

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Kelsey Jackson, a 2003 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has been chosen to write and present the findings of a research team at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy to the Missouri Pharmaceutical Association at its meeting in May. She has been a part of the team, which has been studying clinical pharmacology (pharmacists creating/building their own medicine). She has also been chosen to coordinate and supervise the Perceptions of the Elderly project, a study the college is doing in conjunction with Winthrop University in North Carolina. She is the daughter of Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson of Norcatour.

Jerry and Marcia Lohoefer took his mother, Irel Lohoefer, to Salina on Aug. 19 where she visited her sister and husband, Delores and Royce Patton, for nine days. While there, they helped Irel celebrate her 88th birthday, which was Aug. 19. Her niece, Judy Lee, came from Omaha to help her celebrate. They also toured the Rolling Hills Museum and a candy factory, and visited Ross and Margaret Reeves.

AE6 Yvonne Salvarria and Da'ne of Oxnard, Calif., visited from Aug. 16 to Aug. 20 with her parents, Merle Snyder of Jennings, and Bart and Annette Snyder of Oberlin. They enjoyed visiting several of her classmates and the Decatur County Fair.

Arlo and Bonnie Wurm visited recently in St. Francis during the Cheyenne County Fair, where their granddaughter, Valerie Wurm, captured grand championships on her swine entry, as well as grand champion for swine overall. She also received grand champion honors in her class on her beef entry, as well as reserve champion on her art entry. She is a third grader and the daughter of Shane and Christy Wurm of St. Francis.

Clay Jording left Wednesday for his home in Medford, Ore., after visiting his mother, Fern Jording. They both spent a week in Colorado with Phil and Marjorie Law. The Laws brought Fern home, and also attended graveside services for his aunt, Marie Foster, at the Dresden Cemetery last Tuesday.

Gene and Helen Gee returned home Aug. 6 after spending a week at the Imperial Valley Holiness Camp meeting near Imperial, Neb. Later that evening they hosted a dinner for Mrs. Gee's cousins, Vernette Coleman of Bridgeport, Conn., and Sharlott Meeks and her children, Dakota, Montana, and Arizona of Canon City, Colo. Also enjoying the afternoon and evening at the Gee home was Mrs. Gee's mother, Ruth McQuiston of Oberlin.

**—Labor Day weekend special: 20% off all patio furniture and gas grills in stock. Stanley Hardware.**

Jean Ann Hengst and daughter, Tracy Hengst, Mechanicsburg, Pa., and Janet and Sherrill Vermillion, El Dorado, came last Aug. 16, to visit a week with their mother, Mildred Holmdahl, and sister, Janeil and Mike Jensen, and niece, Shani Guzan. Joining them on Aug. 19 for the weekend were Jason, Michelle, Lakyn and Braylon Daniels, and Brian, Veronica, Danica and Eric Vermillion, El Dorado; Tracey, Meagan and Breanna Ayers, Salina; Lori Ayers, Jordan and Kaidan Lawn, Kearney, Neb.; and Sherri and Shannon Ayers, Great Bend. They helped Sherrill Vermillion celebrate his birthday on Friday. All

left on Sunday, except Jean Ann and Tracy, who left on Wednesday.

Among out-of-town relatives who attended funeral services for Marie (Kolsky) Foster in Dresden last Tuesday were Dallas and Joyce Kolsky, Sedalia, Mo.; Betty Janning, Storm Lake, Iowa; Flavius Foster, Grant Foster, Eugene Foster, Jack Foster, all of Poulso, Wash.; Linda Killinger, Moses Lake, Wash.; Rodney Stapp, Norton; Larry Stapp, Holcomb; Ruby Weed, Colby; Phil and Marjorie Law, Lakewood, Colo.; and Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon.

Dave and Marty Olson, and Greg and Sandy Olson, Oberlin, were among relatives who attended the 55th wedding anniversary celebration honoring the men's parents, Alden and Mac Olson, in McDonald during the weekend of Aug. 13-14. Their other sons are Randy and Peggy Olson, Arlington, Texas; Kent Olson, Sterling; and Rick Olson, Hays. The families enjoyed camping out on the lawn at the home of the couple.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Barb Solko, Dorothy Moore, Vivian Bishop, Floyd Edgett and Wilma May. Lows went to Aleen Van Vleet, Dewaine Stapp, Wilma May, Veanna Carman, Doris Gilbert and Floyd Edgett. Pitch highs went to Barb Solko and Henry Edgett with lows going Juanita Eckhart and Floyd Edgett. Winners at bridge were Annette Miller and Charlotte Meints.

