



KERRIE OLSON OF OBERLIN, (right), 2003 Thomas County Rodeo Queen, received a bouquet after her crowning at the Thomas County Fair recently. Shown with her is 2002 Queen Amy Wilson of Colby.

Oberlin student named 2003 queen during rodeo

Kerrie Olson, a senior at Decatur Community High School, was crowned 2003 Thomas County Rodeo Queen during the Thomas County Free Fair Rodeo held recently.

She received a saddle, belt buckle and jacket. Brenda Wilson of Colby was crowned 2003 Princess and received a belt buckle and jacket. Both received tiaras.

Miss Olson is the daughter of Randy and Sharon Olson of rural Oberlin. Her grandparents are Glenn and Eunice Martin, Oberlin, and Ruben and Darlene Feikert of St. Francis.

Marie Skolout, coordinator, said the queen's crown is a traveling memorial crown in memory of E.L. Garrett, a big supporter of earlier Thomas county rodeos. The rodeo arena is also named in his honor.

The Thomas County Rodeo Queen and Princess contestants must be residents of Northwest Kansas.

Queen candidate ages are 17-23 and princesses, 10-16. Contestants are judged in horsemanship, interview, speech and modeling.

Following their crowning, the queen and princess attended fair events throughout the week, which included presenting awards at the livestock events; attending and assisting with two nights of rodeo; barbecue, demo derby, races and the parade on Saturday morning.

Those donating to the crowning, said Mrs. Skolout, were: Donelans, tiaras for queen and princess; Com-fort Inn, room for pageant; Out West, tooling for queen's saddle; Someplace Special, flowers; Wark's Embroidery and Gifts, jackets for queen and princess; and Thomas County Fair Board, saddle, belt buckles, saddle blankets for horsemanship winners, and jewelry and clothing for speech and modeling winners.

Reunion held in Montana

The family of Howard and Emma (Snell) Sloan gathered at Seeley Lake near Missoula, Mont., from Aug. 9-13 to honor LaRaine (Sloan) Claar on her 90th birthday.

The three days were spent swimming, boating, jet skiing, trail riding, visiting and eating.

Others present were Mrs. Claar's son, Jim Claar, Missoula, who hosted the reunion:

Geraldine (Sloan) Munroe family — Bob Munroe, Federal Way, Wash.; Barbara Clark, Newberry Park, Calif.;

Dorothy (Sloan) Brainard family — Tim and Cindy Brainard, Phoenix; Don and Sharon (Brainard)

Karns, Enid, Okla.; Mike and Debbie Alexander, Emma and Ty, Collinsville, Okla.; Derek and Vallentina Perkins, Norman, Okla., Johnathan and Camille (Brainard) Applegate, Littleton, Colo.;

Dennis Sloan family — Susan (Sloan) McCarthy, Connor and Paddy, Gordon, Neb.; Luella Sloan, Oberlin.

Cleland and Doris Sloan family — Doris Sloan, Dennis and Judy Shirley, Oberlin; Tom and Leanna Sloan, Hoxie; Cindi Sauder, Flower Mound, Texas; Patrick Shirley, Norcat; also cousins, Gwen Mallory, Golden, Colo., and Pauline Daniel, Orlando, Fla.

Brainards meet in Selden

The Brainard family reunion was held Sunday at the Selden Senior Center with the Claude Brainard

family as hosts.

Those present were Dave and Irene Brainard, Mankato; Marjorie Konovalske, and daughter, Alan and Jill Preist, Andy and Zach, Lenexa; Patrick Shirley, Norcat; Stuart and Bobbie Couse, Littleton, Colo.; Steve and Helen Carman, Theda McKee, Donald Wasson, Dan, Carol, Anne Marie and Nolan Wasson, Curt, Shanna and Oaklynn Carman, all of Selden; Stephanie Ritter, Brittany, Melissa, Angela and Jacob, Dresden; Eldred and Lorraine Wurm, Atwood; Bud and Helen Rhodes, Jennings; LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, and Doris Sloan, Oberlin, and Tom and Leanna Sloan and Edith Carman, Hoxie.

New Arrival

KeLynn Jacobs

KeAnn Jacobs of Dresden welcomes her adopted sister, KeLynn Elizabeth Mae Jacobs, who was born at 12:38 p.m. on Aug. 7, 2003, at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Ron

and Sheri Jacobs of Dresden. Grandparents are Marvin and Esther Confer, St. Francis; and Herman and Caroline Jacobs, Dresden. Great-grandparents are Pearl Busby, St. Francis; Mary Foutz, Akron, Colo., and Anna Reinert, Seguin.

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Leitner reunion held at American Legion

The 54th annual Leitner family reunion as held Aug. 3, at the American Legion Hall in Oberlin.

There were 48 present from Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri and New Hampshire. The reunion was held in memory of Bill and Mary Leitner, who organized the first reunion in 1950. Assisting as hosts were Maxine Ross, Lola Leitner, Elaine Leitner, Marcella Leitner, Patricia Hoehner, and Janet Nitschke. Peggy Poore purchased and provided centerpieces, which were later distributed at a drawing. Bud Nitschke had the blessing before the covered dish meal.

