

# Obituaries

## Eugene N. Koerperich

Eugene Nicholas Koerperich, 73, died Feb. 11, 2001, at Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

He was born Oct. 24, 1927, on the family farm near Selden, the son of Nicholas and Cecilia (Juenemann) Koerperich. He was reared on the farm and attended a rural school. He worked on the family farm. He served in the U.S. Army with the Occupation Forces in the Pacific.

He married Dolores Reitcheck on April 27, 1954, in Seguin. He worked for Pepsi Cola in Oberlin and Safeway in McCook. In 1960, they moved to their farm east of Oberlin, where he was a farmer/stockman. They received a Decatur County Soil Conservation Award in 1969.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin; a charter member of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, and served as its first Grand Knight.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores; four sons, David Koerperich, Colby; Clem Koerperich, Oberlin; Daniel Koerperich and wife, Michele Kipp; and John and Angela Koerperich; three daughters, Karen and Jeff Ostmeyer, Salina; Linda and Chris Floch, Asotin, Wash., and Donna and Todd Reinert, Topeka; three sisters, Margaret and Bill Reinert, Burlington, Wash.; Madonna and Ed Willkie, and Lois and Richard Smith, Fort Worth, Texas, and nine grandchildren, Adrian, Jessica, Jacob, Andrew and Brian Koerperich, and Brandon, Kayla, Nicholas and Jacob Ostmeyer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Ernest, Raymond, Paul, Clarence and Leo, and a sister, Delma Corder.

Mass of the Resurrection will be at 1 p.m. today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. The Rev. James Hoover and Sister Marilyn Wall will officiate and burial will be at the Oberlin Cemetery with military committal rites by the Oberlin American Legion.

Memorials were established to the church or Decatur County Hospital. Contributions may be left at Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.



E. Koerperich

## Wallace 'Wally' Bryan

Wallace Wilson Bryan, 88, a 1932 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Feb. 11, 2001, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

He was born June 28, 1914, on a farm near Traer, the son of Benjamin Lester and Birdie Mary (Harshman) Bryan. He was reared on the family farm in Decatur County where he attended Fairview School District.

He married Mildred Butler on June 23, 1963, in the Lyle Methodist Church and she preceded him in death.

He married Laurene M. (Shaw) Bryan on May 31, 1980, in the Oberlin United Methodist Church, where they were both members. They lived on a farm north of Traer for several years before moving to their home in Oberlin in 1983.

He was a farmer/stockman and practiced and supported conservation. He and his wife were awarded a Decatur County Soil Conservation Award in 1988.

Survivors include his wife; step-daughter and husband, Carol and John Gethins, Wichita; a brother, Floyd B. and Elaine Bryan, and a sister, Eleanore and Harold Demmer, all of Oberlin; four step-grandchildren, Mickey, Monty, Marie and Merlin Vacura; a step-great-granddaughter, Karisma Vacura, and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be today at 11 a.m. at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Revs. Gary Fisher and H. Gene Shoemaker will officiate and burial will be in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the church or Cedar Living Center. Contributions may be left at the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Rupert Keith Hayward

Rupert Keith Hayward, 83, a native of Decatur County, died Jan. 21, 2001, at his home in Lewiston, Idaho.

He was born Dec. 28, 1917, in Decatur County, the son of Charles and Mattie (Van Pelt) Hayward. He moved with his family to Southwick, Idaho, in May 1919. He graduated from Southwick High School in 1935 and attended the University of Idaho in 1936, 1937 and 1941.

He entered the U.S. Army in April 1942 and served as a radio operator in the 631st Field Artillery Battalion in

North Africa and the campaign in Sicily and Italy. After his honorable discharge in 1945, he moved to Lewiston-Clarkston Valley to work.

He married Mariam May Curry on Sept. 23, 1955. He worked for the Department of Transportation in Clarkston for 27 years, then advanced to the position of maintenance supervisor. After retiring in 1980, they moved to the Kooskia, Idaho area and built a home on Clear Creek. In the summer of 1992, they moved to the Lewistown Orchards due to failing health.

Survivors include his wife, Mariam, Lewiston, Idaho.; two sons, Edwin T. Hayward of Texas and Kenneth D. Hayward of Wisconsin; a daughter, Margaret (Peggy) A. Monroe of California; nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Cecil and Doyle Hayward, and a sister, Clara Perry.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 25 at Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home in Lewiston. Graveside service followed on Jan. 26 at the Southwick Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Family Hospice, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, P.O. Box 719, Lewiston, Idaho 83501.

