

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

Obituaries

Eva Barratt Bryan

Eva Barratt Bryan, 99, a resident of the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, died Saturday, June 15, 2013, at the nursing home. She was born Aug. 21, 1913, in Decatur County, the daughter of Clyde and Bessie (Stiner) Berry. She grew up on a farm three miles northeast of Oberlin and attended a country school, then the Decatur County High School. She married Arlie Barratt on March 13, 1932, at the Olive Chapel parsonage. They lived on a farm in Decatur County and had a son, Dennis. After her husband died in 1967, she had a farm sale and moved to Oberlin. She worked as an aide at the Good Samaritan Center and eventually met Gilbert Bryan there. They were married on May 17, 1969, at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin. They lived on his farm 15 miles southwest of Oberlin until he retired and they moved to Oberlin in 1977.

She was a member of the Oberlin United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

Survivors include a son, Dennis (Leona) Barratt, Lincoln, Neb.; five step-daughters, Helen Jaderborg, Longmont, Colo.; Donna (Dick) Kelley and Detta (Elden) Anderson, Oberlin; Cheryl (Wane) Stull, Solomon; and Janice Sauvage, Las Vegas; a brother, Duane (Phyllis) Berry, Grand Junction, Colo.; 21 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a step-daughter, Beverly Fleenor; four brothers, Gerald, Carroll, Rex and Don Berry; a sister, Louise Berry; and a step- grandson, Kevin Kelley.

Funeral services were to be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Paul Babcock officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the Oberlin City Library and the church, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Condolences may be sent at www.paulsfh.com.

Leonard Cochran

Leonard Cochran, 86, retired employee of L.C. Cochran Trucking, died Saturday, June 15, 2013, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

He was born Sept. 2, 1926, in Decatur County, the son of Virgil E. and Elsie L. (Horn) Cochran. He and his three sisters were reared on the farm in Olive Township where his mother lived as a child. He attended Vallonia School near his home. He served for two years with the 297th Engineer Aviation Battalion, Company B, during the Korean War and was a member of the Oberlin American Legion Post.

He married Dorothy Schwab on June 6, 1954, in Oberlin, where they made their home. He operated a gravel trucking business for several years before starting cattle-hauling company, L.C. Cochran Trucking. After he retired, he farmed and raised cattle.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Diana Cochran-Black and husband Joseph, Newton, and Lori (Jeff) Roe, Norcatour; two sons, Alan (DoAnn) Cochran, Gardner, and Ray (Janet) Cochran, Cawker City; a sister, Leota Jordan, McCook; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant twin brothers, Rea and Lee Cochran; and two sisters, Wilma Mott and Neva Province.

Services were to be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Royce Leitner officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery with military honors by the Oberlin American Legion Post and the Legion Riders.

Randall R. Fisher

Randall Ray Fisher, 63, Benton, a 1968 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Monday, June 10, 2013, at the Kansas Medical Center in Andover.



R. Fisher

He was born Jan. 3, 1950, in Oberlin, the son of Cleo and Jeannie (Bobbitt) Fisher. He was a 1972 graduate of Wichita State University and a Raytheon Engineering Fellow. He worked for Beech Aircraft for 37 years as a manager and owned Sappa Creek Aviation with his wife. He was a member of various flying club and

a lifelong pilot and musician. Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Carol "Chris" Fisher; a son, Andrew Fisher; a sister, Donna Fisher Reist, Olathe; and his step-mother, Gisela Fisher, Oberlin. He was a nephew of Alice Bobbitt of Oberlin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandparents; two uncles, Max Bobbitt and Dale Fisher; and two aunts, Geraldine Bobbitt Probst and Fern Fisher Shafer.

A celebration of his life was held Monday afternoon at Downing and Lahey Mortuary East in Wichita. Condolences may be sent at www.dlwichita.com.

Edward F. Hammel

Edward Fredric Hammel, 95, a scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory before he retired, and father of former Oberlin resident Christine (Ken) Morris, now of Lincoln, Neb., died June 8, 2013, at his home in Los Alamos, N.M.

He was born Jan. 6, 1918, in New York, the son of Edward F. Hammel Sr. and Louise (Schultz) Hammel. He grew up in Mount Vernon, N.Y., where his father was a civil engineer. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1939 with a major in chemistry and went on to Princeton University to earn a doctorate in physical chemistry.