Among those from this area who were honored at the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas annual awards luncheon in Hays recently were Darlene (Thieler) Barnett of Atwood, a 1949 graduate of Decatur Community High School, who was honored for her years of service in Atwood; and Wilma Kathka, Colby, formerly of Oberlin, who was honored for being consistently employed in her community.

Betty Janning of Storm Lake, Iowa, was a visitor at Fern Jording's home last Tuesday. The women formerly worked together as telephone operators for Southwestern Bell in Oberlin.

A Bryan family potluck dinner was held Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Those present were Vic and Opal Bryan, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, and Carla Britton, Oberlin; Norman and Karen Bryan, and Kent Bryan, Boise, Idaho; Keith and Virginia Bryan, Burley, Idaho; Verna Mae Bryan Anderson, Oberlin; Christy Wesch, Hiawatha; Eva Bryan, Detta and Elden Anderson, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, Gary Anderson, Donna and Dick Kelley, Oberlin; Marilyn and Ron Tophane and two grandsons, North Platte, Neb.; Ronnie and Kassia Bryan, Rod and Kem Bryan, Brandon and Laura Bryan, Carolyn Miller, Laurene Bryan Van Otterloo, Oberlin; and Elden and Marilou Long, Norcatour.

Visitors of Gene and Helen Gee on Friday night and Saturday were his sister and husband, Carolyn and Richard Miller of Springfield, Ill. Before leaving for Howard, Colo., for a family reunion over Labor Day weekend, they enjoyed breakfast at Keeno's. Later that day, Gene and Helen attended Jacob Gee's sixth birthday party at the home of Kenny and Colleen Gee, and Justin.

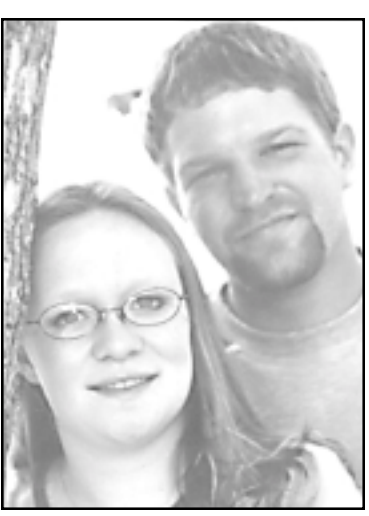
## Krizek family holds reunion

The annual Krizek family reunion was held at The Gateway in Oberlin on Saturday, Aug. 13, with some 80 in attendance from six states. Those attending included: Mike and Joan McCarbrey, Shawnee; Roy and Diane Stutterheim, Long Island; Brian and Kim Brumley and Kourtney, Inman; Rhonda Workman, Andrea and Morgan and Erin Blitz, Wichita; Kenny and Violet Krizek, Jennings; Theron and Jill Krizek, Logan and Kaedyn, Olathe; Jolyna Krizek, Colorado Springs; Johl and Jennifer Krizek, Katie and Matt, Las Cruces, N.M.; Danielle Scott and Justin Becker, North Platte, Neb.; Galen and Joyce Krizek, Everett and Gaylene Laughlin, Shelby, Kyle and Kaitlen, Pueblo, Colo.; Steve and Gay Krizek, Danno Krizek, Ashley Krizek, Denver;

## October wedding planned by couple

Nikki Alstrom and John Amlong of Hays plan to be married on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 4 p.m. at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Parents of the couple are Gary and Becky Alstrom, Oberlin, and Tony and Ramona Amlong, Dresden. The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is employed by Midwest Drug in Hays. Her grandparents are Kieth and Dorothy Alstrom, Oberlin, and Ruby Wennihan, Oberlin.



