

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

Obituaries

From the Record

Mercedean J. Bagley

Mercedean Joyce Bagley, 78, a niece of Edla Olson of Oberlin, died Tuesday, April 19, 2011, in Mount Vernon, Wash., after a short illness.

She was born Sept. 12, 1932, in Oberlin, the daughter of Walter and Hulda Olson. The family lived in the Midway community south of Herndon until moving to Mount Vernon in 1943.

She graduated from Mount Vernon High School with the class of 1950.

She married William H. Bagley in February 1954, and they had two sons.

She worked for Dr. Ray Bradbury and also as a bookkeeper for Miller's Department store. In 1971, she started working for the Mount Vernon School District Administration Office and retired in 1994.

She and her husband drove to Alaska on the Alaskan Highway when it was still gravel. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church and sang in the choir. After retiring, the couple spent the winters in Southern California and Arizona.

Survivors include her husband, Bill; a son, Jim and Diane Bagley and Elliott, Stanwood, Wash.; a sister, Marcyene Olson, Mount Vernon; a brother, Walter "Butch" and Jeannie Olson, Burlington, Wash.; eight nieces and nephews and 15 great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jeff; two sisters, Geraldine Lee and Annette Newcomer; and a brother-in-law, Clark Lee.

A memorial service was held Monday afternoon at the church in Mount Vernon.

Memorials are suggested to the church. Contributions and condolences may be sent to Bill Bagley, 17497 Cypress St., Mount Vernon, Wash., 98274-7778.

Norma L. Carmon

Norma Lorraine Carmon, 78, the mother of Vickie Sowers of Oberlin, died Thursday, April 21, 2011, at her home in Oberlin from complications related to congestive heart failure.

She was born Nov. 13, 1932, near Danbury, Wis., the eighth of 12 children of Cecil and Mildred (Cutler) Bailey.

She graduated from Webster High School, Webster, Wis., in 1950, working as a nanny and housekeeper.

She attended Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, where she graduated with a theology degree in January 1955. While there, she met James Carmon of Albany,

Texas.

They were married on Feb. 26, 1955. He preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 2010.

Her husband's pastorates led the family to churches in Mason, Wis.; Appleton, Wis.; and Billings, Mont. He became pastor of the Lund Covenant Church, rural Dresden, in 1968.

When her husband began traveling as a full-time evangelist in 1974, she remained in Oberlin while the younger three daughters finished high school.

She also worked as a respiratory therapist at the Decatur County Hospital.

In 1985, when her husband became director of extension and church growth for the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Arlington, Texas, the couple moved there.

They also lived in Lincoln, Neb., and Savage, Mont., where he had pastorates.

They moved to Siren, Wis., in 1999, where he served as pastor and then associate pastor of First Baptist, Falun.

After he retired in 2009, the couple returned to Oberlin, where they owned a home, to be near daughter Vickie and her family.

Survivors include her daughters, Vickie and Armin Sowers, rural Dresden; Yvonne and Dennis Schultz, of Mount Gilead, Ohio; Janet and Wiley Anderson, rural Angora, Neb.; and Janell and John Meyers, Hamtramck, Mich., and families; two brothers, Keith Bailey, and Paul Bailey; Marian (Bailey) Brown, Marjorie Marie (Bailey) Allen, Margel (Bailey) Anderson, Eileen (Bailey) Carlson, and Paul Bailey; one brother-in-law and four sisters-in-law; and numerous nephews and nieces and their families.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, David, Eugene, Bob, and Jim Bailey, and a sister, Murle (Bailey) Stewart.

Memorial services were held Friday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Tom Smith, assisted by the Rev. John Meyers and the Rev. Dr. Dennis Schultz, officiated. A private graveside service was conducted at the Lund Covenant Church Cemetery, rural Dresden.

A memorial fund was established to the Acts 29 Fellowship (www.acts-29.us)

Donna Rae Eskew

Donna Rae Eskew, 84, a long-time licensed practical nurse at Cedar Living Center, died Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney,

Neb.

She was born Oct. 27, 1926, at the home of her grandparents in Arcadia, Neb., the daughter of Ray E. and Beulah Alice (Cox) McClary.

She grew up in the Arcadia area and graduated from Arcadia High School in 1944. During the summer of 1945, she worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" in Omaha.

She married Thomas Woodrow Eskew on Feb. 28, 1946, in Oberlin. They became the parents of six children and lived in a variety of places while he worked for the railroad in Illinois, Nebraska and Colorado.

In 1966, they moved back to Oberlin to help her mother operate the Star Motel.

She was a nurse aide at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin for eight years before she started college at Colby Community College and became a licensed practical nurse in 1974. She then began working at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, retiring May 2, 2006.

Survivors include four sons, Dennis and Nikki Eskew, Kalispell, Mont.; Bruce and Rose Eskew, Buffalo; Robert and Barbara Eskew, McCook; and David and Karen Eskew, Oberlin; two daughters, Beverly Reiter, and Mary Jo and Wayne Larson, Oberlin; 14 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Dec. 10, 1992; her parents; an infant brother, Bryce McClary; a sister, Arlene Wilson-Chandler; a son-in-law, Gary Reiter; a daughter-in-law, Gina Eskew; and a grandson, Thomas John (T. J.) Eskew.

