

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# Obituaries

## Linda Lafferty

Linda Kay Lafferty, 59, a native of Oberlin, died Jan. 27, 2009, at her home in McCook.

She was born Aug. 9, 1949, in Oberlin, the daughter of Elvyn "Bud" and Frances (Rid-path) McConnell. She graduated from Beaver Valley High School in 1967. She also graduated from McCook Junior College and Kearney State College.

She married Donald Lafferty on May 18, 1973, in Lebanon, Neb. They lived in McCook and she worked at Source Gas for 35 years. She was a member of the Memorial United Methodist Church and Lions Club. She was also named one of Nabisco's One Hundred Exceptional Women in 2008 for volunteer work. She was also awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow for dedicated humanitarian services for the Lions Club International.

Survivors include her husband, Don; son, Scott and fiancée Kendra Wallace; daughter, Amanda; father-in-law, Cecil Lafferty and special friend, Virginia Myers, all of McCook; two sisters, Gloria and Cecil Demke, South Sioux City, Neb.; and Sharon and John Vise, Boise, Idaho; four sisters-in-law, Mi He Cha McConnell, Arapahoe, Neb.; Betty and Ralph Florea, Hopkins, Mo.; Susan and Dennis Campbell, Lodi, Calif.; and Sally Rowe and special friend Donn Topliff, Beloit; two brothers-in-law, Lyle and LaVonna Lafferty, Scranton; and John Lafferty and special friend Lynnette, Kearney, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Larry McConnell; and mother-in-law, Bonnie June Lafferty.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at the Memorial United Church in McCook with Rev. Dr. Jeff Thurman officiating. Burial followed in Fort McPherson National Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in her name. Contributions may be sent to Carpenter Breland Funeral Home, 305 West C St., McCook, Neb., 69001

## William Carter

William Carter, 92, a retired co-owner of Home Oil and Gas Co. in Jennings, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2008, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

He and his twin brother, Willard, were born Feb. 22, 1916, in rural Jennings, the sons of Jesse and Grace (Tice) Carter. He attended Jennings schools and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He married Rachel Carlton on June 6, 1943, in Jennings. He was a member of the Jennings United Methodist Church, Jennings Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star, and Jennings American Legion Post.

Survivors include his wife, Rachel Carter, Jennings; two sons, Allan and Sherry Carter, Overland Park; and Kenneth and Julie Carter, Jennings; two daughters, Ann and Richard Graner, Bethany, Mo.; and Jane and Jim Wahlmeier, Concordia; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lawrence (Carney) and Willard Carter; and a sister, Nettie Carter.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Jennings United Methodist Church. Pastor Carrie Buhler officiated and burial was at the Jennings Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the church or donor's choice. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Colin J. Diederich

Colin J. Diederich, 48, a former Oberlin resident, died Jan. 30, 2009, at McPherson.

He was born Jan. 19, 1961, at McCook, the son of Gerald and Caralee (Brown) Diederich. He was an engineering technician at Mordge Manufacturing at Moundridge. He moved from Gossell to McPherson in 1997.

Survivors include three brothers, Darren, Ernie and Gerald Diederich, all of rural McPherson; and two sisters, Bonnie Beck and Felesa Cunningham, Hesston.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Lindsborg. Private burial will be held later at the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Hospice Care of Kansas. Christians Funeral Home of Lindsborg is in charge of arrangements.

## Phyllis E. Lohofener

Phyllis Eleanor Lohofener, 83, an employee for 30 years at the Decatur County National Bank in Oberlin, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

She was born Aug. 15, 1925, in Norcat, to Jacob R. and Loretta F. (Belt) Betts.

Her family lived in Norcat until 1934 when they moved to Oberlin. She attended Norcat Grade School, graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1943 and graduated from the University of Kansas in 1948 with a business degree.

She married Ray A. Lohofener on Jan. 21, 1950, in Oberlin, where they made their home. Her husband preceded her in death on June 17, 2007. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include two children, Deb Lohofener, and Greg and Mary Jo Lohofener, a brother, Herschel and Joan Betts; and a sister-in-law, Ella Betts, all of Oberlin; and five grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Diana Jo; a brother, James R. Betts; and a nephew, Kim Betts.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler officiated and burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. for the Golden Age Center or to the Decatur County Museum. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Dora Lee Fern Michel

Dora Lee Fern Michel, 79, of Hays, a former resident of Norcat, died Jan. 26, 2009, at the Hays Medical Center.

She was born April 1, 1929, in Lincoln, Neb., the daughter of Julius and Luella (Fose) Dumler. She graduated from Russell High School in 1947.

She married Wilmer "Mike" Michel, on June 8, 1947, at Russell. They lived at Norcat, where she helped with the family business, Michel Oil Company. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Hays.