An afternoon program followed. Elaine Leitner read the minutes of the last reunion, which was hosted by the Paul Leitner family. Marcella Leitner read a humorous poem about reunions. Memories of Bill and Mary Leitner were shared by several. The couple had no children, but were special to all of their 39 nieces and nephews. Of those, 17 are still living.

Patricia Hoehner presented gifts to the oldest person, Elmer Leitner; the youngest, Lilly Rose; those who came the greatest distance, Laurie and Angela Nitschke; the longest married, Barnett and Lola Leitner, and leadership appreciation, Janet

Nitschke. Lola Leitner gave the attendance report, showing the Ed Leitner family branch had the most members present.

The 55th reunion will be held on Aug. 8, 2004, at the American Legion Hall in Oberlin. Memories of Henry and Annabel Leitner will be a part of the program.

Those present included: Gene and Marcella Leitner; Jerald and Elaine Leitner; Andy Leitner; Sarah Fringer; Royce and Vicky Leitner; Charlie and Alissa McDonald, Albany and Nicholas; Gray Aldrich; Ben Dallace, Joe Delgado and Tim Morgan; Kevin and Julie Schiessler, Christopher and Haley, Oberlin;

Gary and Carolyn Leitner; Barnett and Lola Leitner; Elmer Leitner and Patricia McConville; Laney and Judy Leitner; Porter and Maxine Ross; Loy and Judy Hodson; DeLynna Schiltz; Rachel Goltz; and Lilly Rose, McCook; Dr. Patricia Hoehner, Kearney, Neb.;

Chandra Berry, North Platte, Neb.; Don Leitner, Boulder, Colo.; Roger Leitner, Greenwood Village, Colo.; and Gabe Madden, Highlands Ranch, Colo.; Dennis and Linda Leitner, Matthew and Andrea, Springfield, Mo.; Laurie and Angela Nitschke, New Ipswich, N.H., and Bud and Janet Nitschke, Cambridge, Kan.

Krizeks meet at Gateway

The Krizek family gathered at The Gateway for their yearly family reunion, on Saturday, Aug. 9.

Those present were Amy Wiechmann; Diana McCarbrey; Rhonda and Andrea Workman, Wichita; Jim and Aleta Vogt, Valley Center; Brian, Kim and Kourtney Brumley, Inman; Galen and Joyce Krizek; Everett, Gaylene, Shelley, Kyle, and Kaitlin Laughlin, Pueblo, Colo.; Kenneth and Violet Krizek, Jennings; Theron, Jill, Logan and Kaedyn Krizek, Olathe; Marcella Capps, Loretta Story, Lindsay Story, Desiree Bates, Catoosa, Okla.; Dale and Ardell Krizek, North Platte, Neb.; Becky and Dylan Cantwell, Salina, Okla.; Kay, Natasha, and Ciarra Danburg, Grand Island, Neb.; Dan, Cheryl, Jessica, Greg, and Lauren Shuler,

Jetmore; Roger and Corky Krizek; Missy, Blake and Alivia Nelson; Sonyha, Courtney, and Taylor Einspahr; Lyle, Peggy, Scott, and Kala Smalley; Murlin and Luella Krizek; Krystal Barratt, McCook; Neal, Tanner and Riley Krizek, Lincoln, Neb.; Franklin Kolsky, Ivins, Utah; Francis and Theresa Krizek; Don and Alene Scott; Lee Don, Melanie, Danielle, Britton, Chantelle, Bronson and Rachelle Scott; Katie Morre, Amber Ritter; Jack & Lelia Benton; Margaret Vacura; Rod and Pat Fringer; Don, Rita, and Amber Barratt; Henry and Eleanor Edgett, Oberlin; and Carolyn Sue Hayes, Oakley.

Plans were made to hold the next reunion at The Gateway, in Oberlin on Aug. 7, 2004.

Malleck family holds reunion

The Gene and Marge Malleck family hosted the 2003 reunion of the descendants of pioneers James and Mary Malleck at the United Methodist Church Hall in Indianola, Neb., following the Old Settler's parade.

There were representatives from three families of the original nine children.

Those present besides the hosts were their families: Dan and Kay Malleck, Erica and Reed, York, Nev.; Lois, Josh and Joe Dodson, Lincoln, Neb.; Lori and Kent Hilker, Keri Hilker, Shane Hilker, and Lisa Malleck, also Kim and Rich Barnett, McCook;

Norma J. Potts, Hazel B. Malleck; Travis and Jane Keith, Randy Keith, Dean and Myrna Musgrave, and Mark and Vicky Helm, Indianola, Neb.

