Mary Lou Olson, society editor mlolson@nwkansas.com

Cecil Hess visited from Friday to

Sunday with her sister, Frances

Starbuck, in Great Bend. Mrs.

Starbuck was hospitalized on Sun-

day in Great Bend. Mail will reach

her at 2006 McKinley, Great Bend,

Kylie Dixson, daughter of Kevin

and Abbi Dixson of Atwood, was

named Junior Miss at the annual

scholarship program held recently

Don and LaVay (Huntley) Dixson,

and is a niece of Carol Dixson of

Oberlin. She is a student at Cheylin

High School and will represent

Rawlins County at the state program

—Fun Day, Oberlin Country

Club, Sunday, July 13. Registra-

tion, 12:30 p.m., entry fee, \$10.

Guests of Mildred Holmdahl and

Mike and Janeil Jensen for the holi-

day weekend were Tracy, Meagan

and Breanna Ayers, Salina; Sherri

and Shannon Ayers, Shani Guzan,

Ruth and John Peters, Hays, and

Joan and Jerry Loughmiller, Sam,

James and Chris, Wellington; Bob

and Diane Muirhead, Rebecca,

Alex, Rachel, and Erin, Colby, were

weekend guests of Karolyn

Muirhead. They all attended the an-

niversary celebration at Alma, Neb.,

which honored LeRoy and Shirley

Air Force 1st Lt. Tanner G.

Selection was based on the

Woolsey has been named company

individual's exemplary duty perfor-

mance, job knowledge, leadership

qualities, significant self-improve-

ment, and other specific achieve-

ments and notable accomplish-

He is a financial analysis deputy

commander assigned to the 18th

Base, Okinawa City, Okinawa, Ja-

The son of Bob and Terri

Woolsev of Oberlin, he is a 1995

graduate of Decatur Community

High School and a 1999 graduate of

Area students who earned Fort

Cody Leitner, Bachelor of Sci-

Marintzer, Bachelor of Science in

Biology; Brenda Rippe, Bachelor of

Science in Elementary Education;

Melissa Vahling, Clayton, Bachelor

Sarah Ann McKenna, Bachelor

ence, Mathematics;

Kansas State University.

grade officer of the quarter.

in Belleville next March.

Public invited.

She is a granddaughter of the late

Kan., 67530.

in Atwood.

Celebrating the Fourth of July. Christmas in July and the 18th wedding anniversary of Don and Charlotte Meints over the weekend were Donna and Rod Carlson and Beth, Grand Island, Neb.; Michael and Angie Rittershaus, Joelle and 3week-old Calista; Scott and Melissa Carlson, Jason and Austin, Omaha; Stanley Meints, Fort Worth: Sheri and Steve Thayer, Devin and Justin, Lexington, Neb.;

Marcia Stecklein and Tara, Hutchinson; Mike and Glenda Walinder and granddaughter, Tami, McCook. Bob Berkheimer was a guest for a steak fry Saturday evening. Mark Walinder, Denver, joined the celebration on Sunday after racing the weekend at Jetmore. Most of the family attended Sunday services together at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Patty Brown visited from Thursday to Sunday with her sister and husband, Jerridee and Dennis Vernon, at Kanopolis. She took them out for dinner on Thursday evening to help them celebrate their 50th anniversary in Salina. Shewas matron of honor at their wedding.

Mim Ensz of McPherson came Thursday to visit her daughter and family, Dana and Chris Koerperich, Caleb and Luke, and help care for their infant daughter, Melodie Grace, who was born that day at Decatur County Hospital.

Jody and Bryson Metcalf of Colorado Springs joined Bob and Kay Gaskill at Aspen, Colo., last week as guests of Mr. Gaskill's sister and husband, Ann and Charles Worth, Aspen. The Gaskills attended concerts sponsored by the Aspen Music Festival.

Gail and Kay Marcuson accompanied Brad, Elaine, and Jared Marcuson to Denver last Monday and Tuesday, where they were houseguests of the Chuck and Diane Newcom family.

 $On \, Tuesday, the \, Gail \, Marcusons$ and Brad Marcusons attended the Lions International Parade in downtown Denver, accompanied by Diane and Natalie Newcom, to see Sarah Marcuson and Chris Jordan of Oberlin march in the parade as members of the International Kansas Lions Band, which was chosen to lead the parade. The Marcusons returned home Tuesday evening.

### —Brunch Buffet, Sunday, July 13,11 a.m.-2 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340, reservations.

Winning highs in pinochle at Kenneth Van Vleet and Donna Kent. Lows went to Floyd Edgett, Kenneth Van Vleet, Doris Miller and Neva Townsend.

Swindler, Aleen Van Vleet, and Duane Blodgett with lows going to Neva Townsend, Henry Edgett, Floyd Edgett and Kenneth Van Vleet. Bridge highs were won by Marie McKisson and Phyllis Lohoefener.

