

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

Obituaries

Jon Kevin Axelson

Jon Kevin "Smiley" Axelson, 51, who had worked for Murfin Drilling Co. in Oberlin, died March 11, 2013, at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City.

He was born Dec. 4, 1961, in Hays, the son of John and Wendella (Matheson) Axelson. He grew up in the Natoma area and graduated from Natoma High School in 1980.

He married Maureen Axelson on June 6, 1981, in Plainville. In 1987, he joined Murfin, later transferring to Oberlin. After being promoted to production foreman in 1992, he moved to Colby, Garden City and eventually to Russell in 2000, working for the firm for 26 years.

He was a member of St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Russell and a Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Morgan Axelson and Zach Axelson; "daughter" Sarah Walter Lister; his mother; two sisters, Pam (Jon) Launchbaugh, Pratt, and Kathy Raney, Rose Hill; a grandson; and a "special" grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father in 2000.

A funeral Mass was held Friday at the church in Russell with Father Charles Steier officiating and burial in the Natoma City Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the church building fund, in care of the Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary, 610 N. Maple, Russell, Kan., 67665.

Rose Christensen

Rose O' Sharon (Mathews) Christensen, 71, a 1959 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Feb. 20, 2013, in Loveland, Colo., from esophageal cancer.

She was born Oct. 24, 1941, in Oxford, the daughter of Howard and Nellye (Larsen) Mathews. She earned degrees in English from Ottawa University in 1963 and Iowa State University in 1970. While studying at Ottawa, she met Jon Christensen and they were married June 7, 1964. He died in 2010.

She taught secondary and college English classes, and later was a reference librarian in Rogers, Ark., for 18 years. She was an avid letter writer and maintained many friendships through correspondence. She was active in the Bella Vista Community Band, Women's Chorale and Judson/Forrest Hills American Baptist Church in Arkansas until moving to Loveland in 2011 to seek medical treatment.

Survivors include two daughters, Dana (Michael) Udlock, Loveland, and Erin (Brent) Schlittenhart, Kameohe, Hawaii; two sisters, Colleen (Ed) Quick, Lawrence, and A. Sue (Jim) Brodt, Jameson Mo.; and six grandchildren.

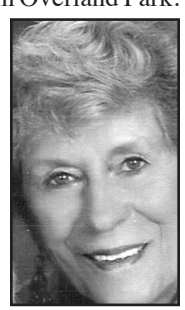
A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church in Bella Vista, Ark.

Instead of flowers, contributions may be made to the church or to Ottawa University.

Lynne E. Flanders

Lynne Elizabeth Flanders, 77, a 1953 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Wednesday, March 13, 2013, in Overland Park.

She was born Nov. 29, 1935, in Oberlin, the daughter of Marion Gaumer and Gladis Joy (Gaumer) Hunter.



Flanders

A graduate of the University of Kansas, she taught in the Shawnee Mission School District.

Survivors include her partner of 31 years, Lloyd Trauer; a son, Steve (Denise) Flanders, Okemos, Mich.; two daughters, Lisa (Brian) Fowler, Windsor, Colo., and Jill (Kurtis) Krentz, Medina, Minn.; a sister, Janet Woerner, Yucaipa, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marion Gaumer and Gladis and Wilber Hunter, and a brother, Tom Hunter.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, 9300 Nall Ave., Overland Park. A recep-

tion will follow at the church.

Memorials may be made in her name to the K.C. Hospice House, 12000 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, Mo., 64145.

Arrangements were by the Cremation Society of Kansas and Missouri, Prairie Village.

John A. Gutchewsky

John A. Gutchewsky, 64, a farmer and rancher from south of Herndon, died Thursday, March 14, 2013, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

He was born April 20, 1948, in Omaha, the son of Joseph and Bernice (Hafner) Gutchewsky. He attended Immaculate Conception Grade School and South High School in Omaha, graduating with the Class of 1966. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1969.



Gutchewsky

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Morgan Axelson and Zach Axelson; "daughter" Sarah Walter Lister; his mother; two sisters, Pam (Jon) Launchbaugh, Pratt, and Kathy Raney, Rose Hill; a grandson; and a "special" grandchild.

He married Mary Nokes on Oct. 25, 1975, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Oberlin, the Knights of Columbus, the Oberlin American Legion Post and the Herndon Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters, Tammy (Kendal) Neal, Oberlin, and Sarah (Joel) Uerling, McCook; a son, Brian (Krista) Gutchewsky, Kearney; two brothers, Jim (Jean) Gutchewsky, St. Louis, and Frank (Delores) Gutchewsky, Gretna, Neb.; two sisters, Judy Gutchewsky and Helene Gutchewsky, St. Louis; a sister-in-law, Jan Pollard, Omaha; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Marion and Frieda Nokes; an infant brother; a brother, Joseph Gutchewsky; a brother-in-law, Tom Clapp; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Zeller; and his uncles.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday morning at the church in Oberlin with the Rev. Gay Brethour and the Rev. Mark Berland officiating. Burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the church, the Disabled American Veterans and American Cancer Society, in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Condolences may be sent at www.paulsfh.com.

