

Obituaries

LaRetta Gay Brewer

LaRetta Gay Brewer, 51, an employee of Southwest Implement in Oberlin, died at her home on Friday, May 16, 2008.

She was born Sept. 26, 1956, in Grant, Neb., the daughter of Milo and Margie (Clark) Rowley. She grew up in Grant, along with three brothers and two sisters. She attended Grant Elementary School and Perkins County High School.

She married Lonny Brewer on Nov. 22, 1972, in Imperial, Neb. In 1996, the couple moved to Bridgeport, Neb., for a year, then to Imperial, Calif., for a year before moving to Oberlin in 1998. She and her husband both worked for Southwest Implement.

Survivors include her husband, Lonny of the home; two sons, Jeremy and D'arcy Brewer, North Platte, Neb.; Jeff Brewer, Bellingham, Wash.; five grandchildren; her mother, Margie Rowley, Grant; three brothers, Leon Rowley, Grant; Les Rowley, Denver; and Larry and Susan Rowley, Hot Springs, Ark.; two sisters, Linda and Nate Skeels, Grant; and Lisa and Jeff White, Ridgecrest, Calif.

Her father preceded her in death.

Graveside memorial services

were held Tuesday morning at Mount Hope Cemetery at Imperial, Neb.

A memorial was established in her name. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Oral F. Brunk

Oral F. Brunk, 95, a native of Norcat, died May 11, 2008, at Life Care Hospital in McAllen, Texas.

He was born April 12, 1913, at Norcat, the son of Frank Oral and Iva Coral (Croy) Brunk. He graduated from Norcat High School and Kansas State University. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He graduated from Kansas State, where he played on the varsity baseball team.

He married Doris E. McGee, at Oberlin n Jan. 25, 1940 and she survives. They had lived in Lyons since 1948 and he was a district conservationist for 33 years for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign War, and a 61-year member of the American Legion, all of Lyons. He was one of the founding members of the Lyons Little League and coached

Little League, K-18, and American Legion teams for over 15 years.

Other survivors include: two sons, John Brunk, Lyons; Joe Brunk, Wichita; a sister, Crystal Moore, Oberlin; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A private burial will take place at the Lyons Municipal Cemetery. A memorial service will be held in mid-June and will be announced by Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home of Lyons. The Rev. Dr. Quentin Bennett will officiate.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday with the family present from noon to 2 p.m. at Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Lyons High School Baseball program or United Methodist Church, in care of the funeral home.

Henry Martin Wolfram

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin for Henry Martin Wolfram, 88, who died May 11, 2008, at the Presbyterian Manor in Arkansas City. The Rev. Royce Leitner officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

A complete obituary was carried in last week's newspaper. Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin was in charge of arrangements.

Town Crier

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

Thursday: Blood drive, 12 noon to 6 p.m., The Gateway.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. Oberlin Elementary Awards State Track at Wichita, 9 a.m. Last Day of School, dismiss @ 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m., State Track at Wichita

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

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 water for bacteria and nitrates. For details, call 475-8118.

The Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith.

Gifts of cash, nonperishable food and household items are always needed.

Monday-Friday: At 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; third Thursday of the month, senior bridge, open. Quilting, puzzles, games daily.

SENIOR MENU

Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center, 220 N. Penn Ave., weekdays at 11:30 a.m.

Today: barbecue meat balls, carrots, broccoli salad, bread, cinnamon apple slices.

Thursday: paprika chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, bread, peaches.

Friday: baked fish, rice pilaf, winter mixed vegetables, bread, apricots.

Monday: Closed for Memorial

Day.

Tuesday: hamburger, hash brown casserole, corn, bun, blushing pears.

Next Wednesday: chicken fajita salad, 5 cup salad, crackers, cherry crisp.

Markets

May 19 closing markets

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Corn, \$5.27

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Soybeans, \$11.68

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Fire kills breed dogs

A fire in rural Decatur County claimed the lives of several breeding dogs and destroyed a barn Saturday evening.

Fire Chief Bill Cathcart said the call came in around 6:55 p.m. and both the Decatur County Rural fire department and Beaver Valley responded.

Chief Cathcart said the owner had been burning trash nearby and the barn caught on fire. Jeff Fortin owns the barn located about nine miles north and three and a half west of Oberlin.

The dogs were in pens close to the barn and Mr. Fortin lost several in the fire, said Chief Cathcart, although he didn't know how many.

The barn was being used for storage, so the total loss is around \$40,000. Some of the trees in the creek bed also burned.

The firefighters were at the scene for about four hours.

Internet tonight.
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Big Timber Memorial Services

Sunday, May 25

10 a.m. followed by
Potluck Dinner at 12:30 p.m.
at the City Hall in Jennings.
Drinks will be furnished.
Please bring your own table service.

