

People in Our Community

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Byron Frederick Arehart, 76, of Issaquah, Wash., died May 9 after a long illness. He was a 1944 graduate of Decatur Community High School and his parents, Fred and Hazel Arehart, were longtime Oberlin area residents. He has four surviving sisters, Reva, Betty, Elaine and Frances. Cheryl Sauvage of Oberlin is a niece. Mail will reach his wife, Norma Arehart, at 505 Jasmine Place NW, Issaquah, Wash., 98027.

Alice Shirley visited in Shawnee, Okla., at the home of Pam and Gary McClelland and family and attended the college graduation of her granddaughter, Jessica. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing with Magna Cum Laude Honors from Oklahoma City University on Saturday, May 11. She has been working for Oklahoma University Medical Center's Children's Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and will continue to do so.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor of Delta, Colo., and Pam Van Vleet of Waverly, Mo., visited Eileen Grose and Cheryl and Sid Metcalf. On Thursday, they attended funeral services for Ken Taylor of Grant, Neb. He was a brother of Mrs. Grose and Ed Taylor.

Gene and Yve Lindemann of Littleton, Colo., came Sunday to visit his mother, Vera Lindemann.

—Memorial Day breakfast buffet, 8-11 a.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Marilyn Linn and Karen Ward of Wichita, Vendla Tacha of Jennings, and Marianna Bendon, Karla Jones, Cecil Hess and Mary Lou Olson enjoyed lunch on Monday at the LandMark Inn.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner went to Kearney, Neb., on Sunday, where they attended a birthday party hosted by Dr. Dave and Phyllis Bacon and their families, for Philip and Linda Runyan of Ord, Neb. During the party, Patrick Runyan, son of Philip and Linda Runyan, came and surprised them. He had just returned from Iraq. Others present were the families of Philip and Linda Runyan; Arlene Runyan, Kearney, Neb.; Rita and Skip Fox, Arapahoe, Neb.; and families; Carol and Larry Voss and Nicholas, Cambridge, Neb.; Stephanie Voss, Lincoln, Neb.; and Phyllis and Norman Messenger, Omaha.

Pat Fringer spent from Monday to Sunday in Wichita with her daughter and family, Rhonda and Gary Workman. Gary underwent heart valve replacement on Tuesday at the Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita and is recuperating satisfactorily.

Julia Otter attended graduation exercises at the North Central Technical College in Hays on Saturday where her daughter, Traci Ditter, received an Associate Degree in Nursing. Mrs. Ditter, a 1988 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is employed at the Hays Medical Center as an obstetric nurse. She and her husband, Aaron, have three daughters, Lexsie, 7; Lakin 4 1/2, and Loganne 2. The family lives in Hays. Among others who attended the ceremony were her sisters, Kelly Jorgensen and girls of Ottawa, and Pamela Gassmann and sons of Lincoln, Neb.

Kay Chambers graduated from Colby Community College on Saturday in the practical nursing class.

Attending the pinning ceremony were Diana and Sam Steinmetz, Andy Chambers, and Luetta Pollnow, Oberlin, and Amanda Chambers and Shane Johnson, Hays.

Benton Banchor of Denver and his daughter, Eileen and Ernie Dunn, of Georgetown, Colo., spent from Thursday to Saturday at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin. Mr. Banchor is a grandson of the late Otis L. and Maude Benton, who built the Benton Mansion on North Penn Avenue, which was later given by the family for Benton Memorial Hospital. The home was razed after the Decatur County Hospital was built. They visited the Decatur County Museum, where the fireplace, mantel and other items from the Benton Mansion are on display. They also visited Patrick and Jonna Inman, who live in the house just west of the original mansion, which was used by the Benton family as the carriage house for their horses, then was later remodeled into the present Inman home.

Harwood and Frances Kolsky of Saratoga, Calif., and their son, Franklin Kolsky, of St. George, Utah, came Friday to visit relatives and friends through Memorial Day.

