

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

Obituaries

W. Dean Groneweg

W. Dean Groneweg, 84, Oberlin, a retired farmer and rancher, died Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at Memorial Hospital in Cambridge, Neb.

He was born Aug. 29, 1926, in Oberlin, the son of George H. and Effie (Baughman) Groneweg. He attended country school and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1944. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater from 1945 to 1946. He was a member of the Oberlin American Legion Post for more than 60 years.

He married Dora "Peggy" Peck on June 14, 1949, in Oberlin, and they lived and farmed 20 miles southwest of Oberlin. He was the Decatur County assessor for more than 30 years. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and the Selden and Oberlin Lions Clubs. He was a leader of the Wide-A-Wake 4-H Club and served on the Cook Township Board. The couple moved to Oberlin in 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Oberlin; two sons, Robert and Judy Groneweg, Oberlin, and Lynn and Donna Groneweg, Enid, Okla.; a daughter, Joyce and Jim Jones, Cambridge; six grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-mother, Mary (Demmer-Roth) Groneweg; two step-brothers, Welton and Walter Roth, and a step-sister, Jane McKinley.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 8, 2011, at the church, with Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg officiating. Burial will be in the Oberlin Cemetery with military honors by the American Legion.

Memorials were established in his name to the church or the Tri-Valley Medical Foundation at Cambridge. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Condolences may be sent online at paulsfh.com

Daughn A. Heller

Daughn A. Heller, 67, of North Platte, Neb., a 1961 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Friday, July 1, 2011, at the Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte.

He was born Aug. 23, 1943, in Oberlin, the son of Glenn and Lora (Hunsaker) Heller. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy from June 2, 1961, to July 31, 1964.

He married Judith A. Richter on Aug. 17, 1968, at Hoxie. The family lived in Kansas and McCook before moving to North Platte in 1985. He worked for the Mid Plains Community College.

Survivors include his wife, North Platte; a son, Shandy and Kayleen Heller, Lincoln, Neb.; two sisters, Roxie Tuller and Ruby Taylor, both of McCook; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Maxine, Glenda and Bonnie.

Graveside inurnment services were to be Tuesday at the Fort McPherson National Cemetery near Maxwell, Neb., with military honors.

Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association. Carpenter Memorial Chapel, 1616 West B., North Platte, Neb., 69101, is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences at www.carpentermemorial.com.

Frederick L. Helm

Col. Frederick L. Helm, a retired Army veterinarian, and a longtime resident of the Lyle community of Decatur County, died at his home in Hilo, Hawaii.

He was born May 2, 1945, the son of John Francis and Helen Margaret (Sughrue) Helm. The family lived on a farm in Decatur County, and he attended Spring Branch School in Lyle. He attended high school in Norcat, graduating in 1963.

He attended St. Benedict's College at Atchison for a year, then transferred to Kansas State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1967. He graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine as a doctor of veterinary medicine in 1969.

While attending Kansas State, he was in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and was commissioned in

the Army as a captain after graduation. His military service took him to many countries and states, including Thailand, Vietnam, Panama, Washington, D.C., and Hawaii.

He married Michelle Cabrall of Hilo, Hawaii, and they adopted two children, Natasha and Andrew. While stationed in Hawaii, he received a Master of Science in public health at Manoa, Hawaii, in 1981. He retired as a colonel after serving his country for more than 30 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Natasha Kukunaokala and Andrew Sloan, Kernersville, N.C., and a son, Andrew Helm, Athens, Ala.; his mother, Helen Helm, Cambridge, Neb.; three brothers, Jim and Yanis Helm, McCook; John Helm II and Pam Helm, Redmond, Wash.; and Mike and Deb Helm, Norcat; three sisters, Kathy Brashears and Robert Hezzy, Curtis, Neb.; Ceanne and Martin Rinehart, Colby; and Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his father in 2004, and a sister, Mary Helm, in 2010.

A memorial Mass is scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Indianola. Inurnment will be at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and Honolulu Memorial in Hawaii on Aug. 19.

