

People in Our Community

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Bill and Carol Duncan returned home Sunday from Elk City, Texas, where they attended a Fourier family reunion. En route they visited their daughter, Kathleen and Greg Norris, in Salina; her sisters, Marilyn Myers and Darla Williams, and families in Enid, Okla.; and their grandchildren, Brandon and Lori Norris, and Kristin Norris in Edmond, Okla.

Kenzie Abbey graduated in May from Kansas State University with a Bachelor's Degree in social science. She recently spent a week visiting her parents, Jim and Denise Abbey, before moving to Salina, where she has accepted a job with *The Salina Journal*.

Don and Genola Claussen have moved to Sappa Valley Manor, apartment 112. Their mailing address will remain Box 94, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Recent visitors of Marianna Bendon and Karla Jones were their niece and cousin, Teresa and Eric Hawkins and Daniel. They were en route to Fredricksburg, Va., where they will make their home.

Thursday evening visitors of Buzz and Cynthia Matson were Bob and Maureen McDaniel, Jacob, Zachary and Adam of Rogersville, Tenn. Bob is a 1977 graduate of Decatur Community High School. His oldest son, Benjamin, is a graduate of West Point and is presently taking helicopter training at Fort Ruckers, Ala. Jacob is a spring East Tennessee State graduate and is leaving soon for Fort Lewis, Wash., where he will be stationed with the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Among area students who were named spring Fort Hays State University Business and Leadership Scholars was Benjamin Bainter, who is a senior. His parents are Warren and Jan Bainter of Oberlin.

Von Johnson of Pueblo, Colo., visited over the weekend with his mother, Crystal Moore, a resident at Wheat Ridge Terrace. Oral and Doris Brunk of Lyons were additional visitors. Mr. Johnson and his wife, Joy, have purchased the Rodney New home at Norcat and will be moving there. Joy Johnson's brother, Wayne Bosler and his wife, Linda (Jording) Bosler of Denver, have purchased the former Art Leitner home in Herndon and plan to move there.

Don and Karen Dale of Coronado, Calif., returned home recently after visiting in Oberlin the first week in June. While at the museum, Mrs. Dale noticed a number of the high school class pictures were unframed and deteriorating, including those of her father, Ranie Love (1930), and her aunt, Lorraine Love (1935), so along with a membership, a gift was made to the museum to get those two class years framed. The Dales said at the Bill Sauvage farm they frightened five antelope away, which was a first for them, so they took a picture. The Dales said they also visited Chuck Haag; talked with Danica May, who is following her sister to KU as a Love scholar; and said hello to

Rusty Addleman, Oberlin's No. 1 Jayhawk fan. They said to give regards to Irel Muller Lohofener, Geneva Counter Morford and Marjorie Everist Nitsch, classmates of Lorraine Love, who at 88 is getting by except for Alzheimer's.

Nadean Stoney has returned home from Kearney, Neb., where she was hospitalized for a month following heart bypass surgery.

Delores Zodrow is hospitalized in McCook. Mail will reach her at Community Hospital, 1301 East H, McCook, Neb., 69001.

Milton Anderson of Topeka was visiting in Oberlin on Friday.

Joshua, Jonathan and Jonah Rupe of Hays spent a few days visiting their grandparents, Dale and Cheryl Votapka. The boys returned home Tuesday.

Steve and Cynthia spent Sunday in Concordia, where they visited her mother, Emma Desilet, and her sister and family, Marie and Rick Carnes, and Jason.

Paula Chapman, and Ethan, San Rafael, Calif., and Eric and Peggy Brown of Weston, Fla., visited from Tuesday to Saturday with their father and his wife, George and Cecilia Brown. Her granddaughter, Melisa Hazell, Kaitlynn and Kasey of Hutchinson, came Monday to spend the Fourth of July with the Browns.

Doug Brown has accepted a position in the grain trading department at Frenchman Valley Co-op in McCook. He has been working at The Bank in Oberlin. He and his wife, Pat, and daughter, Skyler, will continue to make their home on their farm north of Oberlin.

Among area students who earned Bachelor of Science degrees at Fort Hays State University in May were Lori Vahling, Dresden, fine arts; Nathan Howard, Ludell, secondary education; and Christopher Broeckelman, technology studies and secondary education.

Dave and Patricia Tongish of Newton spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Gene and Marcella Leitner.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Dewaine Stapp, Henry Edgett, Merle Shirley, Floyd Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet, Barb Solko and Helena Bruggeman. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Ivis Hanson, Aleen Van Vleet, Doris Gilbert, Max Carman, Veanna Carman and Floyd Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Barb Solko and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Esther Miller. Bridge winners were Charlotte Meints, Annette Miller and Carol Shirley.