Survivors include her husband, Mike, of the home; four daughters, Connie and Roger O'Hare, Goodland; Vicky and Randy Showman, Fremont, Neb.; Karen and Chris Bailey, Norcat; and Cathy and Galen Pfeifer, Hays; three sisters, Jeannie Mettlen, Lucas; Clara Mae Peterson, Indianola, Neb.; and Julie Boxberger, Great Bend; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Stephen.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at the church in Hays. Graveside services and burial were at the Norcat Cemetery.

Memorials have been established to the Norcat Cemetery Fund or the Oncology Department of Hays Medical Center. Contributions may be sent to Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 1906 Pine St., Hays, Kan., 67601.

## Muriel Ready

Muriel Ready, 100, a retired school teacher, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

She was born Nov. 18, 1908, on a farm northwest of Larned, the daughter of Roy and Eva (Wagner) Conard. She was reared on the family farm and attended a one-room grade school and graduated from Larned High School. While in high school, Muriel took normal training to become a teacher. She later graduated from Fort Hays State University with a degree in Elementary Education. She taught school in Pawnee County and Larned city schools and eventually became Pawnee County Superintendent of Schools.

During this time, she met John Ready who was working at the Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. They were married on Dec. 24, 1949. They made their home in Larned, and their daughter Esther was born there. In March of 1956, the family moved to Oberlin, and her husband became a partner in the Corcoran and Ready Funeral Home. She taught school eight years at Oberlin Elementary School. In addition, they started the first coin-operated laundry in Oberlin in 1959 and Skogmo Clothing Store in 1962.

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

Survivors include her husband, John, a resident of the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin; a daughter, Esther Ready and son-in-law, David Chomowicz, New York City; a grandson; and a sister, Esther Beer, Larned.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Harley and Harvey; two sisters, Audrey and Elsie Conard; a nephew, John Beer; and two nieces, Dawn Ready Kohlmeier and Onalee Beer Sherid.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Doug Hasty and the Rev. Tom Smith officiated and burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## John Rule

Funeral services are pending for John Rule, 83, of Clayton, who died at his home in Clayton on Sunday Feb. 1, 2009.

Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.

## Roger L. Shimek

Roger L. Shimek, 75, a lifelong resident of the Jennings area, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

He was born Nov. 1, 1933, on the family farm in Decatur County, the son of Willie and Ellen (Cilek) Shimek. He was reared in the Jennings area and was a 1952 graduate of Jennings High School. He attended Kansas State University and graduated from Fort Hays State

University in 1962.

He married Dorothy Vernon on Nov. 27, 1963, in McCook. They lived on the family farm at Jennings. He was a member of the Jennings United Methodist Church and Jennings American Legion, and had served on the Jennings Czech Memorial Museum board; Jennings School board; Farm Bureau board and Allison Township board.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, Jennings; two sons, Michael Shimek, Dallas; and Stanley Shimek, Lansing; a daughter, Tammy and Eugene Parrish, Wellington; a sister, Mary Ann Amack, Oberlin; his mother-in-law, Florine Vernon, Oberlin; and one granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Billie Raye; and a brother-in-law, Randall Amack.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Richard Vernon will officiate and burial will be at the Jennings Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the Jennings Czech Memorial Museum. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Thursday from 8 a.m. to service time at the funeral home in Oberlin.

## Frances P. Turrell

Frances P. Turrell, 84, a longtime resident of Rexford, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at the Colby Care Center in Colby.

She was born Dec. 1, 1924, at Menlo, the daughter of Alex and Eva (Chadd) Barnett. She was reared in the Menlo and Rexford area and attended Menlo High School.

She married Clyde Turrell on June 20, 1990, in Rexford.

Survivors include a step-son, Rick Turrell, Denver; a daughter, Lois Ann and James Jones, Rexford; two step-daughters, Kathy and Tim Rall, Rexford; and Nadene and Larry Zeller, Wamego; five grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clyde; three sons, Robert, John and Jackie Vaughn; a brother, Melvin Barnett; two sisters, June Simon and Clea Barnett; a grandson, Jerry Dale Dice, and a granddaughter, Christina Marie Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rexford Community Church. Pastor Lane Purcell will officiate and burial will be at the Rexford Cemetery.

A memorial was established in her name. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home in Selden or 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

Jan. 11: Troy W. Stover, Falcon, Colo., no tail lights, \$105.

### Marriage Licenses

Jan. 16: Britton Gerard Scott and Amber Rose Ritter, both of Oberlin.

### Limited Actions

Culligan Water Conditioning vs. John Lytal, \$168, plus costs and interests.

### SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

The Decatur County Sheriff's Department worked this call recently:

• Sometime between the evening hours of Thursday, Jan. 22, and the morning of Friday, Jan. 23, someone broke into the Cardinal Bar and Grill in Norcat and took some beer.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Robert Michael and Jacque J. Elwood to Wayne W. and Dixie M. Golt, as joint tenants, Lot 24, Blk. 8, Original Town, now city, of Oberlin.

