

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

People in Our Community

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Eloise Smith and Joy Votapka went to Emporia on Tuesday, where they attended the jazz ensemble program at Emporia State University that evening. Mrs. Smith's granddaughter, Lisa Smith, had several saxophone solos during the program. The women also visited Ninia Smith at El Dorado before returning home Wednesday.

Delbert and Norma Lewis have returned to Oberlin to visit Kevin Soderlund, Gage and Dallas; also her sister, Donna and Bill Goss. The Lewises have spent the past six months in Donna, and Mathis, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dorman, who also winter in Texas, are visiting the Lewises en route to Washington state. Both couples are full-time recreation vehicle travelers.

Gary Richards suffered a broken collarbone and several broken ribs in an accident when he was thrown from his horse while roping on Friday evening. He was hospitalized over the weekend at Decatur County Hospital.

Winning highs in pinocle last week at the Golden Age Center were Eldon Haas, Eva Marie Vacura, Elsie Goodnight, Myrtle Waldo, Kenneth Van Vleet, Aleen Van Vleet and Alvina Unger. Lows went to Mrs. Unger, Ivah Alexander, Henry Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet, Barbara Solko, Kenneth Van Vleet and Mrs. Waldo. Pitch highs were won by Mrs. Vacura and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Veanna Orr and Mrs. Waldo.

—American Legion open to public for dinner, Saturdays, 6 p.m.

Tina Poe and Virginia Cooper, groomers for High Plains Veterinary Service of Oberlin, were sent to the Groom Classic in Kansas City, Mo., from April 7-9 for educational seminars. They learned new grooming techniques and new ideas and products for their grooming service.

Harold Robison has returned home after spending the winter in Casa Grande, Ariz.

George and Sadie Jordan of Dallas came Monday to visit his sister and husband, Lois and Jack Lamb. They had visited sisters in Ogallala, Neb. and Colorado and also had been to Las Vegas.

—Oberlin American Legion Post 70 will hold its annual election of officers and executive committee members Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m. All Legion members please attend.

Martin and Treva Haverland, Yuma, Ariz., spent April 16-24 visiting friends in Oberlin. They are former Oberlin residents. They were supper guests of Gail and Kay Marcuson on April 17. Additional guests were Jack and Sybil O'Toole, Brian and Terry Keahey, and Lucille Fowler.

Kimberly J. Solko has been named a member of the 2001 All-State Academic Team at Mid-Plains Community College at McCook. She is the daughter of Ron and Diana Solko of Oberlin.

Alumni banquet set for May 26

"A Tribute to Caleb Smick" will be the theme for the Decatur Community High School Alumni banquet, scheduled at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, at The Gateway.

The meal will be served by Norma Elwood and The Gateway staff.

Besides honoring former Superintendent Caleb Smick, who died in 1932, there will be a program of music and other entertainment by alumni anniversary classes and high school students.

To welcome all alumni to town, a dance will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Oberlin American Legion on Friday with Paul Heskett, disc jockey of KXXX Radio providing the

music. Included will be music from the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s.

Class reunions are planned throughout the day on Saturday and pictures of the 75-year, 25-year, and all 10-year anniversary classes will be taken by *The Oberlin Herald* to be printed in the paper. A representative of those classes is asked to contact *The Herald* office at 475-2206 to schedule a time.

Other five-year classes may contact Jeanie Loudon-Unger at 475-3256 for group pictures. She will also taking pictures for the classes taken by *The Herald* photographer.

Windows of downtown businesses will display anniversary class memo-

rablia. The Alumni Directory will be on sale at several businesses, as well as at the banquet. A new item, a DCHS Alumni mug, will also be available for purchase during alumni weekend.

A reservation coupon can be found on Page 9A of this week's paper for the banquet. They are to be sent to P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, Kan., 67749, and deadline is May 18. Cost is \$12.50 per plate with 50 cents going to the Smick Scholarship Fund.

For questions, contact alumni officers: Mark Olson, president; Paul Shields, vice president; Janice Bricker, secretary; or Joyce Rippe, treasurer.