He married Caroline Moore on Aug. 22, 1942. From 1941 to early 1944, he worked on heavy-water production and diffusion-barrier research for the Manhattan Project under contract to Princeton.

The couple moved to Los Alamos in June 1944, where he worked on remelting, alloying and casting plutonium. For 25 years after the war, he was the group leader of CMF-9, the Low-Temperature Physics and Cryoengineering group, at the Los Alamos labs. They worked to determine plutonium's physical properties, explored superconductivity, cryoengineering, calorimetry and high-pressure physics. In 1948, he and Steve Sydorak and Ed Grilly were the first scientists to liquefy pure helium 3 and then study many of its properties.

In 1970, he returned to research, working on energy issues. In 1973, he became Q Division's (energy) associate division leader and in 1974, assistant director for energy. He retired in 1979.

Dr. Hammel received a number of awards, including the Cryogenic Engineering Conference's Samuel C. Collins Award and the W.T. Pentzer Award from the U.S. National Committee for the International Institute of Refrigeration.

He served on the school, library and hospital boards and several Los Alamos County boards, and the University of New Mexico-Los Alamos Advisory Council. He was an active and founding member of Trinity-on-the-Hill Episcopal Church, Los Alamos.

Survivors also include two other daughters, Carol Hammel, Denver, and Elizabeth (Floyd) Godwin, Erie, Colo.; three sisters, Elaine Stine, Basking Ridge, N.J.; Janet Schmidt, Purcellville, Va.; and Kay Cerchiara, Stuart, Fla.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and caregivers José, JoAnne and Michael Garcia, and Alicia and Amanda Ponce.

He was preceded in death by his wife Caroline. A memorial service has been set for 11 a.m. on Friday, July 19, at the church, 3900 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Los Alamos Visiting Nurse Service, Box 692, Los Alamos, N.M., 87544.

Stephen C. Kruse

Stephen C. Kruse, 50, a self-employed electrician in Selden, died May 27, 2013, at the Hays Medical Center.

He was born March 24, 1963, in Hoxie, the son of Marlin and Irene (Heim) Kruse. He grew up in Selden, where he attended Golden Plains Elementary School. He graduated from Golden Plains High School in Rexford in 1981, then attended the North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit for a year.

After college, he lived in Selden for a few years before moving to Denver in 1987, where he was an electrician for Contemporary Electric. He returned to Selden in 1996.

Survivors include six sisters, Marlene Tignor and Donna McGee, Olathe; Pattye (Mike) Brown, Joplin, Mo.; Mary (Gary) Deyle, Imperial, Neb.; Susan (Steve) Johnson, New Braunfels, Texas; and Christina (Allan) Immelman, Lisle, Ill.; four brothers, Bernard Kruse,

Hoisington; John (Cindy) Kruse, Arvada, Colo.; Mike Kruse, Selden; and Dan (Penny) Kruse, Joplin; and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a special friend, Wanda Hanson; and two nephews, Christopher Kruse and Nicholas McGee.

Memorial services were Saturday afternoon at the Selden Community Center. Steve Finney officiated and burial was in the Selden Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the Selden Community Center and the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Condolences may be left at www.paulsfh.com.

Barbara Ann Mitchell

Barbara Ann Mitchell, 77, a sister of Bernard, Paul and Raymond Corcoran of Oberlin, died June 6, 2013, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, Wyo.

She was born Nov. 5, 1935, in Oberlin, the daughter of William "Jeff" and Helen (Traxler) Corcoran, and was reared on the family farm.

She married Lawrence Hoff in 1954 in Oberlin and they had five children while living in Kansas. After they divorced, she married Warren Mitchell on Sept 11, 1971, adding his two daughters to their family. They lived in Gillette, Pine Haven and Moorcroft, Wyo.

Survivors include her husband; a son, James "Pat" (Lori) Mitchell, Gillette; five daughters, Catherine (Ed) Gorder, Rozet, Wyo.; Debra (Barry) Fuller, Moorcroft; Diane (Greg) Conner, Gillette; Terry Mitchell (Sunny Schnell), Pine Haven; and Janet Mitchell, St. Paul, Minn.; another brother, Robert Corcoran, Tarentum, Pa.; a sister, Frances Notherdurf, Moorcroft; 14 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Donald and Bruce Corcoran; a son, Richard Hoff; and two grandchildren, Matthew Gradin and Hannah Fuller. Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette. Father Raymond Canete officiated and burial was in the Moorcroft Cemetery.

