

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Obituaries

Andrew John Black

Andrew John "Andy" Black, 91, a retired Rexford farmer, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, at the home of his daughter in Hays. He was born Dec. 3, 1917, at the farm of his paternal grandparents west of Courtland, the son of Lewis and Esther (Anderson) Black. Later the family moved to Thomas County. They lived on a farm north of Colby and in several other areas of Thomas County before settling on a farm southwest of Rexford. He attended school in Brewster, Colby and Menlo and graduated from Menlo High School. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater with Company A, 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion. He married Marguerite L. Maddock on Sept. 28, 1954, in Tucumcari, N.M. They lived in Rexford. He farmed for 35 years and also worked for the Thomas County Highway Department, as a heavy equipment operator. He retired in December of 1983. He was a member of the American Legion in Rexford. He and his wife moved to Hays to live with their daughter on Jan. 1, 2009.

Survivors include his wife Marguerite Black of the home; three children, Randy and Cheryl May, Dallas; John Black, Aurora, Colo.; and Julie Black, Hays; two sisters, Eileen Dible, Colby; and Joan Hancock, Des Moines, Iowa; a sister-in-law, Frances Black, Colby; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Lewis Black; two sisters, Madeline Kirkendall and Marceil Mead; and three brothers-in-law, Roy Dible, Arden Kirkendall and Don Mead. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden. Pastor Lane Purcell officiated and burial was in the Rexford Cemetery with graveside rites by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Memorials were established to the Rexford American Legion. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home in Selden or Oberlin, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Doris Black

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Oberlin

Assembly of God Church for Doris Black, who died Saturday in Oberlin. Visitation will be at the church from 6 to 8 p.m. today. A memorial has been established to the church. Enfield Funeral Home of Norton is in charge of arrangements. A complete obituary will be carried in next week's newspaper.

David E. Koerperich

David Eugene Koerperich, 54, a native of Oberlin, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at the Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte, Neb.



D. Koerperich

He was born Sept. 24, 1954, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin, the son of Eugene N. and Dolores M. (Reitcheck) Koerperich. He was reared on the family farm east of Oberlin. He attended Oberlin Elementary School and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1972.

During the summer, starting at age 16, he went custom harvesting with Vernon Reitcheck and later with Ray Bieber harvesting crews. He worked at Western Sprinklers in Colby for 17 years and was employed with Kelley Drilling Co. in Oberlin for the past four years. He was a member of the Kansas Groundwater Association and served on its board as secretary for seven years and later as president. He was also a member of Pheasants Forever.

Survivors include his children, Jacob Koerperich, Oberlin; Adrian and Shawn Walker, Lincoln, Neb.; and Jessica Koerperich, Grand Junction, Colo.; his mother, Dolores Koerperich, Oberlin; three brothers, Clem Koerperich, Oberlin; and Dan and Michele Koerperich, and John and Angela Koerperich, Salina; three sisters, Karen and Jeff Ostmeyer, Salina; Linda and Chris Floch, Asotin, Wash.; and Donna and Todd Reinert, Topeka; and two grandchildren. His father preceded him in death

on Feb. 11, 2001. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m. today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. The Rev. Dan Scheetz will officiate and burial will be in the Oberlin Cemetery. A memorial was established to the Jacob Koerperich Education Fund, the church or donor's choice. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

John Earl Rule

John Earl Rule, 83, a retired owner of the Rule Grain Co. in Clayton, died Feb. 1, 2009, at his home in Clayton. He was born Nov. 22, 1925, in Paonia, Colo., the son of Blakey and Blanche (Reid) Rule. His family moved to Clayton, where he grew up in the family grain elevator business. He attended Clayton High School through his junior year before joining the U.S. Navy. He served during World War II.

He married Lila Johnson on March 2, 1945, in Clayton. He continued to work with the Rule Grain Company and became owner and manager in 1967. He retired in 1989. He was a member of the Clayton United Methodist Church, Norton American Legion, Farm Bureau and Royal Neighbors.