Condolences will reach his mother and the family at 1205 Nelson St., Cambridge, Neb., 69022.

Keith Edward Mannie

Keith Edward Mannie, 33, Norcat, died Saturday, July 2, 2011, in a one-vehicle accident on Red Willow County Road 397, three miles southeast of Danbury. He had lived and worked in the Norcat and Danbury area.

Survivors include his parents, Ross and Sharon (Bachmeier) Mannie, Colorado; a brother Kevin (Mike) Maxey, Washington; a sister, Crystal and Jeremy Juhnke, Colorado; his paternal grandparents, Larry and Margaret (Opoien) Mannie, and nieces and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Milton and Annie (Kraft) Bachmeier.

A celebration of his life is planned on Sunday at the his home, the Bar MRanch, 2304 BB Lane, Norcat, five miles west of Lyle Church. The gathering will begin at 3 p.m., and serving supper at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Memorials may be sent to his parents at 37600 U.S. Highway 385, Wray, Colo., 80758.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon today at the Herrmann Funeral Home in McCook, with cremation to follow.

Eleanor M. McCarty

Eleanor M. McCarty, 80, a 1949 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died July 3, 2011, at the Goshen Care Center in Torrington, Wyo.

She was born June 10, 1931, in Oberlin, the daughter of Francis and Lulu (Witt) Huntley. She grew up and received her education in Oberlin. She attended three years at McCook Junior College.

She married Melvin McCarty on April 24, 1955, in Oberlin. They moved to a ranch southeast of Wheatland, Wyo., and later moved to the Lyman, Neb., area before buying a home in Torrington in 1975. She worked in accounts receivable for the Lamb Construction and the City of Torrington. Her husband died in 1991.

She married Earl Werner on Sept. 26, 1992 in Torrington, and he also preceded her in death. She retired from the City of Torrington in 1995 and they moved to her husband's ranch west of Yoder, Wyo. In 2001, they moved to Torrington and her husband died in 2009.

She was a member of the Methodist Church, Happy Hour Club, and Circle 4. She was a master gardener and a Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary McCarty, Torrington; two sons, Gene and Sandy McCarty, Laramie, Wyo., and Robert McCarty, Torrington; two step-sons, Jim and Emma Werner, Hawk Springs, Wyo., and David Werner, Glendale, Ariz.; a step-daughter, Joyce Kirchner, Yoder, Wyo.; six grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Wayne

Huntley; and two sisters, LaVay Dixon and Barbara Jewell.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ora Dailey officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Leanne Olsen

Leanne Olsen, 37, a former resident of the Lyle community of northeast Decatur County, died June 24, 2011, in Wichita.

She was born Dec. 19, 1973, in Norton, the daughter of Richard and Gerry (Lockhart) Chambers. She was working as a field sales consultant for Henry Schein Dental.

Survivors include her husband, Steven Olsen, Wichita; her mother, Gerry Heil, and her father, Richard Chambers, both of Hays; two brothers, Rex and Cheryl Chambers, Hays; and Richard and Julie Chambers, McCook; her grandfather, Hop Lockhart, Norton; and her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Carolyn and Bob Olsen, Clearwater.

She was preceded in death by her step-father, Dick Heil; her grandparents, Peggy Lockhart, and Lester and Agnes Chambers; and a step-sister, Jana Mackey.

Memorial services were Thursday, June 30, 2011, at Westlink Christian Church in Wichita.

Memorials were established to Victory in the Valley or the Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice.

Culbertson-Smith Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. View tributes at smithfamilymortuaries.com.

Aleen Pearl Van Vleet

Aleen Pearl Van Vleet, 100, a former Decatur County treasurer and clerk, died June 27, 2011, at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

She was born Oct. 21, 1910, on a farm southwest of Oberlin, the daughter of Walter and Edith Pearl (Harris) Vernon. She taught school for a year after graduating from Decatur Community High School in 1928. After marrying, she lived on a farm east of Oberlin.