Memorials and condolences may be sent in her name to Gillette Memorial Chapel, 210 W. Fifth St., Gillette, Wyo., 82716 or at www.gillettecatholicchapel.com.

Myrtle Mae Waldo

Myrtle Mae Waldo, 101, a resident of the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, died Friday, June 14, 2013, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

She was born Jan. 23, 1912, in a sod house on the Vaughn place southeast of Selden, the daughter of Jess J. and Chelsie (Vaughn) Bell. She was reared on the family farm in Sheridan County and attended the consolidated country school and Selden Rural High School.

She married Joe B. Carman on March 29, 1930, in Dresden, and they lived on a farm in Sheridan County. She attended the United Methodist Church and was a member of the United Methodist Women, where she held several offices; served as a 4-H leader; and was a member of several home extension units and a garden club.

Her husband died May 28, 1970. She later married Ralph Waldo on April 19, 1974, and they lived in Oberlin. He died Aug. 26, 1985.

Survivors include a son, Max (Veanna) Carman, Oberlin; a step-son, Duane (Marilyn) Waldo, Tucson, Ariz.; a daughter-in-law, Peggy Carman, Hoxie; 12 grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sons, Jackie, Willis and Dennis Carman; a step-son, Don Waldo; a daughter-in-law, Janice Carman; a brother, Victor Bell; and three sisters, Lucille Reed, Lois Kerr and Dorothy Bell.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, June 19, at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Nancy Proffitt will officiate and burial will be in the Selden Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the nursing home or the United Methodist Women, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Condolences may be sent at www.paulsfh.com.

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

April 6: Cristian Gole, Kent, Wash., speeding 83 mph, \$191.
May 9: Ronald Lee Cramer, Fallbrook, Calif., speeding 77 mph, \$155.

Bryan Dean Kempt, Oberlin, speeding 78 mph, \$161.

Gregory Michael Tylor Shaw, Oberlin, no seat belt, \$10.

May 19: Bradley C. Brezden, Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada, speeding 83 mph, \$191.

May 24: Sandra K. Koerperich, Selden, speeding 79 mph, \$167.

May 27: Grace Withers Randolph, Tulsa, speeding 80 mph, \$173.

June 8: John Albert Wessel, Selden, no seat belt, \$10.

Limited Actions

The Bank v. Brian Spooner, Oberlin, \$1,833 plus costs and fees.

Credit Management Services v. Elsie Walker, Oberlin, \$774 plus costs and fees.

Lawrence Carter, Dresden v. 1973 Ford Vin F60EVQ42224, suit

to quiet title.

Credit Management Services v. Denae Brown, Oberlin, \$317 plus costs and fees.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Thomas W. and Patricia A. Skubal to Seth A. and Trisha Weyeneth, Lots 1-5, Blk. 9, Original Town of Cedar Bluffs, plus tract in SW4 of Sec. 10, T1S R29W, less two tracts.

Sidney D. and Cheryl Metcalf to Triple S. Cattle Co, NW4 of Sec. 21, T1S R29W, E/2 NE/4 and SW/4 NE/4, of Sec. 27, T1S R27W.

Jeff A. and Michelle Kay Armbrister to La Tierra Inc, Lot 14, Blk. 18, Original town of Norcatour.

City Hall

MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday, 13: Malenda Johnson, Oberlin, no liability insurance, \$393.

Alex Heeger, Oberlin, no liability insurance, proof shown, dismissed, court costs \$93.

Dustin Shaw, Oberlin, no liability insurance, proof shown, dismissed, \$93.

Stephanie Stone, Oberlin, improper backing, \$153.

Lori Russ, Oberlin, no liability insurance, proof shown, dismissed, \$93.

Caleb Howland, Oberlin, dog at large, no tags, \$143; dog at large, \$118.

Roy Unger, Oberlin, health and welfare violation, complied, dismissed, \$93.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department worked the following calls last week:

• Chief Troy Haas said the department executed a search warrant in the 100 block of South York Avenue at 11:52 p.m. last Tuesday, June 18. Officers recovered stolen vehicles, property and firearms, he said. The case is under investigation and no charges had been filed or arrests made.

