

**THE OBERLIN HERALD —**  
**People in Our Community**  
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Bob and Lorene (Wymore) Walker of Hudson, Colo., came Thursday and visited his sister, Burdene Kasson, at Beaver City, Neb. They were overnight guests of Norma Brown in Oberlin so Mrs. Walker could have her wish of being in Oberlin to observe her 84th birthday on Friday. She is a 1938 graduate of Decatur Community High School. En route home, they visited another of his sisters, Elvira Pothoff, at McCook.

Kay Leavar of Houston, Texas, and Ward Harold of Austin, Texas, left on Friday after visiting since Monday with their parents, Cloyce and June Harold. They took their father to Hays, where he is undergoing therapy. Mail will reach him at Hays Rehabilitation Center, 2500 Canterbury Drive, Suite 106, Hays, Kan., 67601. The Harolds' other son, Ray Harold, and his wife and family recently moved to Hays and he is working for Midwest Energy.

Allen and Neta Jeffus, and Jerry Baker of Topeka were weekend guests of Barbara Young. The men played in the golf tournament at Oberlin.

Jim Gaumer accompanied his family home on Friday from Denver, where he had undergone back surgery. He is recuperating at home.

Chuck and Diane Newcom and Chip of Denver and Natalie Newcom of New York City were weekend visitors of Gail and Kay Marcuson. Additional Saturday guests for a barbecue were Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Sarah and Jared.

Bob and Sherri Ruf were accompanied to Iola by Kevin Unger of Oberlin and Ryan Ruf of Hays on Friday night and they attended the Neosho County Community College volleyball tournament on Saturday. Rena Unger plays with the Independence Community College team and they won four matches, and Sarah Ruf is a member of the Neosho County Community College team and they won 2 and lost 2.

Those from Oberlin who enjoyed the Oberlin Arts and Humanities tour to Cambridge, Neb., on Saturday to visit the studio and view the sculptures of Sondra Jonson were Jay and Ann Anderson, Ella Betts, Delphyn Biggs, Connie Cramer, Marian Fraker, Bernie Fred, Pat Fringer, Kay Gaskill, Shirley Hayward, Sally Henningson, Mary Henzel, Phyllis LaSalle, Charlotte Meints, Karen Metcalf, Carol Morford, JoAnn Neidenthal, Sarah Orr, Louise Pollnow, Vivian Russ, Jerald and Maria Sanden, Phyllis Screen, Eloise Smith, Ken Shobe, Lenora Soderlund, Heidi Wiebe and Pat Wright.

Weekend guests at the home of Gene and Marcia Leitner were Dave and Patricia Tongish, John and Jarrett of Newton; Ashley Tongish and Britt Houser of Wichita; Lesley Tongish of Hays; Steve and Donna Wilson of Wichita; Don and Clea Riepl of Denver; and Lucille Barenberg of Aurora, Colo. They all came for the funeral of Wilma Tongish of Herndon on Saturday morning.

Terry Martin of Shawnee spent

the weekend with his father, Glenn Martin. Glenn's wife, Eunice, and her daughters, Candy Rauhut of Garden City, and Connie Robison of Littleton, Colo., were visiting Mrs. Martin's sister, Lila and Roger Thorson, in Paulsbo, Wash.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Dorothy Moore, Veanna Orr, Dewaine Stapp, Donna Kent, Floyd Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet, Barb Solko and Myrtle Waldo. Lows were won by Aleen Van Vleet, Donna Kent, Doris Miller, Vivian Bishop, Faye Miller and Lawrence Wenger. Pitch highs went to Aleen Van Vleet and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett. Barb Solko, Phyllis Lohofener and Beth Sebaugh were bridge winners.

Lee Arnold underwent surgery in McCook and is now a resident at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center for physical therapy, but hopes to be able to return home. He would enjoy mail and it may be sent to Good Samaritan Center, 108 East Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Levi James Wolters of Ludell spent a few days last week at the home of his grandparents, Gus and Elsie Wolters.

