

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
People in
Our Community
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Bob and Marian Fraker and Phil Fraker returned home Wednesday from Fallon, Nev., where they visited Steve and Kathy Fraker and family. On Saturday, June 18, they attended the wedding reception of their granddaughter and niece, Rayanne and her husband, Gavin Sorensen, who were married in January. The newlyweds live in Fallon.

Gary and Lorraine Capley of Nipomo, Calif., came Saturday and are visiting until today with her aunt, Laurene Van Otterloo.

Karen Burkey of Littleton, Colo., came Sunday and is visiting her mother, Ila Ray, and sister, Vicky Ray, until Thursday.

Carrie Spresser, daughter of Robert "Coop" and Donna (Roe) Spresser of Atwood, is one of 16 University of Nebraska at Kearney students selected to serve as Chancellor's Ambassadors for the 2005-2006 school year. Ambassadors are chosen based on their involvement in campus activities, academic achievement, leadership ability, knowledge of the university and communication skills. She is a graduate of Atwood High School and her parents are graduates of Decatur Community High School.

Capt. Tanner Woolsey accompanied his parents, Bob and Terri Woolsey, to Oberlin on Monday after being released from Research Medical Center in Kansas City and will be recuperating at their home from Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Kala Bose, Nakita and Darian, Sammy Meitl and Brittany Urban went to Lake View Lodge near Stratton, Neb., for a Girl Scout camp from Tuesday through Friday. Mrs. Bose and Nakita took Darian to Kearney, Neb., over the weekend, where she will be attending the Nebraska Youth Church Camp for two weeks. Darian will attend camp for

her age group for two weeks in July at the same location.

Neighbors who enjoyed a block party Thursday evening at the home of Frank and Margaret McEvoy were Lisa and Serena Stacy, Byron and Phyllis McCartney, Florine Vernon, Chris and Kasey May, Kaylee, Kelsey and Hunter, Robert and Penny Fringer and Sarah, Aiden Humphrey, Edna Mott, Patty McIntire, Joan and Kristy Evans, and Leon and Connie Miller and Jamie.

Saturday visitors of Floyd and Elaine Bryan were her sisters, LaVerna Sallans and her son, Dr. Gary Sallans, of Aurora, Neb., and Shirley and Bill Jones of Utica. They were en route to Culbertson, Neb., to attend the 50th wedding anniversary open house which honored Wayne and Betty Grafel. They also visited John and Mildred Grafel at Herndon.

Sara Pickett, Amy McDougal and Jennie Swart, who graduated on May 14 in the Licensed Practical Nursing Program from Colby Community College, have been accepted into the registered nursing program at the college. They will begin classes on Aug. 15. All were named to the 4.0 honor roll for the spring semester.

Lori Wilson of Greeley, Colo., spent Saturday of Father's Day weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gerdes.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Veanna Carman, Wilma May, Doris Miller, Henry Edgett and Max Carman. Lows went to Floyd Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet, Doris Gilbert, Merle Shirley, Vivian Bishop, Barb Solko and Max Carman. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Wilma May with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet. Bridge winners were Ila Ray, Leona Purton and Marie McKisson. There will open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Secretary needs farmers' input

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has announced the first Farm Bill Forum and topics the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be seeking input on from America's farmers, ranchers and rural residents regarding the development of the 2007 Farm Bill.

The next farm bill will affect America's entire agricultural community," he said. "That's why I want to ask farmers and ranchers how our farm policy is working and how we can make it better. I believe very strongly that they deserve a voice in this process."

The first Farm Bill Forum will be held in Nashville, Tenn., from 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, at RFD-TV Northstar Studios.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the forum, which will be broadcast live on RFD-TV.

In addition to accommodating some 300 in the audience, the forum also will accept calls from across the nation.

The 2002 Farm Bill, which authorizes many of the programs operated by the agriculture department, expires with the 2007 crop year.

Secretary Johanns noted that he was approaching the forums with an open mind. "I do not begin this process with preconceived notions about the direction future farm policy should take," he said. "We will use the feedback we receive to help us determine the best course for a new farm bill."

Throughout 2005, he and other senior agriculture officials will participate in the Farm Bill Forums that will be held across the country. The dates, locations and times will be announced as they

are scheduled and be available on website <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>. The public will be invited to attend the forums and present oral comments.

