

**THE OBERLIN HERALD —**  
**People in**  
**Our Community**  
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Rachel Richards, Jacob and Caleb of Beaumont, Texas, arrived Thursday and will be staying at the home of Jack and Karen Metcalf for an indefinite time since they cannot yet return to their home following damage from Hurricane Rita. Their husband and father, Todd Richards, is the sheriff there and is helping with clean-up.

Norma Elwood Frandsen is hospitalized in Kearney, Neb., and expects to be undergoing treatment for several weeks. Mail will reach her at Good Samaritan Hospital, 31st and Central, room 348, Kearney, Neb., 68848.

Jessica McClelland and Caleb Hill, Oklahoma City, were weekend guests of her grandmother, Alice Shirley. Other callers were Jeni Henningson, Nolan and Ganon, Norcatour; Pat and Mandi Moran and Sage, St. Joseph, Mo.; Herb Shirley, Carrie Morford and Teague, and Don Stapp.

Kade and Kel Grafel accompanied their grandmother, Connie Grafel, to Yuma, Colo., on Saturday morning, where they visited her sister, Carole Unger and family. They also watched the seventh grade football game between Yuma and Holyoke in which her great-nephew, Austin Traphagen, played. He is the son of Dr. Pat and Cindy Traphagen. Saturday evening visitors at the Connie Grafel home to watch the K-State-Oklahoma game were Dan Grafel, Kade and Kel Grafel, Shannon Metcalf and Jayson Wylie, Taos, N.M.

Among relatives who attended funeral services for Dr. Dennis Nelson in Denver on Friday were Marilyn Gilmer, Oberlin; Scott and Nancy Gilmer, Goodland; and Kathy Gilmer, Yuma, Ariz.

Alyssa Montgomery placed sixth in class 14 with her crossbred market steer at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show, which was held from Sept. 23-26 at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita. She is the daughter of Ron and Gina Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Finkbinder of Wichita were in Oberlin for the weekend festivities. He is a former Oberlin city administrator.

Geneva Morford, Gene and Marsha Morford, Woody Morford, and

Lonnie and Kendra Morford and Lynn attended funeral services in Topeka on Saturday for Virgil Davison, who died on Sept. 29. He was a brother-in-law of Geneva Morford and a 1940 graduate of Decatur Community High School. His wife is the former Edith Morford.

Patrick Inman of Oberlin has retired after serving for 33 years as engineering technician for the Kansas Department of Transportation. His wife, Jonna, is a nurse practitioner at the Oberlin Clinic.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Vivian Bishop and Veanna Carman. Lows went to Barb Solko, Veanna Carman, Wilma May, Eldon Haas and Aleen Van Vleet. Pitch highs went to Aleen Van Vleet and Henry Edgett with lows going to Juanita Eckhart and Dorothy Moore. Winners at bridge were Phyllis Lohofener, Charlotte Meints and Mary Horney.

Lemoine and Joyce Raulston left Thursday for their home in Simpsonville, S.C., after visiting his mother, Goldie Raulston, and other relatives for 10 days. They drove to Red Cloud, Neb., last Monday to visit Mrs. Raulston's sister, Eunice Dunn, who is in a nursing home. They and her son, Don Dunn, were dinner guests of Sharon and Ron Kudna.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus H. Wolters attended the seventh and eighth grade football game at Oberlin on Thursday. Their grandson, Levi, played for the Atwood team.

Steve and Anita Hirsch attended funeral services on Sept. 26 for Fire Chief Ed King of the Reno County Fire District at Turon. He was killed in the line of duty on Sept. 21.

Weekend houseguests of Nora Bearley were Bob and Sharon Bearley, Kensington, and Jim and Sandy Allen, Littleton, Colo. Additional Sunday dinner guests were Jerry and Montine Alstrom.

Chris Broeckelman, a senior at Fort Hays State University, has received a \$400 Technology Studies Scholarship. He is a son of Joe and Cathy Broeckelman of rural Selden

week after week.

The lecture series has donated copies of the book to the college and public libraries, and the Campus Bookstore in the Student Union has copies for sale.

# Motorcycle crash in Colby kills two

Two people were killed in Colby on Saturday night when the motorcycle they were riding and a Ford Excursion collided in front of the bowling alley on Range Ave.

Roger Lynn Blau, 55, father of David Blau of Oberlin, driving the motorcycle, and his passenger, Roberta F. Casey, 58, both of Colby, were taken to Citizens Medical Center.

The driver of the 2003 Ford Excursion, Dawnelle L. Umberger, 33, of Levant, and her 7-year-old passenger, Kaity R. Meador, were not injured.