Herschel and Jody Betts went to Ulysses last Tuesday to attend funeral services for Dr. Virgil Ward.

Natalie Brown received her degree in psychology during commencement exercises held on May 11 at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. She is the daughter of Kevin and Jackie Brown and plans to attend Kansas State University this fall in the graduate psychology program.

John and Karla Sullivan and Jerad of Colby spent Saturday with Jerald and Elaine Leitner.

—Chinese Buffet Tuesday, May 27, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Ila Ray has returned home from Louisville, Colo., where she spent two weeks helping her sister, Jean Earlywine, who is recuperating from a broken leg.

Natalie Brown was among Kansas Wesleyan University students who were recognized during the 2003 Honors Convocation. She was honored as a Presidential Scholar; member of Alpha Chi Honor Society; as a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and presented the Kansas Wesleyan University Ambassador of the Year Award. She is the daughter of Kevin and Jackie Brown.

Greg and Mary Lohoefer and Ray and Phyllis Lohoefer went to Lawrence for the graduation on Sunday of Leigh Ann Lohoefer from the University of Kansas. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Floyd Edgett, Neva Townsend, Henry Edgett, Doris Miller, Myrtle Waldo and Aleen Van Vleet. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Donna Kent, Aleen Van Vleet, Floyd Edgett, Estella Waldo and Kelva Swindler. Pitch highs were won by Aleen Van Vleet, Henry Edgett and Myrtle Waldo with lows going to Floyd Edgett, Neva Townsend and Doris Miller. Bridge highs were won by Charlotte Meints and Phyllis Lohoefer.

Woman uses old bulbs

Dale-Marie Bryan of rural Oberlin was featured recently in Kansas Country Living in a story, "Turning Old Into New." She and her husband, Floyd, farm northwest of Traer and have a team approach when it comes to business success. Here's how it works: "When Floyd asks, 'Who is going to want this piece of junk?' then I know I have something good," she said. For nearly a decade, she has operated a unique enterprise she calls, "Bryan's Brainstorms." She takes recycled or rejected odds and ends found around the farm and turns them into creative objects of art. One of her trademarks is making figures out of used light bulbs. She

uses a material called "celluclay," to cover the bulb and form the body of her art, such as Santa Claus, snowman, leprechaun, gnome or some other interesting figure. She also likes to create elderly faces since they have such character. The mother of four retired from teaching five years ago so she could help Floyd more on the farm. At the same time, she decided to devote more energy to her own business. She hopes to expand her business by launching a website. Right now, she needs more used light bulbs and she has placed a container at Stanley Hardware. She especially would like to have larger bulbs, such as heat lamps and spotlights.

In the slammer



DRESSED IN BLACK AND WHITE STRIPES, Laurie Wasson was put behind bars last Wednesday for the annual Cardiac Arrest, sponsored by the American Heart Association. The event, held on the first floor of the Decatur County Courthouse, raised nearly \$4,000.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

Alumni reunions planned

The Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at The Gateway. Doors will open at 6 p.m. *The Oberlin Herald* will be taking pictures of all 10-year anniversary classes, as well as the 75- and 25-year classes. Jeanie Unger will be taking color pictures of these classes, as well as the five-year classes, for those who request them. Call her at (785) 475-3256. Class reunions and locations are: **1928, 1933:** No afternoon reunion planned. **1938:** Luncheon at noon, Golden Age Center. **1943:** Luncheon at the United Church. **Pictures at 1:30 p.m.** **1948:** Luncheon at The Gateway, rooms 1 and 2, 11:30 to 2:30 p.m. **1953:** Luncheon at the Jay and Ann (Leake) Anderson home. **Pictures at 1 p.m.** **1958:** Sappa Valley Manor, 2 p.m. **1963:** North side of American Legion, 1-5 p.m. **Pictures at 3 p.m.** **1968:** Top level of the Decatur Recreation Center, 2-4 p.m. **1973:** Centennial Bowl, noon to 4 p.m., buffet at noon. **Pictures at 2 p.m.** **1978:** Oberlin American Legion, 1-4 p.m. **Pictures at 2:30 p.m.** **1983:** Luncheon at 11 a.m., Paul Shields farm home. **Pictures at noon.** **1988:** Decatur Rec Center, 1-4 p.m. **1993:** Family Lumber, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. **Pictures at 3:30 p.m.** **1998:** Ron and Dee McDougal home, noon luncheon.

