

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Arlo and Bonnie Wurm have returned home from Kearney, Neb., where he was hospitalized for several surgeries at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Rob and Emilie Berls graduated recently from Michigan State University. He received a Master of Fine Arts in Stage and Lighting Design and his wife received a Master of Fine Arts in Costuming and Clothing Design. After working summer theater at the university, they will be moving to North Carolina, where both have accepted employment. He is the son of Bob and Marie Berls of Oberlin and is a 1994 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Cody and Gina John and sons, Colton, 5, and Payton, 1 1/2, have moved to a farm home southeast of Oberlin, which they purchased from Bob Russell. He is employed as a cook at The Gateway. They moved to Oberlin from Las Vegas, Nev.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson visited last week with their daughter and family, Debbie and Dale Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe at Chitopa. En route home, Mrs. Erickson met Karen Metcalf of Oberlin and Jean Roberts of Atwood and all enjoyed tours of homes and businesses at Pawnee Rock, Great Bend, Larned and Otis with the League of Prairie Women from Leavenworth on Friday and Saturday.

Merald and Pam Van Vleet, Ravyn and Allisa of Waverly, Mo., and Mrs. Gary Grose of Longmont, Colo., were weekend guests of Eileene Grose, and Sid and Cheryl Metcalf and Shannon. They and Shad and Jody Metcalf, Bryson and Seanna of Colby all attended the wedding of Brooke McConville and Mitchell Nelms at the Peace Lutheran Church in McCook on Saturday. The bride is the granddaughter of Eileene Grose and a niece of Cheryl Metcalf, Pam Van Vleet and Gary Grose.

Doris Miller was honored by her family with an open house on Saturday at Golden Age Center to honor her on her 75th birthday. Family members attending included her sister, Ruth and Don Pickering, Wichita; her brother, Ralph Tittel, Salina; her sister, Verdine and Clyde Peddycord, Greeley, Colo.; her daughter, Connie and Jack Hunter, Lyons; her sons, Roger Miller, Clarksville, Tenn.; and Richard and Wendy Miller, Loveland, Colo.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Charlene Hover and daughters of Colorado Springs were weekend guests of her sister, Marianna Bendon, and Karla Jones to help Mrs. Bendon celebrate her 80th birthday, which is today.

Jerry and Sharon Schuetz returned home Monday, June 9, from a five-day fishing trip. They accompanied their daughter and family, Kathy and Steve Campbell and Joshua to Poudre Canyon, Colo., and West Lake for a weekend of trout fishing and enjoyed a nice fish fry Sunday evening.

Dani Dorshorst was named to the Dean's List at Chadron State College for the spring semester. It requires a grade point average of at least 3.5 on the 4.0 scale. She is a natural sciences major, is a starter on the volleyball team and is a member of Cardinal Key National Honor Society. Her parents are Duane and Pat Dorshorst of Oberlin.

Mona Zumwalt, Reno, Nev., spent nine days visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Stuart Henzel last week. They visited the Archway Monument in Kearney, Neb., as well as taking in the Decatur County Museum car show and Memorial Day activities.

Rena Unger, daughter of Kevin and Jeanie Unger of Oberlin, earned

## Job fair set at Colby

A Construction Job Fair for the Fort Riley expansion project will be held next Tuesday at the Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth, in Colby.

It will begin at 3 p.m. and run through 7 p.m. For details, call the Colby Workforce Center at (785) 462-6862.

academic recognition at Independence Community College. She was named to the Dean's Honor Roll (3.5).

Bob and Terri Woolsey of Oberlin and Tyler Woolsey and his fiancée, Becky Streifel, of Hays, attended the wedding of Capt. Tanner Woolsey and Kaori Saso, on Maui Island, Hawaii, on June 6.

Sarah Marcuson, Kelly Olson, Marcie Metcalf, Makenzie Nelson and Susan Nelson are on a European tour with the Kansas Singing Ambassadors.

Bryson Metcalf was honored on his fourth birthday with a barbecue Sunday evening at the home of his parents, Shad and Jody Metcalf, and Seanna, in Colby. Guests included Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Kay and Bob Gaskill, Eileene Grose, Charles Corcoran, Shannon Metcalf, Oberlin; Guy Gaskill and Timo Riedle (an exchange student from Germany), Winona; and Guy and Wendy Coertze, London, England.

