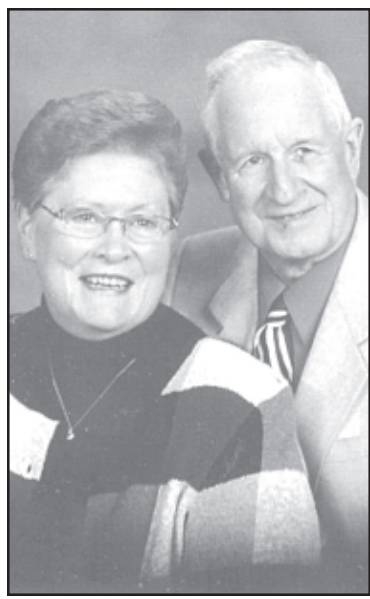


Couple observe 50th anniversary



Marvin and Carol Laeger

Marvin and Carol Laeger of Holland, Mich., observed their 50th wedding anniversary on May 27. Mrs. Laeger, the former Carol Messinger, graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1955 and her husband was a 1954 graduate of Quinter High School. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Messinger, who lived in the Traer community. They were married on May 27, 1956, at the Methodist Church in Oberlin. Officiating was his father, the Rev. George Laeger. They lived in Livingston, Mont., for 20 years before moving to Holland in September 1986. They have four children: Charlene and Kevin Walker, Michael and Laura; John and Sandy Laeger, Patrick and Jessica; Shari and Raymond Visscher, Brian and

Alissa; and Sheila and Mark Nickel, Emily, Erica, Adam, Anna, Aaron and Ellen. A private family celebration is planned for July 7. The couple lives at 111 East 24th St., Holland, Mich., 49423.

Club News

Women hold salad supper

Oberlin United Methodist Women and their guests met on June 7 at the church for a salad supper. Hostesses were Janeil Jensen, Linda Hollowell and Sara Hasty. The invocation was given by Pastor Doug Hasty. Devotions were given by Jody Shike in keeping with the program theme of the changing role of women in the working world over the years. Table decorations featured items used in different occupations in which women have traditionally been employed. The program committee included Pat Fringer, Kay Moon and Betty Jones, who was the narrator for an entertaining style show in which models wore outfits appropriate for different professions. President Pat Wright said the college student group from the Bike 'n Build organization would spend the night at the church on June 21 and that a potluck supper would be held at 6:30 p.m., to which the public is invited. A short program will follow in which the bikers will tell about the Habitat for Humanity home building projects in which they participate as they cross the country. The evening closed with the singing of "God Bless America" with Cheryl Metcalf as pianist. There will be no meetings in July or August.

Jennings woman earns 70-year Eastern Star pin

Mildred Tacha of Jennings received a certificate for 70 years of service to the Order of the Eastern Star at the June 4 meeting of Oberlin Chapter and Mountain Slope Lodge at the Masonic Temple in Oberlin.

Others receiving honors who were unable to attend included Doreen Ashley, a 65-year member, and Lucille Fleming, 60 years.

Patricia Berry, past grand matron of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, awarded 50-year pins to John and Muriel Ready, Loyd and Mary Waldo, and Carol Witt. Receiving pins, but unable to attend, were Allan and Elaine Tacha and Marcia Wiltfong.

Worthy Matron Sarah Orr introduced the distinguished guests: Patricia Berry, past grand matron of Kansas; Lester Web, past grand patron of Nebraska; Brenda McGuire, grand Esther of Nebraska; and Karen Bennett and Rodney Braclin, Grand Committee members for Kansas.

Harold Nichols introduced Steven Molstead of Colby, most worshipful grand master of the Free and

Accepted Masons of Kansas, who in turn introduced his grand lodge officers and their wives: Jimmie Grassi, deputy grand master, Overland Park; Roy Sullivan, grand junior warden, Topeka; Jerry Lohofener, grand junior deacon, Oberlin; Rodney Braclin, grand pursuivant, and Tom Stevens, district deputy grand master, St. Francis; and Rob McFee, district deputy grand master, Oberlin.

Grand Master Molstead presided over the pin presentations. The Grand Lodge presented Dorothy Ward and Karen Metcalf with widow's pins. Warren Bainter received a 25-year pin. Loyd Waldo and John Ready received 50-year pins. Jerry Thomsen and Jack Bainter achieved 50-year pins but were unable to attend. Wayne Herzog has achieved 70 years of service but was unable to attend.

Hope, Faith and Charity provided musical entertainment. Visitors came from McCook and Curtis, Neb.; St. Francis, Lenora, Colby, Norcatur, Dresden, Topeka, Overland Park, Jennings and Oberlin.



