born Jan. 16, 1926, in Leoville, the son of August J. and Josephina Karl, and was a graduate of Leoville High School.

He served in the Navy during World War II and later married Eileen Ann Meysenburg of David City, Neb. They reared their family in Wisner, Neb., where he had a General Motors auto dealership, moving to Lincoln, Neb., in 1973. She preceded him in death.

He moved to Colorado to be closer to his two sons and their families, Robert Jon and Charlotte Karls, Salida; and Dr. William Joel Karls and wife Maggie Bowes,

Durango. Other survivors include a brother, John A. and Helen Karls, Selden, and a sister, Helen Jo and Hank Ochs, Hoxie.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Dolores Fleckenstein, Audrey Schroer and Agnes Chvatal, and a brother, Winfred.

A memorial service will be held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Gerald D. Marietta

Gerald D. "Jerry" Marietta, 75, a 1953 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Jan. 9, 2010, in Casper, Wyo., from Alzheimer's and lung cancer.



G. Marietta

He was born May 11, 1934, in Oberlin, the son of C.C. "Duke" Marietta and Gertrude (Coun-ter) Marietta.

He was reared in Oberlin, where he attended Decatur Community High School and excelled in football and wrestling. After graduation, he worked for several years at his father's grocery store, Duke's Grocery, in Oberlin.

He married Mildred Rice of Selden on Dec. 8, 1956, and they moved to Denver. He was employed at Eaton Metal Products Company in Casper, Wyo., for 37 years, moving from warehouse manager to division manager. While at Eaton Metal Jerry moved his way up the management ladder from warehouse salesman to division manager. His daughter, Terri, was his secretary for many years.

He spent many years coaching baseball football and little league baseball in Casper, including 11 years on the board of directors of the Casper Little League with a short stint as the commissioner.

Survivors include his wife, Millie; two sons Mitch and Scott, both of Casper, his brother, Wayne and Odetta Marietta, Russell; and a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Pat and Glenn Banks, Casper.

His parents, his daughter Terri Lynn Marietta-Williams, and his mother-in-law and father in law, Lucile and Dot Rice, preceded him in death.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 11 a.m. at Newcomer Funeral Home in Casper.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kelly Walsh Athletic. Send contributions to Kelly Walsh in care of Frank Mello, 3500 E. 12th Street, Casper, Wyo. 82609.

Gloria M. Messinger

Funeral services are tentatively set for Saturday for Gloria M. Messinger, 76, of McCook, who died Sunday at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

The former Gloria Larreau, she was a former Oberlin resident and attended Oberlin schools until the family moved to McCook. Among survivors are her husband, Roger Messinger, and three sons, Lance, Bruce and Craig, and families.

A complete obituary will be carried in next week's newspaper. Herrmann Funeral Home of McCook is in charge of arrangements.

Bernice E. Van Vleet

Bernice Evelyn Van Vleet, 88, a native of Lebanon, Neb., died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at Community Hospital in McCook.

She was born Jan. 12, 1922, at Lebanon, the daughter of Sanford and Opal Mary (Castor) Lockhart. She grew up there and graduated from a rural school.

She married Denzel Van Vleet on Oct. 6, 1940, at Jennings. They spent their married life farming south of Danbury in Decatur County. She also had worked at Decatur County Hospital and Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin and later became a nurse secretarial assistant for St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook.

After the death of her husband on Sept. 15, 1977, she moved to Danbury and Trenton, Neb., before moving to McCook in 1997.

Survivors include a son, Alva Van Vleet and Dessie, Trenton, Neb.; a daughter, Karen Carter, Wichita; a daughter-in-law, Pam Van Vleet, Oberlin; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Merald Van Vleet on Aug. 31, 2009.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at the Lebanon Cemetery. Memorials may be given in her name. Contributions may be sent to Herrmann Funeral Home, 607 Norris, McCook, Neb., 69001.

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

Thursday: High school Kayette Unit Conference, all day, at Northern Valley.

Junior high girls basketball, 4:30 p.m., at Hoxie.

Junior high wrestling, 4:30 p.m., at Hoxie with Oakley.

High school wrestling, 6:30 p.m., at Hoxie.

Friday: Chamber of Commerce benefit soup supper, 5 to 7 p.m., high school cafeteria.

High school basketball, 6:30 p.m., here, with Goodland.

Saturday: Oberlin speech tournament, high school.

Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament, 9:30 a.m., at St. Francis.

Magic and Illusion Comedy, 7:30 p.m., Gateway, sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

Sunday: Kansas Day program, 2 p.m., Senior Center in Jennings. Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

Monday: County spelling bee, 10 a.m., Oberlin Elementary School cafeteria.

Junior high girls basketball, 4:30 p.m., here, with Colby.

High school junior varsity basketball tournament, Colby.

Tuesday: High school basketball, 6:30 p.m., at Grinnell/Wheatland in Grainfield.

Monday to Friday, Feb. 1 to 6: Kindergarten registration, Oberlin Elementary School office.

Saturday, Feb. 6: Potato bar benefit for retaining wall south of new Golden Age Center, 5 to 7 p.m., at Golden Age Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: Commodity distribution, 9 a.m., Golden Age Center.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: Parent-teacher conferences, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11: No school. Parent-teacher conferences, 8 a.m. to noon.

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, weekdays at 11:30 a.m.

Today: oven-fried chicken, pasta salad with vegetables, potato wedges, bread, strawberry shortcake.

Thursday: chef salad, five-cup salad, bread sticks, brownies.

Friday: chili, tropical fruit, crackers, cinnamon roll.

Monday: salisbury steak, Italian blend vegetables, garden rice, bread, pears.

Tuesday: oven-face turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, bread, blueberry cobbler.

Wednesday: hamburger stew, tossed salad, biscuit, apricots.

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

January 25 closing markets
Wheat, \$3.89 bushel
Corn, \$3.05 bushel
Milo, \$4.91 hundredweight
Soybeans, \$8.22 bushel
Sunflowers, \$12.45 hundred-weight

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 Action

Credit Management Services vs. Gregory Smith, \$882, plus costs and interest.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:

Jan. 21: Jeff Sprinkle, 36, Oberlin, felony distribution of marijuana, Oberlin Police Department.

Jan. 22: Lois Scott, 61, Oberlin, felony sale of marijuana, Oberlin Police Department.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Amy J. and David Lamb, to David D. and Janice L. Guthrie, as joint tenants, a tract in NW corner of Lot 10, Block 16, Rodehaver Addition to the City of Oberlin.

City Hall POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department

worked this call:

• Arrested Jeff Sprinkle, 36 of Oberlin. The case is still under investigation, said Chief Wade Lockhart. Formal charges haven't been filed yet.

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220 N. Penn Oberlin 785-470-2200

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Sat., Jan. 23 & 30, 7 p.m.
Sun., Jan 24 & 31, 2 p.m.
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Weather

Forecast

Wednesday: Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 34. North wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 31. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 7.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 31. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 11.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 36. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 17.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. **Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 40.

From the National Weather Service

By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.	
Jan. 18	54	20	0	
Jan. 19	49	20	0	
Jan. 20	29	23	.12	2" snow
Jan. 21	44	19	Trace	
Jan. 22	41	31	Trace	
Jan. 23	51	32	0	
Jan. 24	50	24	0	

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.12; for the month, 0.18; for the year 0.18; one year ago, January 2008, 0.19

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