Dan Hess and Carter of Salina visited over the weekend with their mother and grandmother, Cecil Hess. They were Saturday dinner guests of Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica in St. Francis.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Peña and Ian of Colby were Gus and Elsie Walters.

**Oberlin graduate promoted**

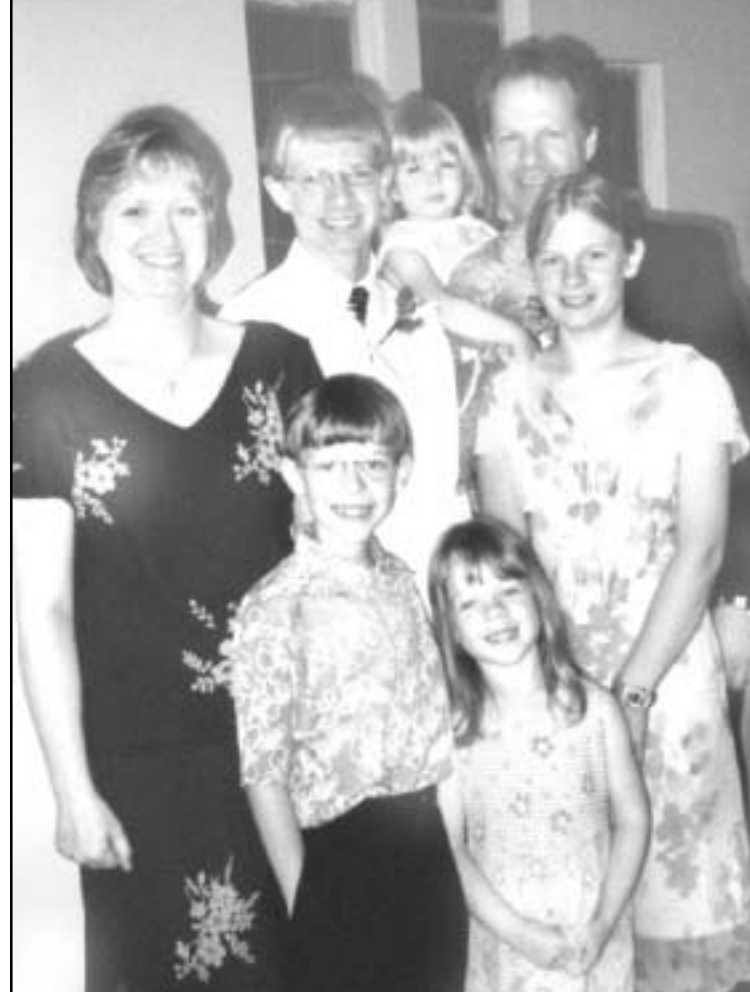
Kent Needham, president and chief executive officer of Tonganoxie-based First State Bank & Trust, has been inducted as chairman of the Kansas Bankers Association after serving a year as chairman-elect.

Mr. Needham is a 1971 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

His one-year term began Aug. 7 at the association's annual meeting in Colorado Springs. His responsibilities will include the transition of leadership when association President Jim Maag retires in November and Senior Vice President Chuck Stones steps into the position in December. In August 2005, he will become chairman of the Kansas Bankers Association Governing Council.

After Mr. Needham received a bachelor's degree in business and economics from Fort Hays State University and a master's degree in finance from Wichita State University, he joined a two-man team that successfully turned around Western National Bank in Amarillo, Texas. He was instrumental in the growth of Farmers Bank and Trust in Great Bend during the 1980s and since 1993 has directed the growth of First State Bank & Trust to nearly \$240 million in assets across eight locations.

He is a 1984 graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado, served on the school's board of trustees from 1993 to 2000 and was the school's 1997-1998 chairman. On the national banking level, he served as state membership chairman of the American Bankers Association from 2000 to 2003. He currently serves on the Kansas/Nebraska Schools of Banking board. He and his wife Terry have three grown children.