M. Tacha

Woman writes books

Carolyn (Fredrickson) Scheidies of Kearney, Neb., has published her latest book, "Threads of Time." She formerly lived in the Lund community when her father, the Rev. William Fredrickson, was pastor of the Lund Covenant Church.

The book's premise is that history is not just about dates. It's about explorers and adventurers, about spies and presidents. It's about people of faith who made a difference in their world.

She said, "In 'Threads of Time,' you'll discover how Marco Polo's adventures to China influenced Christopher Columbus and how John Smith impacted both Pocahontas and Squanto. History is the story of interconnected lives and the book brings historical figures to life."

She is a former elementary teacher, mother of two and author of

"Busy Moms' Devotions to Go."

Her love of history led her to take so many classes, while getting a comprehensive major in journalism, that she almost had enough credits to minor in the subject. She is the author of over a dozen published books, but has never lost her love of libraries, history and searching for the truth.

The book includes historical documents such as The Ten Commandments, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and more, along with teacher suggestions and a comprehensive index. A sample preview is available at <http://www.lulu.com/DealInHope>.

Scheidies lives at 415 E. 15th, Kearney, Neb., 68847, phone (308) 234-3849, or crscheidies@hotmail.com. Her next book will be "A Tale of the Oregon Trail."

Two earn college degrees

Grant and Haley Vollertsen, son and daughter of Kurt and Becky Vollertsen of Oberlin, both earned college degrees this spring.

Grant completed a Doctor of Dental Surgery graduate degree from Creighton University in Omaha. He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1999. He will be practicing dentistry with Dr. Kevin Sterling in Garden City.

Haley graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in biology. A 2002 graduate of Decatur Community High School, she plans to attend the Colby Community College dental hygienist program in the fall. Her mother teaches in the program.

Their grandparents are Harold and Betty Wiltfong and Don and Willa Vollertsen of Norton.



G. Vollertsen



H. Vollertsen

Writers' retreat will be June 24

The annual Sappa Creek Writers' Retreat will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, at the Oberlin Covenant Church, 810 W. Cedar St.

The event, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, will be led by instructors Barbara Dehlinger and Merlou Robinson. Registration of \$45 per person includes a continental breakfast and lunch at the LandMark Inn. "The retreat will be a day of ex-

periencing your imagination, expanding your writing palette, taking home two writing books, playing with your experiences, surrounding yourself with other writers (both beginners and published writers), being courageous in your writing and celebrating your creative self," Mrs. Dehlinger said.

Casual apparel is encouraged. For details and registration information, call Mrs. Dehlinger at (785) 475-3344.

Woman earns doctorate

Amy Gaumer Erickson earned a doctorate in special education from the University of Kansas on May 21.

Dr. Erickson graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1994 and attended McPherson College. She has taught special education at high schools in Broomfield, Colo., Gardner and Topeka.

Those who attended the doctoral hooding ceremony in-

cluded her husband, Clayton, and their children, Alexandria, Chase and Isabelle Erickson of Tecumseh; her parents, Jim and Judy Gaumer, Oberlin; her grandparents, Gayle and Ruth Bainter, Dresden; and an uncle and aunt, Carl and Betty Fitzgerald, Glen Elder.

Dr. Erickson is teaching graduate classes in special education at KU and consulting with the state Department of Education.



A. Gaumer

Woman earns nursing degree

Melisa (Kump) Hazell of Hutchinson received her nursing degree on May 7 at Hesston College, then passed the state boards on May 17. She is working in the obstetric department at the hospital in Hutchinson.

She is the daughter of Ron and Judy Kump of Wichita, but formerly of Oberlin. She graduated from Hutchinson High School. She is a granddaughter of Cecilia Kump Brown of Oberlin and the late Jack Kump.

She and her husband, Shawn, have two daughters, Katelynn and Kasey.



M. Hazell

Bikers to visit church here

The Bike and Build group, which includes 25 men and women, will arrive at the Oberlin United Methodist Church next Wednesday.

The group includes college students from around the country making their way across the United States.

The trip will take them up mountains, over plenty of steep hills, through strong winds and too much

sun. Along the way, they will have building days when they work with Habitat for Humanity and join an existing house project. Each biker has to raise \$4,000 in donations for Habitat.

The church will host a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited. The riders will talk about their experiences following the dinner.

Students earn degrees at Colby

Several area students were among 328 degree and certificate candidates at the 41st annual commencement ceremony of Colby Community College at the Colby Community Building.

