

# Obituaries

## Steve Vale Cathcart

Steve Vale Cathcart, 68, Windsor, Colo., a 1962 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013, at the Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo.

He was born March 1, 1944, in Oberlin, the son of Joseph and Gwen Cathcart.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa, of the home; two sons, Aaron Cathcart, Estes Park, Colo., and David Cathcart, Fort Collins; a daughter, Lora Hammil, Sterling, Colo.; and five grandchildren. No services.

## Donna M. Goss

Donna Mae Goss, 78, a 1953 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2013, at Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook.

She was born Feb 5, 1934, at Cedar Bluffs, the daughter of Clarence and Sarah (Monie) Witt. She grew up in the Cedar Bluffs and Oberlin area.

She married Bill Goss on June 14, 1953, in Lyle. They lived in Denver before moving back to Oberlin, when he started B.G. Welding Service northwest of Oberlin.

Survivors include two daughters, JoAnn (Steve) Class, Englewood, Colo., and Rhonda Peterson, Greeley, Colo.; three sons, Ronnie Goss, Denver; Donnie Goss, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Jimmy Goss, Oberlin; a brother, Eugene (Beverly) Witt, Danbury; two sisters, Delores (Norman) Troester, Englewood, Colo., and (Norma (Delbert) Lewis, Hoxie; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a sister, Eileen Jones.

Memorial services will be this spring. Arrangements are with the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton.

## Ruth Irene Leeper

Ruth Irene Leeper, 91, mother of the Rev. Nancy Proffitt of Oberlin, died Jan. 15, 2013, at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center.

She was born May 20, 1921, in Gamett, the daughter of Fred Leonard and Adelia Lovicia (Holland) Brown. She was a 1939 graduate of Hutchinson High School.

She married Erwin Edward Leeper on April 27, 1956, in McPherson and he survives. She worked at Bond Bakers, Risley's IGA, and Jack & Jill as a baker. She was an accomplished musician.

Other survivors include a son,

David Leeper, Alabama; another daughter, Barbara (Glenn) Warren, Nowata, Okla.; a sister, Esther McQuery, Kansas City; 10 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and 31 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Shirley Fred King; five brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services were Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at the South Hutchinson United Methodist Church with the Rev. Warren Hett officiating and burial in Fairlawn Burial Park, Hutchinson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, in care of the Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, Kan., 67501. Leave condolences at www.elliottmortuary.com.

## Everett S. Myers

Everett S. Myers, 93, father of Sharon (Bob) Ream of Oberlin, died Jan. 13, 2013, at Deseret Health and Rehab Center in Smith Center.

He was born Nov. 30, 1919, in rural Smith County, the son of Roy and Susie (Gouldie) Myers. He was a farmer.

Survivors also include his wife, Ila, and a son, Dean (Donna) Myers, Smith Center; six grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Thursday morning at the Simmons-Rentschler Mortuary in Smith Center with Pastor Dennis Lambert officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery.

A memorial was established in his name, in care of the funeral home in Smith Center. To leave condolences, go to www.simmons-rentschler.com.

## Marian Pachner

Marian Pachner, 89, of Akron, Colo., a former business manager at *The Oberlin Herald*, died Jan. 12, 2013, at the Yuma District Hospital in Yuma, Colo.

She was born May 8, 1923, in Sheridan Wyo., the daughter of Martin and Bessie (Hunt) Van Meter. When she was 6, her mother died and she was separated from her sister and brother. Her father and her uncle and aunt, Ed and Julia Hunt, shared in her upbringing. She attended Decatur Community High School.

She married Jim Pachner on Jan. 12, 1941, in a double ring ceremony with his sister, Ann Pachner, and James Kaspar. The couple farmed southwest of Elba and south of Otis, Colo. After they quit farming, they

moved to Otis, where she served as a police magistrate and did accounting and tax preparation. After 35 years in Washington County, they moved to Oberlin to farm on the Pachner family homestead. She also served as an emergency medical technician for Decatur County.

After her husband's death, she returned to Washington County and lived in Akron, Colo.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara McCall, and three sisters-in-law, Ann Kaspar, Beulah Pachner and Kathy Van Meter.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Darrell; a brother, Dale Van Meter; and a sister, Velma James.

Memorial services were Friday morning at the First Presbyterian Church of Akron. Private inurnment will be later.

Memorials may be made to the Akron Senior and Community Center, in care of Brenner Funeral Home, Akron, Colo., 80720.

## Virgil 'Pete' Portschy

Virgil "Pete" Portschy, 79, a lifelong resident of Herndon, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at the Rawlins County Health Center in Atwood.