Fort Hays State University students who earned master's degrees during the spring 2006 semester from this area included: Colleen Hardiek, Norcat, elementary education, and Peggy Roe, Oberlin, special education.

Man named 'Sailor of the Month'

AM 1st Class Brian S. McCool, son of Barbara McCool of Norcat, was named Sailor of the Month by the Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 15 "Blackhawks."

The award was presented to the enlisted man (E6) who demonstrated the highest levels of sustained superior performance, leadership, self-improvement, command and community involvement and physical readiness.



B. McCool

Mr. McCool was selected from a competitive group of first class petty officers. His commanding officer, G.B. Parisi, said that "his dedication and leadership make it possible for HM-15 to continue to set new performance standards in the Airborne Mine Countermeasures and Vertical Onboard Delivery mission areas."

His wife and their 4-year-old daughter live at 8218 Tango Circle, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Blue rock 'fun shoot' July 16

The Oberlin Gun Club will be sponsoring a blue rock "fun shoot" open to the public on Sunday, July 16. For starting times and information call Gary Bruggeman, (785) 475-3042 or 2121. Shooters may also stop by Ultimate Fertilizer, 139 W. Hall, in Oberlin for information.

Diabetic meeting Thursday

The diabetic support group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in room 3 at The Gateway, sponsored by Decatur Health Systems.

Laura O'Brian of McCook, a registered dietician, will present a program on healthy meal planning for the diabetic. The public is invited.



Carl and Charolette Neff, 1956.



Carl and Charolette Neff, 2006.

Couple honored on 50th

Carl and Charolette Neff of Norton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday.

The former Charolette Urling began dating Carl Neff while they were both students at Decatur Community High School in Oberlin. Mr. Neff graduated from Pittsburg State Teachers College in 1956. Mrs. Neff went to McCook Beauty School after high school and worked in a professional shop.

They were married June 30, 1956, in Oberlin. He taught and coached at Fowler and she operated a beauty shop.

In 1957, he enlisted in the Army and after six months of active duty, he returned to his teaching position.

In 1958, they joined the McDonald School system and in 1960, they moved to Norton.

Mr. Neff taught for four more years before retiring and becoming a New York Life Insurance agent. Mrs. Neff was a real estate agent for 20 years.

They have three children, Bob and Julie Neff, Norton; Sherri Neff, Bonner Springs; and Vicki and Ron Fisher, Norton; and four grandchildren, Jessica and Christopher Fisher, Tyler Neff, and Nicki Ebert and her husband, Brock. Tylee Ebert is the couple's only great-grandchild.

Their address is Box 206, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Reunion held in Colorado

The Henzel family met the weekend of June 24-25 in Glenwood Springs, Colo., for a family reunion and to help Stuart and Mary Henzel celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The 14 immediate family members stayed in an eight-bedroom house at Snowmass Village for four days. They enjoyed a whitewater rafting trip down the Colorado River.

Their sons, Brian and Richard, and their friends met Stuart and Mary in Denver where they continued their train ride to Glenwood Springs to join the others.

Those attending were Stuart and

Mary Henzel, Oberlin; their sons, Jim and Connie Henzel, Holdenville, Okla.; Richard Henzel and Sharon Goshorn, Pensacola, Fla.; and Brian Henzel and Tom Fitzpatrick, San Diego, Calif.

Others present were Mary's sisters, Dottie Manz, Las Vegas; and Mona and Gordon Zumwalt, Reno, Nev.; and Stuart's sister and family, Jane, Wayne and Eric Buck, Corvallis, Ore. Those unable to attend were a nephew, Darryl Buck, Pendleton, Ore.; nieces, Marcy Buck Becker and family, Albany, Ore.; and Kathy Manz Holder and family, Las Vegas; and the couple's grandson, Jake Henzel, Stillwater, Okla.

Student speaks to Rotary Club

Cameron Nedland, who left on Saturday to spend a month in Panama as part of a Rotary International student exchange program, spoke at the June 27 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

Introduced by his mother, Rotarian Rhonda May, he showed a slide presentation titled, "El Casa de Cameron," which he plans to share with his host family. He said he has

filmed the program of his family life, along with life, sights and events in America and his home in the state of Kansas.

Thanks went to members who helped place netting over the children's playpen at the baseball field, an Oberlin Rotary Centennial project. Ms. May also thanked those who assisted with the barbecue at the cancer walk recently.

Hospital receives new flag

Decatur Health Systems is displaying a new U.S. flag in the hospital lobby which was donated Friday by the Oberlin Modern Woodmen Camp.

