

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Obituaries

## Don Eicher

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, at the Oberlin Cemetery for Don Eicher, 78, who died Dec. 2, 2010, in Las Lunas, N.M. The Rev. Stan Chapin will officiate and the Oberlin American Legion will offer military rites.

The son of the late Frank and Ruth (Traxler) Eicher, he grew up in Oberlin. He was a 1951 graduate of Decatur Community High School and served in the U.S. Army in Japan and Korea.

Survivors include three children, Cheri and Jay Hamilton, and Dirk Eicher and Kris Eicher.

## David Wayne Jordan

David Wayne Jordan, 82, McCook, a brother-in-law of Leonard and Dorothy Cochran of Oberlin, died Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, in Kearney, Neb.



David Jordan

He was born July 11, 1929, in Bedias, Texas, the son of James Hall and Natie Irene (Tucker) Jordan. He joined the Army during the Korean War and was discharged May 5, 1952.

He married Leota Cochran on Sept. 4, 1953, in Oberlin. He had been a member of the Egan Park Baptist Church and the McCook Baptist Church. He taught General Equivalency Degree classes at McCook Community College.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Nora Powell, Omaha; a son Randy and Darla Jordan, McCook; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Bonnie Pearl, Bertha, Irene and Dorothy, and three brothers; Roy, A.G. and Cecil.

Funeral services were to be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Carpenter-Breland Funeral Home in McCook with Pastor Gary Howitt officiating. Burial was to follow in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice.

## Ambrosia P. Mendiola

Dr. Ambrosia P. "Borgie" Mendiola, 71, a son-in-law of John and Helen Karls of Selden, died Sept. 8, 2011, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

He was born Sept. 20, 1939, in the Philippines, the son of Benjamin and Lucia (Paras) Mendiola. He earned a medical degree from the University of the East in Manila and practiced briefly in the Philippines before coming to the U.S.

He practiced in Chicago for six years, then moved to Kansas, where he practiced all over the state before moving to Fredonia, where he was in private practice for 15 years.

He served in the U.S. Army and received a commendation medal for Operation Desert Storm in 1991. He was a member of the Fredonia Lions Club, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fredonia, St Joseph Catholic Church in Leavenworth and the Masonic Lodge.

He married Robyn Karls on Sept. 27, 1989, in Leavenworth and she survives.

Other survivors include his children, Mike Mendiola, Michelle and Jason McKinnie and Marlene Mendiola, all of Chicago, and Nick and Stephanie Anderson, Lawrence; and three grandchildren.

A rosary and the funeral mass were held on Sept. 12, 2011, at the church in Fredonia. Burial was last Tuesday at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Leavenworth.

Memorials have been established with the American Cancer Society and the American Diabetes Association; contribution may be sent to Timmons Funeral Home, 510 N. Seventh, Fredonia, Kan., 66736. Condolences may be sent to www.timmonsfuneralhome.com.

## Rodney Partch

Rodney Partch, 90, a former Decatur County extension agent, died Sept. 8, 2011, at the Dundy County Hospital in Benkelman, Neb.

He was born June 13, 1921, in Bird City, the only child of Faye and Bell (Howell) Partch. He attended Bird City schools, then attended Kansas State University where he played basketball and was a member of the Legends Club. He was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity and graduated in 1944.

He married Elizabeth (Bette) Petersen on Sept. 6, 1944, in Pasadena, Calif. They returned to Hoxie, where he was the county extension agent. After working in Sheridan, Decatur and Mitchell counties as an agricultural agent and for K-State as a field agronomist, he and his family moved to Bird City, where he joined his father in farming.

He was a member of the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City and taught Sunday School. He and his wife organized the Happy Larks 4-H Club and he served as president of the Bird City Board of Education and on the board of the Federal Land Bank.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue and Glenn Laubham, Salina; a son, Ted and Carol Partch, Bird City; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife in July 2009.

Funeral services were held at the Immanuel Methodist Church in Bird City on Sept. 10, 2011, with burial in the Bird City Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the church food pantry or the Bird City Library. Contributions may be sent to Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, Bird City, Kan., 67756.

## Elmer Lee Solko

Elmer Lee Solko, 79, Lowell, Ark., formerly of Oberlin, died Sept. 13, 2011, at the Westwood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Springdale, Ark.

He was born Oct. 19, 1931, at the family home in Rawlins County, the son of Wendell and Katherine (Scheichler) Solko. He was a corporal with the 555th "Triple-Nickel" Field Artillery Battalion during the Korean War, serving from Oct. 22, 1952, to Oct. 21, 1954.

He married Barbara Ann Breinig on June 2, 1956 in Arapahoe, Neb. He was a farmer in Rawlins County before his retirement and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin and the Herndon Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; three children, Elmer Ross Solko, Fayetteville, Ark., Alicia and Kelly Russell, Lowell, Ark., and Barry and Dawn Solko, Springfield, Mo.; a brother, Melvin and Sheryl Solko, Davenport, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Dorothy Wells, and two brothers, Richard and Franklin Solko.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday morning at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale with Father John Connell officiating. Burial with military honors was at the Fayetteville National Cemetery.

A memorial Mass was held Monday evening at the Oberlin Sacred Heart Church with the Rev. Mark Berland officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Catholic Seminary

Fund, or to Washington Regional Hospice, 34 W. Colt Square, Suite 1, Fayetteville, Ark., 72703.