Survivors include his wife Lila of the home; two sons, John Jr. and Lorraine Rule, Hays; and Jerold Rule, Emporia; two daughters, Peggy and John Mast, Emporia; and Carol and Stan Miller, Norcator; two sisters, Olive Arnold, Colorado Springs; and Frances Reiff, Salt Lake City, Utah; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Vera Hubbard; and three grandchildren, Jeannie Marie Petracek, John Blake Petracek and Joel Stanley Miller.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Larry Danforth officiated and burial was in the Clayton Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the Norton American Legion and Clayton United Methodist Church. Contributions may be sent to the 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

Jan. 8: Steven K. Breazier, Poland, Ohio, speeding 79 mph, \$129.
Jan. 14: Joshua D. Mason, Gibbon, Neb., speeding 88 mph, \$192.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:
Feb. 5: Christopher Real, 25, McCook, driving under the influence, Red Willow County Sheriff's office.
Feb. 5: Jimmy Grossman, 37, McCook, driving under the influence, Red Willow County Sheriff's office.
Feb. 9: Greg Smith, 49, Oberlin, driving under the influence, Sedgwick County Sheriff's office.

SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

The Decatur County Sheriff's Department worked this call:

• Around 5:26 p.m. on Thursday,

Jan. 29, a call came in about a one-car accident on the Bohemian Hall Road (K Lane). Officers and an ambulance responded. Both the driver, Michael New, 40, Norcat, and a passenger, Melissa Hadley, 37, were ejected from the 2004 Chevy. Sheriff Ken Badsy said Mr. New was westbound about two miles west of the Jennings Road (2400th Road) when he lost control on the gravel. The car went into the north ditch, came out and rolled onto its side, he said.

Ms. Hadley was taken to the hospital in Kearney, Neb., by helicopter, said Sheriff Badsy, and Mr. New to the Decatur County Hospital by ambulance.

The driver failed a preliminary breath test, Sheriff Badsy said. A blood sample was taken and sent to the lab. They are waiting for the blood test results to come back to finish the case, he said. Neither victim was wearing a seat belt, he said.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Richard L. and Delayne M. May to Shanna M. and Brad D. Long, as joint tenants, an irregular tract,

NE/4SW/4, Sec. 12, T3S, R29W, 29.28 acres more or less.
Karen S. Thompson (formerly Karen S. Metcalf) and Laurence Thompson, quitclaim to Karen S. and Laurence Thompson, wife and husband, an irregular tract, E/2NE/4, Sec. 11, T3S, R29W, 2.73 acres more or less.

Decatur County Theater Inc. to Decatur County, S. 24' of Lot 5, all of Lots 6, 7, and the N. 10' of Lot 8, and the vacated alley between Lots 5 and 6, all located in Block 17, Rodehaver Addition to the City of Oberlin.

Duane A. and Lois I. Ungert to Revocable Inter Vivos Trust of Duane A. Unger, E/2SE/4 and W/2NE/4 of Sec. 4, T3S, R30W.

JVR Ranch Inc. to Joel W. and Tamara M. Shaw, as joint tenants, an irregular tract in the E/2 of Sec. 29, T2S, R29W; NW/4 of Sec. 9, T3S, R29W.

Wolfe Properties Inc. to Jay and Annetta Ketterl, as joint tenants, W/2 of Sec. 30, south of the railroad right-of-way, and all of SE/4 of Sec. 30, T1S, R29W; W/2SW/4 of Sec. 29, T1S, R29W.

Chamber office to get update

The Oberlin Business Alliance approved paying for one-third of the cost for new office furniture for the Chamber office, assuming the Convention and Visitors Bureau board approves the purchase.

Tina Watson, secretary for the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, said she talked with Kurt Vollertsen, owner of Ward Drug Store, before the meeting last Wednesday and he agreed it had been a while since the alliance put any money into chamber supplies.

She said she contacted merchants here about the furniture, but no one could do it anytime soon. With the price off the computer from furniture.com, she said, it will cost each

group \$500.

Ms. Watson said she hasn't talked with the members of the bureau about the purchase. The alliance members approved the purchase, pitching in \$500, contingent on the bureau doing the same.