Stan and Sonya Chapin joined their daughter, Regan Blanchard and their granddaughter, Erin Blanchard, for the Smoky Hill River Festival in Salina on Friday. The Chapins and Erin also made the front page of *The Salina Journal* as they relaxed under their tarp to block out both the rain and sun. Regan, who formerly lived in Salina, drove there from Kentucky for the event.

Corine Denton of Topeka visited from Wednesday to Saturday with her parents, Floyd and Elaine Bryan, and her brother, Floyd and Dale Marie Bryan and family. Elaine Bryan is recuperating satisfactorily after undergoing knee replacement surgery in McCook last week.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Brewster United Methodist Church for Dorothy Dawn Crumbaker, 89, who died June 6 at Prairie Senior Living Center in Colby. Her husband, Don, preceded her in death. She was the grandmother of Mrs. Brad (Angie) Erickson.

Relatives of Janice Scott Kurth attended funeral services recently for her husband, Arvin Kurth, in Imperial, Neb. Those from Kansas included: Ronald and Chris Scott, Washington; Doris Fringer, Bill and Ina Marie Goodnight, Dick and Linda Weber, Judy Scott, Deanna Castle and Carolyn Shirley, Oberlin.

Ryan Agan of Oberlin and Travis Rice of Wilsonville, Neb., are among students who graduated with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in heating, air conditioning and refrigeration at Central Community College in Hastings, Neb., during its 38th annual commencement ceremonies on May 7.

Kevin and Christie (Neff) Rasure of Goodland, who own and operate Rasure Lumber Do It Center in Goodland, have purchased Golden Hardware in Colby. Their son, Dan, who ran for the state senate last year, will spend much of his time at the Colby store. Mrs. Rasure is the daughter of Don and Geraldine Neff of Oberlin. The couple will continue to live in Goodland.

Among area students who were named to the Dean's Honor Roll (3.75-3.99) for the spring semester at Colby Community College was

Bruce Focke, Ludell. Those named to the President's Honor Roll (4.0) were Lori Ziegelmeier, Gem; Andrea Burmaster, Amber Lorentz and Amy McDougal, Oberlin; and Andrew Bird, Dana Broeckelman, and Michele Goscha, Selden.

David Morris, son of Ken and Christie Morris, has received an academic scholarship and a McClelland Scholarship to attend Hastings College for the 2005-2006 academic year. He is a 2005 graduate of Decatur Community High School and plans to major in chemistry.

Among area students who were named to the 2004/2005 National Honor Roll were: Kellen Doeden, Gannon Reichert and Jeremy Tally, Oberlin; Destry Jackson, Norcatur; Jacob Kramer and Connie Gassman, Clayton; Chelsea Morgan and Miles Morgan, Danbury; and Renae Solko, Herndon. The honor roll recognized high-achieving high school and middle school students.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Wilma May, Aleen Van Vleet, Dorothy Moore and Kelva Swindler. Lows went to Veanna Carman, Aleen Van Vleet, Max Carman, Wilma May, Barb Solko and Estella Waldo. Pitch highs were won by Wilma May and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Merle Shirley. Bridge winners were Phyllis Lohoefer and Annette Miller. Senior potluck at Golden Age Center at 12:15 p.m. Sunday.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson, and Gail and Kay Marcuson attended the Kansas Ambassadors concert at Wichita State University in Wichita on Friday afternoon. They and Leslie Marcuson attended the wedding of Luke Waldo and Rebecca Roger on Saturday evening in Topeka. Gail and Kay were houseguests of Rick, Sally and Grady Marcuson in Overland Park.

Among those who attended a bridal shower honoring Keely Witt at the home of Cindy and Megan Howe in Wood River, Neb., on Saturday were James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney, Oberlin; Eugene and Beverly Witt, Danbury; Carolyn Schultz, St. Francis; Sandy Kincaid, Norton; Karen Wilson, Hays; Evelyn Wilson, WaKeeney, and Cindy, Megan and Brianna Brunzell, Grand Island, Neb. She will be married on Aug. 6 to Chris Wilson of Kearney, Neb.