Jon and Karina Fisher, Mirium Fisher, Marilyn Fisher and Ju-

lee Fisher to Creed Huff, W 25 feet of Lot 3, all of Lot 4, Blk. 12, Marks-Cole Addition to the City of Oberlin.

Frank E. Bouts and Donald W. and Barbara J. Bouts to Eric W. and Christina W. Green, as joint tenants, a tract in the S/2SE/4 of Sec. 36, T5S, R27W.

## City Hall POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department worked these calls:

• Last Wednesday, Joseph Derauf of Hansen-Mueller Grain reported that a tire on a 2008 Ford pickup belonging to the company had been cut three times in the sidewall, Police Chief Wade Lockhart said. The incident occurred sometime between 10 p.m. last Tuesday and 7 a.m. last Wednesday. The tire was valued at \$150, Chief Lockhart said.

• On Friday, Decatur County Ambulance Director Linda Manning reported that an external cardiac defibrillator had been stolen from ambulance No. 3 between 2 and 4:30 p.m. that day. The car had been parked in the county ambulance barn, she reported. The set was valued at \$3,000, Chief Lockhart said.

## Town Crier

**Today:** Kindergarten registration, Oberlin Elementary School office.

Golden Age Center and meal site meets at new location, the old Grapevine Cafe, 217 N. Penn, beginning this week.

Eternity Focus concert, 7 p.m., Oberlin United Methodist Church.

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

**Thursday:** Kindergarten registration, Oberlin Elementary School office.

Junior high girls basketball, 4:30 p.m., here, with Quinter.

Junior high wrestling, 4:30 p.m., at Goodland with Oakley.

High school junior varsity basketball tournament, 6 p.m., at Colby.

Diabetic Support Group, 7 p.m., specialty clinic at hospital.

**Friday:** Kindergarten registration, Oberlin Elementary School office.

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

High school wrestling, 6:30 p.m., here with Colby.

Kids wrestling benefit soup supper, 5:30 to 7 p.m., high school cafeteria.

Farmer-Rancher Appreciation Dinner, 7 p.m., The Gateway. Call Chamber office at 475-3441 for reservations.

**Saturday:** High school speech at Hill City.

Regional piano contest.

Wrestling tournament, 9:30 a.m., Southwest High School east of McCook.

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

**Monday:** Student late start, 10 a.m.

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

**Tuesday:** Kindergarten registration, Oberlin Elementary School office.

Commodity distribution, 9 a.m., 217 N. Penn (new location for Golden Age Center.)

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

PEO soup supper, 5 to 7 p.m., high school cafeteria.

Junior high girls basketball, 4:30 p.m., at Colby.

High school basketball, 6:30 p.m., here with Grinnell/Wheatland.

### SENIOR MENU

Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center (Grapevine Cafe), 217 N. Penn, weekdays at 11:30 a.m.

**Today:** Brat with kraut, potatoes, corn, cinnamon apple slices.

**Thursday:** Spanish rice, carrots, fruit in gelatin, chips, spice cake.

**Friday:** Liver and onions, gravy, potatoes, broccoli, pineapple.

**Monday:** Scalloped potato casserole, peas, plums, cook's choice.

**Tuesday:** Chili dog, potato salad, pears, bun, cookie.

**Next Wednesday:** Lasagna, salad, peaches, bread, pudding

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## Corrections

In the Jan. 28 issue of *The Oberlin Herald*, information about Dole Metcalf's 80th birthday on Feb. 6 from his family omitted the name of Melissa Metcalf. This information was not given to the newspaper.

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A photo caption on the sports page in the same issue incorrectly named a basketball player as Jori Diederich. It should have been Brandi Diederich. This was a proofing 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.

## Project grant received

The project to build a new Golden Age Center, Sunflower Cinema and bowling alley downtown has received a grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

Greg Lohofener, with the Decatur County Economic Development Corp., said the grant application was a joint effort by the development agency and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce.

A check for the \$50,000 grant has been sent to the Chamber office, he said. The money, said Mr. Lohofener, is for the project in general, not a certain part of it.


Mr. Lohofener added that he


thinks they will be sending off a deposit on the theater equipment soon.

## Markets

**Feb. 02 closing markets**  
Wheat, \$5.17 bushel  
Corn, \$3.29 bushel  
Milo, \$4.69 hundredweight  
Soybeans, \$8.50 bushel  
Sunflowers, \$12.55 hundred-weight

## WEATHER





**Forecast**

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 51. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 26. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 63. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 29

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 22.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 44.  
*From the National Weather Service.*

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
Jan. 26	17	7	T
Jan. 27	14	1	.09
Jan. 28	22	5	0
Jan. 29	44	14	0
Jan. 30	42	21	0
Jan. 31	58	21	0
Feb. 1	69	18	0

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.09; for the month, 0.19; for the year 0.19; one year ago, Jan. 2008, 0.60; Feb. 2008, 0.81  
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.  
By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.