



CAMPERS AT PRAIRIE DOG STATE PARK at Norton will be seeing Vickie and Mike Bailey this year as they take over the duties of camp hosts. The Jennings couple will balance their new position with their other jobs. Mrs. Bailey owns and operates Decatur County Abstract and her husband is an auctioneer.
—Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Stanley family gathers

The family of the late Norman and Dorothy Stanley met on Saturday for a dinner and reunion at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin.

Following the meal, the family met at the home of Rosemary Stanley to go through a cedar chest filled with family mementos and heirlooms, which included a cookbook published in 1875 and a first-edition printing of the book, "Home on the Range," written by a great-aunt of the Stanley children.

Those attending included Norman B. Stanley, Wakarusa; Russ and Donna Stanley, Lincoln, Neb.; Todd, Pippa and Abby Miller, Lincoln, Neb.; Perrell and Dee Stanley, Plainville; John and Linda Stanley, Oberlin; Eric, Chris, Malilah and Mason Green, Jennings; Reed, Chay, Mickey and Hunter Kreigh, Fort Morgan, Colo.;

Rosemary Stanley, Oberlin; Tami Gaede, and Cyndi and Marcus Gray, Lincoln, Neb.; Jim and Margaret Stanley, Lori and Kennedy Stanley, Marybeth Flannigan, Colby; Joe and Regina Stanley, Oberlin; Jessi Stanley, Hays; Nan Stanley, Oberlin; Darlene Johnson, Grand Rapids, Mich.;

Bob, Alice and Kari Stanley, Erica, Darren and Jacie Fortin, Oberlin; Marcia and Dave Hickert, J.D. Hickert and family, McDonald; Marvin Ayers, McPherson; Bill Ayers, Yuba City, Calif.; and Wilma Nash, Alma, Neb.

Prairie Dog State Park at Norton welcomes new 2006 camp hosts

By VERONICA MONIER
The Norton Telegram

Prairie Dog State Park has a couple of new faces in an old position.

Mike and Vickie Bailey of Jennings have begun their first year as camp hosts, replacing long-time hosts Ray and Leta Koel, who retired last year.

"We're out here all the time," said Vickie. "We were here from April to October last year, so we thought we'd give it a try."

As the park's camp hosts, she said, one of the Baileys' main duties is keeping the campers apprised of weather conditions and, in the event of high winds or a tornado, direct them to shelter in the bathhouse.

They also give directions and answer questions, clean the park area and nearby bathhouse, and care for the lawn, flowers and trees in the campground area.

She said they plan to help campers in any way they can, working closely with the park rangers and

other park personnel. Another of their major duties is to keep a log of who is out at the campsites and where they are.

"We'll make sure everyone is paid up, keep an eye on the facility, and we'll be selling some ice," said Mike. "We'll basically do what Ray and Leta did."

"Mike walks around and visits the campers," Vickie said. "He enjoys doing that."

The Baileys will be at the park for the spring, summer and into fall. Mike will usually be at the couple's camper or around the park after 5 p.m.

Both will be spending the night at the park.

"Mike will be here in the daytime more than I will this summer," Vickie said. "His job allows more for it than mine does."

Mike is an auctioneer and works for Tri-State Livestock in McCook, Osborne Livestock and Hill City Livestock, and with Farm and Ranch Realty in Colby.

Vickie owns and operates Decatur County Abstract in Oberlin.

The Baileys said they are excited about being at the lake.

"We've been camping for about 25 years," Mike said.

Their children own campers and motorhomes and so will be spending the holidays at the lake, they said.

"It's kind of a family affair," said Vickie. "We know the Norton lake like the back of our hand."

The Baileys have a daughter, Missy, who lives in Wichita and has two children, and two sons, Colin, who lives in Norton with his wife Lindsey and their two children, and Grant, who attends college in Goodland and will be interning at New Age Industrial this summer.

With spacious camper pads, colorful flowers, beautiful scenery and nice bathrooms, she said, the Prairie Dog State Park is a good place to spend the summer.

The Baileys will be at campsite No. 8 until October.

Washburn student to graduate

Laci Leichliter will graduate on May 13 from Washburn University in Topeka with a Bachelor of Social Work degree.



L. Leichliter

She is the daughter of Rod and Lisa Leichliter of Siebert, Colo., formerly of Norcarut. Her grandparents are Lora Linn Leichliter and the late Lyman Leichliter, and R.D. Thornton and the late Eunice Thornton.

She lives at 1617 S.W. 37th Terrace, No. 220, Topeka, Kan., 66609.

Club News

'Backwards' party enjoyed

Pi Alpha Club year ended on April 24 with a "backwards" party at the home of Janette Votapka. She was assisted by Pat Wright.

