

**THE OBERLIN HERALD —**  
**People in Our Community**  
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Josh Meitl received his Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Kansas during commencement exercises in Lawrence on Sunday. Among those attending were his parents, Gary and Tina Meitl, and Kira, Donna Guinn, Walt and Rosella Meitl, Warren and Jan Bainter, Oberlin; Ben Bainter, Hays; Ramsey Meitl, Galveston, Texas; and Troy and Brandon Isenbart, Chappell, Neb.

Fern Jording returned on Monday of last week from Lakewood, Colo., where she had visited Phil and Marge Law. She attended a pinning on Thursday and graduation on Saturday for her granddaughter, Lori Lowrance, from Red Rocks Community College as a registered radiologist technologist. Mrs. Jording, Mrs. Law, and Cindy and Lori Lowrance attended the Jeffco Community Band concert, of which Phil Law is a member. On Sunday they all helped Mrs. Jording celebrate her birthday.

The home of Evelyn (Barnes) Lindberg of Gordonsville, Va., was destroyed by fire early this month. She is presently staying with her daughter, Darla Romaine, at Gordonsville. She is a 1939 graduate of Decatur Community High School and sister of Mary Lohoefer of Oberlin.

Bill Cramer of Marion, Ind., left Monday after spending five days with his parents, Phyll and Connie Cramer, after attending a millers' convention for his company in Wichita. They also helped him celebrate his birthday while he was there.

Ricky King, a 1980 graduate of Decatur Community High School, was recently appointed as a member of the City Planning Commission at Glendale, Colo., where he has been a resident for six years. He said he was fond of the idea of the small community of Glendale within the big city of Denver. He has also volunteered much time to the Greater Glendale Chamber of Commerce over the past two years. He is the son of Barbara Kappers of Oberlin.

Roxann Corcoran has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest honor society, at Kansas State University. It is a highly selective honor society that requires not only an excellent grade record, but also liberal studies covering the natural sciences, social sciences and the humanities. She is a senior in anthropology and English literature. She is a 2000 graduate of Decatur Community High School and the daughter of Paul and Angela Corcoran of Oberlin.

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Chris Claussen earned his Mas-

ters Degree of Science and Education this month from the University of Kansas. He is Director of Admissions at Baker University and is the son of Cathy Claussen of Oberlin.

Chase McKittrick, a 2004 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has accepted a \$400 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award. The son of Jodi and Ward Votapka of Oberlin, he plans a career in computer science at the university.

Gus and Elsie Wolters attended the wedding of Justin Degas and Susan Oborny at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Liebenthal on Saturday. The reception, dinner and dance followed at Saint Michael's Parish Center in LaCrosse. They enjoyed seeing the release of two doves to fly away after the wedding.

**—Sunday Brunch Buffet, May 30, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.**

Shane Elwood, son of Mike and Jacque Elwood of Oberlin, was among 81 Sterling College graduates who received undergraduate degrees on Saturday at the 112th commencement ceremonies. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Behavioral Science.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Dewaine Stapp, Barb Solko, Merle Shirley, Dorothy Moore, Donna Kent, Wilma May and Neva Townsend. Lows were won by Floyd Edgett, Wilma May, Barb Solko, Faye Miller, Kelva Swindler, Neva Townsend and Lawrence Wenger. Pitch highs went to Doris Miller and Max Carman with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Neva Townsend. Bridge winners were Janette Votapka and Barb Solko.

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Grant Reichert, son of Wilbur and Jill Reichert of Dresden, accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Kansas State University. The highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization was founded in 1994 and recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically. He is a 2003 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Tarah Lynne Cook received a Bachelor of Arts during commencement exercises at the University of Kansas. She is the daughter of Gale and Kendra Cook and is a graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes attended the first Bob Dole lecture series at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence on Friday and heard Bill Clinton speak. He was introduced

by Mr. Dole.

Beth Johnson of Norcatour and her daughter, Cathy Claussen, Oberlin, spent the weekend at the home of their son and brother, Dennis and Melaine Molzah, in Independence, Mo. They also attended the open house at their home on Sunday afternoon, which honored their daughter, LeNae Molzah, who had completed requirements to become a licensed practical nurse.

**—Memorial Day Breakfast Buffet, Monday, May 31, 8-10:30 a.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.**

Rena Unger, daughter of Kevin and Jeanie Unger of Oberlin, has accepted an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award and a \$500 Award of Excellence in agriculture at Fort Hays State University. A 2004 graduate of Decatur Community High School, she plans a career in animal science and agricultural business.

Judy Gaumer attended the convocation ceremonies at University of Kansas on Saturday afternoon for her daughter, Amy Gaumer, who received her masters degree in the school of education.