He was born Jan. 1, 1933, in Herndon, the son of John and Frances (Mosher) Portschy. He graduated from Herndon High School in 1951.

He married Eileen Kleidosty on Feb. 1, 1954. He worked for the Rawlins County Road and Bridge Department for 45 years before retiring in 1999 and was a substitute school bus driver. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Herndon and served on the Parish Council and also on the Herndon School Board. He was named the 2011-2012 "Fan of the Year" by the Rawlins County High School.

He moved to the Good Samaritan Society nursing home in Atwood in November after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen of the home; two daughters, Rita (Greg) Marintzer, and Cheri Kastens; a son, Dean (Deb) Portschy; and a brother-in-law, Eugene Kleidosty, all of Herndon; a sister, Martha (Nick) Korbe, Hays; nine grandsons; five granddaughters-in-law; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles (Virginia) Portschy and Harold (Irene) Portschy, and a sister, Hazel (Billy) Henderson.

A Rosary will be said at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, both at the church in Herndon. Inurnment will follow at the church cemetery. No visitation.

Memorials may be made to the nursing home or the church, in care of Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. Second St., Atwood, Kan., 67730.

# 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

Dec. 20: Fred Anderson, Oberlin, no seatbelt, \$10.

Dec. 21: Cheryl R. Barbie, Colorado Springs, speeding 78 mph, \$161.

Dec. 11: Christina I. Coleman, Santa Fe, N.M., speeding 78 mph, \$161.

Dec. 24: Brad D. Long, Norcatur, speeding 76 mph, \$149.

Jan. 11: Lee Don Scott, Oberlin, no seatbelt, \$10.

Dec. 10: Jalyn Marie Shaw, Selden, speeding 80 mph, \$173.

Jan. 9: Mike R. Taylor, Stamford, Neb., speeding 77 mph, \$155.

Dec. 11: Shirley M. Vanloenen, Prairie View, speeding 79 mph, \$167.

## SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

The Decatur County sheriff's office reported this call last week:

• An accident was reported on U.S. 83 about two miles north of Oberlin when one driver slowed to left and the man behind tried to pass, said Undersheriff Allen Marcum.

The wreck was reported at 10:06 a.m. on Saturday. Samuel Steinmetz, 56, Oberlin, and John Simonsson, 74, Oberlin, were both northbound when Mr. Steinmetz went to turn left into a private drive. Mr. Simonsson, who was behind him, said that he didn't see any brake lights or turning signal, and went to pass him on the left, hitting Mr. Steinmetz' vehicle as he turned.

The damage was over \$1,000. Mr. Marcum said that no one was hurt and no citation was given.

"It's pretty common," Mr. Marcum said. "It happens. People are so used to turning and driving, and don't use a blinker, or people aren't paying attention. People make

mistakes."

## REGISTER OF DEEDS

Phyllis Jean Gillespie to trustee of the Phyllis Jean Gillespie Irrevocable Trust, SE/4 of Sec. 5, NE/4 of Sec. 25, and SE/4 of Sec. 25, T4S R26W; NW/4 of Sec. 13, SW/4 of Sec. 11, and SE/4 of Sec. 24, T4S R27W; and SE/4 of Sec. 25, T5S R27W.

## City Hall

### POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department worked this call last week:

• An accident was reported at 10:25 Sunday morning when Josly Wade, 16, Oberlin, was driving a 2010 Pontiac east on West Hall and failed to notice a trailer parked at 602 W. Hall. She hit the trailer, which belongs to Aaron Ploussard, Oberlin, causing over \$1,000 of damage. She was given a ticket for inattentive driving.

# Town Crier

**Today:** Story Time, 10 a.m., Norcatur Public Library.

Potluck at Herndon Senior Center, noon. Everyone welcome.

Cards at Jennings Senior Citizens Center, 1:30 p.m.

FaithWeaver Friends, multi-church program for first through sixth graders, 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. at Oberlin United Methodist Church.

**Thursday:** Oberlin American Legion meeting, 7 p.m., Legion Hall.

**Friday:** Deadline to order pizzas, for a donation, from Norcatur firemen.

Deadline to order Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Call teacher Susan Nelson, 475-2231, to order.

**Saturday:** Oberlin high school speech, 8:30 a.m. at Hill City.

Oberlin Lions Club soup dinner, 10 a.m., school cafeteria, during Western Kansas Tournament of Champions wrestling tournament.

Branson on the Road, 7:30 p.m., Morgan Theater, Oberlin Arts and Humanities.

**Sunday:** Church Chili Challenge benefit dinner for Vicky Leitner, noon to 1:30 p.m., Old Bohemian Hall, sponsored by Decatur County Ministerial Association.