## Thelma Perrigo

Thelma Perrigo, 72, a 1946 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Feb. 4, 2001, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Mo.

She was born in Cedar Bluffs on Oct. 10, 1928, the daughter of Jim and Mabel (Kuhn) King. She attended Oberlin schools.

She married Samuel H. Perrigo on April 16, 1953, and he preceded her in death in 1976. She was a member of the Lakenan Christian Church.

Survivors include three children, Cathy Utterback, Hunnewell, Mo.; Randy Perrigo, Shelbina, Mo., and Ricky "Cooter" Perrigo, Springfield, Mo.; two brothers, Jim King, Oklahoma City, and Owen King, Albuquerque.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Feb. 7, 2001, at the Greening-Eagan-Hayes Chapel in Shelbina, Mo. Marty Lowe officiated and burial was at Oakdale Cemetery, northeast of Shelbina.

Memorials may be made to the Stribling House at Mexico, Mo., or American Diabetes Association.

# From the Record

## Courthouse

These transactions were taken from the records in the office of the Decatur County court clerk.

**DISTRICT COURT TRAFFIC**  
Feb. 5: Diane Neil, Littleton, Colo., speeding 76, \$66.

Feb. 8: James A. Kirk, Palisade, Neb., speeding 77, \$68.

### SMALL CLAIMS

Oberlin Medical Arts vs. Devan Castle, medical bills and filing fees, \$1,360.

### LIMITED ACTION

Elton Gillespie vs. Bob Burley, \$599; Charles T. Doeden vs. Shawn Dooley and Chad Schniepp, \$2,318 plus interest and further relief; Oberlin Medical Arts vs. James I. and Kobie L. Lasiter, medical services and filing fee, \$2, 868.

### CIVIL

Marion Wenger vs. Michael Caldwell, petition to quiet title on 1990 Jeep Wrangler.

## Hospital

These were the admissions and discharges from the Decatur County Hospital this week:

### ADMISSIONS

Feb. 5: Bertha Brock, Cedar Living Center.

Feb. 6: Katharine Sullivan, Oberlin.

Last Wednesday: Lorna Bishop, Good Samaritan Center; Iris Wurm, Oberlin.

Friday: Idella Frickey, Oberlin; Sylence Auker, Doris Auker, Norcatur.

Sunday: John Shirley, Teresa Dowling, Oberlin.

### DISMISSALS

Feb. 5: Thomas Frisbie, McDonald.

Feb. 6: Wallace Bryan, Cedar Living Center.

Last Wednesday: Josephine Martintzer, Herndon, to Cedar Living Center.

Thursday: Bertha Brock, Cedar Living Center.

Friday: Robert Williby, Marianna Bendon, Oberlin.

## Town Crier

**Today:** Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., south ambulance barn.

**Thursday:** Junior high girls basketball, 4:30 p.m., and junior high wrestling, 6 p.m., here, with St. Francis.

High school basketball, 6:30 p.m., at Oakley.

Free Bingo for seniors, sponsored by Forget-Me-Nots/Wheat Ridge Terrace, 7 p.m. at Wheat Ridge Terrace.

**Friday:** Regional wrestling, 2 p.m., at Ellis.

**Saturday:** Regional wrestling, 11 a.m., at Ellis.

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

**Monday:** High school basketball, 6:30 p.m., with Hoxie.

**Tuesday:** Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the courthouse at 9:30 a.m.

High school basketball, 6:30 p.m., here with Phillipsburg.

Junior High Northwest Kansas League Wrestling Tournament at Goodland at 4 p.m.

Oberlin Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church.

**Wednesday, Feb. 21:** Diabetes Under Control meeting, 1:30 p.m. at United Church.

## Markets

**Monday, Feb. 19, 2001 closing markets**

Wheat, \$2.76 bu.  
Milo, \$3.08 cwt.  
Corn, \$1.86 bu.

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## Weather

### National Weather Service

Wednesday: Chance of freezing drizzle. Highs in 30s. Thursday: Dry. Lows about 25. Highs 45/50. Friday: Dry. Lows about 20. Highs in mid 30s. Saturday/Sunday: Dry. Lows 10/20. Highs in 30s.

(Readings taken daily at 7 a.m.)

Feb.	6	57	28
	7	46	30
	8	33	24
	9	24	8 .28
	10	17	-1
	11	22	6
	12	39	14

Precipitation totals for the week, .28; for the month, .28; for the year, 1.28; A year ago, .11.

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