The Rev. Gene Shoemaker was hospitalized last week in Denver following a heart attack. He returned to Colby Friday and is recuperating at their home at 1208 Court Place, Colby, Kan., 67701.

John and Heidi Leninski of Fairfax County, Va., were weekend guests of Gordon and Cynthia Matson and attended graduation of several Decatur Community High School students who had visited in their home. He left on Monday for their home and his wife is spending some time with her mother, Sharon and David Smith, at Curtis, Neb. They flew to Hays on Friday and had dinner with Elmo and Margaret Lund before coming to Oberlin.

Visitors of Luetta Pollnow Sunday afternoon were Diana Steinmetz, Kay and Andy Chambers, and Amanda Chambers and her fiance, Shane Johnson, of Dodge City.

April Ann Wolters of Hays joined her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters, for lunch in Hays on Monday.

Dani Dorshorst has been chosen for membership in Cardinal Key National Honor Society at Chadron State College, where she recently completed her sophomore year. Membership is recognized as one of the highest honors a female student at Chadron State can attain. It is based on leadership, scholarship and character. She made the President's List by earning all A's this past semester. She is majoring in natural sciences and was a starter on the volleyball team. Her parents are Duane and Pat Dorshorst of Oberlin.

**Women enjoy visiting Oberlin and Atwood**

Sue Gervasini, Sara Niemann, Hazel May Fockler, Mary Stephenson and Sally Hatcher, all of Leavenworth, spent several days in Oberlin and Atwood visiting friends, museums, shops, gardens and other points of interest, including the Oberlin Livestock Auction

sale. Earlier this spring, Judy Ploussard, Karen Metcalf, and Mary Ann Erickson of Oberlin and Jean Roberts of Atwood spent a few days in Leavenworth on a similar tour.

Gathering on Sunday evening at the home of Jack and Karen Metcalf

were Lee and Judy Ploussard, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, Doug and Sandy Fair, Gaylord and Shirley Shields, Steve and Arian Arnold, and Bill and Judy Ladehoff, Oberlin, and Jean Roberts, Atwood.

**Highway association to meet**

The U.S. 36 Highway Association will hold its annual meeting in Hanover on Friday, June 11.

Bonnie Youngquist, office manager and secretary, said the non-profit group has been around since 1968. It works to promote travel on U.S. 36, advance the general upkeep and improvement to the highway and promote the economic well-being of the communities and enterprises in the northern tier of counties along the route.

A major goal is to push for widening the road to four lanes, beginning in the east where the first stretch should be under construction this year or next.

The organization has over 500 members and has registered agents in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

Steve Haynes, publisher of *The Oberlin Herald* and co-owner of *Nor'West Newspapers*, is the president of the association. Robert

Strevey, from Norcatour, is a board member, as are Myron Veh of Norton, and Carl Bray and Gordon Crowdis of Atwood.

Mrs. Youngquist said each year, the members meet in a different town along U.S. 36.

The event will start at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, with a reception at the Kloppenberg Senior Center in Hanover. The general meeting starts at 8 a.m. the next morning at the center.

Mayor Steve Pierson will give a welcome and there will be reports from district engineers of the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Mrs. Youngquist said Julie Lorenz, special assistant to the secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation, will be there. Engineers Roy Rissky from District 1 in Topeka, Donald Drickey from District 2 in Salina and Chriss McDiffett from District 3 in Norton

will give reports. Tom Hein, public affairs liaison from Norton, will also be at the meeting.

Renate Wilkinson from the District 1 office of the Missouri Department of Transportation will give a report. She is transportation planning manager.

Ms. Youngquist said there will be a luncheon with Alan Bruna of Bruna Implement giving the keynote speech.

After lunch, there will be a business meeting to elect new officers.

Anyone can attend the meeting, said Mrs. Youngquist. Tickets are available at *The Oberlin Herald* for \$15 or you can register the day of the meeting.

Mrs. Youngquist said people can also send her money and she will put them on the list or send them a ticket. The association address is 110 West Kansas Ave, Box 366, Smith Center.

**County buys more chemicals**

The weed control director told Decatur County commissioners Tuesday morning that he would need to order some more chemicals to get the department through the year.

Gaylen Huntley said he received bids from UAP of Goodland for \$5,056, Van Diest of McCook for \$5,305 and Vegetation Management Supply Company of Wichita for \$5,245.

Commissioners approved the low bid from UAP, which is two companies that merged.

Mr. Huntley said he is still looking for a truck. One of the bids for a three-quarter-ton Dodge pickup is still available. He said the dealer could have it in the county the beginning of June. Mr. Huntley said he can test drive it then and even take it to a mechanic to get checked out. If he isn't interested, then there won't be a sale.

The commissioners agreed that he could test drive it, but didn't make

any decisions on whether to buy the truck.