They included: Laura Robinson, Clayton; Betty Vahling, Dresden; Joshua Davis, Jennings; Angela Ayers, Andrea Burmaster, William

DeKnight III, Leia Depperschmidt, Jenny Anderson, Daniel Hurst, Amber Reynolds-Lorentz, Cory-amber Marine, Alissa McDonald, Amy McDougal, Trista Ploussard, Donald Ray and Sara Weyeneth, Oberlin; and Andrew Bird, Jesse Colson, Jami Shaw, Dusty Spresser and Abbie Miller, Selden.

Classes set at Fort Hays

Beginning this fall, Fort Hays State University will offer a Master of Business Administration in Leadership degree on the Internet.

Designed to meet needs of today's corporations and busy working professionals, this program combines a traditional, rigorous 28-credit-hour core curriculum with an additional nine hours in organizational leadership.

According to "Job Outlook 2006" from the National Association of Colleges and Employers, recruiters report they seek the "soft skills" of leadership and teamwork.

This new emphasis better equips graduates to tackle changes in today's workplace, whether as a small business owner or as a manager in a large corporation.

To meet the educational needs of working professionals, the on-line program offers the rigor of a traditional classroom but enables students to learn anytime, anywhere. Students may enroll part- or full-time, completing the program in as little as 18 months.

For details, visit www.fhsu.edu/mba or call (785) 628-5696.

Rotary hears of foundation

Mark Olson was program chair for the June 6 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club and introduced several board members of the Decatur Community Educational Foundation as guests. They included Paul Shields, Jill Anderson, Reichert and Col. Gary Allen.

Mr. Shields explained the goals of the foundation, started due to the challenges facing the schools with declining enrollment, reduced state money, aging facilities and the ever-

changing demands of technology.

He showed a video, narrated by Marvin Matchett, and answered questions. People can learn more about the foundation by contacting board members, Dr. Olson, Mr. Shields, Mrs. Reichert, Col. Allen, Roland May, Colleen Unger Rittmann and Ken Badsky.

Other guests were Darrell Landau, Mary Lou Olson and Kimberly Davis.

Testing center to open at Hays

Fort Hays State University's Kelly Center has formed a partnership with Thomson Prometric to provide students, Hays residents and western Kansas a computer-based testing center for graduate school admissions, professional licensure and certification in the academic, government, corporate and information technology fields.

The testing will allow people to pursue certifications with companies like Cisco, Microsoft, CompTIA, Apple and Nortel.

For details, contact the Thomson Prometric Testing Center at (785) 628-4330 or visit the center's Web site at www.fhsu.edu/kellycenter/testing/ptc.shtml.

Christian women to meet

McCook Christian Women's Club will meet on Friday, beginning with a continental breakfast at the Chief Poolside, 612 West B Street, in McCook.

Kerri Unger will sing and Cindy Walter of Colorado Springs will

share her story, "From Ashes to Beauty," which tells about her family being burned in a propane explosion.

For reservations, call Dollie at (308) 345-4011 or Rose at 345-1191 today.

Teacher workshops offered

The Center for Economic Education at Fort Hays State University will offer workshops on its campus for teachers from kindergarten through 12th grade.

The sessions are designed to enhance teachers' current curriculum with a new spark. Each teacher will receive free curriculum materials valued at nearly \$100, as well as scholarships of \$80 per credit hour to certified Kansas teachers of all grade levels. Teachers may enroll and receive scholarships in all workshops that apply to their teaching level.

Stock Market Game workshops for grades 4-12 will be Thursday, July 6, and Wednesday, July 26 and Aug. 23; and Wednesdays Institute Part II for middle and high school

teachers Tuesday and Wednesday, July 25-26; Financial Fitness for Kids for K-8 teachers Tuesday to Thursday, July 4-6; Math and Economics for middle and high school teachers Tuesday and Wednesday, July 11-12; Wide World of Trade for middle school teachers Thursday and Friday, July 13-14; and Life-Smarts for grades 5-12, Wednesday, Aug. 23.

For details, call (785) 628-4121 or (785) 445-3751 or e-mail Dr. Jean Anna Sellers at jsellers@fhsu.edu.

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New Arrival

Jaclyn Anne Mader
Mr. and Mrs. Tracey Mader of Wichita are the parents of a daughter, Jaclyn Anne, born May

29, 2006. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Heidrick, Beloit, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mader, Jennings.



25th Wedding Anniversary
The children of
Harlan & Judith Call
(Lincoln)
wish to honor their parents
with a 25th Wedding
Anniversary Open House on
Saturday, June 17, 2006,
2-5 p.m.
1473 Pioneer Drive
(4 miles west of Colby, then
follow the balloons)