

# From the Record

## THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# Obituaries

### Gordon Rydquist

Gordon Rydquist, 77, of Wray, Colo., a 1946 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died April 20, 2006, in Fort Collins, Colo.



Mr. Rydquist

He was born July 30, 1928, at Dresden, the son of Evald and Signe (Henningson) Rydquist.

He married Alta June Shepherd on June 20, 1954. They moved to Wray, Colo., in 1958, where he managed the LJ Messer Parts Company. After it was sold, he was service manager for Gene Palmrose Ford until he retired. He retired from the Wray Volunteer Fire Department after 26 years of service and was a charter member of the Wray Elks Lodge, serving two terms as Exalted Ruler.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Alta; a daughter, Gina and Louie Fabrizius, Aftyn and Dakota, Eaton, Colo.; a son, Steve and Jessica Rydquist, Shantelle, Janetha, Jacob and Josie, Gillette, Wyo.; a brother, Arlie Rydquist, Loveland, Colo.; and a sister, LaVergne Young, Kimball, S.D.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Denzel and Dennis; and his parents-in-law, Al and Ruth Shepherd.

Services were held April 20, 2006, at the Wray United Methodist Church. The Rev. Norman Stott officiated and burial was in the Grandview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wray Volunteer Fire Department or the Wray Elks Lodge, c/o Spellman-Schmidt Mortuary, 427 Adams, Wray, Colo., 80758.

### Kenneth E. Van Vleet

Kenneth E. Van Vleet, 90, a native of Oberlin, died April 22, 2006, at the Olathe Good Samaritan Center.

He was born Sept. 24, 1915, at Oberlin, the son of Walter E. and Alice (DeLong) Van Vleet. He was reared on the family farm northeast of Oberlin. He attended a rural grade school and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1934.



Mr. Van Vleet

He married Henrietta Bertha Miller on March 9, 1941, at the Zion Lutheran Church north of Gothenburg, Neb. They made their home on a farm outside of Lebanon, Neb., for 35 years before moving to Oberlin in 1976.

He was a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church and served on the board of Decatur Co-op Association. He was also a leader for Star Valley 4-H Club, a volunteer for Meals on Wheels for 28 years and was one of those instrumental in the organization of the Golden Age Center.

Survivors include his children, Pat and Don Franz, Shawnee; Shirley and Steven McGee, Brookville; and Larry and Lucinda Van Vleet, Denver; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Henrietta, on March 2, 2004; his parents; a daughter, Marilyn Rowlison; a brother, Gerald Van Vleet; a grandson, Kenneth Rowlison; and a granddaughter, Amber Coffman.

Funeral services were held April 25 at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin. The Rev. Doug Hasty officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials were established to Prairie Chapel Methodist Church or the Golden Age Center. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

### Gerald C. Diederich

Gerald C. Diederich, 75, a 1949 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Sunday, April 30, 2006, at his home north of Oberlin.

He was born April 24, 1931, at Selden, the son of Charles H. and Matilda (Harold) Diederich. He attended Green Valley and North Valley rural schools.

He married Caralee Brown on June 7, 1957, in Oberlin. They moved to McPherson in 1965 and moved back to Oberlin in 1973 and had worked as a truck driver.

Survivors include his mother, Matilda Diederich, Oberlin; four sons, Al and Cristi of Tomball,

Texas, and Colin and Alice, Darren and Stacey, and Ernie and Julie, all of McPherson; two daughters, Bonnie and Kennis Beck, and Lesa and Howard Cunningham, Hesston; four brothers, Merlin and Lola of Fort Myers, Fla., and Vernon and Jeanette, and Butch and Sandra, Oberlin, and Leo, Dacona, Colo.; a sister, Lois and Johnny Jordan, Boulder, Colo.; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; his wife, Caralee Brown, in 1995; and a grandson, Jesse Andrew Diederich.

Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Oberlin Cemetery with Pastor Royce Leitner officiating.

A memorial was established to Hospice of Decatur County. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

### Charley G. Holliday

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis for Charley George Holliday, 90, who died Friday, April 28, 2006, at the Morton County Hospital in Elkhart.

His wife is the former Eloise Siegfried. He was an uncle of Norman Richards and Nora Bell Manning of Oberlin.

A complete obituary will be carried in next week's paper.

### Emery L. Kompus

Emery L. Kompus, 87, a farmer in the Herndon area, died April 25, 2006, at Rose Medical Center in Denver.

He was born Oct. 29, 1918, at Herndon, the son of John L. and Theresa (Toth) Kompus. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He married Verna Lee Bramer on May 18, 1964, and she preceded him in death on April 1, 1991. He was a member of St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church of Herndon.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ann Camps, Kingston, Wash., and Betty Ann Kompus, Atwood; a son, John C. and Tami Kompus, Herndon; a sister, Betty and Lloyd Harden, Goodland; a brother-in-law, Denis Tongish, Herndon; and five grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, George, John and Albert Kompus; and two sisters, Luella Solko and Wilma Tongish.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today at the church in Herndon with the Rev. Damian Richards officiating. Military graveside rites will be at the Herndon Veterans of Foreign Wars Post at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the church. Contributions may be sent to Brantley Funeral Home, 215 S. 4th, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

### Louis E. McKenna

Louis Edward McKenna, 72, a native of Allison, died April 24, 2006, at Community Hospital in McCook.