She married Leo F. Van Vleet Sr. on May 4, 1928, in Oberlin. They made their home on a farm east of Oberlin before moving to town. She was a bookkeeper and clerk for 11 years at the former J.C. Penney store here, then served at the courthouse for 20 years. At the request of the county commissioners, she originated the Golden Age Center, which she managed for 20 years.

Survivors include two sons, Leo F. and Josephine Van Vleet, Phoenix, and Eugene and Lily Van Vleet, San Diego; a daughter, Veanna and Max Carman, Oberlin; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren, and a brother, Chester Vernon, Roseville, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Max, Orval, Karl, Jay and Darrel, and four sisters, Fausta Nicodemus, Mary Bethel, Nila Brunk and Jannette Drotts.

Funeral services were Friday morning, July 1, 2011, at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Tom Smith officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the senior center, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Tyler Paul Wozniak

Tyler Paul Wozniak, 26, who worked for the Poe Well Service, died June 26, 2011, at the Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

He was born May 25, 1985, in Colby, the son of Gary and Marla (Van Pelt) Wozniak. He grew up in Colby, where he attended school, and moved to Oberlin in June 2005. He was an operator and floor hand for Poe.

Survivors include his parents, Oberlin; a brother, Tanner Ross Wozniak, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; his maternal grandmother, Dorothy Van Pelt, Oberlin; an uncle, Jim Van Pelt, Platteville, Colo.; four aunts, Barb Tally, Oberlin; Bille Jo and Harold Rubinfeld, Lancaster, Calif.; Ursula and Robert Leeds, Wayzata, Minn.; and Renate and Les Teschner, Seattle, Wash.; and eight cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Ross Van Pelt, and paternal grandparents, George and Gertrude Clyde.

Graveside memorial services were Saturday afternoon, July 2, 2011, at the Oberlin Cemetery with Sid Metcalf officiating.

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

Eugene Walter Wurm

Eugene Walter Wurm, 82, a retired farmer, mail carrier and Decatur County appraiser, died Saturday, July 2, 2011, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

He was born Jan. 2, 1929, on the family farm southwest of Traer in north-west Decatur County, the son of Walter and Elsie (Humes) Wurm. He attended Lone Valley School and graduated from Herndon High School in 1946. He worked for several area farmers, then began his own operation. In 1951, he was drafted for the Korean War and was based in Germany for a time.

He married Beverly Morris in July 1956 in Oberlin, and they had four daughters. On Dec. 26, 1980, he married Delores (Olmstead) Carpenter in Arapahoe, Neb. She died July 23, 1999.

He married Bette Bean on Sept. 23, 2006, in Culbertson, Neb., and they lived on his farm east of Herndon.

He was the Decatur County appraiser and worked as a rural mail carrier while farming. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin, the Adam Miller American Legion Post in Culbertson and the National Association of Retired Mail Carriers. He received a Century Farm Award in 2005.

Survivors include his wife, Bette, Herndon; four daughters, Judy Jordan, Oberlin; Patricia Buffum and Dean Vavak, Omaha; Shanna and Brad Long, Oberlin; and Nancy and Rick Corder, Lake Havasu, Ariz.; six stepsons, Bill Hanke, Culbertson; John Sydow and Steph Skeen, and Dale and Amanda Bean, all of Kearney, Neb.; Lee and Annie Carpenter, Australia; Scott and Liz Carpenter, Wisconsin; and Ward and Jill Carpenter, Arapahoe, Neb.; a step-daughter, Gail and Larry Bass, McCook; a brother, Lester and Kay Wurm, Overland Park; two sisters, Wilma May, Oberlin, and Neta and Allen Jeffus, Topeka; 30 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Donald Wurm.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church in Oberlin. The Rev. Bradley Rick will officiate and burial will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, near Oberlin, with military rites by the Oberlin American Legion Post.

A memorial was established in his name, in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.



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:

REGISTER OF DEEDS

June 14: Gloria Bee Nelson, a widow, to Larry Sumner, Lots 15-18 in Blk 22, Original City of Norcat.

June 22: Tad E. Hartsough, a single person, to LaTierra Inc. a Kansas corporation, Lots 2-6 in Blk. 5, Original City of Norcat.

