

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Word was received of the death of John Kump of Rockwall, Texas, on Sunday. He was a 1971 graduate of Decatur Community High School and was the son of Don and Jean Ann (Gamer) Kump of Kingman, but formerly of Oberlin. Funeral services are scheduled in Dallas on Saturday.

Dane Anderson, a freshman at Washburn University, along with sophomore Jessica Otto of Wichita, competed and advanced to the quarterfinals at the parliamentary debate tournament at Creighton University in Omaha. He also advanced to the final round of communication analysis and placed sixth. He is the son of Kary and Jackie Anderson of Oberlin.

Leslie Marcuson and Josh Klamm of Topeka were guests at the Brad and Elaine Marcuson home on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 21 and 22. They came to attend the vocal concert in which her sister, Sarah, participated, and football game, during which her brother, Jared, played. Sarah and Jared spent the past weekend in Manhattan, where they attended the K State-Texas Tech football game, then visited Leslie Marcuson in Topeka.

Guests of Jerald and Elaine Leitner on Wednesday were Texas winter friends, Doris and Everett Roberts of Denver. On Thursday the Leitners attended the 85th birthday party honoring Chauncey Hafner at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

**—Flower bulbs on sale now. Stanley Hardware. 43-44**

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters were in Topeka from Friday to last Monday, where Mrs. Wolters attended the 100th anniversary of the Kansas Authors Club. Her poem, "Hint of Spring," was published in their Centennial Book.

Roman Carroll of Atwood has returned home from Wichita, where he underwent a kidney transplant recently from his sister, Gina Montgomery. Mrs. Montgomery said he is doing well.

Brad Metcalf of San Diego is visiting at the home of Jack and Karen Metcalf. They entertained with a birthday party Friday evening to honor Brad Metcalf and Barry Richards. Additional guests were Patti Richards, Jonathon and Andrew, and Kristin McHugh, Jordan, Conner and Tyler.

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Karen and Larry Smith were in Emporia over the weekend visiting their son and daughter, Brent and Theresa Smith, students at Emporia State. While there, they attended the musical "Footloose" in which Theresa was a member of the cast.

Hal and Betty Barnes of Indepen-

## Couple enjoys long vacation

John and Hank Juenemann have returned home from a 26-day vacation trip which covered 4,400 miles. They visited their daughters, Dr. Barbara and Paul Marak and family in Salina, and Carolyn and Kevin Lunsford and family in Easton, then went to Fort Campbell, Ky. They were escorted by a Night Stalker helicopter pilot to visit the memorial of Mrs. Juenemann's nephew, Greg Eichner, who died in a helicopter accident on a practice mission over the Atlantic Ocean in 1983. A headquarters building was named after him which has a marble memorial in front. They viewed a video of his life, which included his involvement and dedication to the Night Stalkers.

From there, they drove to Pleasant Hill, Tenn., where they were overnight guests of Dr. Robert and Nadine Simpson, formerly of Oberlin, and enjoyed various sights in the

dence, Mo., were in Oberlin on Friday seeking information on their relatives. Mrs. Barnes is the daughter of Myrtle Badgett, who was reared by her uncle and aunt, the late R.B. and Maude (Sorick) Vernon. She is a cousin of the late Nola (Vernon) Morton.

John and Pat Wright have returned home from an 11-day bus trip. They visited the Amish community and stayed in Bird in Hand, Pa., then visited the Hershey factory in Hershey, Pa. While in the Washington, D.C., area they saw the new World War II Memorial, viewed the Capitol and the new building at the Smithsonian Institute. They also visited Mount Vernon, home of George Washington; and Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

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Frank and Margaret McEvoy, Stan McEvoy and Kent Ploussard attended the wedding of Chanda Lee Olson and Timothy Cook on Saturday evening in Oak Grove, Mo.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Aleen Van Vleet, Doris Miller, Barb Solko, Veanna Orr, Wilma May, Elden Haas and Dorothy Cochran. Lows were won by Barb Solko, Floyd Edgett, Henry Edgett, Doris Gilbert, Dorothy Moore and Donna Kent. Pitch highs went to Henry Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Doris Miller. Phyllis Lohoefer, Marie McKisson, Helen Karls and Merle Shirley were bridge winners.

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Duane and Phyllis Berry of Grand Junction, Colo., came Saturday for an indefinite visit with his sister, Eva Bryan, and her mother, Ella Peterson, both residents at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, and other relatives and friends.

Doris Fringer and Chris Walston attended a wedding reception in Olathe on Saturday, which honored their son and brother and his wife, James and Heather Shirley, who were married on Oct. 10 in Laguna Beach, Calif.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner attended memorial services for his cousin, Bill Leitner, 77, on Saturday in Bennington. He was formerly of Goodland and his parents were Henry and Annabelle Leitner. The Leitners also visited briefly with their grandson, Dustin Sullivan, and Katrina Jones of Hays.

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area. The couple sent greetings to all their friends in this area.

