

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Staff Sgt. Randy McHugh arrived home Saturday after serving the past year in Iraq. He plans to spend some time with his wife, Kristin, and children, Jordan, Conner and Tyler, before returning to his position as Decatur County sheriff's deputy.

Weekend guests of Larry and Judy Bearley of Oakley were Nora Bearley, and Jerry and Montine Alstrom, Oberlin; Bob and Sharon Bearley, Kensington; Max and Bev Bearley and Isys, Hays; Jim and Sandy Allen, Littleton, Colo.; Justin Bearley and Lori Graf, Cheney; and Mark and Jessi Luck, Wichita.

On Saturday, Larry Bearley was honored with a surprise 50th birthday celebration, with 56 guests. Attending from Oberlin were Joyce Ploussard, Kent Ploussard and Florine Vernon.

Bernice Martin, Lindsay Martin and Stacia Erickson were honored on Saturday, March 19, for their birthdays with a supper at the South-west Cafe in Selden. Others present were Wyatt Wendelin, Heather Cunningham, Kenyon and Gavin Erickson, Lee, Erica and Drew Martin, and Roxie Erickson.

Easter guests of John and Pat Wright were Gary and Mary Stoecker, Michelle, Matt and John of Oakley.

Alice Shirley went to Scott City on Saturday to spend Easter with John and Joan Shirley. Additional guests were Chad and Barbara Shirley and Brooke of Salina.

Word was received by Ralph and Violet Shaw of the death of their niece, Gayla Shaw, 50, of Silver Cliff, Colo., on Feb. 17. She was the daughter of Bonnie (Shaw) Olson, of Boulder, Colo., and the late Kelly Olson. Among other survivors are a brother, David Olson, Lyons, Colo.; and two sisters, Donna Pogreba, Willow Creek, Mont., and Joan Nykamp, Greeley, Colo., and their families. Mail will reach Bonnie Olson at 340 S. 36th St., Boulder, Colo., 80302.

Weekend guests of Bob and Terri Woolsey were Becky Streifel and Tyler Woolsey of Hays.

Easter dinner guests of DeeAnna Krizek were Dave and Jeanette Krizek and Clint, Jennings, and Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Ryan and Shane.

Shirley Shields will present a Master Gardeners seminar on drying flowers at noon on Thursday at The Gateway.

Sunday dinner guests of Don and Charlotte Meints were Mark Walinder and Jenna Patterson, Denver, and Mike Walinder, McCook. Afternoon callers were Heather Harris, Jude and Justice.

Funeral services were held last Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood for Martha (Baalman) Horinek, 89, who died March 17. She was a sister of Helena Bruggeman of Oberlin. Burial was at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Cemetery northwest of Atwood.

Colleen, Justin and Jacob Gee, and Jackie Winder returned home Friday night after spending a week in St. George, Utah, with Colleen's family. While there, they got the house ready, with the help of three of her brothers, for the return of Colleen's parents who have been in two hospitals after her father suffered several mini strokes, followed by three weeks of rehabilitation. Kenny Gee's grandmother, Ruth McQuiston, enjoyed Easter dinner

## Retired airman joins corporation

Dennis L. Barnett has joined Aerospace Integration Corporation (AIC) as vice president, Airborne Systems Division, at Crestview, Fla. Mr. Barnett recently retired from the U.S. Air Force, last serving as director of staff at Headquarters AFSOC. He previously served as vice commander, 16th Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field.

The corporation designs and integrates systems upgrades on special mission aircraft used by America's Special Operations Forces in the war on terrorism. He is the son of Keith and Darlene (Thieler) Barnett of Atwood. He is married to the former Pat Schmidt, daughter of LeRoy and Daisy (Wasson) Schmidt of Achilles. They have three daughters and live in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

with Kenny, Colleen, Justin and Jacob at their home.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Lawrence Wenger, Doris Miller, Wilma May, Floyd Edgett, Max Carman and Doris Miller. Lows went to Barb Solko, Aleen Van Vleet, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett and Floyd Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Wilma May. Bridge winners were Charlotte Meints and Barb Solko. There will be open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday.

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Joe and Regina Stanley flew to Alexandria, La., and visited several days with their daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Andy Hurla. Accompanying them on the trip was Regina's mother, Helena Bruggeman, Oberlin, and their daughter, Jessica Stanley, Hays. Joe's sister, Rosemary Gaede, Houston, Texas, met them there also. While there, they enjoyed a crawfish boil, sightseeing and visiting.

Natalie D. Brown of Oberlin, a graduate student at Kansas State University, gave a poster presentation, "Factors Associated with Child," at the 25th annual Great Plains Students' Psychology Convention held recently in Omaha. She is the daughter of Kevin and Jackie Brown of Oberlin.

Kevin and Sue Renk spent Friday with Floyd and Elaine Bryan.

Buzz and Cynthia Matson returned Saturday from Minnesota where they visited their mothers, Jane Broadwater of Harmony and Audell Matson of Mahtomedi over spring break.

Eugene Van Otterloo underwent lung surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., on Thursday. Mail will reach him at 31st and Central, Box 1990, room 211, Kearney, Neb., 68848; phone (308) 865-7100.

Easter dinner guests of Jack and Karen Metcalf were Randy and Kristin McHugh, Jordan, Conner and Tyler; and Barry and Patti Richards, Curtis, Jonathon and Andrew, Oberlin; Mary and Mike Stephenson, Leavenworth; and Brad Metcalf, San Diego.

Kevin Amack of Meeker, Colo., was an Easter weekend guest of his mother, Mary Ann Amack. His wife, Georgann, and their daughters, Madeline and Annelise, had visited Mrs. Amack from Tuesday to Thursday, enroute to Holdenville Okla., to visit her parents, Jerry and Sue Anderson.

Jim and Shirley Hundley of Ludell were Easter Sunday dinner guests of their daughter and family, Cheryl and Gene Soderlund, Dakota and Cheyenne.

Easter dinner guests of Dale and Eris Young were Ryan and Christy Dejm of Shawnee, and Myrtle Warner. Candy Dejm was ill, so she and her husband Joe were unable to attend.

## Aging Expo scheduled at Gateway

"Full Circle ... an Aging Expo," a conference for care givers, will be offered at The Gateway in Oberlin on Thursday, April 21, and at the First Presbyterian Church in Hays on Friday, April 22.

County Agent Byron Hale said the expo offers participants the choice of three breakout sessions with nine topics to choose from, a keynote speaker, lunch and snacks.

The keynote topic is "Identity Theft and Personal Security" by Scott Teeslink with Kansas Farm Bureau. He has 30 years of experience with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and now works with the Farm Bureau in consumer education.

There will be information about a living will or a durable medical power of attorney, and on the difference between assisted living and a nursing facility.

There will be a trade show with agency and business representatives.

Registration of \$15 is due to the county extension office by Tuesday. For a registration form, contact the extension at 475-8121, the Northwest Research and Extension Center at (785) 462-6281 or DC@lists.oznet.ksu.edu.

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