Those who attended the barbecue last Monday evening at the home of Karla and John Sullivan, Jerad and Dustin, in Colby were Katrina Jones, Jerry and Michelle Leitner, Payson, Ariz.; Claudia Bryant and Christina Darr, Fort Myers, Fla.; Jeff and Haley McLade and Braden, Savannah, Ga.; Jeremy and Jason Bryant, Manhattan; Andy and Elaine Leitner, Oberlin; Jerald and Carolyn Timm, Atwood; and Justin Timm, Colby. Mrs. Leitner received calls from South Africa from Bill and Sheila Rice, and also from Tennessee, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska for her 80th birthday.

Bayley Bryan returned home Sunday from New York City, where she spent a week visiting her sister, Beth, who is employed there.

## 33rd annual craft fair set

The 33rd annual Zeta Mu Christmas Craft and Selected Gift Show will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20, at the 4-H Building and Russell National Guard Armory in Russell. There are still spaces available.

Call Melissa, Brenda or Janice at Stoppel Supply (785) 483-5351, Connie at (785) 483-2900, or Tricia at (785) 483-7388, or write Box 205, Russell, Kan., 67665.

## Educator receives new computer

Becky Ayers of Oberlin, owner and teacher of "Kids First" Learning Center in Oberlin, is one of the first early childhood educators in north-west Kansas to receive a computer from Smart Start Northwest Kansas.



Becky Ayers

Smart Start works to promote and enhance quality early childhood education. The Learning Center, at 505 East Ash in Oberlin, will open in September.

Mrs. Ayers has a bachelors degree in physical education from Fort Hays State University and earned an elementary endorsement from St. Mary's of the Plain College. She brings 20 years of teaching experience from pre-school through high

school to the center and has taught pre-school in Herndon and Oberlin.

"Kids First" Learning Center will house two pre-school programs, one for 3 year olds and one for 4-5 year olds, during the morning and afternoon. She will also provide an after-school program for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. Middle school and high school tutoring will be available in the evenings.

"While teaching at the middle school level," Mrs. Ayers said, "I saw how many kids couldn't keep up because so often no one was at home to help. Parents often have trouble helping when they are available because their older children

may be learning things they themselves were never taught. Oberlin has day cares, but nothing for the older children, and I want to help kids stay on track."

Smart Start furnished "Kids First" Learning Center with a computer through their business initiative program. Area businesses and individuals donate their old computers to Smart Start, and Northwest Kansas Technical College computer technology students refurbish the equipment.

Smart Start then distributes the computers to early childhood educators who have completed the Computer Concepts and Applications for Childcare Providers course sponsored by Smart Start and the Colby Community College Resource and Referral Agency.

## Retired college instructor honored

Tom Purvis, a 1967 graduate of Decatur Community High School, was honored at a reception on Friday at the Northwest Kansas Technical College at Goodland.

He started as a student in the Automotive Technology Program. After graduating, he took a job in Oberlin as a service writer and technician with Kump Motor Co. Three years

later, he was offered a job teaching at the college. He served the department for 33 1/2 years.

His wife is the former Patti Cathcart and their family includes Tracy and Jenette Purvis, Goodland; J.D. Purvis, Burlington, Colo.; Mandy and Justin McClung, Hays; and Randy and Corey Heinrich, Dallas.



Tom Purvis

## Annual writers retreat planned

The eighth annual Sappa Creek Writers Retreat will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Oberlin Covenant Church, 810 W. Cedar.

Theme will be "Catching Your

Dreams." Those attending should bring two very short pieces of their writing to share with the group. There will be a continental breakfast from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

The event is sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission; registration is \$40. For details, call Barbara Dehlinger at (785) 475-3344 or Merlou Robinson at (785) 475-3289.

## Oberlin graduate competes in rodeo finals

Chance Harman is competing in the Saddle Bronc event at the 2005 College National Finals Rodeo at 7 p.m. nightly at the Casper Events Center in Casper, Wyo., this week.

This is the first trip for Harman, a freshman at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture. He is the son of Ron and Renee Harman of Nor-

catuur. Every June the best college cowboys and cowgirls from the United States and Canada enter this arena in an effort to win national titles in saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, team roping, barrel racing, break-away roping and goat tying. Stu-

dents also compete for over \$200,000 in scholarships from the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co. Scholarship Awards Program.

Event standings can be found at <http://www.cnfr.com/>. The rodeo is sponsored by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

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