

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Karen, Larry, Brent and Theresa Smith have returned from Newport, R.I., where they visited Christopher Smith and his fiancée, Anne Thornton. While there, they saw Chris and Anne in the first performance of the "Beechwood Speakeasy" by the Beechwood Theatre Company.

Karla Kadavy, an English teacher at Decatur Community High School during the 1950s, is 90 years of age and would enjoy mail. Her address is: Long Term Care, room 104, 2420 G Street, Belleville, Kan., 66935.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Dewaine Stapp, Doris Fringer, Floyd Edgett, and Veanna Orr. Lows were won by Donna Kent, Veanna Orr, Merle Shirley, Henry Edgett, Doris Miller and Barbara Solko. Pitch highs went to Henry Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Doris Miller and Floyd Edgett. Bridge winners were Annette Miller and Dorothy Cochran.

Three 1989 graduates of Decatur Community High School, Amanda (AraSmith) Buettner, Zulu, Ind.; Ruth (Russ) Longhenry of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Beverly (Gee) Keys of Topeka, along with their families, met at Lake Wabaunsee near Topeka for a weekend reunion in celebration of 15 years since high school graduation. The three friends spent the weekend reminiscing, as well as tie-dying T-shirts, swimming at the lake, paddleboating, canoeing and fishing with their combined families.

Hank and Jean Benton of Vienna, Va., met his sister, Barbara Kiser, who flew here from Greeley, Colo., on Sunday. Mrs. Kiser returned home Tuesday and the Bentons will leave today.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters attended funeral services for Carol Brubaker at the United Methodist Church at Bird City on July 12.

Barbara Leitner of Farmington, N.M.; Donna Wilson and Desiree of Wichita, and Patricia Tongish and Jarrett of Newton, returned to their homes after spending the past week at the home of their parents, Gene and Marcella Leitner. It was the first time in a year that the family had all been together. Barbara had just returned home from Thailand after spending three weeks there.

Marianna Bendon and Karla Jones returned home Thursday from a vacation trip to the Black Hills, the Badlands and other points.

—Cajun Buffet, Tuesday, July 27, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.

Harold Demmer was the guest of honor at a 90th birthday party held at The Gateway on July 15. The event was hosted by his daughters, Connie Grafel, Oberlin; and Carole and Jim Unger, Yuma, Colo.; grandchildren, Cindy and Pat Traphagen, Eckley, Colo.; Casey Unger, Yuma; and J.J. Unger, Denver; Dan and Melinda Grafel; and Greg and Amanda Grafel, all of Oberlin; and great-grandchildren, Jessica, Tara and Austin Traphagen, Eckley; and Kade, Isabel, Kel and Reece Grafel, all of Oberlin.

Elaine Thomas is recuperating satisfactorily after undergoing surgery for a heart blockage at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, Neb., on Wednesday. She and her sister, Barbara Castor, accompanied another sister, Beverly and Harry Eiler of McCook to Lincoln and they returned home on Friday.

Gene and Yve Lindemann of Littleton, Colo., and Patty Reinhardt and Nelson of Bison came last week to help their mother, Vera Lindemann, celebrate her birthday on Thursday.

Paul and Axie McVay were honored on their 40th anniversary at Cedar Living Center on Sunday. Relatives who helped them celebrate included Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Leanna Winstead, and Amanda Winstead and Ian, Salina; Phillip Winstead, Hays, and Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

Justine and Dylan Moore of Ozawkie spent last week with their grandmother, Dorothy Moore, and attended Vacation Bible School at St. John's Lutheran Church. Mrs. Moore met their parents, Eric and Shelly Moore, at Beloit, and they accompanied her to Oberlin, then they met over the weekend at the same location and the children accompanied their parents home.

Herschel and Jody Betts attended the installation of Rotary District 5670 Governor Marshall Stanton at the Salina Country Club on Friday evening. En route home Saturday morning they visited friends at Concordia.

Becky and Ian Peña spent the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters.

Jack and Karen Metcalf were houseguests of Mary and Mike Stephenson in Leavenworth over Fourth of July holiday. They attended activities commemorating the Lewis and Clark Expedition there and in Atchison. Additional weekend guests were the Todd Richards family, who were en route to Texas from a visit to the Doug Richards family in Minnesota. On Wednesday, July 7, Karen Metcalf, Mary Stephenson and Jeanine Morton of Lawrence flew to Greenville, N.C., and visited their aunt and uncle, Letha and Walter Honea, and cousins, Gwen and Charlie Estep and Nancy Adams, all of Washington, N.C. They returned to Kansas City on July 12.

Cecil Hess spent last week at the Steve Confer home in St. Francis while Mrs. Confer was in El Dorado attending the Butler Showcase Showchoir camp. While there, she was a guest of her cousin, Jan (Porter) Evans at Rose Hill. They had dinner Tuesday evening with another cousin, Bill and Natalie Machart, at Clearwater.

Buzz and Cynthia attended the wedding of their niece, Andrea Bigalk, and Jeremy Johnson in White Bear Lake, Minn., on Saturday, July 10. They also visited his mother, Audell Matson, in Mahtomedi, Minn., and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Broadwater, at Harmony, Minn.