Clayton native writes first novel

A former Clayton man recently published his first novel, "Trail of the Double Eagle," and has sent a copy to the Oberlin City Library.

The story takes place in the Creede, Colo., area.

The author, Flavius Foster, 91, of Poulsbo, Wash., was reared at Dresden and is a brother of the late Irene Law Bartley. His wife, Marie, is a sister to Goldie Stapp and Gerald Kolsky of Oberlin.

Mr. Foster didn't start writing mysteries until he was 85. After his wife had been moved to a care center, he said, he shelled out \$500 for a used computer and started writing.

In the next four years, he penned 20 full-length Westerns, all mysteries, which included "Stranded in Red Butte," "Fine Creek Blacksmith" and "Pollywogs and Shellbacks."

He wrote "Trail of the Double Eagle" in six weeks and this year had it published by The 1stBooks Library, an online library that sells more than 3,000 "virtual" books.

Mr. Foster was born in 1909 and at 17, moved to Colorado, where he delivered beer. He said that without any other form of entertainment, he listened to prospectors and cowboys tell their stories, then later based his fictional characters on some of those people.

He also worked in blacksmithing — his father's occupation — and on the railroads. He served with the Navy during the 1930s, and with the Army during World War II, where he survived 551 combat days.

A job at Bangor, Wash., led the Fosters to Kitsap in 1950, and he retired in 1970.

Herndon teams ready for Knoxville

Two of the three Destination Imagination teams from Herndon School will advance to Global Competition in Knoxville, Tenn., to be held May 23-27. Program director is Jacque Leitner.

The trip was endorsed by the Herndon Board of Education and teams will leave for Knoxville on May 21 and return to Herndon by May 29. Board members felt that this competition would be a special opportunity for Herndon students to experience international competition.

The three Herndon School Destination Imagination teams advanced at state competition held recently at the University of Nebraska in Kearney, where 175 teams competed. Each team that took a first or second at regional competition participated at state. Herndon's high school and junior high teams each received first at regional and the elementary team placed second, as well as earning a "Spirit of DI" award.

Herndon School has participated in the Odyssey of the Mind and the Destination Imagination programs for many years. Kansas schools currently participate only in the Odyssey of the Mind program, but Herndon School has chosen to stay with the Destination

Imagination program and competes with schools in Nebraska.

Mrs. Leitner said, "Everyone involved with DI feels it has several attributes that make it a much better creative problem-solving program in comparison to Odyssey of the Mind. That's why we have decided to stick with Destination Imagination."

The elementary team placed seventh out of 14 teams which competed in the Incredible TechEffects category. The team is coached by Russ Weidner and members include: Colt Diederich, Chris Calmer, Dusti Kowalski, Wesley Martin, Jarod Weidner, and Phillip Hoffman.

Mrs. Leitner said, "I was really proud of this group and 5th and 6th grade students because this was the first year for three students and the other three had participated only one year previous. Our team competed against 8th and 9th grade students."

The junior high team, coached by Kyle Grafel, competed in the Mystery Loves Company category. They earned third out of 14 teams and will advance to Global competition in Knoxville.

"The junior high team gave a very polished performance concerning the

mysterious disappearance of Amelia Earhart. They included an experiment with dry ice that was extremely effective," said Mrs. Leitner. Team members are Janelle Solko, Ben Grafel, Jeremy Wahrman, Chelsey Williams, Annika Martin, Daron Chambers, and Brett Chambers.

Herndon High School's team competed in the Triplicity category. This is the problem-solving category in which a balsa structure is incorporated into the presentation. Points are earned by the presentation and how much weight the balsa structure can hold.

Team coaches are Judy Ketterl and Liane Martin. Members are Misty Hartner, Kenzie Michel, Andrea Brown, Nik Martin, Adam Ketterl, and David Sattler. They will also advance to Global competition.

A benefit soup dinner for the team trip will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Herndon School cafeteria. Soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverages will be served. The public is invited.

Donations also may be sent to Herndon DI Teams, USD 317, Box 68, Herndon, Kan., 67739.

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