Others present were Mike and LeAnna Dempewolf and Andrew, Oberlin; Dale and Jean Mills, North Platte, Neb.; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; John and Helen Helm, Norcat; Mary Helm, Tucson, Ariz.; Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo.; Benjamin Helm, Lincoln, Neb.; Dale, Tammy and Eric Mus-

grave, Ong, Neb.; Ron and Barb Musgrave, Fountain, Colo.; Eric and Jo Malleck, Syracuse; and Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.

Guests were Dale and Jean Potts, Troop Potts, Steve and Trenton Potts, Manassas, Va.; James Roy Potts, Upland, Calif.; and Neil and Sandra Potts, Amanda, Andrew, and Kelsea, Front Royal, Va.

The next reunion will be held at the same place following the Old Settler's parade in Indianola, in 2004.

Get-together set in Denver

The 63rd annual Decatur County get-together and potluck luncheon will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Phil and Marjorie (Jording) Law home at 12800 West Idaho Drive, Lakewood, Colo.

Table service and beverages will be provided. For directions or details, call (303) 986-6523, or (303) 238-5305.



DALE-MARIE BRYAN of Oberlin (right) attended the 19th annual Highlights Foundation Writers Workshop at Chautauqua, N. Y., recently. With her is Highlights Magazine Publisher Jean Reynolds.

Women from Traer attends workshop

A Traer farm wife, Dale-Marie Bryan, recently attended the Nineteenth Annual Highlights Foundation Writers Workshop at Chautauqua, N. Y.

The workshop offered the 80 writers, who came from three countries and 27 states, a full week in the world of writing for children. Participants worked closely with the 40 faculty members, sharing technical expertise, enthusiasm, and inspiration for children's writing.

As part of the program, Mrs. Bryan met in manuscript consulting sessions with Dayton O. Hyde. Christine French Clark was her mentor for the conference.

The Highlights Foundation workshop faculty consisted of well-

known writers, editors, publishers, and educators in the world of contemporary children's literature. Among them were Joy Cowley, Patricia Lee Gauch, Peter Jacobi, Susan Campbell Bartoletti, Larry Dane Brimmer, Pam Muñoz Ryan, and Laurence Pringle, as well as editors of *Highlights for Children*, the national publication for young people from 2 to 12.

Highlights Foundation Executive Director Kent L. Brown Jr. said the Foundation will publish an illustrated report of its 2003 conference later in the year. To receive a complimentary copy, write to Highlights Foundation, 814 Court Street, Honesdale, Pa., 18431, or email contact@highlightsfoundation.org.

Couple honored on 55th

Jess and Jean Skubal of Leoville were honored on their 55th wedding anniversary with a dinner and dance on Saturday evening at the Old Bohemian Hall in Oberlin.

Hosts were their children, Steve, Sharon and Gary, and their families.

Jean Hubbard and Jess Skubal were married on Aug. 8, 1948, in McDonald. They taught school for many years in Hollister, Calif., before retiring in 1985 and moving to Leoville.

Myrna Jones furnished dinner music. The meal was catered by the LandMark Inn and the anniversary cake was baked by Mrs. Phyllis Cass of Beaver City. Brothers and sisters of Mrs. Skubal furnished the program. Music was provided by Joe Vyzourek, disk jockey from Radio Station KXXX in Colby.

There were 110 guests present from Arkansas, Oklahoma, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Texas and Kansas.

Benefit set for director

Doorway Ministries will sponsor a benefit pie and ice cream social from 6-8:30 p.m. today for the Teens for Christ summer director, Kristi Smith, at the Teens For Christ build-

ing on South Rodeaver. Proceeds will help cover her car and back-to-college expenses. She will be attending Platte Valley Bible College in Scottsbluff, Neb.



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The children of Bill and Carol Duncan invite you to their 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House Saturday - August 23 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Golden Age Center Oberlin

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| September 7, 2003 | 2:00 p.m. | Organ Concert |
| Faith Lutheran Church | | |
| Free Admission - Donations Welcomed | | |
| September 27, 2003 | 7:30 p.m. | Acoustic Eidolon |
| Gateway | | |
| (double-neck guitar/cello) | | |
| October 18, 2003 | 6:15 p.m. | Lyric Duo |
| Gateway | | |
| Gershwin Piano/Soprano Dinner Theater | | |
| November 18, 2003 | 7:30 p.m. | Glen Road |
| Gateway | | |
| Irish Trio | | |
| January 8, 2004 | 2:00 p.m. | Mollie Marcuson |
| Gateway | | |
| Harpist | | |
| January 31, 2004 | 7:45 p.m. | Laughing Matters |
| Gateway | | |
| Juggling, Mime, Magic and Other Nonsense | | |
| February 21, 2004 | 7:30 p.m. | Scenic Roots |
| Gateway | | |
| Family Bluegrass | | |
| April 4, 2004 | 2:00 p.m. | Planina |
| Gateway | | |
| Songs of Eastern Europe in Native Costume | | |
| April 25, 2004 | 2:00 p.m. | A Day with Ralph Moody |
| Gateway | | |
| Story Teller John Stansfield With Museum and CVB | | |

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact:

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