They took Elmer and Margaret Waterman of Bonaire, Ga., out for dinner, then drove to Orlando, where they spent four days at the TruServ fall market. From there they followed the coast to Suffolk, Va., where they visited his niece and her husband, Irma and Terry Motley; and a sister-in-law, Eula Juenemann, who was visiting at their home. They enjoyed a tour of the Bird Song Peanut Co. and the hospital, which was named after Mr. Peanut, who started Planters peanuts with the 5-cent bags. They toured historical sights in the Suffolk area, then drove to Lexington, Ky. Their final stop was in Indianapolis, Ind., for the fall market for Do-It Best Hardware, where they represented Ultimate Fertilizer of Oberlin.



**SINGING THEIR HEARTS OUT** at the Modern Woodmen Community Recognition Banquet on Thursday evening were Jim and Carolyn Plotts, who are members of the Norcatur Singers. The couple was honored for their many volunteer projects.

—Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Norcatur couple honored by Modern Woodmen

Jim and Carolyn Plotts of Norcatur were honored at the Modern Woodmen annual Community Recognition Banquet on Thursday evening at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

A granddaughter, Alexandra Auxier, led the group in the flag salute, and Mr. Plotts gave the invocation before the dinner.

The honored couple also had charge of the program, which included the Norcatur Singers, of which they are members.

Duane Dawes, of Colby, was welcomed as a new member of the Modern Woodmen Half Century Club by Marie McKisson, secretary. Another Half Century Club member, Goldie Stapp, also was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Plotts are active in the Norton Christian Church, where they have a clown ministry. For the past four years, they have been active in the prison ministry at the Norton Correctional Facility. He teaches a Bible class every Friday evening and also preaches at Sunday Chapel. Mrs. Plotts said that her job is to keep the books, remember the men's names and smile a lot.

Mr. Plotts has led a team from Norton and eight teams from El Paso, Texas, on mission trips to build homes in Mexico. Each team usually includes 15 people. His wife is chief cook and bottle washer, and he said that she is his right hand and does a great job of putting on stucco, too.

They have built nine homes, eight as Casas por Cristo (Houses for Christ) in Juarez, Mexico. They have trips to Mexico planned with the El Paso group the latter part of December and the second week in March. They will travel there with the Norton group in February.

Mr. Plotts, the eldest son of Jim Plotts Sr. and the late Margie Plotts Simonsen, attended Sunny Slope Rural School and Oberlin Elementary School. After graduating from Decatur Community High School, he attended Fort Hays State University for two years, then received a degree from Sunset International Bible Institute of Lubbock, Texas. He later graduated from Colby Community College.

## Herald holds luncheon

The annual luncheon for *The Oberlin Herald* correspondents and staff was held Friday at Keeno's Roadhouse.

Invited guests included Carolyn Kelley-Plotts, Outback; Maralyn Courange, Traer; Teresa Shaughnessy, Cedar Living Center; Jan Badsy, Good Samaritan Center; Deanna Sumner, Lyle; Virgil and Joyce Price, Norcatur; Laurie Long, Jennings; Mary Lou Olson, Midway and society editor; Sondra

He is a self-employed carpenter and is presently remodeling the couple's home in Norcatur. He served as a Boy Scout leader in Colorado and Kansas and was also a registered Girl Scout leader. He has taught Sunday School for over 20 years, fills the pulpit for the Lenora Church of God and will be helping at the United Church of Oberlin until they get a new minister. He helped develop Keith's Market in Norcatur and also helped develop the Norcatur Park. He is a member of Norton County Right To Life program and in his spare time helps the elderly of Norcatur.

He has a sister, Mary, and a brother, Gene. His children are James, Jennifer, Becky, and Jeremy, who died 10 years ago from a heart condition.

His wife is the youngest daughter of the late Claude and Dorothy Kelley. She attended Star Valley Rural School and Norcatur Grade School. She also graduated from Decatur Community High School and attended Colby Community College and Southwestern College in Winfield. She has a sister, Kathryn Van Zandt, and five brothers, Bob, Don, Bill, Dick and Jim, and two daughters, Halley and Kara. The couple has six grandchildren.

Mrs. Plotts is society editor of *The Norton Telegram*, and is a columnist, writing "Outback" for *The Oberlin Herald*. She also helps part-time on the Songs of Faith program on KFNF Radio on Sunday mornings.

She has been a Vacation Bible School and Sunday School teacher, and 4-H and Girl Scout leader. She is a member of the Norcatur Arts Council.

Family members who were present for the banquet included Mary Bennett, McCook; and Jim Plotts Sr., Gene and Mary Lou Plotts, Jennifer Auxier and Alexandria, and Dick and Donna Kelley, all of Oberlin.

The couple received a \$100 award from Modern Woodmen, which they donated to the Innerchange Freedom Initiative, a ministry program at the prison.