He was born April 7, 1934, in Allison, the son of Archie Theodore and Ruby (Rolland) McKenna. He grew up in the Allison and Jennings area and graduated from Jennings High School in 1952. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He married Gloria Vaughn on May 19, 1956, in Dresden. The family lived in several places before moving to McCook in 1961. He was an oil field tool pusher and retired in January 2005.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria McKenna, McCook; two sons, Bill McKenna, McCook; and Larry and Lea McKenna, Plainview, Neb.; a daughter, Shirley Wheelbarger, McCook; two sisters, Donna Chambers, McCook; and Patricia and Earl Hartzog, Hoxie; five grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the First Assembly of God Church in McCook with Pastor Eddie Wright officiating. Burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery with military committal rites by the Oberlin American Legion.

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

### Dolores Smith

Dolores Smith, 85, a sister of Deanna McDougal of Oberlin, died Sunday, April 30, 2006, at her home in Berryville, Ark.

She was born Sept. 17, 1920, in Clayton, the daughter of Harley Woodside and Muriel (Gallatin)

Woodside. The family later moved to Oberlin and she graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1939.

She married Dean Coulter Smith in 1939 in Los Angeles, Calif., and he preceded her in death in 1992. She was employed for several years at Natividad Hospital in Salinas, Calif. She spent her adult life working to establish programs for handicapped and retarded children and adults in Oregon and California.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Berryville. She was a Senior Regent of the Women of the Moose Chapter in Salinas.

Survivors include a daughter, Muriel and Frank Jones, Berryville, Ark.; two sons, Kevin Smith, Vista, Calif., and Jerry Smith, Ankeny, Iowa; a daughter-in-law, Athena Smith, Salinas; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; two sisters, Denise Kenney, North Canton, Ohio, and Deanna and Ron McDougal, Oberlin; and a sister-in-law, Beth Thompson, Forest Grove, Ore.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Harold Smith; a brother, Darrel Woodside; a sister, Donna Shafer; and a nephew, Rich Kenney.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Pastor Judy Stricker will officiate and burial will be at the Oberlin Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dolores Smith Memorial Fund, Green Forest Library, Green Forest, Ark., or a charity of donor's choice.

### Richard B. Toll

Richard B. Toll, 80, of Kansas City, a brother-in-law of Marie and Marvin Bailey of Jennings, died April 20, 2006, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center.

He was born April 22, 1925, in Studley. He was married to Marjorie Green, formerly of Norcatur. He worked in the oil fields in Wyoming before moving to Kansas City in 1965, where he worked for Long Bell Lumber Company until retiring in 1984. He also was co-owner of the El Rancho Beauty Salon from 1972 to 2003.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Marjorie Toll of the home; three daughters, Junann Lopez, Basehor; Mary Anne Frecks, and Smudge Evans, Kansas City; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard Bruce Toll II, and two grandsons, Anthony Hutson and William Toll.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 22, at the Highland Park Funeral Home in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests contributions to the Open Door Christian School, 3033 N. 103rd Terrace, Kansas City, Kan., 66109

### Charlotte May Wells

Charlotte May Wells, 95, formerly of Oberlin, died April 28, 2006, in Pender, Neb.

She was born Nov. 24, 1910, in Delphos, the daughter of Samuel and Carrie Belle (Courtney) Myers. She grew up in Frankfort and attended school there through high school.

She married Mark O. Wells in Seneca on Jan. 21, 1933. They lived in Oberlin for over 20 years. Her husband preceded her in death in February 1977 and she later moved to Bucklin in 1988, then to Pender.

Survivors include three sons, John Wells, Arriba, Colo.; Maynard and Carol Wells, Pender, and James and Janet Wells, Lenexa; a brother, Ted Myers, St. Marys; a daughter-in-law, June Menger, Longmont, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Richard Lee Wells; a grandson, Sidney Lee Wells; three brothers, Preston, Maynard and James Myers; a sister, Hazel Zeek; a daughter-in-law, Louise Wells; and three step-brothers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Pastor Bob Seth officiated and burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the Pender Care Center. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

### 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

March 23: Jeffrey Fortin, Oberlin, speeding 77, \$102.

March 30: Melissa Wachen-dorfer, Selden, expired registration, \$160.

April 14: James Knifley, Cambridge, Neb., speeding 79, \$114.

April 21: George Mackamul, Waverly, Iowa, speeding 79, \$114; John Webber, Aurora, Colo., speeding 76, \$96.

#### SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

The Decatur County Sheriff's Department worked this call last week:

• An oil collection truck rolled into the ditch of a county road about 8:30 a.m. Friday 12 miles east and nine miles north of Oberlin. Under-sheriff Randy McHugh said the semi-trailer rig belonging to the National Cooperative Refinery As-

sociation was driven by Steve Daffer, 39, of Danbury. He got the truck on the shoulder, which was soft, Mr. McHugh said, and the trailer slid into the ditch, where the truck and trailer rolled onto its side.

The trailer was full of oil, but the tank didn't rupture, said Undersheriff McHugh. Mr. Daffer was south-bound on the road, heading to Jennings to unload.

There was no ticket given and there were no injuries. There was some damage to the truck.

#### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Alice and Dan Marshall to Brian Jennings, NW 1/4 of Sec. 36, T3S, R28W.

Fern Kleinsorge, trustee of the Fern M. Kleinsorge Living Trust, to Brian Jennings, NW 1/4 of Sec. 36, T3S, R28W.

Gary Townsend, trustee of the Neva Townsend Revocable Living Trust, to Gary Townsend for his lifetime, then to Krent Townsend for his lifetime, NW 1/4 of Sec. 13, T1S, R28W.

Ethel Nemeth, quitclaim to Ethel Nemeth, and Olsen, Howard & As-

sociates, trustees of the Ethel Nemeth Trust, SW 1/4 of Sec. 29, SE 1/4 of Sec. 30, and SW 1/4 of Sec. 33, all in T4S, R28W.

#### AMBULANCE CALLS

These calls were reported last week by the Decatur County ambulance crew:

Last Wednesday: 12:12 p.m., medical, S. Waldo, to Decatur County Hospital; 9:47 p.m., medical, rural Oberlin, to Decatur County Hospital.

Thursday: 11:22 p.m., medical, rural Oberlin, to Decatur County Hospital.

Friday: 8:31 a.m., motor vehicle accident, rural Oberlin, no transport.

Saturday: 11:57 a.m., medical, N. Elk, to Decatur County Hospital; 4:47 p.m., standby at car races.

### City Hall

#### MUNICIPAL COURT

April 13: Colby Larson, Oberlin, failure to appear on district court order, payment plan pending.

Thursday: Jerry Bishop, Oberlin, improper backing, \$100.

## Town Crier

**Today:** Girls physicals, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Oberlin Clinic.

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

**Thursday:** Junior high track meet, 3 p.m., at Hoxie.

High school golf, 3 p.m., at Colby.

Oberlin Elementary School spring program, grades 3-6, 7:30 p.m., gymnasium.

**Friday:** FFA Banquet, 5:30 p.m., high school cafeteria.

**Saturday:** Volunteer work day, 8 a.m., at Sappa Park. Meet at shelterhouse.

High school state speech festival and championship tournament, all day, both at Wichita East High School.

**Sunday:** Volunteer work day, 1 to 5 p.m., Last Indian Raid Museum. Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

**Monday:** High school golf meet, 1 p.m., at Phillipsburg.

High school track meet, 4 p.m., at Hill City.

Oberlin School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., district office.

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

Rotary Club, noon, The Gateway.

High school vocal concert, 7:30 p.m., auditorium.

**Wednesday, May 10:** High school speech awards, 6 p.m., high school cafeteria.

Boys physicals, 7 p.m., Oberlin Clinic.

The Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Thursday, at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith. Gifts of nonperishable food and household items are always needed.

## Markets

#### May 1, 2006 closing markets

Wheat, \$3.97 bushel  
Milo, \$3.29 hnd weight  
Corn, \$2.09 bushel  
Soybeans, \$5.05 bushel  
Sunflowers (unavailable)

## Corrections

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.

## MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS MAY 15.

If you have questions or need help, see Rusty.



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## American Profile

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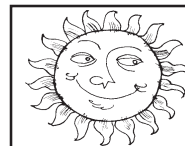
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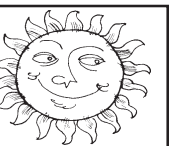
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## WEATHER



#### Decatur County Weather ----- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
85/43	65/38	58/35	65/38	73/43

Normal High: 69  
Normal Low: 38

Sunrise: 6:36 to 6:41 A.M.  
Sunset: 8:38 to 8:42 P.M.

Temperatures climb into the 80's today ahead of a cool front tonight that may trigger an isolated storm or two. Tomorrow will be cooler, but chances for precipitation will be missing until some upper level energy moves overhead on Thursday. We need to pick up a .50" of rain with these chances, because the extended forecast calls for dry weather this weekend and all of next week. Don't know if the wheat crop can hang on that long without any moisture.

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#### (National Weather Service)

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

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
April 24	46	33	0.16
April 25	49	21	
April 26	68	26	
April 27	79	42	0.01
April 28	59	41	trace
April 29	66	41	trace
April 30	69	38	0.01

Precipitation: week, 0.18; month, 0.56; year, 2.73.

Weather History: April 29, 1942—The most violent tornado on record in the tri-state area formed just E. of Oberlin at 10:30 p.m., killing three entire families.  
By Jim Merriott - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer

Internet tonight!

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