New Arrivals

Addison Gail Brooks
Bart and Cheri Brooks of Clayton are the parents of a daughter, Addison Gail Brooks, born April 18, 2003. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Beverly and John Miller, Norton, and Bill and Gail Brooks, Clayton. Great-grandparents are Lloyd and Marie Ritter, Norcat; and Merrice and Weldon Brooks, and Lucille Miller, Norton. Mary Schoen, Norton, is her great-grandmother.

Taite David Woolsey
Tucker and Tonya Woolsey of Hays are the parents of a son, Taite David, born May 4, 2003, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces. He has a brother, Trae, who will be 2 on June 8. Grandparents are Bob and Terri Woolsey, Oberlin, and David and Cindy Miller, Las Vegas, Nev. Great-grandparents are Dale and Eris Young, Oberlin; Helen Woolsey, Bridgeport, Neb.; Guy and Peggy Hoy, El Dorado, Ark.; and Lillie Corpier, Oberlin.

Macey Claire Spanier
Sp. Justin and Lindsey Spanier of Goodland are the parents of a daughter, Macey Claire, born May 15, 2003, at Northwest Kansas Medical Center in Goodland. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Grandparents are Deanne Spanier, Oberlin, and Larry and Regina Woodard, Goodland. Marcelle Sloan, Dodge City, is her paternal great-grandmother.

Alyson Taige Vahling
Greg and Alesha Vahling of WaKeeney are the parents of a daughter, Alyson Taige Vahling, born May 12, 2003, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces. Grandparents are Myron and Alberta Scott, Hill City; and Gerald and Connie Olson, Oberlin. Great-grandmothers are Evelyn Olson and Wilma May, Oberlin.

Veterans will march to event

Veterans of all wars are being urged to participate in the walk to the Oberlin Cemetery on Memorial Day. John Stanley said that they will meet at the J & R Trailer Repair, owned by Jim Marshall, on east U.S. 36 at 9:30 a.m. There will be rides available for veterans who would

Club News

Mission program entertains

Pat Franz of Shawnee presented a program on a medical mission to Jamaica, in which she participated, for a combined meeting of Prairie Chapel and Oberlin United Methodist Women on May 6 at Fellowship Hall in Oberlin. Angie and Pam Wilson were hostesses. Mrs. Franz, who is the daughter of Kenneth and Henrietta Van Vleet, worked as a nurse on a medical mission team of some 40 persons, including doctors, dentists, nurses and lay persons from Kansas and Tennessee. Each took one suitcase for personal needs and another filled with donated medical supplies to be used in the rural area located some 45 minutes from Kingston in the Blue Mountains. She said she knew she was meant to make this medical

mission when they arrived at their destination and she saw the name of the high school where they would be working was "Oberlin." In addition to general practice, eye exams were given and eyeglasses distributed. Over 1,400 patients were seen during the trip. A video was shown using background music of Harry Belafonte's "Jamaica Farewell." The next meeting will be a salad supper for all Oberlin and Prairie Chapel members and their guests at 6:30 p.m. on June 4 in Oberlin. Hostesses will be Linda Hollowell, Fern Moore, Deanna Castle and Montine Alstrom. Devotions will be given by Doris Sloan and the program committee is Betty Jones, Kay Moon and Pat Fringer.