Barbara J. Leitner of Farmington, N.M., and Donna Wilson and Desiree of Wichita were guests this past week of their parents, Gene and

will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30

p.m. on Saturday, July 26, in Tipton

Hall, room 5, at McCook Commu-

The session, sponsored by the In-

land Sea Writers of McCook, will

have Lyn Messersmith of Alliance,

Neb., as guest presenter. She will

conduct the morning session, geared

toward novice and experienced

writers. Lunch will be provided with

The afternoon session includes

guest presenters and panel discus-

nity College.

registration.

Writers' meeting planned

"Learning Your Craft as a Writer" sions aimed at children's writing,

Marcella Leitner.

—Fun Day, Oberlin Country Club, Sunday, July 13. Registration, 12:30 p.m., entry fee, \$10. Public invited.

Joy Eldridge of Oberlin is among McCook Community College students who received scholarship and tuition waivers for the 2003-2004 term. She received \$780.

Zola Brown is recuperating at Cedar Living Center from injuries which she suffered in a recent fall. Mail will reach her at 810 W. Columbia, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Chuck and Joy Votapka spent Sunday with their son and family, Charlie and Gina Votapka, in Ogallala, Neb.

left on Friday after spending 10 days here visiting his mother and sister, Fern and Jodie Wenger, and helping his cousin, Gerald Benda, with har-

Evan Wenger of Denton, Texas,

Judy Jordan and Karyn went to and Terry Schartz, Great Bend; and Denver on Monday, June 30, to visit Lori Ayers, Jordan and Caiden, and Lis and Neal Hatgi, Kristen, Joanne Kevin Lawn, Kearney, Neb. and Levi for several days.

They went especially to see their son and brother, Christopher Jordan, march in the International Kansas Lions Band during the annual parade of the International Lions Convention. Christopher and Sarah Marcuson, Oberlin, were among 63 musicians chosen from the 255 members of the 2003 Kansas State Lions Band to perform in the parade, Muirhead, and Ben and Leone Spiand the group received a I rating.

Word has been received of the death of Robert Wickersham, 62, of Las Vegas, Nev.

He was the son of Earl and Marie Wickersham, who farmed in the Dresden area from 1954 to 1959, and a grandson of the late Wilbur Katherine (Bremer)

Survivors include his wife, ments. Penny; two sons; a brother, Lynn; a sister, Marcia Weeks, and his mother, Marie Wickersham of 7063 Taft Street, Arvada, Colo., 80004. Local relatives include John Bremer, Fred Bremer, Helen Derby and Joan Betts. A memorial service will be held at a later date in the mountains at Lake George, Colo.

Jeff and Kay New and family, who have been living in Wichita, are moving to Mukilteo, Wash., to Hays State University bachelor's make their home. Their new address and associate's degrees for spring is 11110 55th Avenue West, 2003 include: Bart Ecker, Bachelor Mukilteo. Wash., 98275-4802. He of Arts in History; Cindy Bruning, Golden Age Center the past week is a 1979 graduate of Decatur Com- Elementary Education; were Henry Edgett, Max Carman, munity High School and has been working as an engineer for Boeing ence in Agribusiness, and Justin in Wichita.

Attending a Fourth of July barbe-Pitch highs were won by Kelva cue at the Gene and Helen Gee residence were Kenny, Colleen, Jacob of Science in Physical Education; and Justin Gee, Rev. Bobbie and Lindsey Bailey, Bachelor of Sci-Billie Cornelius, Don Relaford and Al Robey. Later in the evening Bruce and Melba Farr visited the of Science in physical education; Gee's before returning to Scott City. Judy A. Elwood, Laci Barratt, Bach-Rev. Gene Gee was guest speaker at elor of Social Work; Valisha Castle, the Scott City Church of the Bachelor of Science in biology. Nazarene on July 6. He had dinner with Max Edwards before returning

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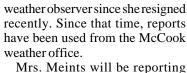
### Weather observer named

Charlotte Meints is Oberlin's new volunteer weather observer. She is retired and she and her husband, Don. live in

Oberlin. She formerly served as Decatur County Clerk of the District Court.

She replaces

Charlotte Hart. The Oberlin Herald has been without a



C. Meints

maximum and minimum temperatures, as well as precipitation, each day to the National Weather Service office in Goodland. This information will be dissemi-

nated across the nation and will be used for forecast and warning support and climatological records.

The Goodland weather office has 68 cooperative observers throughout northwest Kansas, northeast Colorado and southern Nebraska

# Couples celebrate 50 years

LeRoy and Shirley Muirhead of Alma, Neb., and Ben and Leone Spiers of Mileco, Minn., were honored by their families with a reception and family reunion on Saturday at the Lake Methodist Cove at Alma,

were married on Feb. 19, 1953.