As the current Farm Bill covers a diverse array of program areas, six topics have been identified to provide a framework for the forums. Primary topics addressed at the forums will reflect various concerns affecting rural Americans such as commodity, conservation, and rural economic development issues. In addition, some will be dedicated to other important programs authorized by the farm bill, such as food assistance, research and education programs.

The agriculture department will be seeking public discussion on farm policy considerations regarding: the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture in global and domestic markets; challenges facing new farmers and ranchers as they enter agriculture; appropriateness and effectiveness of the distribution of farm program benefits; achievement of conservation and environmental goals; and enhancement of rural economic growth and opportunities to expand agriculture products, markets and research.

The public will be invited to provide comments on six specific questions, which have been published in the June 17, 2005 Federal Register. Comments will be accepted at public forums or submitted via Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/> by selecting "Farm Bill Forums," by email to FarmBill@usda.gov or by mail to Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, Farm Bill, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-3355.

Grants available for adult classes

Students in the Colby Community College Adult Basic Education program can get help with child care and commuting costs.

Director Nance Munderloh said the college received a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation to help with those costs.

The program served 149 students in northwest Kansas last year. Instructors help participants raise their skill levels in math, reading and writing as well as preparing for the General Equivalency Degree exam, which leads to a high school diploma awarded by the state Board of Regents.

One of the programs is Workplace Essentials, which includes instruction in correct methods to complete applications, writing letters of application, creating resumés, interviewing tips and suggestions to obtain, keep and improve job skills. Basic technology classes are offered three times each year.

Munderloh said new programs will be available this fall.

"New this fall at the Colby site is a 'Money Manager' seminar," she said. "The course includes instruction on budgeting, balancing checkbooks and bank statements, understanding pay stubs, banking ser-

vices, credit and savings."

The Adult Education program has also developed a course designed to serve potential military recruits to raise their skill levels in preparation for taking enlistment tests. Skills required are essentially the same as those required for the GED but are in a slightly different format.

Joe Mildrexler, dean of community services, said the college is considering new ventures.

"New partnerships are being explored in Hays, where the Adult Basic Education program has shown significant growth," said Mildrexler. "The center will be open an additional two evenings a week and a variety of courses and seminar-style classes will be offered."

The college will offer Fasttrack courses in areas not served by a Colby site.

"Program emphasis is being placed on bringing in more partners and specifically targeting their needs," said Mildrexler. "Quality programming with satisfied partners means great word-of-mouth advertising."

There is no charge for Adult Education instruction. Contact Munderloh at (785) 462-3984, ext. 261.

Queen candidates sought for Phillipsburg Rodeo

Cowgirls are being sought for the 20th annual Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen Contest.

The competition, open to single women ages 17 to 26, will be judged in four phases: speech, modeling, horsemanship and a written test. The

winner will be crowned on Thursday, Aug. 4, during the opening ceremonies of the 76th annual rodeo.

For an application or details, call Carol Fischer at (785) 653-2222 or Hollie Rynnion, (785) 689-7419.

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The afternoon of music is comprised of a set by Tex and Mary, a set by Call of the West, and a final set with the two duos combined, with what they call their "Bait Shop Quartet."

Tickets are \$10 per person and will be available at the door. Call (956) 792-5151 or (308) 423-2340.

Ministry plans August retreat

Rachel's Vineyard Ministry will hold its next retreat Friday to Sunday, Aug. 5-7, for anyone affected by abortion.

The location is kept private to protect the confidentiality of those who attend.

"This retreat is not only for women who have had abortions, but for men, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, married couples and anyone affected by the loss of abortion," said Donetta Robben, retreat director. Call her at (785) 623-7531 or e-mail healing@soulcommunications.net.

Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary Bob and Helen Gaines



Bob and Helen were married fifty years ago on July 15, 1955 in Oberlin, Kansas. Since 1971 they have been residents of Brighton, Colo. They have four children who wish to honor their parents on this special golden anniversary with love, laughter, pictures and many memories. There will be an open house reception on Saturday, July 16, 2005 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Fourway Baptist Church, 9996 C.R. 41, Ft. Lupton, Co. 80621.