Mildred K. Marietta

Mildred Katherine Marietta, 75, an aunt of Alan (Judith) Marietta of Oberlin, died Feb. 11, 2013, at her home in Casper, Wyo., from multiple sclerosis.

She was born Dec. 5, 1937, in Norton, the daughter of Dot and Lucille (Schlosser) Rice. She was reared in Selden and was valedictorian of her graduating class at Selden High School. She later worked at the Farmers State Bank there.

She married Jerry Marietta of Oberlin on Dec. 8, 1956, in Selden, and they moved to Denver. They moved to Casper in 1958. She worked at the Wyoming National Bank for 25 years before retiring in 1990.

Survivors include two sons, Mitch Marietta and Scott Marietta; a sister, Pat (Glenn) Banks; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Wayne and Odetta Marietta,



Marietta

Russell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her daughter, Terri Lynn Marietta-Williams; and her in-laws, Duke and Gertrude Marietta.

Inurnment has taken place. A memorial service was held Saturday at Newcomer's Funeral Home in Casper.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Casper Humane Society, 849 East "E" St., Casper, Wyo., 82601-2051.

Beverly Ann Posson

Beverly Ann Posson, 70, Norton, former manager of Big A Auto Parts in Norton, died at her home March 11, 2013.

She was born on a farm northeast of Norton on May 6, 1942, the daughter of Galen and Emma (Roberts) Applegate. The family were members of the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren.

She grew up on a farm northwest of Norton and attended country school through eighth grade, then graduated from Norton Community High School.

She married David Lawrence Posson, and they recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

Survivors include two sisters, Gloria (Larry) Havens, Superior, Neb., and Naomi (C.L.) Adams, Cuba; a brother, David (Carol) Applegate, Amarillo, Texas; three sons, Michael Posson, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Don (Heidi) Posson, Alexandria Va.; and Mark (LuAnne) Posson, Wichita; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and two infant brothers, Verl Lee and Donald Gene Applegate.

Services were Friday afternoon at the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton, with burial in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials have been established to the Pollyanna Club or the Norton Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, in care of the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Clarifications

A story on Pages 28 and 29 of Nor'West Newspapers February special section on Rural Health didn't clearly explain the timeline for doctors and other providers coming and going at the Decatur County Hospital and its family practice clinic.

In January 2012, Dr. Stephen Albert and physician assistant Sean Conroy were practicing at the hospital, and nurse practitioner Robin Williamson left. Lynnetta Ward, also a nurse practitioner, replaced Ms. Williamson.

In July, Dr. Albert left, requiring the hospital to rely on the agency "Docs Who Care" to send in doctors at times.

In August, Dr. Allen Hooper started coming to the hospital part-time to help out. This is also when Administrator Lynn Doeden left the hospital, and Charlie Myers came as interim administrator.

In September, Mr. Conroy left the practice.

In October, Dr. Robert Rosin

Courthouse

These transactions were taken from records in the offices of the Decatur County clerk, sheriff and register of deeds:

DISTRICT COURT Traffic

Feb. 7: Benjamin Jon Jans, Wichita, speeding 77 mph, \$155.

Feb. 8: Grady Thomas Bon-sall, Goodland, speeding 79 mph, \$167.

Feb. 24: Zachary A. Arnett, McCook, no seat belt, \$10.

Feb. 24: Amanda Rose Stene, McCook, no seat belt, \$10.

Limited Actions

Credit Management Services v. Wade Jones, Oberlin, \$2,910 plus costs and interest.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:

City Hall

MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday: Cheryl Timm, Ludell, speeding 40 in 30 mph zone, \$129.

Adrian Overmiller, Oberlin, illegal tags, dismissed, proof of registration presented, court costs \$93.

Eugene Grenier, Oberlin, arrested on warrant, posted \$1,000 bond, forfeited on failure to appear.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department worked the following calls last week:

A broken window was reported at a home at 128 N. Griffith belonging to Lardrick Alexander. The damage, said Chief Troy Haas, happened sometime between midnight, Sunday, March 10, and 6:05 a.m. Tuesday, March 12.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. to Crop Production Services, tract in the SW/4 of Sec. 36, T2S R29W.

Town Crier

Today: Story time, 10 a.m., Norcatuar library.

Book Potpourri, 1 p.m., Norcatuar Library.

