

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community Mary Lou Olson, society editor mlolson@nwkansas.com

Marie McKisson returned home Thursday from a trip to Branson, Mo., with her sister, Carol Barkley of Dallas. The women met at the home of another sister, Aletha Peterson, in Bartlesville, Okla. En route home Mrs. McKisson had supper on Wednesday with her grandson, Jared and Mika Walters, in Tulsa, Okla., and lunch on Thursday with Phyllis McKay at Jenks, Okla.

Nederland, Texas. They had been houseguests of Jack and Karen Metcalf since Hurricane Rita hit their area, but they joined their husband and father, Todd Richards, and have moved back into their home. Mrs. Metcalf said that the house needs a new roof and some minor repairs but overall they feel very fortunate.

Mike and Luanne Laird of Celina, Texas, came Friday and are visiting a week with their mothers, Eileen Laird and Amy Rehm. They and Mrs. Rehm were Monday supper guests of John and Connie Simonson.

Elmer and Delores Zodrow are new residents of Wheat Ridge Terrace. They have sold their home to Ernie and Cindy Fowler.

Seaman E-2 Rebecca Nichols left Friday, Oct. 7, to spend a week with her mother, Nancy Nichols of Lake Havasu City, Ariz. She reported to Seattle, Wash., on Oct. 14. There she joined two classmates for a 12-hour flight to Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. Seaman Nichols will be stationed for three years on the USS BlueRidge, one of the two flagships of the U.S. Navy. The USS Blue Ridge serves in the Pacific, in the Seventh Fleet, and docks just across the pier from the aircraft carrier USS Kittyhawk.

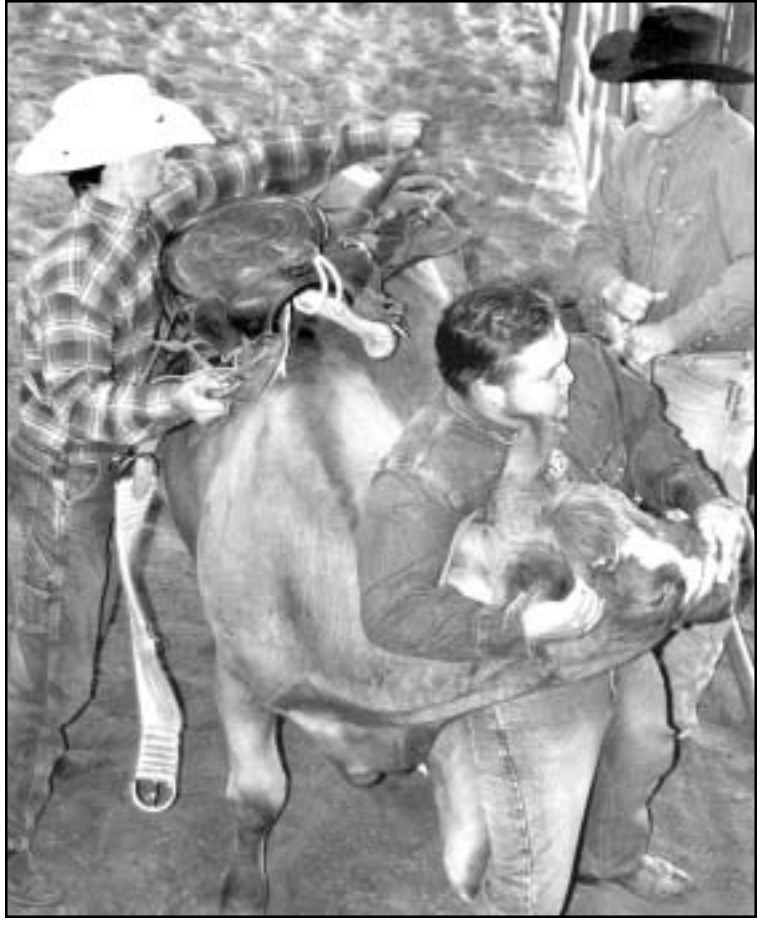
Dorothy (Marvin) Avery of Norton is recuperating satisfactorily at home after being hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., after suffering a heart attack. She is a sister of Verna Mae Anderson of Oberlin. Mail will reach her at 747 N. Graves, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Weekend guests of the Rev. Doug and Sara Hasty were his parents, Robert and Phyllis Hasty of Dodge City, and their daughter, Rebekah Hasty and her roommate, Kelly, students at Manhattan Christian College.