March 6: Thomas E. Bevington, a widower, to Patricia A. Hall, a single person, Lots 9 and 10 and N/2 of Lot 11, in Blk 10, Original Town of Jennings.

June 15: Rosa H. Day, a single woman, to Stan Miller, a tract in NE/4NW/4 of Sec 36, T2S, R26W.

June 20: Patricia Marie Sparks, a/k/a Patricia M. Sparks, a single person, quit claim to Donald Sparks

III, a tract in W/2E/2SW/4 and W/2SW/4 of Sec 26, T3S, R26W.

Feb 28: Paul F. Schieferecke, a/k/a Paul Schieferecke, a single person, quit claim to Paul F. Schieferecke, Trustee of the Paul F. Schieferecke Trust, tract in NW/4 of Sec 34, T5S, R28W, in the platted townsite of Leoville.

June 30: Byron W. and Jean Ann Hale, husband and wife, to David E. and Carla J. Depperschmidt, as joint tenants, and not as tenants in common, Lots 7 and 8, except the E 10', in Blk 22, Summit Addition to Oberlin.

June 22: Preston A. and Peggy Pratt, husband and wife, to Steven W. Hirsch, Lot 6, Blk 6, Original City of Oberlin.

June 30: David E. and Carla J. Depperschmidt, husband and wife, to Byron W. and Jean Ann Hale, as joint tenants, and not as tenants in common, lots 11 and 12, Johnston Addition to City of Oberlin.

Town Crier

Today: Farmers Market, 8 a.m., in front of Chamber office, Penn Avenue and Hall Street.

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

Thursday: Oberlin Community Blood Drive, noon to 6 p.m., The Gateway.

Work night to prepare carnival equipment for the Decatur County Fair in August, 6 p.m. at the fair-ground.

Tuesday: Commodities, 9 a.m., Golden Age Center.

Next Wednesday: Widows and Friends, 11:30 a.m., at Coffee, Tea and Me.

The Sunflower Recreation Center downtown is open for open bowling from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday, and 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; closed Wednesday and Thursday; then open 4 to 10 p.m. Friday, with red pin bowling at 6 p.m.; and open bowling from 3 to 11 p.m. Saturday and moonlight bowling at 9 p.m.

At 1 p.m. at the Golden Age Center, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle; Quilting, puzzles, games daily. Chicken-foot dominoes, 1 p.m., first and third Tuesdays; Bingo, second and fourth Tuesdays.

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

Tuesday, Thursday: The Deca-

tur County Food Pantry is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith.

SENIOR MENU

Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center, weekdays at noon:

Today: sloppy joes, coleslaw with carrots, pears, bun, pudding.

Thursday: chicken and noodles, peas, stewed tomatoes, roll, cantaloupe.

Friday: salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, gelatin with fruit.

Monday: hamburger gravy, Italian blend vegetables, beets, biscuit, mixed fruit.

Tuesday: taco salad, watermelon, chips, applesauce bars.

Next Wednesday: herb baked chicken, potato salad, corn, bread, plums.

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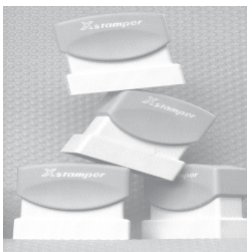
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Sunday, July 10 - 7 p.m.

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F.L. Helm



Forecast

Today: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84.

Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers with a low around 65.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers with a high near 86.

Thursday night: A low around 65.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

Friday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96.

Saturday night: Cloudy, with a low around 69.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.

Sunday night: Cloudy, with a low around 71.

From the National Weather Service

Weather



National Weather Service

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

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip
June 27	93	62	0.01
June 28	82	54	0
June 29	91	57	0
June 30	100	62	0
July 1	106	63	0
July 2	96	64	0.23
July 3	84	60	1.77

Precip for week: 2.01

Precip for month: 0.82 for June. 2.00 for July

Precip for year: 13.53

Precip one year go: 20.80

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

By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.