Graveside memorial services were held Friday afternoon at the Oberlin Cemetery with the Rev. Mike McVay officiating.

A memorial was established to benefit the Oberlin City Library. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Jasper K. Grafel

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church in Atwood for Jasper Kendall Grafel, 2 months, who died Thursday at Children's Hospital in Denver. He was the son of Ben and Mariah (Jones) Grafel of Herndon.

Pastor Keith Reuther will officiate and burial will be in the Herndon Covenant Church Cemetery. A memorial was established in his name.

Williams Funeral Home of Atwood is in charge of arrangements.

Lorri Gerdes Wilson

Memorial services for Lorri Gerdes Wilson, 55, will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2011, at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. The Rev. Linda Willey and the Rev. Gene Gee will officiate.

She died Feb. 3, 2011, at her home in Oberlin.

She was the daughter of Everett and Nellie (Ross) Gerdes of Oberlin. Other survivors include her daughter, Lacey and Matt Cantu and Keenan Cantu, Evans, Colo.; and a brother, Douglas and Fay Gerdes, Macon, Ga.

A memorial was established to the American Cancer Society. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

A complete obituary was carried in the newspaper at the time of her death.

Corrections

A story about Jack Benton in the "Hometown Heroes" section of the April 13 *Oberlin Herald* gave the name of daughter Brenda Ulery's husband as Greg. It should have been Kirk Ulery. This was a reporter's 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.

Markets

April 2011 closing markets
Wheat, \$8.41 bushel
Corn, \$6.88 bushel
Milo, \$6.68 hundredweight
Soybeans, \$12.83 hundred weight
Sunflowers, \$26.90 hundred weight

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

The Bank vs. Walter Marble, \$363 plus costs and interest.
Dale Brown vs. Mark Ohlert, \$500 plus costs and interest.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:
Tucker James Dowling, 29, Oberlin, failure to appear, driving under the influence, Oberlin Police Department.
Alisha Bergling, 25, Oberlin, serving time for driving under the influence, Red Willow County.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

William J. and Gail E. Cathcart to Alex J. and Dawn R. Louderback as joint tenants, Lots 1-5, Blk 2, Marks-Cole Addition to the town of Oberlin.
Kevin and Jeanie K. Loudon

Unger to Kevin and Jeanie K. Loudon Unger as joint tenants, S.40' Lot 3 and all of vacated alley adjacent to lot 3, Blk 16, Rodehaver Addition to City of Oberlin.

Kevin and Jeanie K. Unger, transfer on death to Rena A. Unger and Katelyn S. Unger, as tenants in common, SW/4; N/2, SE/4; SE/4 /SE/4, Sec. 13, NE/4NE/4; NW/4 Sec. 24, less tract, T3S, R29W; the S.40' Lot 3, and all of vacated alley, Blk 16, Rodehaver Addition to City of Oberlin; and Lots 4-6 Blk 7, East Oberlin Addition to City of Oberlin.

Lawrence and Donna Hermes, quit claim to John Kettling, Lots 6-8, Blk 5, Original Town of Jennings.

Bruce and Rose Eskew to Jim Glau, Tract W/2 SW/4, Sec. 1 T3S, R29W.

Inez F. Jackson, surviving trustee, corrected Trustee's Deed to Dewayne A. Jackson of the Jackson Irrevocable Farm Trust, S/2 NE/4, and N/2 NE4, Sec. 34, T2S, R26W.

Town Crier

Today: Professional Assistants Luncheon, Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, 11:45 a.m., American Legion Hall.

Fourth-grade Conservation Round-up, Oberlin Elementary School.

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

Thursday: Junior high track meet, 3 p.m., at Oakley.

American Legion Post meeting, 7 p.m., Legion Hall, elections and scholarships.

Friday: Sixth-grade orientation at Decatur Community Junior High.

Saturday: High school golf, 9 a.m. at Rawlins County.

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

Tuesday: Jody Tubbs, state veterans affairs officer, 9 to 10 a.m., courthouse.

High school golf, 3 p.m. at Hoxie.
High school track, 3 p.m. at St. Francis.

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.

Tuesday, Thursday: The Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center, weekdays at noon.

Today: pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned carrots, roll, pears.

Thursday: chili, orange pineapple salad, crackers, cinnamon roll.

Friday: steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, cinnamon apple slices.

Monday: chicken-and-rice casserole, peas, country tomatoes, bread, pineapple.

Tuesday: hamburger steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, fruit mix, bread, brownie.


Wednesday: turkey a la king, corn, strawberries and bananas, biscuit, pudding.

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Weather

Forecast
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 58.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 72.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low about 45.
Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 73.
Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42.
Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny and breezy, with a high near 60.
Saturday Night: A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 37.
Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60.
From the National Weather Service

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
April 18	78	35	T
April 19	55	36	.39
April 20	54	32	0
April 21	57	38	0
April 22	69	42	0.04
April 23	69	42	0
April 24	46	29	.03

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.45; for the month, 1.70; for the year 3.84; one year ago, April, 2010, 07.26.

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