Their children are Marty and Peggy Gaines of Clarks Corner, MO., Valli Troester of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Bob and Celeste Gaines of Salina, Kan., and Jim and Olwen Peters of Brighton, Colo. Bob and Helen have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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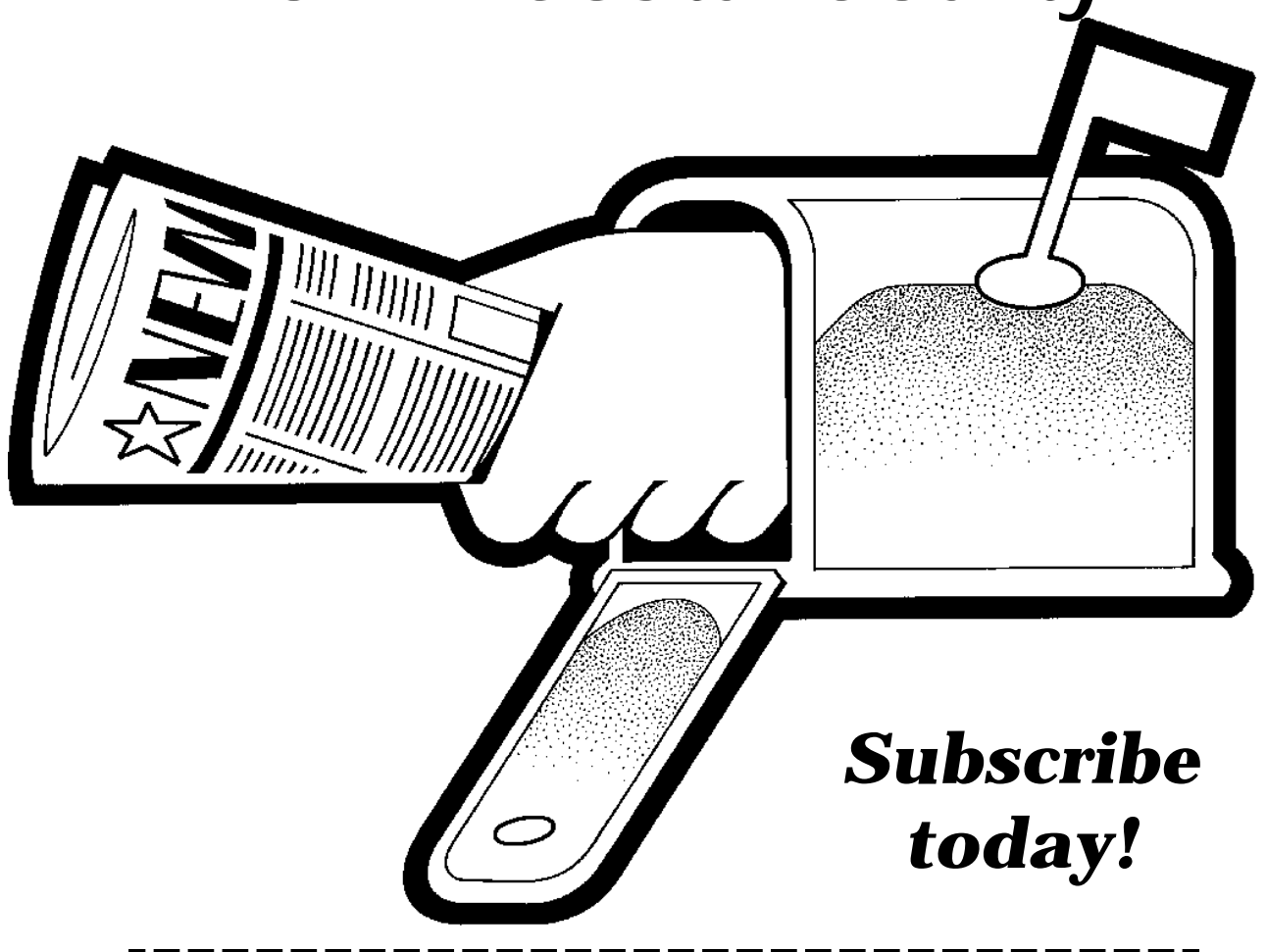
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