Mr. Huntley said he has found trucks with very few many miles, but the price shows that. One truck has 80,000 miles and others have less. He said he would keep looking. Ambulance Director Patrick Pomeroy said the old ambulance is stripped down and asked if he could sell it.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said they would check with other departments and see if there were other things for an auction.

Mr. Pomeroy said he would like to purchase five programmable radios this year and then get another five next year for around \$300 apiece. Commissioner Unger said he would like to see bids.

The commissioners held a 10-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Pomeroy.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said there had been a

bridge accident east of Oberlin on the Lyle Road. The vehicle ran into a cow and hit the guard rail. There was damage to the bridge, he said, and he will talk with the insurance company about repairs.

Mr. Stallman said the road crew has already started mowing for Memorial Day weekend. They will also blade the roads to cemeteries.

He asked if he could place an ad for salvage of the 1975 Caterpillar at the landfill. The commissioners said he could run the ad and ask for sealed bids in the clerk's office by 5 p.m. on Monday, June 7. The commissioners will then open the bids at their meeting the next day.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Signed a contract to rent The Gateway for an employee appreciation banquet on Jan. 16.
- Agreed to have a department head meeting this week.
- Approved a \$500 donation for fireworks this year.

**Relay for Life set at track in June**

The third annual Relay for Life is just around the corner and teams are getting ready to walk while committee members are tying up loose ends.

The event will start at 7 p.m. Friday, June 18, and end at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at the high school track in Oberlin.

It is a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society research. Each team member pays \$10 for a T-shirt and then is asked to raise \$100 by

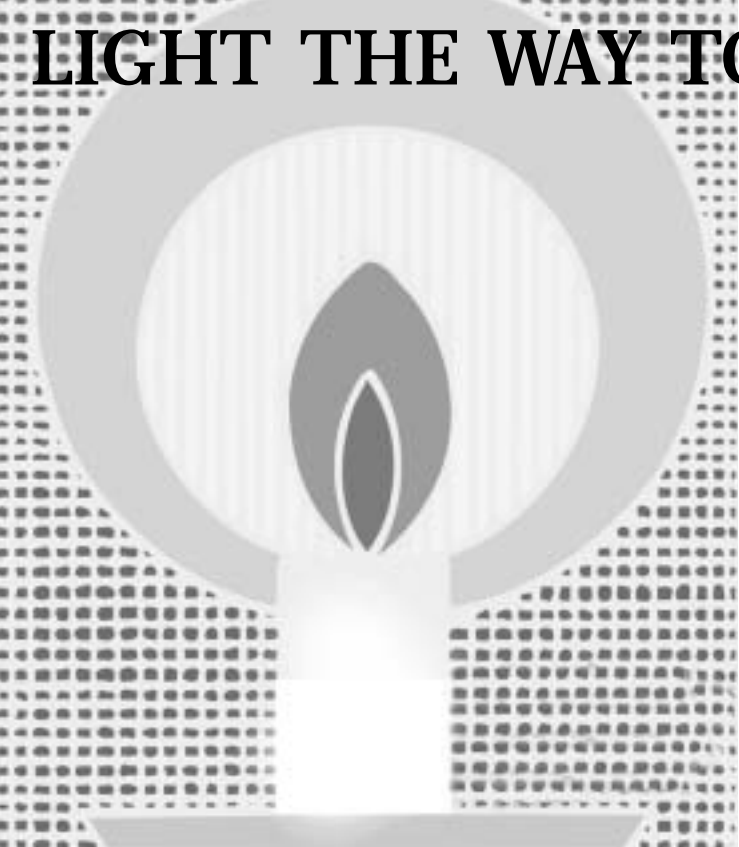
selling 10 luminaries.

The luminaries are paper bags with candles inside, the survivor's name or one to be remembered on the outside.

This year, Dr. Gary Fredrickson, a committee member, said they plan to reduce the banks of lights around the track so the luminaries will create a glowing memory to those they represent. Names will be read on Friday evening.

Luminaries can be purchased up until that day, but in order to get the names printed in the program, they need to be purchased by June 10. To purchase one, call Peg Smith at 475-2296.

The committee has invited cancer survivors to walk the first lap of the relay, while the second lap will be walked by the survivors, their families and their caregivers.



**LIGHT THE WAY TO A CURE**

Keep the fire of hope burning by purchasing a luminaria candle in memory of someone lost to cancer, in honor of someone still fighting, or in special recognition of someone who has beaten this dreaded disease.

**Relay for Life**  
 Decatur Community High School Track  
**Fri. & Sat. - June 18 & 19**  
 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Complete this form and send it along with your donation to:  
 Peg Smith, Luminaria Chairperson; P.O. Box 305, Oberlin, Kansas 67749

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**Please join us for the luminaria ceremony at 10 p.m.**  
 \$10.00 per luminaria

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