

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# People in Our Community

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Fred and Sandy Counter and Jonathan attended commencement exercises at Colby Community College on Saturday afternoon, during which Lemilla Counter received an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree. She also was among those who received her nursing pin during pinning ceremonies later in the afternoon. She will take her state boards this summer. She is employed at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Eugene Van Vleet of San Diego visited from Friday to Tuesday with his mother, Aleen Van Vleet, and his sister, Veanna Orr, and other relatives.

Barbara Ann Szweistis of High Plains Mental Health of Oberlin, and Sarah Howland of Bright Beginnings Daycare of Oberlin recently completed associate degrees in Early Childhood Education from Colby Community College. They were recognized at an evening banquet for early childhood educators in northwest Kansas, which was sponsored by Smart Start Northwest Kansas and Colby Community College Resource and Referral.

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Arlo and Bonnie Wurm left on Friday for Lebo, where they were weekend guests of their son and family, Stanton and Michelle Wurm, Alexandria, 2 1/2, and Victoria, 9 months. They went especially to attend the graduation of Michelle Wurm on Saturday morning at Emporia State University, where she received a masters degree in special education. She teaches special education at Waverly. Her husband honored her with a barbecue that evening at their home, which also included other relatives.

Dan Nedland is undergoing treatment in Omaha for bone cancer. Mail will reach him at Lied Transplant Center, 987600 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Neb., 68198-7600. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters had dinner recently in Hays

with their granddaughter, April Ann Wolters, a student at Fort Hays State University.

Steve Haynes went to New York City on Friday to attend memorial services on Sunday for Paul Haskins, a former city editor of *The Kansas City Times*. They worked together at the paper in the 1970s.

Pat Wright hosted Pi Alpha Club members with a farewell coffee Saturday afternoon honoring Shanna Richards. Eris Young assisted. Mrs. Richards has accepted a librarian position with the Central Heights School District, south of Ottawa, and the family will be moving this summer. She was presented with a cross and a photo album in appreciation for her 10 years of friendship and service to the club.

Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo met Mr. and Mrs. Willard J. Shaw of Penn Valley, Calif.; Sherri Shaw of San Francisco, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Capley and Erin of Nopomo, Calif., in Denver and they all attended the graduation of Marie Vacura at Colorado State University at Fort Collins, Colo., on Friday. She earned a degree in social services and is employed in Pueblo, Colo. Other relatives who attended were Bernie and Othelia Vacura of Oberlin, and Mickey and Nichole Vacura and daughters of Denver. The Willard Shaws returned to Oberlin with the Van Otterloos to be here for his 50th class reunion at the alumni banquet in Oberlin on May 29.

**—Chinese Buffet, Tuesday, May 25, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Jeffery Burmaster, son of Pat Cozad of Oberlin, received his diploma in plumbing, heating and air conditioning during the 40th annual commencement exercises of North Central Kansas Technical School in Beloit on Friday evening. He placed first in residential plumbing in state competition and will compete in the nationals at Kansas City in June. He is a 1996 graduate of Decatur Community High School and he and his wife, Andrea, have a son, Jonathan. They have moved to Oberlin and his wife is employed at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center and also plans to pursue a degree, in nursing.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Neva Townsend, Lawrence Wenger, Elden Haas, Dale Votapka, Floyd Edgett and Barb Solko. Lows were won by Barb Solko, Aleen Van Vleet, Neva Townsend, Floyd Edgett, Kelva Swindler and Wilma May. Pitch highs went to Floyd Edgett and Neva Townsend with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Max Carman. Bridge winners were Phyllis Lohoefer and Barb Solko.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters attended graveside services for Keith Focke on Saturday at the Atwood Fairview Cemetery. The honor guard from Fort Riley conducted the military rites. He and his wife, Anita, had recently moved to Colby from Missouri to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Memorial services followed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby.

The Rev. Richard "Rick" Langness has been assigned to St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin and his ordination has been set for Aug. 22

at the church. He and his wife, Kim, have two sons and three daughters, ranging in age from 3 to 14.

Warren and Jan Bainter returned home Saturday from a 10-day vacation trip. They enjoyed Yellowstone Park and the Tetons, then visited her sister and husband, Judy and Laren Dinkel, in Denver en route home.

Delbert Townsend of Exon Hill, Md., is visiting relatives and friends in the Oberlin and McCook areas. He came especially to make presentations to seniors in the area who have been named Delbert Townsend scholars.

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Marty Munson and Jack and Sybil O'Toole spent from Wednesday to Monday in Centennial, Colo., where they visited Mrs. Munson's daughter and husband, Michelle and David Luttrell.

Gus and Elsie Wolters attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration honoring Berdean and Bob Simming on Sunday at the Rawlins County Historical Church (Saint Cyril and Methodius) in Atwood. The couple renewed their vows, and a reception and dinner followed at the Corner Pocket.

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