Barnett, Rexford; Jacque Boultinghouse, Selden; Quincy Scott, McGraw; Dianne Bremer, Mount Pleasant; Carrol Ginther, Herndon; Kimberly Davis, managing editor; Karla Jones, ads; Judy Jordan, proofreader; Dave Bergling, advertising; Pat Cozad, circulation; Ella Betts, driver; Marsha Morford, mailing; Doris Miller, type-setting; and Jody Betts, Yesteryear. Cynthia Haynes, publisher, presided.

**The family of Marvin Bailey wishes to honor him with a card shower for his 80th Birthday on Saturday, November 13th.**

**Cards may reach him at: HC1, Box 74 Jennings, KS 67643**



## Club News

### Program given on Scotland

Joan and Kristy Evans hosted the Pi Alpha Club meeting on Oct. 25. For devotions, Joan read "The Great Truths that Little Children have Learned" and "Even God Likes a Good Laugh."

Thirteen members and a guest, Angie Musgrave, were present. The club will donate 10 stuffed toys to the sheriff's department for children when needed as part of the club's Furry Friends project. Doris Sloan received the hostess gift.

Miss Musgrave, registered nurse and staff development coordinator at Decatur County Good

Samaritan Center, told of her two-week trip to Scotland last summer to visit acquaintances and see the country. She stayed at Aberdeen, a little town of 800, and she shared many pictures, including views of a number of cliffs and castles. She requested the \$10 thank you for the program go to the swimming pool fund.

The Nov. 8 meeting will be held at Sappa Manor with Elaine Bryan as hostess. The Decatur Community High School vocal department will provide entertainment.

### Club elects new officers

By JACOB HELM

The Star Valley 4-H Club held a meeting on Oct. 31.

We elected new officers: Becky Helm, president; Jacob Helm, vice president and reporter/historian; Alyssa Montgomery, treasurer/secretary; Aaron and Timothy Helm, song

leaders; Ethan Long, parliamentarian; and Matthew Helm, recreation leader.

We will be raking for Norcatur citizens. We will also be hosting the 4-H social with the theme, "Thankful for 4-H." We made flower pot turkeys to help decorate for the social.

### Performance set at Gateway

Joan Stone will present "The Populist March of Annie Diggs" at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Morgan Theater at The Gateway in Oberlin, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

During the Populist period of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Annie Diggs (1848-1916) was organizing, speaking and writing passionately for workers' rights, women's suffrage and fair treatment for farmers.

Ms. Stone, a dancer and historian, performs a lively characterization of Mrs. Diggs through narration, dance and period music. While speaking a text assembled from Annie's writings, she performs gestures and dance forms which give another way of understanding history. Her performance will be accompanied by period music played by pianist Kacey Link.

Ms. Stone, a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and Yale University, teaches dance history and choreography at the University of Kansas. She has performed solo concerts in the United States and Europe and

directed the environmental dance troupe, 4-5-6 Speed-Up, before turning her attention to the reconstruction of Renaissance and Baroque dances for concerts, plays, operas and workshops.

The Kansas Library Association, which was founded by Annie Diggs, commissioned Ms. Stone to create "The Populist March of Annie Diggs" for their centennial celebration in April 2000.

Ms. Link performs regularly as a collaborative artist/accompanist. She has performed as a soloist with the University of Kansas Symphony Orchestra and the Lawrence Chamber Orchestra. Currently, she is pursuing a master's degree in accompanying at the university. She began working with Ms. Stone in 2003, while studying Renaissance and Baroque dance.

Admission is by season ticket or \$10 for adults; \$5 for students at the door.

For details, call Mary Henzel at (785) 475-3329 or Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557.

### Scholarship program set

Dr. Don Udell will speak at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Decatur Community High School cafeteria on how to research, apply for and obtain scholarship money from the corporate private sector.

He is a corporate grant reviewer and grant writer; the program is sponsored by the Decatur County Farm Bureau.

High school juniors and seniors

need to bring a parent with them due to the work involved. Anyone needing money for college, no matter the age, is encouraged to attend. The class fee is \$25 per family, which covers the cost of materials.

To register, call the Farm Bureau office at (785) 475-2238. Registration and the fee are due no later than Monday, Nov. 15.

## New Arrivals

### Jake Lee Voss

Eric and Alysia Voss of Halstead are the parents of a son, Jake Lee Voss, born Oct. 12, 2004, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was welcomed home by a sister, Kyra, 3. Grandparents are Glen and Shirley Rogers, Fairbury, Neb.; Roger and Marlene Voss, Colby; and Dennis and Loretta Brown, Inman.

### Simeon Creed Wassom

Matt and Mary Wassom of Frankfort are the parents of a son, Simeon Creed Wassom, born Oct. 1 and adopted by the Wassoms on Oct. 2. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Don and Karol Wassom, Chester, Neb.; and Howard and Sharon Kessinger, Marysville, but formerly of Oberlin.

### Assembly plans services

The Leonard Reimers will be speaking during services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday at the Oberlin

Assembly of God Church.

They will also hold services at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.



## Planning a Wedding?

**The Oberlin Herald**  
is happy to run  
pictures and stories  
of weddings.

However, we need the information  
within five weeks of the marriage.  
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