Six members of next year's DCHS Singers attended the Butler County Summer Showcase last week. Karli Fredrickson, Riley Cochran, Anne Wasson, Tricia Dorshorst, Nikki Lincoln and Molly Coleman were part of the finale concert held in El Dorado on Friday.

Martha Nemeth, Joan Neidenthal, Patty Brown, Bobbie Young, Ila Ray and Ethel Schroeder went to Hays on Saturday to help Margaret Lund celebrate her birthday. They went out for lunch at the Country Club, then returned to the Lund home for birthday cake.

Kevin and Sue Renk of Plainville spent Saturday visiting her parents, Floyd and Elaine Bryan.

restaurant in Quinter. For details, call the agency at (800) 432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

November vows set

Kristi Fortin of Oberlin and Brandon Dirks of Atwood have set Nov. 6 as their wedding date. Parents of the couple are Jerry and Jolene Fortin of Oberlin, and Dan Dirks and Linda Dirks, Atwood. Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Don and Ardis Roe, and June Fortin of Oberlin. The groom's grandparents are Arthur and Dixie Stock of Culbertson, Neb. She graduated from Decatur Community High School and Colby Community and is employed at Little Saints Preschool in Atwood. Her fiancé graduated from Atwood High School and Colby



K. Fortin and Brandon Dirks

Community College, and earned a degree in animal science at Kansas State University. He is engaged in farming.

Rexford correspondent named

Sondra Barnett of Rexford will begin as the news correspondent for the Rexford community next week. She replaces Zula Horinek, who resigned due to her health. Mrs. Barnett grew up in Rexford, the daughter of Jack and Hulda Wark. After graduation, she married her high school sweetheart, Bill Barnett, of Gem. Together they attended Fort Hays State University, then he taught for four years before they returned to the farm where he had grown up, and lived there for 14 years. During that time, they also directed the Light House for Girls, a Christian drug and alcohol rehab program, north of Gem, for seven years.



S. Barnett

After leaving the farm, her husband was a pastor in Hoxie, Garden City and Liberal. In November 1996, he fell 25 feet from a ladder

while painting and suffered numerous broken bones, underwent two surgeries, then died a few hours after the second surgery from blood clots. Mrs. Barnett continued as a cosmetologist in Liberal until March of 2003 when she returned to Rexford to care for her mother. She said, "I live two blocks from my mother in the only house in town that I've admired since I was a little girl." She has four sons and a daughter, five "in-law" kids, 18 grandchildren and one "in-law" grandchild. She makes artificial flower arrangements and loves to sew or do about anything with her hands. She also has a small "Hobby Hut" in her backyard. Those in the Rexford area may call her at (785) 687-2520.

Family gathers at Jennings

To honor the memory of Carl Frank Votapka, his family and friends gathered the weekend of July 2-4 at the Jennings farm home of Tom and Mary Votapka. Carl Votapka was born June 12, 1923, at Jennings to Frank and Lioba (Heitmann) Votapka. He died April 6, 2004, in Escondido, Calif., at the age of 80 from complications following heart surgery. Services were held in California in April at the Fort Rose Veterans National Cemetery. He formerly owned and operated Northwest Seed House in Oberlin and enjoyed returning to Kansas and visiting in the Jennings and Oberlin communities. Family and friends gathered at the Jennings United Methodist Church on July 3 to celebrate his life. Many shared memories of him and a pictorial history of his life was displayed at the church. Those present included his wife, Betty (Peterson) Votapka; Oceanside, Calif.; his children, Frank and Jenny Votapka, Peter and Ryan, Libby, Mont.; Gary and Sue Votapka and Lane, Fallbrook, Calif.; and Carlen Henington, Blake, Brienne and Robin, Starksville, Miss. Other immediate family included his sister, Frances Monteith, Stockton; and brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Keith and Judy Peterson,

Sun City, Ariz.; Bev Peterson and Diane McGovern, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Mary Votapka, Jennings. Nieces and nephews attending were Sue Long, Tom Votapka, Jason Rowh and Drake and Brecken, Jennings; Jean Hallagin, Goodland; Ann and Rex Rowh, Cimarron; Lori Schiefen and Katlyn, Overland Park; Rory McGovern and Gwen Brogden, Albuquerque; Mark and Cindy Judd and Amanda, Augusta; Tim and Laurie Votapka and William, Wilmont, Ill.; Jodi Inguanza, Samantha, Meagan and Chris, Kalvesta; Howard and Nancy Diacon, Houston; and Andy and Tiffani Glaze, Provo, Utah. Cousins present included: Gordon and Norma Anderson, Chuck and Joy Votapka, and Dale and Cheryl Votapka, Oberlin; Jessie McDole, Red Cloud, Neb.; and Irene Kohn, Nelson, Neb. Additional friends attended the service at the church, after which many visited the Czech Museum. Later many gathered at the Mary and Tom Votapka farm home for additional meals and visiting. On July 4, Mr. Votapka's family walked around the Votapka family farm and spread ashes at sites that held special meaning to him. A marker will be placed at the Jennings Cemetery.

