

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Word was received on Thursday of the death of Liz Kelley of Little Rock, Ark. She was the wife of Don Kelley, a 1949 graduate of Decatur Community High School, and a sister-in-law of Dick and Donna Kelley, and Jim and Carolyn Plotts. Funeral services were held on Tuesday in Little Rock.

Don and Marie Aschwege of Mesa, Ariz., visited relatives and friends in Oberlin from Wednesday to Tuesday. En route, they visited their daughter, Kathleen and Mark Whitney, in Garden City and attended the high school graduation of their daughter, Kayla, then attended the high school graduation in Hays of a grandson, David Aschwege, son of Wayne and Ruth Aschwege.

Jackie Votapka and Bob Wurm drove to Clifton on May 23 to view the newly-constructed rural home of Cade and Jill Winter and Jackson. Joining the group were Denny and Adene Winter of Manhattan and they all had lunch at the Clifton Cafe. The Cade Winter family recently moved from Clay Center and their new address is 820 Second Road, Clifton, Kan., 66937. En route home Bob and Jackie visited Barry and Janeil Baxter, Brock and Jordan Ann in Smith Center.

Harwood Kolsky, Saratoga, Calif., and his son, Franklin and Michele Kolsky, Ivins, Utah, spent the Memorial holiday with relatives and friends. Harwood had lunch on Tuesday with his sister-in-law, Frances Cilek, in Hoisington.

Sophie LeeAnn Nicole Williams, three-month-old daughter of Jeff and Emily Williams, was baptized on Sunday during morning worship services at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin. Officiating was the Rev. Doug Hasty.

Four generations met over the weekend at the home of Jim and Linda Hollowell. They included his brother, Joe Hollowell, Denver; his sister and brother-in-law, Steven and Sherri Hudson, Bria and Brendon, Hudson, Colo.; their daughter, Holli and Christopher Coburn and Jordan, Aurora, Colo.; and his mother, Vera Matthew, Denver. The group enjoyed visiting McCook and Norton, and Great-grandma Vera's homemade blackberry cobbler.

Weekend guests of Dean and Peggy Groneweg were Gib and Elizabeth Dean, Knoxville, Iowa, and Alice (Rubendall) Anderson, Kiowa, Colo.

Faye Lombardi of Lakewood, Colo., was a weekend guest of Odene Koehler. She attended the alumni banquet and visited other relatives and friends.

Marie McKisson attended the Longford High School reunion at the Coachlight Restaurant in Longford on Saturday evening, which included the classes of 1947 through 1953. On Sunday, she attended the all-school reunion in the Longford Grade School. On Sunday evening, she joined relatives for the Wells family reunion at the home of her sister, Janie and Dr. Kent Law at Abilene. Another sister, Carol Barkley of Dallas, accompanied her home to spend a week.

Scott and Deb Goltl, Molly, Matthew and Nathan of Wichita were Memorial Day weekend guests of this parents, Lairy and Beth Goltl, and enjoyed his 20th class reunion. He preached on Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church. He is pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church in Wichita.

JuDee and Bill Benton of Merced, Calif., came to attend her 40th alumni reunion and the wedding of her sister, Barbara Young, of Oberlin, and Ben Duell of Ruleton. They were married Sunday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church immediately following morning worship services by the Rev. Doug Hasty. Among other relatives of the bride who came for the wedding were Allen and Neta Jeffus, Topeka; Mark and Paul Young, Houston; Dr. Dana Young, Miami Beach, Fla., and Kirk and Holly Young and family, Colby.

Harold Miller of Wenatchee, Wash., and his daughter, Jolene Miller, of Everett, Wash., left Monday after spending a week visiting his sister, Mildred Holmdahl. Other visitors were Max and Marlene Miller, Gold Canyon, Ariz.; and Janet Vermillion and grandson, Erik Vermillion, El Dorado. Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Holmdahl were Harold Miller, Jolene Miller, Mr.

and Mrs. Max Miller, Mrs. Vermillion and Erik, Linda and Lyn Tomasch, Olathe; Randy Miller, Plainville; John and Dianne Bremer, Kristen and Jessica, and Mike and Janeil Jensen, Oberlin. Evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Ron Miller and Joe of Great Bend.

