

THE OBERLIN HERALD - People in Our Community

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Lula Thieler of Colby, a former Oberlin Elementary School teacher, was honored recently with membership in the Club of the National Library Service and also in the Kansas Century Club of the Kansas Talking Book Service. She spends many hours of her day listening to books provided by the Western Kansas Talking Books program. In recognition of her lifelong reading, she received a certificate and pin from the National Library Service and a pillow from the Kansas Talking Book Service.

Larry Screen of Salina, son of Phyllis Screen of Oberlin and the late Jim Screen, will be speaking and showing pictures of his mission trip to Mexico at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday at the Oberlin Covenant Church during morning worship services. A Mexican potluck meal will be served at noon. The public is invited and those attending are asked to bring a Mexican covered dish.

Melba Simpson Johnson underwent surgery last Tuesday. Mail will reach her at 3789 W. 103rd Drive, Westminster, Colo., 80031. She and her husband, Martin, are 1951 graduates of Decatur Community High School.

Dorothy Breiner, postmaster at Norcat, is hospitalized in Kearney, Neb., where she was taken following a stroke last week. Mail will reach her at TCU, room 347, 10 E. 31st Street, Kearney, Neb., 68848-1990.

Hank and Jeanie Benton of Vienna, Va., visited in Oberlin several days last week. They had also visited their daughter, Holly, and family in Austin, Texas, and his sister and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. Rick Kiser, in Greeley, Colo.

Those who are visiting Karen Metcalf and other relatives this week include Todd and Rachel Richards, Jacob and Caleb, Beaumont, Texas; Gene and Sandra Gardner, Mount Vernon, Texas; Rob Gardner, Austin, Texas; Richard and Linda Gardner, and Brandon, Winsboro, Texas; Mary Stephenson, Leavenworth; and Joe and Kim Horn, Sam and Katie, College Station, Pa.

—VanVleet reunion, Aug. 20, noon, Golden Age Center, Oberlin.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood for Geneva (Banzet) Kastens, 87, who died July 31 in Monroe, Wash. She was a cousin of Darroll Banzet of Oberlin, and her family formerly lived in the Midway community south of Herndon. Her brother, Ernest Banzet Jr., died on July 13 in Alabama. Her husband, Ed Kastens, preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, Leland and Margaret, Atwood, and Alden and Colleen, Benkelman, Neb.; and a daughter, Sandra and Ray Walker,

Benefit hog roast Sunday

A benefit hog roast for the family of Dave Murray will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Decatur County Fairground, preceding the stock car races, which begin at 6:30 p.m. The family was involved in a vehicle accident recently and proceeds will go for medical expenses. The meat has been donated by Joe Dawson, Joe Broeckelman and Kevin and Virginia Cooper and will be prepared by Dan Morford. The menu will also include baked beans, chips and dessert. The nurses and staff at Decatur Health Systems are making desserts. Nikki Murray is a nurse at the hospital.

Head Start begins Aug. 23

Decatur County Head Start will begin classes on Wednesday, Aug. 23. Parents of enrolled children will have an orientation and informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21, in the classroom at Oberlin Elementary School. Babysitters will be available to watch the kids. Refreshments will be served and door prizes given. There are a few openings in the class; call 475-3935 for details.

Carnation, Wash., and their families.

Susan (Sloan) McCarthy of Gordon, Neb., and Luella Sloan returned to Oberlin Thursday from Missoula, Mont., where they visited their aunt and sister-in-law, LaRaine Claar, and her son, Jim and Laurie Claar. They helped LaRaine celebrate her 93rd birthday on July 30. On Friday, Mrs. McCarthy and Luella Sloan had lunch with Doris Sloan.

Renee and Alex McEvoy of Hotchkiss, Colo., and Ethan and Jordyn Beckman of Grinnell are spending fair week with their grandparents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy, and other relatives.

Opal Bryan is recuperating from a broken arm which she suffered in a fall at home.

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Doris Sloan and Daisy Schmidt attended the open house on Wednesday in Selden honoring their aunt, Edith Carman, on her 102nd birthday. It was held at the home of Mrs. Carman's granddaughter, Gloria and Ellis Walker, who recently moved to Selden from Fort Morgan, Colo. Cindi Sauder and Jaime of Flower Mound, Texas, will arrive Thursday to visit Mrs. Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Garcia of Redondo Beach, Calif., visited her aunt, Joyce Martin, while here on business last weekend. Mrs. Garcia is the former Linda Gardner, daughter of the late Kenneth and Edith Gardner.

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Dr. Shannon Addleman is extending her time in Oberlin through August and will be available at least two days a week at Fair Chiropractic Clinic, along with Dr. Fair and Dr. Unger.

Hillary McShea of Lima, N.Y., visited from Wednesday to Sunday with her father, Gary Shike, and his wife, Jody, and Matthew Wittman. Mr. Shike took her to Hays on Sunday, where they met her mother, Patty Morton, and she will spend a few days with her in Wichita before returning home. Hillary is enrolled at Geneseo State University and is majoring in psychology.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Barb Solko, Max Carman, Floyd Edgett, Donna Kent, Dorothy Moore and Wilma May. Lows went to Dewaine Stapp, Wilma May, Doris Miller, Henry Edgett, Veanna Carman and Barb Solko. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet. Bridge winners were Carol Shirley and Janette Votapka.

