

People in Our Community

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Bob and Alice Stanley and Kari, and Josh Williby spent the Fourth of July weekend in Lenexa, where they visited their son, Derek and Diana (Stanley), and made the acquaintance of their infant grandson, Isaac Paul, who was born July 1.

George and Willa Ruzicka returned to Oberlin on July 6. They spent from June 17 to July 5 with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Johnson, at Tok, Alaska. They enjoyed halibut and salmon fishing and the beautiful scenery which the state has to offer.

Barbara Leitner returned to her home in Farmington, N.M., after spending a week visiting her parents, Gene and Marcella Leitner. They met their other daughters, Patricia Tongish and Lesley, and Donna Wilson at Hays to spend a day together. Barbara had just returned home after touring southern Spain for two weeks.

Ken and Sheila Frahm of Colby observed their 40th wedding anniversary on Monday. Their children and grandchildren are Amy and Scott Frank; Pam, Ed, Collin and Reagan Geihler, and Chrissie Frahm. Their address is Box 849, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner attended funeral services for Mrs. Roy (Alma) Wendelin on July 1 in Denver. Roy Wendelin is a cousin of Jerald and Gene Leitner of Oberlin.

Flora (Boutz) Edwards of Clarkston, Wash., came to Oberlin Monday, then went on to Norton to visit her sister, Frances Mosier. On Tuesday, they attended funeral services at Liberal for their brother, Luther Boutz, 78, who died on Thursday. Both women are graduates of Decatur Community High School.

—After Harvest Brunch Buffet, Sunday, July 17, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.

Patricia Lance of Springfield, Mo., and Teresa Hawkins and Jacquelin Dykeshorn of Fountain, Colo., visited over the weekend with Marianna Bendon and Karla Jones. Mrs. Lance and Mrs. Bendon are sisters.

H. Gene Shoemaker, former pastor of the Oberlin United Methodist Church, has been hospitalized in Colby. Mail will reach him at 1208 Court Place, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Earl and Elsie Winder returned home Sunday from Denver, where they spent the weekend. Their sis-

ter-in-law, Betty Craig, of Tucson, Ariz., had come a month ago to visit them, then accompanied them to Kansas City where they picked up a granddaughter, Kaitlyn Winder, of North Carolina. They visited her father, Kent Winder, and family in Joplin, Mo., and also vacationed at Branson, Mo. Mrs. Craig left from Denver for her home.

Nick Anderson, son of Tom and Karen Anderson, was named to the honor roll for outstanding academic performance during the spring semester at McPherson College. He graduated in May and he is preparing to go to Chicago, where he will be employed by Ajax Auto Restoration. Their other son, Andy Anderson, is doing an unofficial internship for a former youth pastor, the Rev. Don Chester, at Norfolk, Neb. Since both of their sons graduated on the same day, Tom and Karen Anderson, Andy, Krystal and Tiffany attended the McPherson College Car Show earlier in May as a substitute for Nick's graduation there. Nick was also pictured in a front-page graduation article of the *McPherson Sentinel*.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy returned home Wednesday from Hotchkiss, Colo., where they spent 10 days visiting their son, Evan McEvoy, Renee and Alex. Frank was hospitalized in Oberlin after their return with a knee infection.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner spent the weekend in Pierre, S.D., with Bob and Arlene Harvey of Chelsey, Mich. The two couples are winter friends at Fulton, Texas.

Doris Miller is recuperating satisfactorily from surgery and expects to return to Oberlin from Kearney, Neb., with Betty Salem today.

Cynthia Haynes visited her mother, Emma Desilet, in Concordia, on Friday. They were joined for supper by their sister and daughter, Marie Cairns.

—Sign up for carnival rides or games. 475-3351 or 475-3715.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Veanna Carman, Floyd Edgett, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Merle Shirley and Max Carman. Lows went to Aleen Van Vleet, Max Carman, Veanna Carman, Floyd Edgett and Barb Solko. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Merle Shirley and Dorothy Moore. Bridge winners were Annette Miller and Charlotte Meints.

merce, was killed, and Mrs. Harbaugh, his sister-in-law, was flown to a hospital in Kearney, Neb., then later released. Neither Stuart Harbaugh nor his passenger, 7-year-old Corey Harbaugh, of Great Bend, was injured in the crash.