N. Alstrom and J. Amlong

Her fiancé graduated from Jennings High School in 1996 and is employed as a pulling unit operator for Professional Pulling Service in Hays. After a honeymoon to Canada, they plan to live in the Hays area.

## Leitner reunion held at American Legion Hall

The 56th annual Leitner reunion was held at the American Legion in Oberlin on Sunday, Aug. 7, with the George Leitner family as hosts.

There are 12 branch-family groups of descendants of Lawrence and Theresia Leitner who came to America from Gols, Austria, in 1884.

Guest registration was prepared by Marilyn (Nondorf) Hoover. Darla (Leitner) Mather registered the guests and organized the photos by family groups. Bud Nitschke gave the blessing before the covered-dish meal.

Julie (Leitner) Schiessler read the minutes from last year's reunion. New marriages, births and deaths will be added to the family's genealogy record.

Two deaths were noted, Bill E. Leitner, Bennington, Oct. 23, 2004, and Marlin Riener, Mulvane, Feb. 5, 2005.

Copies of a keepsake picture, that is owned by Maxine (Leitner) Ross were distributed to each household. The oval-shaped picture shows the parents, Lawrence and Theresia Leitner; the nine sons, Matt, Lawrence, John, Paul, Bill, Henry, George, Ed and Fred, and the three daughters, Theresia, Susie and Louise.

From these 12, 39 children were born and 15 are still living. Ten were present at the reunion: Elmer Leitner, Barnett Leitner, Jerald Leitner, Don Leitner, Janet (Leitner) Nitschke, Maxine (Leitner) Ross, Peggy (Kelly) Poore, Patricia (Kelly) Hoehner, Darla (Leitner) Mather, and Julie (Leitner) Schiessler.

Each household received a copy of the account of the first reunion held in 1950 at Lake Atwood and a photo of Bill and Mary Leitner, who organized the reunions for many years. They had no children but showed a special love to all of the 39 nieces and nephews. Of the 60 persons who attended the reunion in 1950, 43 have died.

Photo albums and scrapbooks from the past six decades were on

## Couple honored on 50th

The children and grandchildren of Walter and Rosella Meitl were hosts for an open house and reception on Sunday, Aug. 14, at the Golden Age Center in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their children and families are Charles and Debra Meitl, Hardtner; Amanda Meitl, Hoisington; Gary and Tina Meitl and Kira, Dresden; Josh Meitl, Lawrence, Ramsey Meitl, Galveston, Texas; Dale Meitl, Oberlin; Joyce and Phil Morel, Kelsie, Audrey and Lea, Norton, and Mica, Kearney, Neb.; Karen and Shawn Dooley, Britnee and Brandon, Belle Plaine; and Carl and Stephanie Meitl and Nathan, Gilbert, Ariz.

Walter Meitl and Rosella Bange were married Aug. 17, 1955, at Seguin with the Rev. Michael Mulvihill officiating. They lived in Selden for several years before moving to a farm in Dresden Township. They moved to Oberlin in 1987.

Out-of-town guests attending the reception included Loretta Meitl, Sylvester and Rosemary Bange, Irvin and Carol Schwarz, Colby; Ben and Shannon Richardson,

## PEO meets for brunch

Chapter BH, P.E.O. Sisterhood, met Aug. 11 at the home of Eris Young for a 9:30 a.m. brunch on the patio with Candy Dejmajl assisting. Vice President Susan Nelson presided over the business meeting and Kay Moon was welcomed back after a several-month absence.

display. Recently added was a 14-page record from Margarethe Heinrich, a relative in Gols, containing copies from 1938 family records when Adolf Hitler required all Austrians to prove their lineage. Those who had Jewish ancestors were taken to concentration camps.

These records generated appreciation that the Leitner grandparents had come to America and escaped that period.

Gifts were given to Elmer Leitner, oldest in attendance; Ezra McDonald, youngest; Deborah Dimon, coming greatest distance; and the Louise (Leitner) Kelly family with the most in attendance, 15 plus three guests. A drawing was held for the table favors of bird houses and flower pot decorations.

Plans were discussed for the next three reunions to be hosted by the Ed Leitner family in 2006, the Louise (Leitner) Kelly family in 2007 and the Fred Leitner family in 2008, with the day to be moved from Sunday to Saturday. Plans were also discussed for the 60th jubilee in 2009.