The group also attended the Spi-Comptroller Squadron, Kadena Air

Others present included Ron and Kim Miller, Misty Miller, New Market, Va.; Kip Muirhead, North Platte, Neb.; Allen and Monica Muirhead and family, and Heather and Sally Muirhead, Alma, Neb.; Tom and Pat Egil, Travis and Julie Egil and family, and Gary and

Dennis and LeAnn Krey, Jason

LeRoy Muirhead and Shirley Ufford were married on Feb. 14, 1953, and Ben and Leone Muirhead

ers wedding of Mary Zodrow and Larry Van Otterloo Jr. at the Oberlin United Methodist Church on Friday, and the reception and dinner which followed at the Red Crown

and Amy Krey, and Darren and Natalie Schultz, Elk River, Minn.; Karolyn Muirhead, Oberlin; John and Ruth Peters, Hays; Jerry and Joan Loughmiller and boys, Wellington; Bob and Diane Muirhead and family, Colby; Gary and Leola Zodrow, Mory and Deena Zodrow and family, Oberlin; Steve and Lori Zodrow and girls, Norton; Larry and Mary Van Otterloo, Manhattan; Calvin and JoAnn Ufford, Oberlin; Rob and Janie Rutherford and boys, Berryton; Rich and Wendy Ufford and Cory, Overbrook; and Nancy Peters, Janet Peters and Larry Sautter, Oakland,

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**SPLASHINGAROUND** on his water toy, Kelly Brown, 5, the son of Kevin and Carol Brown, enjoyed a cooling dip in the Oberlin City Pool on the Fourth of July. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Decatur Farm Bureau sponsors many activities

An emergency drill at Decatur bers, have at least 80 acres of the Community High School was one of original Kansas farmland owned in the activities sponsored by the their family for 100 years or more, Decatur County Farm Bureau during the past three months.

The Oberlin School District, county emergency crews, law enforcement, firemen, and the Decatur County Hospital teamed up with Farm Bureau on the county-wide crisis drill at the high school in April. The idea originated with Decatur County Farm Bureau. Scott Teeselink, a retired Kansas Bureau of Investigation agent, provided group training to participants on crisis situations and supervised the mock school evacuation and decontamination drills.

A well plugging, sponsored by Farm Bureau, the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group, and the Oberlin FFA, was held on land owned by Jim and Denise Ab-

The Kansas Farm Bureau's safety mascot, "Freddy the Combine," attended the Decatur County Health Fair in April when the county Farm Bureau and Tranda Watts, Extension specialist on food, nutrition, health and safety, teamed up to provide a table displaying information on food safety.

In May, Marietta Houser, Kansas Farm Bureau safety specialist, presented the Glitterbug program, a fun hands-on germ safety program, to Oberlin kindergarten and developmental classes, Head Start, and day care centers.

May was the deadline for the Farm Bureau Century Farm 2003 applications. Those qualifying were Lois Larson and Suzanne Crane; Becky Knight, Iowa; Tom and Erlene Schroer, Don Wasson, and call or come by the office and talk Joanie Christensen and boys, John Bremer. Century Farm applicants must be Farm Bureau mem-

and the present owner must be related to the original owner. The Century Farm Awards will be presented at the county annual meeting on

Sarah Marcuson and Quintin Cundiff, sponsored by Decatur County Farm Bureau, attended Leadership America 2003 at Barton County Community College in Great Bend from June 3-6. The program provided motivational speakers and leadership training for high school youths from across Kansas.

Farm Bureau will again sponsor the Tractor Pedal Pull at the Decatur County Fair at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, for youth 4-12. Registration begins at 5 p.m. For details, interested persons may call the Farm Bureau office at 475-2238.

Kansas Farm Bureau has a web site www.kfb.org, which includes pictures of Farm Bureau activities in Decatur County, information on Kansas Ag News, National News, weather and maps, equipment appraisal searches, marketing tools,

Farm Bureau has developed a poison "Look-A-Like" display, which shows various poisons and their "look-a-like" household items and/or candy. Any organization which would like this educational and interesting safety display presented at their meeting, may contact the office and schedule a time with Dianne Bremer. There is no charge.

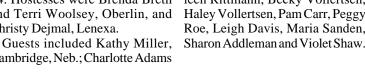
Anyone having suggestions on programs which Farm Bureau could bring to this area is encouraged to to Mrs. Bremer.

### Shower honors bride-to-be

Trena Dejmal, who will be married on Saturday to Robert Miller of Cambridge, Neb., was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, June 14. Hostesses were Brenda Breth and Terri Woolsey, Oberlin, and Christy Dejmal, Lenexa.

Cambridge, Neb.; Charlotte Adams

and Teri Adams, Colby; Candy Deimal, Eris Young, Tonya Woolsey, Fern Wenger, Jodie Wenger, Mary Jo Lohoefener, Colleen Rittmann, Becky Vollertsen, Haley Vollertsen, Pam Carr, Peggy Roe, Leigh Davis, Maria Sanden,



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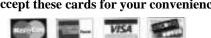
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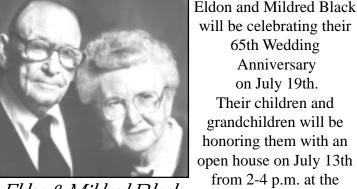


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from 2-4 p.m. at the Golden Age Center.

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