Herndon Senior Citizens potluck luncheon, noon at Senior Center.

Faith Weaver Friends, community church program for first to sixth, 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. at Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Weather spotter classes, 6 to 9:30 p.m., The Gateway.

Thursday: Exercise class, 8:45 a.m., ambulance barn. Call 475-2583 for details.

Oberlin high school speech at Smith Center.

Oberlin City Council, 7 p.m., The Gateway.

Friday: Golden Plains Junior Carnival, 7 to 10 p.m. at Rexford.

Saturday: Good Samaritan Center annual Hoedown. Tickets, \$30. Call 475-2245.

Music in the Park, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m., Centennial Park. Free music by Full Throttle DJ Service.

Sunday: Free soup-and-sandwich supper, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church.

Free movie, 7 p.m., in multipurpose room of old Norcatuar grade school. Cartoons start at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and bottled water for donation.

Monday: Exercise class, 8:45 a.m., Oberlin ambulance barn. Call 475-2583 for details.

Decatur County Hospital open house to welcome Drs. Allen Hooper and Robert Rosin, 2 p.m., front lobby.

Oberlin FFA livestock judging contest, 9 a.m., at Smith Center.

Oberlin Elementary School Carnival, 5:30 to 8 p.m., school gym.

Freshman orientation, 7 p.m., Oberlin high school library.

Golden Plains middle school and high school small ensemble recital, 7 to 9 p.m. at Rexford.

Next Tuesday: Decatur County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Easter Egg Hunt, 7 p.m., dining room at Cedar Living Center. Everyone invited.

Next Wednesday: Annual Lunch Box Derby. Building begins at 9:30 a.m., racing at 1 p.m. in Oberlin Elementary School lunchroom, sponsored by Raye's Grocery.

Golden Age Center: 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle. Quilting, puzzles, games daily. Chicken-foot dominoes, 1 p.m. first and third Tuesdays; Mexican Train, second and fourth Tuesdays; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, step exercise; pot luck dinner, 12:15 p.m., third Sunday each month.

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 Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United

Church, 109 N. Griffith. Donations of cash, frozen or nonperishable food and household items are always needed.

SENIOR MENU

Today: paprika chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned carrots, bread, applesauce gelatin.

Thursday: Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, cinnamon apple slices, bread, birthday cake.

Friday: Chef salad (meat on the side), citrus slices, bread stick and brownie.

Monday: Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and peaches.

Tuesday: Chili, orange-pineapple salad, crackers, cinnamon roll.

Next Wednesday: Baked spaghetti, corn, spinach salad, garlic bread, mixed fruit.

Sunflower Cinema

220 N. Penn
Oberlin
785-470-2200

The Croods

3D PG

Friday, March 22 - 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 23 - 7 p.m.
Sunday, March 24 - 2 p.m.

This advertisement sponsored by:
Creative Collision
1843 Hwy. 83
470-2130

Spring Shopping

New items for Spring at Penn Avenue Boutique! Come see the new selection of girl's swimwear up to plus size 18 1/2, Easter dresses for newborn to 18 months, and new infant boy's 2 and 3 piece sets for newborn to 9 months.

101 S. Penn Avenue, Oberlin KS. (785) 475-5861.

Anniversary SAVINGS SPECTACULAR

3rd Anniversary Celebration

March 20-23, 2013

On Sale:

Jesus Calling \$11.97 (Reg. \$15.99)
Heaven is for Real \$5.00 (Reg. 16.99)
Heaven Changes Everything \$10.00 (Reg. 15.99)

New Life Christian Bookstore

212 Norris Ave, McCook Nebraska (308) 345-6889

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Markets

Monday closing markets

Wheat, \$6.93 bushel.
Corn, \$7.22 bushel.
Milo, \$6.88 bushel.
Soybeans, \$13.56 bushel.
Decatur Cooperative Association

Weather

Forecast

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 50.

Tonight: A chance of rain before 1 a.m., then a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday: A chance of snow before 11 a.m., then a chance of rain. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday night: Rain and snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 25. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Friday: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Friday night: A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 39.

Sunday: A slight chance of rain and snow.

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

| | Hi | Low | Precip. |
|---------|----|-----|---------|
| Mar. 11 | 32 | 14 | 0 |
| Mar. 12 | 52 | 14 | 0 |
| Mar. 13 | 48 | 20 | 0 |
| Mar. 14 | 68 | 29 | 0 |
| Mar. 15 | 76 | 33 | 0 |
| Mar. 16 | 82 | 33 | 0 |
| Mar. 17 | 43 | 29 | .03 |

Precipitation totals for the week: 0.03
Precipitation totals for the month: 0.12
Precipitation totals for the year: 1.56
One year ago: 2.05

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

By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.