Family members attending were Jerald Leitner; Royce and Vicky Leitner, Charley and Alissa McDonald, Albany, Nicky and Ezra, Oberlin; Elmer Leitner and Pat McConville; Dale and Peggy Poore; Carrie Goltl, Cody, Rachel and Hannah; Barnett and Lola Leitner and Maxine Ross, McCook; Dan and Anne Poore, Ashley and Amanda, Omaha; David and Mary Poore, Luke and Caleb, Cozad, Neb.; Jon Leitner, Cambridge, Neb.; Don and Connie Grove, Edison, Neb.; Darla Mather, Sharon Springs; Bud and Janet Nitschke, Cambridge, Kan.; Kevin and Julie Schiessler, Christopher and Haley, Herndon; Don Leitner, Boulder, Colo.; and Dr. Patricia Hoehner, Kearney, Neb.

The 2006 reunion will be hosted by Porter and Maxine Ross, and Barnett and Lola Leitner at the Red Willow County Community Building at the McCook fairgrounds on Saturday, Aug. 5.

Salina; the Rev. Roger Meitl, St. Francis; Raymond and Frances Bange, Menlo; Millie Hill, Great Bend; Cecilia Knipper and the Jerome Biegler family, McCook; Christopher and Vicky Bange, Rebecca, Clayton and Hannah, Rexford; David and Lori Rietcheck, Goodland;

Al and Valeria Tema, Oakley; Mary Wessel, Elsie Wessel, Reynolds and Hilda Moellering, Vivian Wegman, Mary Ellen Meier, Ron and Jackie Campbell and family, Florence Thompson, and Alfred and Barbara Rietcheck, Hoxie; Bill and Kathryn Schieferecke, Studley; Don and Helen Juenemann, Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann, Chuck Neff and Paulie Neff, Selden;

Clara Schieferecke, Mary Schieferecke, Mark and Leta Meitl and family, Bill and Carol Wessel, and Gerald and Lois Meitl, Dresden; Jeanie Johnson, Brewster; Jerry Stritt, Jerred and Rachel, Salina; Ed Bange, Ingalls; Albie Stephens, Elizabeth, Mary, Bridget and Monica, Grinnell; Jackie Kenney, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Ray and Kathy Campbell and Brian, Golden, Colo.

## Barber sells building to Oberlin couple

Lairy Goltl, who has been a barber on Penn Avenue for the past 47 years, has sold his building to Bill and Ina Goodnight.

The building includes not only his barber shop, but the present office of the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber office will be moving to the former location of the Bank at the corner of Penn Avenue and East Commercial.

Mrs. Goodnight said they have had an inquiry for the south part of the building and since they also purchased the barber equipment, they would like to find a barber to keep that shop open. Mr. Goodnight is retired.

Mr. Goltl is a 1958 graduate of Decatur Community High School

and completed school at the Wichita School of Barbering in 1959. His first 10 years were spent working for Alvin Wenger at Wenger's Barber Shop, which was located at 157 S. Penn.

He said he purchased the north part of the building from Etta Teeter in 1969 and later purchased the south part from Leo T. Bendon. He will continue to work as a full-time school bus driver for the Oberlin school district and finish some home projects. He and his wife, Beth, live at 111 N. Wilson. They have two married sons, Jeff and Scott.

Mrs. Goodnight said that anyone interested in reopening the barber shop may call them at (785) 475-2608.

## Woman honored on 85th

Nora Bearley was honored on her 85th birthday on Aug. 20 at the Bohemian Hall. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were hosts.

Each generation of her family wore a different-colored tee shirt saying, "Grandma Nora's 85th Birthday, the Bearley Brats." There was a video of her life with background music and a dinner that evening for family and friends, who also enjoyed visiting and a tour of the museum.