Members demonstrated their patriotism by presenting the flag to Administrator Lynn Doeden.

Each year, Modern Woodmen

camp and youth service clubs donate flags to fire stations, schools, nursing homes, cemeteries and other facilities. Marie McKisson is secretary of the Oberlin camp.

Coffee, lemonade and cookies were served to the hospital staff and visitors by camp members.

Women's outdoor retreat set

Women from throughout the Midwest are invited to take part in Women's Outdoor Adventures at Camp Lakeside, north of Scott City, from July 28-30.

The three-day event will allow women 21 and older to try their hand at a variety of outdoor activities.

Among the offerings are rappelling (scaling down a cliff with ropes), archery, handgun basics, outdoor art, hiking, horticulture ba-

sics and self-defense. Also on tap are courses in Dutch oven cooking, canoeing, fishing, outdoor photography, automobile maintenance, boating basics and more. Susan McBride with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service is coordinator.

Registration is due by July 14 and the fee is \$150. For details, call (620) 355-4091.

Couple plans August wedding

Julie Prowett and Tony Preston MacDonald of Laramie, Wyo., plan to be married at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 20, at the Botanical Gardens in Cheyenne, Wyo., with a reception to follow.

Parents of the couple are Dave and Lynette Prowett, Gillette, Wyo., and Tom and Patti Skubal, Oberlin, and Jim and Connie MacDonald, Loveland, Colo.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Wyoming. She earned a degree in secondary education with an emphasis on communications and journalism. She plans to become a librarian. She is employed



J. Prowett, T. MacDonald

in the cosmetics department at Wal-Mart.

Her fiancé also graduated from the University of Wyoming and earned a degree in architectural engineering with an emphasis on structural engineering. He works for Nolte Engineering of Fort Collins, Colo., and Wal-Mart.

Selden native retires

Dr. Larry Kruse, a 1961 graduate of Selden Rural High School, retired on Friday after more than 40 years in education in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Dr. Kruse, vice president for student services at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla., earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Fort Hays State University and a doctorate from Oklahoma State University.

He began his teaching career at Tri-Plains High School in Winona, then was one of the first faculty

members at Barton County Community College. He was dean of students at Seward County Community College in Liberal for nearly 20 years.

His next post was as an administrator at Oklahoma State in Stillwater for over 12 years. He moved to Cameron in 2003.

He and his wife Cecelia plan to remain in Lawton.

He is the son of Mildred Cochran and a nephew of Fern Jording, both of Oberlin.



Larry Kruse

Golden Plains teacher honored

Travis Smith of Selden has been accepted as a member of the National Honor Roll of Outstanding American Teachers.

He teaches ninth and 10th-grade social studies at Golden Plains High School in Rexford, and also coaches football and middle school girls basketball and is assistant track coach. A graduate of Fort Hays State University, he has taught in Rexford for

five years. He and his wife, Orba, live in Selden.

"The service teachers provide to society cannot be underestimated," said Lynn Romeo, publisher of the *2005/2006 Commemorative Edition*. "Our goal is to recognize outstanding teachers for their contribution to the positive development of America's youth. We cannot thank them enough for all that they do."

Music scholarship offered

Students involved in musical activities at Fort Hays State University, not just music majors, will be eligible for a scholarship established by Joyce Buckner of Tulsa in memory of her parents.

The Clair and Marguerite Anderson Music scholarship will be awarded annually to students in music department activities, including pep band, choir, orchestra and other ensembles. Students do not need to be music majors.

The first scholarship, \$1,000, will be awarded for the 2006-2007 year. The scholarship is endowed so the allocated earnings will be awarded each year.

"The Andersons enjoyed music their entire lives. They met in the band at FHSU and continued to make and play music far after graduation," said Ruth Heffel, director of planned giving for the college Endowment Association.

"They were a proud part of the 1940 graduating class," she said.

"They described their experience at FHSU as an enjoyable one and came home for alumni events as long as they could. They stayed in touch with many of their classmates and met many life-long friends during their education at FHSU."

The Andersons, who lived in Tulsa, both died last year.

The association is an independent, nonprofit corporation designated by the state to receive gifts on behalf of the university. Donations should be tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code.

Golf tourney will help pets

The Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter's fourth annual "Puttin' for Pets" Golf Tournament will begin at 8 a.m. Mountain Time Saturday at the Sugar Hills Golf Club in Goodland.

Fee to enter the four-person scramble is \$120 per team, which covers registration and lunch. Mulligans will be sold for \$5. For details, call (785) 899-2785.



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