State troopers said the accident happened when the driver of the Excursion made a left turn into the Colby Bowl and Fun Center about 8:30 p.m., failing to yield to the 2003 Yamaha motorcycle, which was headed north. The motorcycle struck the left front corner of the vehicle, killing both riders, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol report.

Mr. Blau was born Sept. 9, 1950, at Colby. He was area manager for a grocery store chain before taking a job with Hi-Plains Co-op in Colby.

Survivors also include a daughter, Sheree MacNaughton, Wellington,

Colo.; four brothers, Doug Blau, Cedar Crest, N.M.; Brent Blau, Springfield, Neb.; Mike Blau, Garden City; and Greg Blau, Edwardsville; and five grandchildren.

Roberta "Bert" Casey was born May 21, 1947, in Sheridan County. She was a surgery technician for the medical center in Colby.

Her survivors include a son, Jon Casey, Gardner; a daughter, Julie Miller, Damar; three brothers, Victor Bielser, Hoxie; Roy Bielser, Colby; and David Bielser, Schoenschen; two sisters, Ruth Ann Graefe, Moline; and Lois Ryan, Kearney, Neb.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services for the couple will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Colby United Methodist Church. Pastor Brad Herndon will officiate. Private graveside services will take place prior to the memorial service at the Brewster Cemetery at Brewster.

Memorials for Mr. Blau will be designated at a later date. Those for Ms. Casey will go to Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby. Contributions may be left at any Colby bank or Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan., 67701.

# 4-H kids win ribbons at Kansas State Fair

Decatur County 4-H members placed well at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

Results included: Jessica Blau: photo, purple; Kiah Blau: food, blue; photo, blue, selected to be displayed at 4-H Foundation

Senior family and consumer sciences judging team: 45th Intermediate family and consumer sciences judging team: 20th Courtney Gillespie: photo, blue; Kaitlyn Gillespie: photo, purple, selected as a Centennial Photo

Aaron Helm: senior family and consumer sciences team member, 93rd

Jacob Helm: intermediate family and consumer sciences team member, 51st

Matthew Helm: intermediate family and consumer sciences team member, 177th

Rebecca Helm: senior family and consumer sciences team, 18th

Jared Marcuson: food, blue;

photo, blue

Sarah Marcuson: food, red; art and craft, participant; photo, blue; purchased garment fashion revue, blue

Zach May: food, red; woodworking, blue

Hunter Nedland: food, blue; photo, blue

Britta Noren: intermediate family and consumer sciences judging team, 47th

David Noren: geology, red; intermediate family and consumer sciences team, 128th

Gage Reichert: photo, blue; Gatlin Reichert: photo, blue

Christian Rittmann: food, red; rocket, blue; demonstration, white

Stick To It 4-H Club: banner, participant

Anne Wasson: constructed garment fashion revue, purple

Nolan Wasson: art and craft, participant

Rory Wendelin: food, blue

# Teens plan benefit dinner

Oberlin Teens for Christ will hold a benefit soup and dessert dinner from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Old Bohemian Hall of the Last Indian Raid Museum.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, through Faith and St. John's Lutheran churches, will give a matching grant of up to \$500 for money raised at the event. Proceeds will support the teen ministry with

improvements in the building where they meet and expenses.

For details, call Doug Mason at (785) 475-2599 or e-mail doug@tfconnection.org.

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# Planning a Wedding?

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# "Smokin' on the Beaver"

2nd Annual "Smokin' on the Beaver" BBQ Contest

Saturday, October 8, 2006

Columbian Hall, Atwood, KS ■ Camping Available at Lake Atwood!



Brisket cookers may want to start Friday! BBQ & Dance Saturday Evening following contest judging!

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# Author to speak at college

Thomas Frank, author of "What's the Matter with Kansas? How the conservatives won the Heart of America," will speak at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College.

The free talk is the second Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series of the year.

In a book called "brilliant" by the *Boston Globe*, Mr. Frank set out to find answers to some fundamental questions about politics. He traveled across the state, talking with politicians, wealthy Kansans and ordinary citizens, veterans, members of Kansans for Life, and a Kansan who thinks he is the true pope. He researched the history of William Quantrill and John Brown, of Boeving and Raytheon, of Rep. Todd Tiahart and Sen. Sam Brownback, and even blew the dust off of a forgotten 1896 essay called "What's the Matter with Kansas" by William Allen White.

The *New York Times* called the book, "the best political book of the year." It stayed on the best-seller list

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