**THE NEW PASTOR** of St. John's Lutheran Church of Oberlin is shown with his family, Nehemiah, RuthAnn and Sarah Langness (front row) and Kim, Chenaniah, Esther and Rick Langness.

**New pastor installed at St. John's Lutheran**

Rick Langness was ordained and installed as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin during services on Sunday, Aug. 22.

He and his wife, Kim, and their five children moved to Oberlin from St. Louis, Mo., where he had completed work at Concordia Seminary. Their children include: Chenaniah, 14; Sarah, 12; Nehemiah, 10; RuthAnn, 5; and Esther, 3. They home school the children.

Pastor Langness was born at Mankato, Minn., then moved to Colorado Springs with his family when he was 3. His wife is from Englewood, Colo., and they said they met in Lindsborg, when he went there to visit a friend who was attending Bethany College. They were married on Sept. 11, 1988, in Littleton, Colo.

Clergy who participated in the installation services were the Rev. Keith Kohlmeier, Kansas District President Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod; the Rev. Robert Hedtke, St. Paul Lutheran Church, West Point, Neb.; the Rev. Joel Hiesterman, First Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg; the Rev. Don White,

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Atwood; the Rev. Rick Rostek, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norton; the Rev. David Hutson, First St. John Lutheran Church, Kensington; the Rev. Timothy Llewellyn, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Oakley; and the Rev. Al Bruenger, emeritus, Oakley.

Organist Gary Fredrickson was accompanied during the hymns by Kelly Shields and Joanne Wendelin on trumpet. The St. John's Lutheran and Redeemer Lutheran combined choirs were directed by Rhonda May. Soloist was Christina Leavitt, sister of Mrs. Langness. Acolytes for the processional and recessional were Rory Wendelin and Jessica Bremer.

Following the service, a potluck supper was held to welcome the new pastor and his family.

Pastor Langness said that the schedule for the church will include Bible study at 9:15 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. KICK (Kids in Christ's Kingdom) will be from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday for children in second through fifth grades.

**Livestock field day set at Rexford**

Managing an irrigated grazing system to optimize forage production and cattle performance, and utilizing ultrasound to improve profits, will highlight a field day next Wednesday at the Vaughn & Vaughn farm a mile south of Rexford on the Thomas-Sheridan county line.

This is the third ranch management field day presented by the Kansas Livestock Association and Kansas State University this year.

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sively grazing and growing feeder cattle. Their four-pasture rotational grazing program enables them to graze about 500 calves for at least seven months each year.

An adjoining feedlot complements the program during the winter, and is used whenever new cattle are assembled, sorted and prepared for the grazing seasons.

Host Steven Vaughn will share his experience with converting irrigated, tilled farmland into a productive perennial grazing system. Retired University of Nebraska

agronomist Jim Nichols will discuss irrigated grazing management, including fencing techniques, rotational grazing procedures and plant mixtures.

Dr. Paul Ritte with Oakley Veterinary Service will speak on his experience in using ultrasound equipment to help stockmen select replacement heifers and identify feeder cattle based on expected carcass quality capabilities.

All stockmen are invited. For details, go to [www.kla.org](http://www.kla.org) or call (785) 273-5115.

**Story Time set**

Children preschool age to younger grade school children may sign up for Story Time at the Oberlin City Library.

The half hour of story reading once a week is offered to interested children and a sign-up sheet is available at the front desk at the library or call 475-2412 for details. Starting date and time will be given later.

**New service offered on web**

Stanley Hardware in downtown Oberlin is offering a new service to its customers.

Owner Joe Stanley said that when customers purchase something off of the Stanley Hardware web site, they won't pay sales tax or shipping.

The store's web site is [www.stanley.doitbest.com](http://www.stanley.doitbest.com).

**Oberlin Blood Drive planned at Gateway**

The Oberlin Blood Drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at The Gate-

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