New Arrivals

Joshua Robert Norris Rob and Tami Norris of Corona, Calif., are the parents of a son, Joshua Robert Norris, born June 25, 2004, at 1:20 p.m. at the Chino Community Hospital in Chino, Calif. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Larry and Georganne (Mines) Ishii. Kyle Mines of Oberlin is his maternal great-grandfather. The late Cecil



J. Norris

and Anne Mines are his maternal great-great-grandparents; the late Chris and Nellie (Moore) Mines are his maternal great-great-great-grandparents; who immigrated from Heils, Denmark, and the late Hans and Mary Mines were his great-great-great-great-grandparents. Olivia Rose DeKnight Olivia Rose, daughter of Dave and Vicky DeKnight, was born July 5, 2004. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces, and has a sister, Emelie Claar, and a brother, Elijah Nathanael. Grandparents are Bill and Sybil Millar, Lawrence, and Sheila DeKnight, Stockton, Mo.

Club News

P.E.O. presents awards

Chapter BH, P.E.O. Sisterhood, met on July 8 at the home of Marlene Moxter with Cheryl Metcalf assisting. The committee members in charge of decorating the bathing room at Angel Lane at Good Samaritan Center announced that the work was nearly completed. The chapter's work schedule for two nights at the Decatur County Fair was circulated so members

could note their assigned times. Following the business meeting, Candy DeJmal welcomed the three P.E.O. Award recipients: Bayley Bryan, Kelsey Dorshorst and Keely Witt, and their mothers who were guests, and the young women were presented their checks. The girls told of their plans for the coming year and their goals. A social hour followed.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends gathered at the LandMark Inn for afternoon dessert on July 14. Those present included: Pat Abbey, Alice Bobbitt, Mabel Zimmerman, Dorothy Jackson, Esther Carlson, Millie Lippelmann, Phyllis Screen, Alice Shirley, Virginia Spratling,

Bertha Schwisow, Nadean Stoney, Eileene Grose and Doris Sloan. For the Aug. 11 meeting, the women will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church parking area, then travel to Atwood to view Millie Fisher's organic garden and have lunch.

Couple plans fall wedding

Shayla Nicole Cochran of Oberlin and Mark Edwin Bailey of Norcatour plan to be married on Oct. 2.



S. Cochran and M. Bailey

Parents of the couple are Roger and Judy Cochran of Oberlin, and Gail and Denise Bailey of Norcatour. The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She attended National American University in Rapid City, S.D., where she studied Information Technology, and is a 2004 Computer Graphics Technology graduate from Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. She is a Certified Nurse Aide and is employed at Cedar Living Center in

Oberlin. Her fiancé is a 2001 graduate of Norton Community High School. He attended Fort Hays State University and is a 2004 graduate from Northwest Kansas Technical School with an Associate Degree in Electrical Technology. He is self-employed in farming. They plan to make their home in Norcatour.

Program sign-up continues

Farmers have until Sept. 30 to enroll for 2004 direct and countercyclical program payments, says Diane Barrett, county executive director for the U.S. Farm Service Agency, but a \$100 late fee will be assessed. Growers can opt out of the program any year if they choose. The 2002 Farm Bill authorizes direct and counter-cyclical payments to enrolled farmers. Both payments are computed using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Farmers receive direct payments at rates established by law regardless of market prices. Counter-cyclical payment

rates, on the other hand, vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate) for a crop is below the target set for the commodity. For "other oilseeds," because of the existing loan rate, the maximum counter-cyclical payment rate is zero. A farm must be enrolled into the farm program, and if there have been changes in an operation, these changes must be reported by Sept. 30 as well. For details, contact the county office at 457-3131.

Hunter course to be offered

A hunter education course will be offered from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 9, at the Oberlin Ambulance Barn; Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Oberlin Gun Club; and Thursday, Aug. 12, at the ambulance barn. All persons born after July 1, 1957, must have passed a certified

hunter education course in order to hunt in Kansas. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register and pick up course information at Dale's Fish 'n' Fun or Custom Trophy and Engraving. For details, contact Rick at Custom Trophy, (785) 475-2877.

Candidate forum set Tuesday

The 2003 Sheridan County Leadership Class will sponsor a candidate forum from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Sheridan County Fairgrounds. Six candidates will be present, including those running for the state Senate, House of Representatives, and county offices. Those planning to participate include Dan Rasure and Ralph Ostmeyer, Republican candidates for Senate in the 40th District; Jim

Morrison and Dannis Robinson, Kansas House of Representatives, 121st District; and John Karls and David Zimmerman, Sheridan County Commissioner for the 3rd District. For information call Margery Haas at (785) 675-3597, or mail questions to Candidate Forum, c/o Margery Haas, Box 351, Hoxie, Kan., 67740. Deadline for questions is Saturday.

Area agency meeting set

The board and the advisory council of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Q-Inn Res-

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Happy 100th to Edith Caman

You're Invited

Open House for Edith Caman's 100th Birthday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, July 31 Selden Senior Center, Selden, KS. No gifts please

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