

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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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 3-week-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. She was 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 pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Max Carman, Kenneth Van Vleet and Donna Kent. Lows went to Floyd Edgett, Kenneth Van Vleet, Doris Miller and Neva Townsend.

Pitch highs were won by Kelva 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 Lohofener.

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

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.

Evan Wenger of Denton, Texas, left on Friday after spending 10 days here visiting his mother and sister, Fern and Jodie Wenger, and helping his cousin, Gerald Benda, with harvest.

Judy Jordan and Karyn went to Denver on Monday, June 30, to visit Lis and Neal Hatgi, Kristen, Joanne 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, and 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 and Katherine (Bremer) Wickersham.

Survivors include his wife, 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 make their home. Their new address is 11110 55th Avenue West, Mukilteo, Wash., 98275-4802. He is a 1979 graduate of Decatur Community High School and has been working as an engineer for Boeing in Wichita.

Attending a Fourth of July barbecue at the Gene and Helen Gee residence were Kenny, Colleen, Jacob and Justin Gee, Rev. Bobbie and Billie Cornelius, Don Relaford and Al Robey. Later in the evening Bruce and Melba Farr visited the Gee's before returning to Scott City. Rev. Gene Gee was guest speaker at the Scott City Church of the Nazarene on July 6. He had dinner with Max Edwards before returning home.

## Writers' meeting planned

"Learning Your Craft as a Writer" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, in Tipton Hall, room 5, at McCook Community College.

The session, sponsored by the Inland 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 registration.

The afternoon session includes guest presenters and panel discussions aimed at children's writing, poetry, on-line and educational writing opportunities, children's publishing, cowboy poetry, self-publishing, newspaper and newsletter writing, family history writing and free-lance writing.

For details, contact Brent Cobb at (308) 345-1821.



Eldon and Mildred Black will be celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on July 19th. Their children and grandchildren will be honoring them with an open house on July 13th from 2-4 p.m. at the Golden Age Center.

*The couple request no gifts please.*



*Eldon & Mildred Black Celebrate 65 Years Together*

Cecil Hess visited from Friday to Sunday with her sister, Frances Starbuck, in Great Bend. Mrs. Starbuck was hospitalized on Sunday in Great Bend. Mail will reach her at 2006 McKinley, Great Bend, Kan., 67530.

Kylie Dixon, daughter of Kevin and Abbi Dixon of Atwood, was named Junior Miss at the annual scholarship program held recently in Atwood.

She is a granddaughter of the late Don and LaVay (Huntley) Dixon, and is a niece of Carol Dixon of Oberlin. She is a student at Cheylin High School and will represent Rawlins County at the state program in Belleville next March.

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Guests of Mildred Holmdahl and Mike and Janeil Jensen for the holiday weekend were Tracy, Meagan and Breanna Ayers, Salina; Sherri and Shannon Ayers, Shani Guzan, and Terry Schartz, Great Bend; and Lori Ayers, Jordan and Caiden, and Kevin Lawn, Kearney, Neb.

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 Carolyn Muirhead. They all attended the anniversary celebration at Alma, Neb., which honored LeRoy and Shirley Muirhead, and Ben and Leone Spiers.

Air Force 1st Lt. Tanner G. Woolsey has been named company grade officer of the quarter.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement, and other specific achievements and notable accomplishments.

He is a financial analysis deputy commander assigned to the 18th Comptroller Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan.

The son of Bob and Terri Woolsey of Oberlin, he is a 1995 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a 1999 graduate of Kansas State University.

Area students who earned Fort Hays State University bachelor's and associate's degrees for spring 2003 include: Bart Ecker, Bachelor of Arts in History; Cindy Bruning, Elementary Education;

Cody Leitner, Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, and Justin Marintzer, Bachelor of Science in Biology; Brenda Rippe, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education; Melissa Vahling, Clayton, Bachelor of Science in Physical Education; Lindsey Bailey, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics;

Sarah Ann McKenna, Bachelor of Science in physical education; Judy A. Elwood, Laci Barratt, Bachelor of Social Work; Valisha Castle, Bachelor of Science in biology.



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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 weather observer since she resigned recently. Since that time, reports have been used from the McCook weather office.

Mrs. Meints will be reporting maximum and minimum temperatures, as well as precipitation, each day to the National Weather Service office in Goodland.

This information will be disseminated 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, Neb.

LeRoy Muirhead and Shirley Ufford were married on Feb. 14, 1953, and Ben and Leone Muirhead were married on Feb. 19, 1953.

The group also attended the Spiers 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 Lounge.

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 Becky Knight, Iowa; Tom and Joanie Christensen and boys, Mileco, Minn.;

Dennis and LeAnn Krey, Jason and Amy Krey, and Darren and Natalie Schultz, Elk River, Minn.; Carolyn 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, Calif.

## Keeping cool



**SPLASHING AROUND** 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 Community High School was one of the activities sponsored by the 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 Abbey.

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; Erlene Schroer, Don Wasson, and John Bremer. Century Farm applicants must be Farm Bureau mem-

## 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.

Guests included Kathy Miller, Cambridge, Neb.; Charlotte Adams

and Teri Adams, Colby; Candy Dejmal, Eris Young, Tonya Woolsey, Fern Wenger, Jodie Wenger, Mary Jo Lohofener, Colleen Rittmann, Becky Vollertsen, Haley Vollertsen, Pam Carr, Peggy Roe, Leigh Davis, Maria Sanden, Sharon Addleman and Violet Shaw.

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