Mr. Gore is a former Oberlin resident and a 1968 graduate of Decatur Community High School. His wife, Judy Murphy, is publisher of *The Great Bend Tribune*.

Gore death ruled accident

Gary Gore, 54, of Great Bend died Sunday, July 3, after a personal watercraft accident at Wilson Lake. The Russell County sheriff's office said he was a passenger on a craft piloted by Vivian Harbaugh, 54, also of Great Bend, when it suddenly slowed and was struck from behind by a second craft driven by Stuart Harbaugh, 25, of Wichita. Mr. Gore, who was president of the Great Bend Chamber of Com-

Man serves in Saudi Arabia

Maj. Shon Severns of Norton is serving with the U.S. Army in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He is the son of Neil and Donna (Vacura) Severns of Norton and a nephew of Frances Vacura of Oberlin and the late DeWayne Vacura. He graduated from high school at Lexington, Neb., and enlisted in the officer training program when

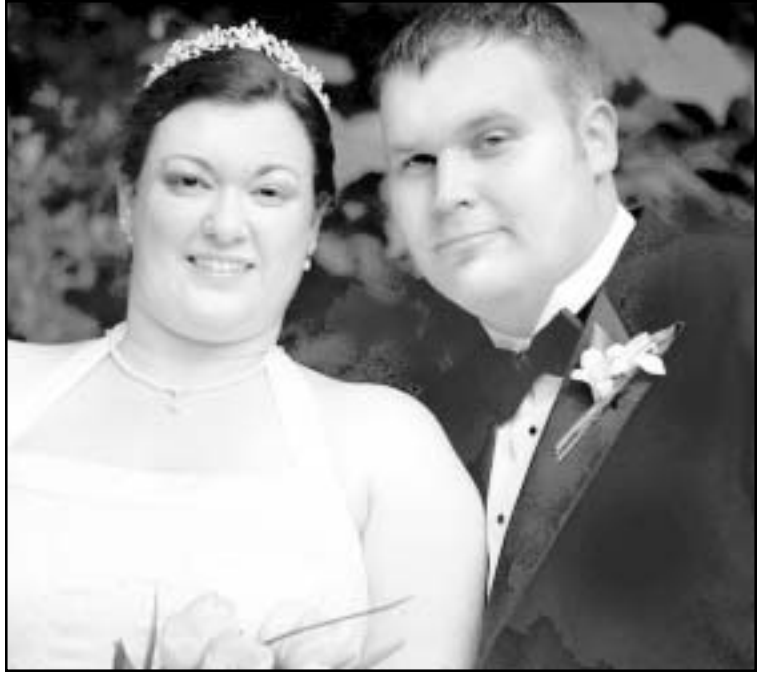


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he was at the University of Nebraska. He took basic training at Fort Hood, Texas, and has served in Germany, Bosnia and Kosovo.

He advises the Saudi Arabia National Guard on medical logistics issues.

He and his wife, Buffie, have two children, Chandler, 11, and Justus, 5. Mail will reach him at OPM, SANG, Unit 61304, APO AE 09803-



Amanda and Trinity Homewood

Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Amanda Jo Buchholz and Trinity Bruce Homewood exchanged wedding vows during a double-ring ceremony at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2005, at the James Madison University Arboretum in Harrisonburg, Va.

Parents of the couple are Jim and Jeri Buchholz, Oberlin, and Tom and Terry Homewood, Sedgwick. The bride, escorted by her father, wore a white satin halter style gown with an A-line skirt that flowed into a chapel-length train. The bodice was embellished with floral embroidery accented with pearls and Austrian crystals. The gown featured a lace-up back and white satin buttons. Her veil of illusion fell from a tiara of crystals and pearls. She carried a bouquet of white tulips.

Meg Dalmut, Springfield, Va., was maid of honor. She wore a champagne-colored gown. Sarah Stanley Hurla, Alexandria, La., was her matron of honor and she wore an identically styled gown of navy. Both carried small tulip bouquets.

The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Tyler Homewood, Sedgwick, and Mike Sharbutt, Wichita. The bridegroom and groomsmen wore black tuxedos with black cummerbunds. Trevor Homewood, brother of the bridegroom, was unable to attend.