Birthday party for Helen Helm, 2 p.m. at Cedar Living Center.

Free soup-and-sandwich supper for everyone, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church.

No free movie at Norcatur. Norcatur Fire Department pizza deliveries.

Delivery for Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

**Monday:** Delivery for Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

Spelling Bee, 2:50 p.m., Oberlin Elementary School lunch room.

Oberlin high school scholar bowl, 4 p.m., at Norton.

Mommy and Me fitness program, 6-6:30 p.m., Oberlin Elementary School gymnasium. Free. Led by Kerrie Wahlmeier.

**Tuesday:** Decatur County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

**Next Wednesday:** Story time, 10 a.m., Norcatur library.

## Markets

### Monday closing markets

Wheat, \$7.78 bushel.

Corn, \$7.24 bushel.

Milo, \$6.95 bushel.

Soybeans, \$13.59 bushel.

*Decatur Cooperative Association*

# School Menu

Jan. 28 - Feb. 1

## OBERLIN SCHOOLS

**Monday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: hamburger on a bun, sweet-potato fries.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast: pancake wrap. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: breakfast cookie, cheese stick. Lunch: chili, cinnamon roll.

**Thursday:** Breakfast: omelet, mini loaf. Lunch: meat balls, macaroni and cheese.

**Friday:** Breakfast: biscuit and egg. Lunch: burrito, rice, kiwi, applesauce.

Fruit served with all breakfasts, choice bar with all lunches, milk with all meals.

FaithWeaver Friends, multi-church program for first through sixth graders, 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. at Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Oberlin community meeting on services for senior citizens, 7 p.m. at Golden Age Center.

## SENIOR MENU

Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center, weekdays at noon:

**Today:** baked fish, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw with carrots, bread, fruit cobbler.

**Thursday:** sloppy joes, tater tots or triangles, baked beans, bun, cottage cheese with fruit.

**Friday:** chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread, rosy peas.

**Monday:** Polish sausage with kraut, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, plums.

**Tuesday:** chili, gelatin with carrots and crushed pineapple, crackers, cinnamon roll.

**Next Wednesday:** chopstick tuna casserole, stewed tomatoes, green beans, bread, apricots.

# Corrections

A story on Page 1B of the Jan. 16 issue of *The Oberlin Herald* incorrectly quoted Coach Shane Bird was the person being interviewed about the novice wrestling tournament. It was actually Coach Greg Grafel. This was a reporter's error.

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On Page 1A of this same issue, the two girls in a picture on the lower left-hand corner of the page were misidentified as Kaylee Green, the one being crowned for her birthday, and Jenna Niklason as the girl sitting in the foreground of the photo. The girls were actually Myleigh Hays and Shayla Kisner. This also was a reporting 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.

# Public Notices

## Estate of E. Nemeth

PUBLIC NOTICE  
(Published in The Oberlin Herald, Wednesday, January 23, 30 and February 6, 2013)3t

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ETHEL NEMETH TRUST, utd 07/15/2005

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Ethel Nemeth passed away on December 25, 2012. Creditors have four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice to creditors to present claims to the trustee or said claims shall be forever barred as against the trustee or trust property.

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## Elections for District

PUBLIC NOTICE  
(Published in The Oberlin Herald, Wednesday, January 23, 30 2013)2t  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
DECATUR COUNTY CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Decatur County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 4th day of February, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. an annual meeting of the Decatur County Conservation District will be held at the Gateway Civic Center, 1 Morgan Drive, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE: The supervisors of the Decatur County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO: The supervisors shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors there present, of one supervisor to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of Bruce Larue is expiring. All in the county of Decatur in the State of Kansas.

By Amanda Sowers, Chairperson  
Decatur County Conservation District  
Attest: Diana Solko, Manager

## Sunflower Cinema

220 N. Penn  
Oberlin  
785-470-2200

## Les Miserables PG-13

Friday January 25 - 7 p.m.  
Saturday, January 26 - 7 p.m.  
Sunday, January 27 - 2 p.m.

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# Weather

## Forecast

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 51. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. Breezy.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 42.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 20.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 48.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 55.

## National Weather Service

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
Jan. 14	23	1	0
Jan. 15	28	5	0
Jan. 16	34	10	0
Jan. 17	50	22	0
Jan. 18	54	22	0
Jan. 19	57	21	0
Jan. 20	58	18	0

Precipitation totals for the week: 0  
Precipitation totals for the month: 0.15  
Precipitation totals for the year: 0.15  
One year ago: 0.13

For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.

By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

From the National Weather Service

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