Those present included: Robert and Sharon Bearley, Kensington; Bobby and Julie Bearley, Aubrey, Ethan and Elijah, Minden, Iowa; Crystal Bearley and Sean Knox, San Marcos, Texas; Justin and Lori Bearley, Cheney; Max and Bev Bearley and Isys, Hays; Jim and Sandy Allen, Amanda Allen, and Brian and Jennifer Jones, Littleton, Colo.; Jerry and Montine Alstrom, Oberlin; Mark and Jessica Luck, Wichita; Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley;

Neva Lou Holub and Emily, Don and Em Threlkel, Karla Mosteller, Duane and Betty Beckley, and Steve Beckley, Atwood; Elma Lee Erick-

son, and Gary and Dianna Kastens, Herndon; DeWane Repshire, Russell Springs; Duane Kintigh and Mike Kintigh, Courtland; Richard and Gwen Jones, Colby; Don and Vi Hurst, Al and Joyce Klaus, and Bob and Karen Threlkel, Hays; Karen Mosteller, Bern; Roger and Dorothy Shimek, Jennings; Eldon and Sharon Parde, McCook; Don and Shelly Threlkel, Lebanon;

LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, Esther Noren, Florine Vernon, Francis and Florine Hurst, Kieth and Dorothy Alstrom, Steve, Connie, David and Michael Noren, Wesley and Eulaine Benda, Amy Rehm, Glenn and Eunice Martin, Fern Wenger, Ila Ray, Janette Votapka, Joan Evans, Kristy Evans, Lee and Estella Waldo, Walt and Rosella Meitl, Eris Young, Doris Sloan, Eileene Grose, Virginia Spratling, Cecil Hess, Elaine Bryan, Gerry Neff, Pastor Doug Hasty, Herschel and Jody Betts, Candy Dejmajl, Don and Goldie Stapp, Fern Moore, and Ralph and Violet Shaw, Oberlin. Unable to attend were two grandsons, Max Bearley Jr., Hays, and James and Carrie Allen, Lakewood, Colo.

## Bargain Box Plus helps area community projects

The Bargain Box Plus, a thrift store at 106 N. Beaver, gave \$2,600 for projects in Decatur County over the past six months.

The used clothing store is owned by Marilou Long and Ann Mines and volunteers assist. Proceeds are distributed to causes in the county. All items in the store are donated.

Donations have included: Decatur Community High School yearbook, \$300; Oberlin Rotary Radio Day, \$200; Norcatour road

paving project, \$500; After-Prom Party, Oberlin Rotary Club, \$100; Northwest Winds Special Olympics, \$400; FROGS summer camp program, \$300; Modern Woodmen for Decatur County Museum to move St. Mark's Lutheran Church, \$500; and Oberlin Sports Group, \$300.

Donations of clothing, toys and housewares may be left in a storage building south of the store.

## Brainards gather at Selden

The annual Brainard family reunion was held at the Selden Senior Center on Sunday, Aug. 21. Hosts were the families of Bill Brainard.

Those present included Edith Carman, Fred and Theda McKee, Tom and Leanna Sloan, Hoxie; Donald Wasson, Dan, Carol and Nolan Wasson, Selden; Evelyn Brainard, Goodland; Eldred and

Lorraine Wurm, Atwood; Steve and Helen Carman, Selden; Bud and Helen Rhodes, Jennings; Stepney, Melissa, Angela and Jacob Ritter, Dresden; Jill Priest and Marjorie Konovalske, Lenexa; Terry Budig, Lincoln, Neb.; Jerry and Ruth Ridge, Garden City; and LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt, Doris Sloan, and Dennis and Judy Shirley, Oberlin

## Library Story Time to begin

The Oberlin City Library will hold Story Time for children from 4 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons, beginning in October.

Call the library at 475-2412 or

stop by to enroll your children. The starting date will be set later. If you would like to volunteer to read to the children, call the same number.

## Denver get-together Sept. 11

The Kansas get-together in the Denver area will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, beginning with a potluck at the home of Phil and Norma Yonker, 7944 S. Newland St.,

Littleton, Colo., 80128. The group will be celebrating its 65th anniversary, so family and friends are encouraged to attend. For details, call (303) 932-7940.

*You are Invited*

**Decatur Health Systems**  
will host a farewell gathering for

**Dr. Vogel and Lorne**  
**September 1**  
**2 to 4 p.m.**  
**Hospital Lobby**

**Open to the Community**