Nick Hague of McPherson placed fourth in the state 5-A golf tournament held May 23 at Iron Woods Country Club in Overland Park. He is the son of Ray Hague of McPherson, and the grandson of Dorothy Hague of Lubbock, Texas. He plans to major in business at the University of Kansas. Dorothy Hague attended his graduation exercises in McPherson on May 21.

Elsie Wolters was a Friday lunch and dinner guest of Becky, Fernando and Ian Peña of Colby. Jack Everett and Jennifer Roberts of Nebraska were callers at the Gus Wolters home on Saturday. Mr. Roberts came for his alumni celebration. Becky and Ian Peña were Saturday lunch and dinner guests at the Wolters home. Gus and Elsie visited Dorothy Wolters at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood on Sunday afternoon.

A family gathering Sunday at the Frontier Restaurant included Gary and Judy Vaughn, Henderson, Colo.; Tonie Owens, John and Mark, Suwanee, Ga.; Tamra Owen, Kansas City, Mo.; Todd and Laura Vaughn, Megan and Hannah, Brighton, Colo.; Jan Evans, Rose Hill; Kelvin and Katie Lemaster, Scott City; David and Linda Porter, Winona, and Cecil Hess, Oberlin.

Sherri Ayers and Shannon of Great Bend were Friday overnight guests of Mike and Janeil Jensen.

Weekend guests of Vernon and Jeanette Diederich were Steven and Melissa Wurm and Emily of Dayton, Texas. Additional supper guests on Sunday to help Beverly Witt and Steven Wurm celebrate their birthdays were Eugene Witt, and Dennis and Pat Wurm.

Steve and Chris Hess of Overland Park were Memorial weekend guests of his mother, Cecil Hess. Other callers were Helen Riepl, Cimarron; John Riepl, Overland Park; Gary and Suzy Riepl, St. Joseph, Mo.; and Greg Riepl, Edmond, Okla.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Veanna Carman, Dorothy Moore, Wilma May, Henry Edgett, Merle Shirley and Max Carman. Lows went to Aleen Van Vleet, Wilma May, Merle Shirley, Floyd

Edgett, Vivian Bishop and Veanna Carman. Pitch highs were won by Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Wilma May. Bridge winners were Dorothy Corcoran and Leone Purton.

Herschel and Jody Betts returned Monday from Leawood where they visited their son, Gene Betts, and family and attended the graduation of their grandson, Michael, from Blue Valley North High School on Sunday at Kemper Arena. Their daughter-in-law, Jan, had flown to Charlottesville, Va., to attend the graduation of their daughter, Anne, from the University of Virginia, also on Sunday. Anne will begin work July 1 with Citibank in New York City.

Taylor Van Otterloo, daughter of Larry and Mary Van Otterloo of Manhattan, was baptized during morning services on Sunday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. Officiating was the Rev. Doug Hasty. A dinner followed at the home of Gary and Leola Zodrow. Those present were Laurel and Virginia Almquist, Sue Myer and Derrick, Smith Center; Tina Earl, Monument, Colo.; Steve and Lori Zodrow and Brenda, Norton; Mory and Deena Zodrow, Ray and Lara, Elmer and Delores Zodrow, Cecilia and George Brown, Larry Van Otterloo Sr., Laurene Van Otterloo, and Karolyn Muirhead, Oberlin; Ruth Peters and Amber Saliba, Hays; Marie Vacura, Pueblo, Colo.; and Larry and Mary Van Otterloo, Aubrey and Taylor, Manhattan.

Mark, Julie and Brandon Hubbard were houseguests of Gail and Kay Marcuson last weekend. Additional guests for a barbecue on Memorial Day were Brad, Elaine, Sarah and Jared Marcuson, Stuart and Mary Henzel, Mona Zumalt of Reno, Nev., Zane and Gladys Geis, and Brian Keahey.

Memorial weekend guests of Mary Ann Amack were Kevin Amack, Madeline and Annelise of Meeker, Colo., and John and Shelly Ahrens, Trevor and Peyton, Dallas. Kevin's wife, Georgann Amack, had gone to visit her father, Jerry Anderson, who was hospitalized in Oklahoma City. They received word of his death on Sunday.

Guests this week of Herschel and Jody Betts are his cousin's daughter and family, Moya and Steve Monroe, Landon and Parker of Newport Beach, Calif. Moya is the granddaughter of the late Fay and Helen Betts, natives of Norcatur.