The group talked about bringing someone with Tim's Electronics from Phillipsburg here to look at the sound system downtown. Ms. Watson said it will cost \$200 for the technician to come look at the system.

It would be nice to find out if it's fixable, said Connie Grafel, marketing director of the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp.

Ms. Watson said Mr. Vollertsen offered to help pay to get the Phillipsburg man here. Rusty Adleman, owner of Adleman Drug Store, agreed to pay half if Mr. Vollertsen pays the other half.

The group talked about the spring banners and whether any of them need to be replaced. Ms. Watson and Sharleen Wurm, curator of the Last Indian Raid Museum, agreed to take a look at them.

Ms. Watson said two people, Roger May and Steve Stacy, tied in the Super Bowl giveaway. Mr. Stacy won a coin toss and got a basket full of goodies donated by alliance businesses, valued at \$300.

Emergency service busy

At the meeting last Tuesday, Director Linda Manning told the Decatur County commissioners that the service had been busy.

Ms. Manning said she's filed a theft report with the city police department because a defibrillator has disappeared.

How expensive is an automatic defibrillator? asked Commissioner Gene Gallentine. Anywhere from \$2,000 to \$5,000, said Ms. Manning, but this one cost \$3,000.

The service hasn't received a copy of the state's inspection report.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said she should call the state and ask for it.

Markets

Feb. 9 closing markets
Wheat, \$5.20 bushel
Corn, \$3.37 bushel
Milo, \$4.85 hundredweight
Soybeans, \$8.92 bushel
Sunflowers, \$13.15 hundredweight

Town Crier

Today: Junior high music festival, all day, Colby Community College.

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

Thursday: Junior high wrestling quad, 3:30 p.m., at Colby with Atwood and Oakley.

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

Parent-teacher conferences, 5 to 9 p.m., Oberlin Elementary and high school.

Friday: No school.

Parent-Teacher conferences, 8 a.m. to noon, Oberlin Elementary and high school.

Extension webcast overview of small wind turbines, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., extension office at court house.

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

Oberlin Lions Club benefit taco-salad supper, 5 to 7 p.m., high school cafeteria.

High school wrestling, 6:30 p.m., at Hoxie.

Farmer-Rancher Appreciation Dinner, 7 p.m., The Gateway.

Saturday: Junior varsity wrestling tournament, 9 a.m., at Colby. FFA judging, 9 a.m., at Kensington.

Junior high wrestling, 9:30 a.m., at Phillipsburg.

High school speech at Norton.

State Scholar Bowl, noon, at Moundridge.

Sunday: Senior citizens potluck, 12:15 p.m., 217 N. Penn.

Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

Monday: Junior high Scholar Bowl, 3:45 p.m., at Quinter.

Tuesday: Kayette Unit Conference, all day, Logan.

Jody Tubbs, state veterans representative, 9:30 a.m., courthouse.

High school basketball, 6:30 p.m., at Golden Plains.

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

Today: Lasagna, spinach salad, peas, garlic bread, pudding.

Thursday: Tuna salad, chicken-rice soup, vegetables, apricots.

Friday: Salisbury steak potatoes, creamed peas, bread, gelatin.

Monday: Hamburger, pork and beans, cole slaw, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday: chef salad, Dole tropical fruit, bread sticks, cherry crisp.

Next Wednesday: Chili, apples, crackers, cinnamon rolls.

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.

WEATHER

Forecast
Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Tonight:** partly cloudy, with a low around 20. North wind around 5 mph.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49. **Night:** a 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21.
Friday: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 34. **Night:** a 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.
Saturday: partly sunny, with a high near 34. **Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 34. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19.
Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 40.

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
Feb. 2	47	12	0
Feb. 3	49	20	0
Feb. 4	45	14	0
Feb. 5	62	14	0
Feb. 6	69	20	0
Feb. 7	78	23	0
Feb. 8	62	25	0

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.00; for the month, 0.00; for the year 0.19; one year ago, Feb. 2008, 0.81
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By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

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