• Jeremy Kisner, 36, Oberlin, was arrested at 1:48 a.m. last Wednesday on a Decatur County District Court bench warrant for probation violations. He was being held in Decatur County Jail on \$5,000 bond.

• Someone gained entry to a soda machine at the Oberlin Inn motel, 402 W. Frontier Parkway, between 3 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. Monday, stealing \$25 to \$30.

Town Crier

Today: Farmers Market, 8 a.m., in front of Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Building. All growers welcome.

Story Time Summer Reading Program, 10 a.m. at Norcatour Library. All children welcome. A free movie will be shown afterward.

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

Cards at Jennings Senior Center, 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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

University of Kansas Alumni Association social hour, 5:30 p.m., Sunflower Cinema. All alumni, fans and friends are invited. Light snacks and drinks provided. Respond to Kurt Vollertson, 475-3947 or 475-2285.

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

Friday: Root beer floats, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front of former Addleman Drug Store. Sponsored by Decatur Professional Women; donations go to scholarships.

Brown Bag and Learn program, noon to 1 p.m., at Old Bohemian Hall. Bring your own lunch and hear Gail Marcuson discuss "Farming the Hard Way." Drinks provided by Last Indian Raid Museum.

Norcatour Senior Citizens play pitch, 1 p.m., Methodist Educational Building.

Saturday: Norcatour commodities distributed from 9:30 to 10 a.m., at home of Al and Mary Sedlmayer, 101 S. Kansas Ave.

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

Garden Lovers Club, noon at LandMark.

Next Wednesday: Farmer's Market, 8 a.m., in front of Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Building. All growers welcome.

Cards at Jennings Senior Center, 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, June 27: Exercise class, 8:45 a.m., Oberlin ambulance barn. Call 475-2583 for details.

Markets

Monday closing markets

Wheat, \$6.83 bushel.
Corn, \$7.08 bushel.
Milo, \$6.63 bushel.
Soybeans, \$14.75 bushel.
Decatur Cooperative Association

details.

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

Friday, June 28: Root beer floats, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front of former Addleman Drug Store. Sponsored by Decatur Professional Women; donations go to scholarships.

Wednesday, July 3: Farmers Market, 8 a.m., in front of Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Building. All growers welcome.

Thursday, July 4: Oberlin Fourth of July parade, 9 a.m. Assemble at Good Samaritan Center, parade down Penn Ave. If possible, call Whitney at (785) 562-7425 to register your entry.

Bicycle races; site to be determined. To sign up, call Andrea Burmaster, 470-1119.

Root beer floats, 9 to 11:30 a.m., in front of former Addleman Drug Store. Sponsored by Decatur Professional Women; donations go to scholarships.

Activities at Oberlin pool all afternoon.

Hamburger/hotdog feed, 6 p.m., City Park. Sponsored by Decatur County Fire Department. By donation.

Dunking booth, 6 p.m., City Park. Sponsored by Oberlin Girls Softball teams.

Pie and ice cream, 6 p.m., City Park. Served by seventh grade class and their sponsors.

Other activities include games, face painting, cake pops, cotton candy, drinks, popcorn, craft booths and pie eating contest.

Community Band, 7 to 8 p.m., at

Corrections

A story about Annette (Olson) Frenzl and Dave Bergling on the OH! page of the June 12 issue of *The Oberlin Herald* incorrectly gave Mr. Bergling's rank as master sergeant under his photograph. It should have been sergeant major. 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.

Weather



| National Weather Service | | | |
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| (Information below for period ending 8 a.m.; maximum temperature for previous day.) | | | |
| | Hi | Low | Precip. |
| June 10 | 89 | 50 | 0 |
| June 11 | 103 | 57 | 0 |
| June 12 | 108 | 68 | 0 |
| June 13 | 94 | 55 | 0 |
| June 14 | 88 | 56 | 0.17 |
| June 15 | 100 | 62 | 0.10 |
| June 16 | 90 | 58 | 0 |

Precipitation totals for the week: 0.27
 Precipitation totals for the month: 0.56
 Precipitation totals for the year: 6.76
 One year ago: 5.89

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

By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