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Decatur Educational Foundation will benefit students and school

Alumni guests heard about the new Decatur Community Educational Foundation from Dr. Mark Olson, president of the planning committee, and Marvin Matchett, who narrated a slide presentation at the banquet Saturday night.

The men told about the purpose of the foundation and how alumni can become part of its success.

Dr. Olson said a group of Decatur Community High alumni and community leaders joined to create a foundation to raise money for the Oberlin School District to promote educational excellence.

Mr. Matchett pointed out that a tradition of excellence at the high school continues today, but the district faces many challenges, among them declining enrollment, reduced state funding, aging facilities and the demand for ever-changing technology.

He said that the Decatur Community Educational Fund will provide grants to support educational needs of all kinds for all ages. These could be used for educational tools and supplies, improving facilities of the Oberlin schools, technology equipment and educational field trips, and other educational needs.

The Decatur Community Scholarship Fund will allow anyone to support the education of high school graduates. Scholarships will be awarded to graduates who want to attend college or other post-secondary schools. A selection committee will determine the application process and awarding of the scholar-

ships.

After some research, the planning team decided to form a partnership with the Greater Salina Community Foundation. Bob Salem Jr., a Decatur Community High School alumnus, serves as the certified public accountant for the agency. This foundation has a proven record of working with several Kansas communities, including Concordia, Russell, Lindsborg, McPherson and Hays. By going with the established foundation, the men said, they will be able to begin immediately to work on raising funds and making grants to serve students here. The Greater Salina Community Foundation, in turn, will get 1 percent of the invested funds as a management fee.

"Our partnership with the foundation relieves us of much of the administrative burden of managing these funds. Through our partnership with this foundation and their status as a ... non-profit organization, each donation is tax deductible," Mr. Matchett said.

There are several levels of support and recognition available to alumni or friends of the school district:

- Founders Club: Limited-time opportunity for a donor to contribute a minimum donation of \$10,000 (or \$2,000 per year over five years). Donations may be earmarked to either the Educational or Scholarship fund or both. Deadline is June 1, 2006.*
- Decatur Visionary: \$5,000 or more*
- Decatur Advocate: \$2,500 to

- \$4,999*
- Decatur Donor: \$1,000 to \$2,499*
- *Name listed in annual report and engraved on school plaque.
- D-Club \$500 to \$999**
- Red Devil: \$100 to \$499**
- Little Devil: \$50 to \$99**
- **Name listed in annual report.

Other options to consider would be naming either fund in a will, or as a beneficiary of an Individual Retirement Account, life insurance policy or estate. A friend or loved one may also be listed in the Book of Memory or individuals may become leaders by joining the Founders' Club. Gifts can be in the form of cash, property, stocks or bonds.

"The ability of rural schools with our declining enrollment to keep pace with growing urban districts is becoming more difficult each year. We believe with this foundation, USD 294 will not only be able to continue its tradition of excellence, but raise the bar even higher for future generations of students," said Paul Shields, a member of the planning team.

Other officers are Jill Anderson Reichert, Col. Gary Allen, Colleen Unger Rittmann, Ken Badsky, Jane Gilliam, and Roland May. Questions may be directed any team member or go to www.dcef.org or email give@dcef.org.

All donations are tax deductible. Checks may be mailed to the Decatur Community Education Fund, Box 274, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Oberlin grad earns degree at KU

Adam Lohoefer received a Bachelor of Science in engineering and physics with a concentration in digital systems design during commencement on May 22 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. He was selected by the School of Engineering as the outstanding senior in engineering physics for the year 2005.

His grandparents are Ray and Phyllis Lohoefer, and Duane and Carol Witt, also of Oberlin.

He has been accepted into the masters program of Electrical Engineering at the University of Kansas where he will be working as a graduate research assistant for the Center of Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets. He will work with other research scientists at the center, which received a \$19 million grant from the

National Science Foundation, in studying polar ice sheets and their potential effect on sea levels.

Through airborne radar, data is collected at bases in Greenland and Antarctica, then computed by mathematical formulas to predict whether the ice sheets will disappear or otherwise change the internal thermodynamics of the earth. The center formally opens in June, under the direction of Prasad Gogineni, professor of electrical engineering and computer science at the University of Kansas.



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