Couple honored on 20th

Donald and Charlotte Meints were honored on their 20th wedding anniversary when their family came to observe their annual "Christmas in July" gathering from July 2 to 6.

A highlight of the weekend was when the children's great-grandfather, Donald Meints, gave them power wheelchair rides.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Rod Carlson, Scott Carlson, Grand Island, Neb.; Austin Carlson, Missouri Valley, Iowa; Ryan Carlson, Beth Carlson, Michael and Angie Rittershaus, Joelle and Calista, Omaha; Stan Meints, Fort Worth,

Ushers were Nathan Buchholz, Piedmont, Okla., brother of the bride, and Derek Wright, Sedgwick, friend of the bridegroom.

Whitney Buchholz, sister-in-law of the bride, handed out programs.

Each mother of the couple read a passage during the ceremony. Other passages were read by Linda Josserrand, aunt of the bride, and Sarah Hurla.

Music for the ceremony was provided by guitarist Greg Czyszczon, friend of the bride, and vocalists Jim and Nathan Buchholz.

A reception dinner and dance followed at Simple Pleasures of Harrisonburg.

Special guests included Linda Josserrand, McPherson; Jon Josserrand, Lawrence; Dave and Marty Olson, Oberlin; and Andy Hurla, Alexandria, La.

The bride received a Masters of Social Work from the University of Kansas in 2003. The bridegroom received a bachelor's degree in film from the university in 2002.

Following a weekend trip to Strasburg, Va., the couple moved to 1901 S. 72nd St., Omaha, Neb., 68124, where the bride will begin a new position as director of residence life at the College of St. Mary, and the bridegroom will be attending culinary school in the fall.

Colby festival this weekend

The 10th Annual Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival will begin Friday at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Shows begin at 6 p.m. on Friday; 1 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday, with cowboy church and a gospel sing-along. Allen Bailey, Dodge City marshal and cowboy poet, will serve as emcee throughout the weekend.

Entertainment will include the Chapman Family and Spontaneous Combustion, both of Missouri, and new featured bands, including Sons & Brothers and Hot Strings, both from Colorado.

Returning favorites will be the New Old Timers from Hill City; the Sappa Strings from Colorado and the Pearce Family from Wallace. Local favorites are Larry Booth and the McLemore Family.

Other attractions will include a youth contest at 10 a.m. Saturday with cash prizes to kids in three divisions: individuals 10 and under; individuals 11-16 and bands, ages 16 and under. The contest will be followed by an open stage until 1 p.m. Horse-drawn rides will be available and craft sessions for children will be held Saturday afternoon.

There will be food vendors and the Smokin' on the Plains Barbecue Cook-off, sponsored by the Great American Outdoor Trails radio magazine.

Tickets are available from the Colby Chamber of Commerce, Dave's His Shop, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Dillons and Past Times in downtown Colby, or call (785) 460-7643 or (800) 611-8835 for details.

Gas gift cards available

The American Cancer Society is offering help to cancer patients with the cost of travel to and from treatment.

Patients who qualify can apply for a \$50 gasoline gift card which can be used like cash at some gasoline stations.

Among other resources offered to

cancer patients are free wigs and prostheses, support groups, help with appearance-related side effects and other information.

For details, call (800) 359-1025 or the American Cancer Society's 24-hour help line at (800) ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Store opens in Jennings

Jennings' new grocery opened last week on Main Street.

Owner Merle Snyder said she purchased the former Jennings Grocery building at 106 Kansas Avenue and has named the new business "Mom's Lil' Grocery."

She has moved to Jennings and after some cleaning and remodeling of the store, she opened with a full line of groceries and fresh produce.

She said she also plans to have a deli, which will offer take-and-bake pizza, sandwiches, and breakfast items, including her homemade cinnamon rolls. She said she welcomes everyone to stop by for coffee and fresh rolls.

An interesting feature for customers to watch for in the store will be "Molly, the Mod Shopper," a doll with her hair in rollers. She said that

whatever Molly is touching will be on sale.

Ms. Snyder, who moved to Jennings from Gem, said she retired as district manager for Shamrock Foods for northwest Kansas and eastern Colorado. Before that, she operated Centennial Bowl and the Red Crown Lounge in Oberlin for seven years; the South Range Lounge and Supper Club in Colby for a year; and Mom's Little Corner Cafe in Brewster for three years.