Brownie Scouts do projects

The Brownie Girl Scouts met on May 13. We had 11 members present and two absent. Some of the girls worked on projects they had missed when they were absent. Girls who had already completed the project assisted them. Since this was our last meeting this year, we had a pizza party at the city park, then the girls enjoyed free time on the playground equipment. The bridging and awards ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Sappa Valley Manor. Every Girl Scout is to bring finger food. Each girl will be recognized for her accomplishments made in scouting this past year and will be presented

with badges she has recently earned. The third-grade Brownie Girl Scouts that completed their activities will bridge and become Junior Girl Scouts. The Daisy Girl Scouts will bridge and become first year Brownie Scouts. Girl Scouts has been volunteer driven since 1912. There is a lot to do in Girl Scouts. Volunteers can be troop leaders, assistant leaders or one time activity leaders. Other volunteer positions can be for a weekend or a month or two. Those who volunteer will feel terrific knowing you have helped girls grow strong. Whatever you can do, you will make a difference. Interested persons are encouraged to volunteer.

Prairie Chapel women meet

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met on May 7 at the Oberlin United Church. Angie Wilson was hostess. President Charissa Huff opened the meeting with prayer. Thirteen members and one guest answered roll call with "What I like about spring." Devotions were given by Nadene Lafferty on Romans 12. Hymn history, "He Lives," was presented by Cheryl Metcalf. Reading program books were discussed.

The women plan to help Rebecca Hasty financially as she has been accepted to go on Met Tour. A note was read from Evelyn Logan. A gift will be given in memory of Irene Powell. A video was presented by Pat Franz of Kansas City on her mission trip to Jamaica. Ten members of the Oberlin United Methodist Women were guests. The next meeting will be on Sept. 3 at the home of Rowena Cathcart.

Auxiliary prepares poppies

American Legion Auxiliary met on May 14 to work on poppies to be used on crosses for Memorial Day. Alice Bobbitt and Ruby Wennihan were hostesses. A report was given on the poppy program held for sixth-graders, during which poppies, rulers and a fact sheet were handed out. Officers elected include: Phyllis Metcalf, president; Joan

Evans, secretary; Dolores Koerperich, treasurer; Laurene Dempewolf, chaplain; June Harold, historian; Delores Zodrow, sergeant-at-arms; Deb Macfee, color bearer, and Mary Jo Lohoefer, musician. Phyllis Metcalf presented 50-year certificates to Marie Agne, Cecil Hess, Eleanor Kircher, and Jolene Grant. Work night for crosses will be held on Thursday.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends traveled to Norton for lunch on May 14, then went to the home of Judy Goltl at Hill City to view her beautiful and interesting doll collection and memorabilia, housed separately. Those enjoying the trip were Veanna Orr, Ruby Wennihan, Louise Pollnow, Luetta Pollnow,

Nadean Stoney, Millie Lippelmann, Doris Fringer, Esther Carlson, Joyce Hartzog, Bertha Schwisow, Bernie Fred, Norma Richards and Martha Nemeth. They will meet June 11 for an 11:30 a.m. picnic at the city park for a time of sharing. Those attending are to bring a sack lunch and drink.

Club plans Day camp

By SARA KYTE
Stick-To-It 4-H Club met at the Catholic Church on May 14. A meeting to discuss the rules for each project will be held at 7 p.m. on July 19. A day camp was

discussed. Clothing judging will be July 29. Plans were made to mow on May 15. Project talks were given by Kade Brown and Hannah May. The next meeting is June 8.

Poppy Day set for Friday

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary will hold Poppy Day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday north of Stanley Hardware. For over 70 years, they have distributed the bright red memorial flowers to the public. They are not sold, but contributions are appreciated to remind Americans that millions have sacrificed their lives and

health to keep this nation strong and free. Poppy contributions are donated entirely to rehabilitation and assistance for veterans and their families. When the American Legion Auxiliary offers a poppy made by the veterans, remember that wearing a poppy is a personal statement which simply says, "I Care."

Chris Almack
Middays
10 am - 2 pm