Members, attired in clothing worn backwards, entered the door backwards to be greeted with "Good-bye. So glad you came." Dessert on the table was served immediately and so went the events for a very hilarious evening, including quizzes, charades, card and board games.

Mrs. Votapka gave devotions, "Just for Today," with Dale Carnegie thoughts given on the im-

portance of what we think and choosing the right thoughts to be happy.

Eight members were present with Pat Whetzel and Howard Votapka as guests.

It was voted to donate \$100 to the city Christmas decorations fund; also \$20 to the Multiple Sclerosis Walk at McCook, honoring Kristy Evans. Eunice Martin reported a recent visit with Nanon Clare, a former member, in Garden City.

Club will resume in the fall on Sept. 11.

Antique Club makes plans

The April meeting of the Mini-Sappa Antique Club was held at Sappa Valley Manor on April 9.

The Last Indian Raid Museum's Summerfest Car Show is scheduled for June 3 in downtown Oberlin, members heard. A quilt is being made and volunteers are needed to help with the sewing. Volunteers are also needed to take care of trophy

sponsors and order dash plaques. The garden tractor pull sled is done. Liane Martin will place an ad in *Tractor Shop* magazine for the fall show.

The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 14, at Ray Kircher's shop. It will include trying out the new tractor sled, a Mother's Day cookout and business meeting.

Five generations are graduates

When Jennifer Shaw graduates this spring from Decatur Community High School, she will become the second fifth-generation member of the Shaw family to receive a diploma from the same school.

She is the daughter of Richard and Anna Shaw. Her brother Isaac graduated in 2004. Her father, a 1969 graduate, was a high school science teacher. His parents are Ralph and Violet (Spiers) Shaw.

Ralph graduated in 1948, and became a high school math, science and aerospace teacher. His wife,

Violet, who graduated in 1949, was a high school English and media teacher.

Ralph's parents were Guy and Mary (Cathcart) Shaw. Guy graduated in 1921 and his wife in 1923.

Guy was a son of George Herbert and Estella (Drullinger) Shaw. George was a member of the Class of 1893, graduating the fifth year there was a high school in Oberlin. He later taught country school. Estella graduated in 1894, and also taught country school.

Forty piano students perform

Forty piano students and six teachers from Oberlin, Phillipsburg, Stockton, Norton and Kearney, Neb., participated in the Kansas Music Teachers Association Music Progressions in Oberlin on April 22 at Decatur Community High School.

Judges were Dr. J. Gordon Christensen, Imperial, Neb.; Pat Ziegelmeier, Gem; Karol Hickel, WaKeeney; and Joy Russell, Oberlin.

Students of Mary Henzel and Cheryl Metcalf were Caleb Koer-

perich, Samantha, Chris and Gabe Anderson, Britta, David and Michael Noren, Nolan and Ganon Henningson, Zach and Hannah May, Elizabeth Nedland, Ryan May, Caitlin Shields, Molly and Morgan Jansonius, Heather Glodt, Mary Olson, Miki Dorshorst, Jacob Helm, Cheyanne Soderlund, Jessica Fredrickson, Madison Monaco, Jordyn Wasson and Katie Glading.

Rotary enjoys program from speech team

Three members of the Decatur Community High School speech team demonstrated their talents for members of the Oberlin Rotary Club when they met on April 26.

Charles Haag, program chairman, introduced Coach Leigh Davis and three members of the team, which placed third at the Scott City

tournament. Ethan Merrill spoke of his vision of trying to get a date to the junior high dance and being turned down because he's a "dork."

Rory Wendelin spoke on the emperor and his clothes, and Jeremy

Tally told of Halloween and his love for candy.

Guests were Phil Balch and Dennis Haag of Tetra Tech, who are surveying the Sappa Park wetlands.

Grain eligible for U.S. loans

Grain stored by farmers at the Hi Plains Co-op elevator at Gem is eligible for loans since the facility has been approved by the Commodity Credit Corp., says Diane Barrett, Decatur County executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency.


Approval was obtained on April 10. The capacity has changed from 6,031,000 to 6,292,000 bushels, she said.

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New Arrival

Reese Rene Watkins

Matt and Krysten Watkins of Larned are the parents of a daughter, Reese Rene Watkins, born at 10:09 p.m. on March 21, 2006, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Jerry Miller, Gem; Carolyn Miller, Oberlin; and Dan and Judy Watkins, Hoxie. Great-grandparents are Lucille Miller, Norton, and Pat Nelson, Colby.




R. Watkins

Happy 40th Anniversary

Richard and Linda Weber

from all of us



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