WAR DEAD Foreign Service		
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World War I		
Henry W. Heilman William Krizek	Anthony Kaspar Joseph Petracek	
World War II		
Edward Cilek Vollie Kathka Raymond Matousek Alfred W. Heilman	Anton Vacura Carl Kasper Bernard Ehrlich Frederick A. Flaska Lumir Jesse Skubal	Raymond Pavlicek Myron Skubal John Petracek Stanley Mazanek Donald Shaw
Vietnam		Korea
Wayne Buchanan		Raymond Kaspar Norman Petracek Harwood Chandler Bennie Krizek Charles Votapka
Peacetime		
Elmer Petracek		

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

March 28: Jordan S. Brimer, Garden City, speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, \$126.

April 16: Warner L. Smith, Lakin, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, \$102.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Francis L. Farr Estate to Gene and Helen Gee, Lots 9 and 10, Block 14, East Addition to the City of Oberlin.

Amy Mae Rehm to Brent Olson,

Lots 7 and 8, Block 17, Original Town, now City of Oberlin.

Marty Rhodes to Michael J. and Jacqueline Neff, S/2S/2NW/4, Sec. 2, T5S, R29W.

Roxie A. Erickson, Revocable Inter Vivos Trust to Ryan L. Nichols, E/2 of Lot 4, all of Lot 5, W 15' of Lot 6, Block 4, Carman Addition to the City of Oberlin.

Businesses close for holiday

Most Oberlin businesses will be closed Monday for Memorial Day, including federal, state, county and city offices and all banks and financial institutions.

The *Oberlin Herald* will be closed. The paper will print a day later than usual next week, so copies may be picked up on Wednesday af-

ternoon, with mail delivery mostly on Thursday.

Deadline for the *Country Advocate* will be noon on Friday as usual. Deadline for news and advertising for the paper will be noon Tuesday.

Raye's Grocery will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday

and Monday. The Frontier Restaurant, Crossroads Express, D & M Service, Ampride, Pizza Hut and A&W Restaurant will be open on Memorial Day. The LandMark Inn will have a breakfast buffet from 8 to 11 a.m. on Monday. The senior meal site will be closed.

Elevator upgrade approved

The Decatur County commissioners approved upgrading the elevator in the courthouse after an inspection by a state fire marshal.

Custodian Bob Berls said the elevator needs to automatically stop in case of a fire. Now, it stops on the first floor, he said, but if that's where the fire is, it would be a problem and the county could be liable for any injury. Mr. Berls said the inspector told him the elevator should stop on a floor where there is no fire.

Kone Inc. out of Wichita, he said, will do the improvements for \$2,822.

The agreement from Kone says that if workers' tools are stolen during the job or someone gets hurt, the county insurance will cover it, said Commissioner Ralph Unger. County Attorney Steve Hirsch, suggested the county cross that section out and initial it, then send the agreement to the company and see

what happens.

The company, said Commissioner Ralph Unger, should have worker's compensation insurance to cover its employees. The commissioners agreed to cross that part of the agreement out, but approved the bid.

The new lawn sprinkler system is in, said Mr. Berls, but black sand is coming through the pipes. When the sprinklers are on, he added, workers in the jail on the fourth floor can't flush the toilets or run the dishwasher.

It would cost \$1,200 to put in a two-inch water line, he said. That doesn't include the cost for a new water meter, he added.

Also the old water line has an electric valve, said Mr. Berls, and if no electricity is going to it, the valve shuts off the whole system. It's under the concrete behind the courthouse, he said.

Can't it just be capped? asked Commissioner Unger.

Mr. Berls said he thought it could.

The water line change can wait a while, said Mr. Berls, adding that the problem might not be the size of the line. He said the city crew planned to come by that afternoon and take the top off the water meter to see if the lines are corroded or plugged. After that, he said, he will know more.

Director signs survey

Ambulance Director Linda Manning told county commissioners that she had received a survey from the hospital asking about services the ambulance department offers as part of the hospital's emergency plan.

Ms. Manning said at a meeting on Tuesday, April 29, that the former director always refused to sign the

survey.

She said she had gone through it and crossed out the things the service doesn't provide. The commissioners gave the OK for her to sign it with the changes made.



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WEATHER

Decatur County Weather ----- **May 20th - 24th**

Tue 89/58	Wed 92/60	Thu 83/55	Fri 80/55	Sat 78/53
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Normal High: 80
Normal Low: 50

Sunrise: 6:20 to 6:22 AM
Sunset: 8:56 to 8:59 PM

Hot and dry weather today and tomorrow, but the pattern looks to change late in the week and over the Memorial Weekend. Today and tomorrow highs will be around 90 with breezy south winds. Thursday through Saturday a trough to the west will open up the Gulf and shoot storm systems through the area. The good news is the wheat crop gets the drink it really needs and the bad news is the threat for severe weather will be high.

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
May 12	71	30	00
May 13	88	48	00
May 14	68	33	00
May 15	74	33	0.01
May 16	74	41	00
May 17	79	42	00
May 18	84	41	00

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.01; for the month, 0.36; for the year 4.03

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By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.