"I have enjoyed meeting new people in the area and hope they will support the store," she said.

Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. A grand opening is planned from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, she said.

Man serves Herndon church

Dennis Brown of Oberlin is serving as lay leader at Immanuel United Church of Christ at Herndon. Services are held at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Mr. Brown is taking correspondent courses and will become a lay minister of the denomination. This will enable him to perform funerals, weddings and the like.

He has filled the pulpit at area churches in the past through Doorway Ministries, which he started 14 years ago. He also has spoken to groups, clubs, students and civic groups on drug rehabilitation.

Mr. Brown started the Forget-Me-Not program 12 years ago, which serves the elderly both at home and in nursing homes, and he

spends many hours preparing and serving homemade food.

He said he is excited about serving the congregation in Herndon.

"They are a group of people hungry for the Word, and without a leader they would possibly have to give up their church," he said.

The church has been without a pastor since Nolan and Barbara Pierce retired and moved to Nebraska.

Mr. Brown, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin, he said he has completed "Care and Share" courses through that denomination. He still attends services at St. John's, but he said his first priority will be to serve the needs of the congregation at Herndon.



D. Brown

Antique club enjoys potluck

The Mini Sappa Antique Club met Sunday at Sappa Manor with a potluck for 13 members.

Reva Marshall showed the finished quilt and Jim Marshall said he is still looking for an elevator chair for the Woods corn picker. Details for the Decatur County fair were finalized. Bob Martin will bring in a round bale and Charissa Huff will decorate it for the bale decorating contest. The club's tractor will be at the fair and tickets will be available every night for the drawing. Volunteers were asked to work the Hi Striker on Tuesday night and the train on Saturday night.

Club members were asked to sell tickets for the drawing at the Bird

City antique show July 28-31. Other shows upcoming include the Jennings Fireman's Fun Day and the Kircher family threshing at Indianola, Neb.

The club will be binding wheat at the Harvey Wright farm beginning at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and a potluck lunch will be served. Rawlins and Decatur County Farm Bureaus asked to rent the kids pedal tractor for their fairs. Kendal Fisher has been asked to demonstrate horse-shoeing at the antique show and he will get back to the club. The in-club drawing provided by Liane Martin was won by Carolyn Wurm.

The next meeting will be on Aug. 14 at Sappa Manor.

Support group available

A support group for in-home and other caregivers meets at 10:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month in McCook.

The meetings include information for people dealing with an Alzheimer's diagnosis, as well as other illnesses.

The Decatur County Good Samaritan Center will provide transportation to the meetings. Adult day care is available at the center while caregivers are at the sessions.

Call Montine Alstrom or Coleen Rippe at the center at (785) 475-2245 to make arrangements.

Commodity distribution set

The quarterly commodity distribution in the Oberlin area will be from 9 to 10 a.m. at Golden Age

Center, effective Thursday, July 21. For details, call Dorothy Moore at 475-3222 or 475-3108.

New Arrivals

Xavia Arion Brenn

Brooks and Susan Brenn of Oberlin are the parents of a daughter, Xavia Arion, born June 27, 2005, at Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Gary and Dianna Kastens, Herndon, and Virginia and Scott Carver, and Dan and Linda Brenn, Colby. Great-grandparents are Jerry Martin, Colby; Francis and Florine Hurst, Oberlin; and Harry and Paula Kastens, Atwood.



Xavia Brenn

exa are the parents of a son, Isaac Paul, born July 1, 2005, at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. He weighed 4 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 17 inches long. Grandparents Bob and Alice Stanley, Oberlin, and Jim and Linda Laevenstein, Hoxie. Great-grandparents are Ethel Schroeder, Oberlin, and Dick and Bernadette Stanley, Vancouver, Wash.

Allison Grace Hartzog

Stacy and Jocelyn Hartzog of Olathe are the parents of a daughter, Allison Grace, born May 13, 2005, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Overland Park. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 inches long. Grandparents are Daryl and Marjorie Hartzog, Jennings, and the Rev. Keith and Sharon Schadel, Healy.

Isaac Paul Stanley

Derek and Diana Stanley of Len-

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