Jerry and Elgine Rotzin of Palm Desert, Calif., visited in Decatur County over the weekend and were guests at the LandMark Inn. Mrs. Rotzin is the great-granddaughter of Katherine (Bremer) Wickersham, daughter of Fred and Marion (Muirhead) Bremer, who came to Decatur County in 1885 and made their home in the Dresden area. Family members include cousins John Bremer, Fred Bremer, Helen Derby and Jody Betts.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Barb Solko, Dorothy Moore, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Elden Haas, Vivian Bishop, Faye Miller, Dewaine Stapp, Aleen Van Vleet, Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore. Pitch highs went to Henry Edgett and Merle Shirley with lows going to Barb Solko and Juanita Eckhart. Winners at bridge were Beth Sebaugh and Phyllis Lohoefer.

Rachel Richards, Jacob and Caleb left Wednesday for their home in



THE CURTIS DREAM TEAM, Clint Mundell and Toby Kandt, both of Walsh, Colo., and Chance Harman of Norcatour race to saddle their cow during the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Veterinary Technology Wild Cow Race.

Students win cow race at technical college

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Veterinary Technology department at Curtis, Neb., hosted a Wild Cow Race and Mut-ton Bustin' recently. Teams of three paid \$45 and took a hold of a lead rope while a cow was released from the chute. The object was to lead the roughly 1,100 pound cow around a barrel to the end of the arena where they saddled the animal and rode it across the finish line. More often than not, the cow won this battle of wills. The local veterinarian and the Curtis Ambulance service were on hand to protect both the animals and humans. The Curtis Dream Team, made up of students Chance Har-

High school grad shares about Katrina

The following was received from Peggy Fiala, a 1970 graduate of Decatur Community High School, who works with Campus Crusade for Christ. The letter was written on Labor Day at Orlando, Fla.

Things have settled down a little here, so I thought I would at least send some information about our involvement in Katrina relief.

Our main involvement with Katrina was through a partner — America's Heart. They were busy sending truckloads of food and relief supplies to the affected areas. We organized some volunteers for them and raised money for the shipments.

If anyone has more interest, our website is www.ghni.org.

One couple who works in our office was able to go to Gulfport, Miss., where the goods were being received. I am attaching their letter:

One person's view We drove in a convoy consisting of five large Penske trucks and several cars filled with like-minded area folks. In crowded vehicles, but with volunteers excited to be going to help, the convoy drove for 13 hours before arriving in Gulfport, around 5 p.m.

The destination was the distribution area, the parking lot of a huge shopping mall, filled with trucks and endless piles of water, foods, clothes and other relief supplies. Uniformed guards gave us permission to enter. There was no time to waste, so unloading of the trucks began in earnest.

A "bucket-brigade-type" arrangement efficiently unloaded the huge amounts of fresh breads, canned goods, clothing, towels, toys, and even a load of floor mops, among other desperately needed supplies.

While several volunteers assembled water filtration systems, others helped cover the many piles of goods to shelter them from rain

expected later that evening. Huge rolls of heavy plastic and duct tape worked just fine for the mammoth job. The distribution of these supplies will last well into the night and following day.

One Mississippi resident was looking for bed sheets and towels. I had just happened to see a pile of those from one of our trucks. It was great to lead her to the treasure and see her face light up. I next found silky and satiny type sheets in a different area! It was great fun to touch the silky sheet to her face and see her break into a big smile. I hugged her and told her I was a representative of lots of love and concern back in Orlando.

Before departing for home later that evening, we stopped to eat. At that fast food restaurant, one young man in his early twenties sat alone. We struck up a conversation and were privileged to sit with him while he poured out his heart.

He had been through a lot and was visibly stressed by all that Katrina had brought to his beloved hometown, family and friends. We let him talk for a long time. We shared compassionate, sympathetic words and tried to speak thoughts and words of hope and comfort which he appreciated. We were able to leave him with an e-mail for further contact with us if he desires.

It was heartbreaking to have to leave so soon to be back at work and school the next day. The leader of the handful of staff continuing to work there said they were unloading several dozen trucks a day, and serving about 4,000 storm survivors each day. He was exhausted. I told him I would spread word of the desperate need for more volunteers back in Orlando.

I am so thankful I had the joy of spending the time there and would jump at the chance to return and spend a lot more!