## Alfred V. Wahlmeier

Alfred V. Wahlmeier, 87, a native of Clayton, died Sept. 7, 2011, at his home in Acworth, Ga., where he was living with his son Bruce.



Wahlmeier

He was born on Feb. 10, 1924, in Clayton, the son of Henry and Mary Wahlmeier. He attended Jennings High School, where he excelled in sports. He served four years in the Army with the 104th Cavalry. Upon returning to north-west Kansas, his love for sports resulted in a professional contract with the Chicago Cubs. An injury brought him back to Jennings, where was employed with Standard Oil, retiring after 32 years.

He married Imogene Carper on Feb. 3, 1947, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Almelo.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Bruce and Cheryl Wahlmeier; two sisters, Ann Lacy and Henrietta Sloan, and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon James; two brothers, Lawrence and Frances; and a sister, Viola.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Francis Catholic Church in Norton. Inurnment will be at a later date.

## Frank N. Ward

Frank N. Ward, 93, a retired Norcatar area farmer, died Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, at the Norton County Hospital in Norton.

He was born Dec. 22, 1917, in Norcatar, the son of Earl and Alta (Nelson) Ward. He grew up in Norcatar, graduated from the Norcatar High School in 1935, and attended four years at Burns Business College in Denver. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1941 until 1945 during World War II, becoming a pilot.

He married Velda Fullerton on April 14, 1946, and they farmed east of Norcatar. They moved to Norcatar in 1980, and lived there until her death in December 2008. He later moved to Whispering Pines in Norton.

He was a member of the Harmonson-Redd American Legion Post of Norton, the Masonic Lodge, the Shrine Temple, the Scottish Rite, the International Order of Odd Fellows and the Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include a daughter, Wava Reames, and a son, Leslie and Lynn Ward, all of Norcatar; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were Saturday afternoon at the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton, with burial in the Norcatar Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the Norcatar City Building Fund, in care of the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

## Markets

**Sept. 19, 2011 closing markets**  
 Wheat, \$6.72 bushel  
 Corn, \$6.56 bushel  
 Milo, \$6.05 bushel  
 Soybeans, \$11.91 bushel  
 (Decatur Co-operative Association)

# 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

July 19, Lyla J. Harris, Benton, Calif., no child seat or seat belt, \$158.

Aug. 15, Allan L. Simmons Jr., Boelus, Neb., speeding 78 mph, \$161.

### Limited Actions

Bank of America, Midland Funding, by Kramer and Ebank, Kansas City, Mo., versus Tara Votapka, Oberlin, \$575 plus interest and fees for credit card debt.

GE Money Bank for J.C. Penney Credit versus Belinda K. Jones, Oberlin, \$1,299 plus interest and fees for goods and services.

Countryside Veterinary Clinic, Oberlin, versus Debbie Inman, Oberlin, \$221 plus interest and fees for goods and services.

Credit Management Services, Grand Island, Neb., versus David and Karen Eskew, Oberlin, for Kearney Urology Center, \$1,165; Dr. Brent L. Steffens, \$69; and Great Plains Radiology, \$210 plus costs and fees for medical services.

### JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:

Benjamin Farr, 27, McCook, Red Willow County, driving under the influence.

## Town Crier

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

College Planning Conference, 2 p.m., high school cafeteria.

Potluck, 6:15 p.m., United Methodist Church, followed by program by Drs. Lynn and Sharon Fogelman, missionaries.

**Thursday:** Junior high volleyball, 4:30 p.m., here, with St. Francis.

High school cross country, 5 p.m., at Hill City.

Junior high football, 5:30 p.m., home, with St. Francis.

American Legion meeting, 7 p.m., at Legion Hall.

**Friday:** High school vision/hearing checks, 8:30 a.m.

High school football, 7 p.m., at Norton.

**Saturday:** Junior high volleyball tournament, 9 a.m., at Hoxie.

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

**Monday:** Junior varsity football, 5:30 p.m., here, with Norton.

**Tuesday:** County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

High school volleyball, 4:30 p.m., at St. Francis with Cheylin.

Northwest Kansas League/Ober-

lin Invitational cross country meet, 5 p.m., Oberlin Country Club.

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.

### SENIOR MENU

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

**Today:** oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, peaches.

**Thursday:** cook's choice entree, hash brown casserole, peas and carrots, gelatin with fruit.

**Friday:** lasagna, broccoli-cauliflower salad, cook's choice fruit, garlic bread, pudding.

## Sunflower Cinema

220 N. Penn  
Oberlin  
785-470-2200

## Spy Kids PG-13

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Friday, Sept. 23 - 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 24 - 7 p.m.  
Sunday, Sept. 25 - 2 p.m.

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# Weather



## Forecast

**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph.

**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 44.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 72.

**Thursday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 44.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 77.

**Friday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 82.

**Saturday night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 82.

## National Weather Service

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

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip
Sept. 12	89	47	0
Sept. 13	95	51	0
Sept. 14	78	55	0.01
Sept. 15	89	41	0
Sept. 16	47	40	0.11
Sept. 17	59	44	0
Sept. 18	60	53	0.16
Precip for week:	.41		
Precip for month:	.46		
Precip for year:	20.27		
Precip one year go:	24.01		

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From the National Weather Service