Patti Morman

Scholarships are available

Farm Bureau Financial Services has committed \$75,000 to the Kansas State University Foundation to establish the K-State Civic Leadership Scholarship competition.

The object of this statewide competition is to reward Kansas youths who have demonstrated a commitment to serving others in their community, school or church. The competition will reward young people who are making a difference and work for others.

The contribution will allow K-State to award three scholarships each year to incoming freshmen. Applicants must be graduating seniors living in Kansas, meet the standards for admission to K-State, and demonstrate exemplary community service. Scholarship finalists will be invited to participate in an on-campus interview and attend a K-State

civic recognition event with their families.

John Carlin, former Kansas governor and K-State political science visiting professor, will act as honorary chairman.

"The criteria for the K-State Civic Leadership Scholarship competition is not focused on a student's ACT score and high school grade point average, but rather the work completed outside the classroom," said Pat Bosco, associate vice president of the institutional advancement and dean of student life. "K-State understands the importance of serving Kansas communities."

For details, contact Emily Lehning in new student services at (800) 432-8270 or e-mail at lehning@k-state.edu. To get the application online, visit www.k-state.edu/leadership.

Christian women to meet

The McCook Christian Women's Club will host "It's A Zoo Out there," when they meet for a continental breakfast at the Best Western Poolside from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

Carl Wiersma of Centennial, Colo., will share in song, "A Sing-

ing Heart." She will also share her faith adventure for the program.

Reservations are required by today by calling Dollie at (308) 345-4011 or Lavonne at (308) 345-1749. Reservations must be honored, canceled or used by a friend.

Home Time By Tranda Watts Multi-county Extension Agent

For care packages think beyond cookies

Parents of college students, parents and friends of those serving in the armed forces, and friends of those far away from home during the holidays often use care packages containing favorite foods as a way to send a little piece of home while they're miles away.

foods may require dry ice to keep them safe.

• Don't send food to someone's workplace. The food could be accidentally left at the office or in the trunk of a car. It's safer to send food directly to the home, but make sure that someone will be home to receive the "surprise."

Remember to let the recipient know a package is on its way and when it should arrive.

If you are lucky enough to receive a perishable food gift, open the package on arrival. Make sure the food is still refrigerator cold, and immediately refrigerate or freeze.

Remember, it is the shipper's responsibility to deliver perishable foods on time.

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Care packages typically include cookies and breads — probably because these foods don't require refrigeration. What many people don't realize, however, is that cold foods also can be packaged and shipped.

Here is some advice for sending such packages:

- Check with the mailing service about restrictions on what can or cannot be mailed.
• Use overnight delivery to ship packages containing cold foods.
• Make sure the food is frozen solid or refrigerator cold.
• Remember to wrap packages well and mail them in a plastic foam shipping box or a heavy corrugated box. Include frozen gel packs to ensure cold food stays cold. Frozen

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Oberlin antique store moves

Scrounge Around, an antique store owned by Pat Chard, has moved to 121 S. Rodehaver from a house just south of Bargain Box Plus on North Beaver Avenue.

Mrs. Chard said she moved so she can also be available for shoppers at Furniture Alley, in the back of the same building.

She and Marilou Long started the nonprofit furniture store because there is no furniture store in Oberlin. They accept donated items. Mrs.

Long and Ann Mines operate Bargain Box Plus, which handles used clothing, household items and miscellaneous items. Proceeds from that operation, as well as Furniture Alley, go for community projects.

Ms. Chard opened Scrounge Around in May, selling antiques, collectibles and other items. The business is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The phone number is (785) 475-4238.

Woodmen to honor man

Don Fredrickson will be honored as an outstanding citizen by the Oberlin Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at a banquet at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the United Church.

Mr. Fredrickson, a retired grocer, has spent countless hours in volunteer service to the Oberlin area, the group says. He and his wife, Lois, live in Oberlin and have two grown children, Brad Fredrickson and

Kristi Gallentine.

Mike and Vickie Bailey will present the program, and a steak dinner will be served by the church women.

For reservations, call Marie McKisson at (785) 475-2927 before next Wednesday.

PUBLIC NOTICE The burning of vegetation, limbs and other organic material will be permitted (no rubber tires): Saturday, Oct. 15 through Sunday, Nov. 27 provided adequate safety measures are taken, and being mindful of wind conditions. By Order of City Mayor Ken Shobe. Please Help Keep Oberlin LOOKING CLEAN!