A raffle is planned, with prizes to include a clock, Tony Stewart NASCAR lawn chair, Bill Ernhart cooler filled with snacks, and a folding chair painted with Dave Murray's 97M race car and autographed by him. For details or to volunteer to help with the desserts, call Linda Manning at (785) 475-4453.

Couple sets August wedding

Jody Haag and Jeremy Joel, both of Lincoln, Neb., plan to be married on Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Weeping Water, Neb. Parents of the couple are Charles D. and Betsy Haag of Oberlin, and Edward and Suzanne Joel of North Platte, Neb.

The bride-to-be earned a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice from Chadron State College. She is an intensive family preservation skillbuilder with Visinet Inc., in Lincoln. She is enrolled full-time at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to obtain her teaching certificate. Her fiancé earned bachelor's de-



Jeremy Joel and Jody Haag

grees in English and psychology from the University of South Dakota. He is a corrections sergeant with the Lancaster County Department of Corrections in Lincoln.

Group to perform in Oberlin

The Turpin Tyme Ragsters, a seven-piece ragtime music ensemble based in Kansas City, will perform in the band shell at Oberlin City Park at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 20.

The group recreates ragtime sounds of composers Scott Joplin, James Scott, "Jelly Roll" Morton and many others. Their repertoire reflects the diversity of music from "turn of the century" America, including songs like "Dill Pickles," "The Entertainer," "Easy Winners," "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and more traditional ragtime melodies familiar to all.

The band throws in historical information and humor along the way. This year, the group was featured at

the Scott Joplin International Ragtime Festival in Sedalia, Mo. Instruments include cornet, clarinet, tenor sax, piccolo, trombone, piano, tuba and drums.

Before the concert, the Last Indian Museum board will offer grilled hamburgers at the park for a donation beginning at 6 p.m.

This is a season ticket event. Single-event tickets will be available in the park for \$10 for adults and \$5 for elementary or high school students. A family ticket for this event will be available at \$15. Bring lawn chairs, as limited seating will be available.

For details, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557, or Mary Henzel, 475-3329.

Farm disaster loans available

Farmers in Decatur, Phillips, Norton and Rawlins counties who suffered losses due to heat, wind or drought after Jan. 1 may apply for U.S. Farm Service Agency emergency loans.

John C. Vogt, farm loan manager in Norton, said these counties became eligible under a law which provides that farmers in counties bordering on those which have been designated for disaster aid may also qualify. Applications will be accepted until March 13.

"Loans covering physical and/or

production losses may be made at a 3.75 percent interest rate," he said, "and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible."

The loans may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes) lost through this disaster. Loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock or to make payments on real estate and equipment debts.

"Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses," Mr. Vogt said.

Rancher to talk about drought

Marlene Moore, owner of the Shamrock Ranch in Wallace, Neb., will discuss drought management at the Western Adult Range School on Tuesday to Thursday, Aug. 29-31, at Camp Lakeside at the Scott County State Lake north of Scott City.

"Shamrock is a third-generation ranch consisting of 4,900 deeded acres and 2,500 acres of leased rangeland in southwest Nebraska where the annual rainfall is 18 inches," said Duane Cheney, coordinator for Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Develop-

ment.

Co-host for the meeting will be the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition. Topics will include technical, financial and landscape health issues, all from a rancher perspective. Presentations will include the benefits of well-managed riparian areas in reducing the impact of drought and indicators used to conduct a visual assessment to determine how healthy a stream and its watershed are.

For details, call Mr. Cheney at (785) 462-2602 or Sandy Rodgers at (785) 889-3070, extension 35.

Storm hits Jennings area

The Jennings area got some much-needed rain Sunday, but no one knows how much since it came out of the sky sideways.

Chris Green, a Jennings firefighter and head of emergency management, said there wasn't any rain in the gauge although it came down for a good 30 minutes or so.

She said the storm, which brought lots of wind and hail, sent storm

watchers out, but there weren't any tornadoes.

There were several 10- to 12-inch branches down in town, and trees missing leaves or knocked over.

As far as she knows, Green said, there wasn't any structural damage or crop damage, or at least there hadn't been any reported as of Monday night.

Christian women to meet

"Roundup and Ready" will be the theme for the McCook Christian Women's Club meeting from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Chief Poolside, 612 West B Street, in McCook.

Mary Bohn of Colorado Springs

will talk about "Is there anyone I can really trust?" Myrna Harper, coordinator for the Southwest Nebraska Rodeo Pageant, will speak.

Reservations are appreciated by today by calling Rose at (308) 345-1191.

Committee to promote interaction among ages

A committee has been formed to develop and promote leadership and community interaction among generations in Oberlin and Decatur County.

The group developed from the Decatur Tomorrow Community Conversation in April and the Decatur Tomorrow Vision Retreat in May.

Members include Becky Ayers, Mary Jo Lohofener, Ken Shobe, Carol Dixson, Dennis Brown, Alex-Hissong, Terry Ream, Susan Nelson, Abby Hissong, Patty Brown and Nolan May.

"Our first step in meeting our goal," said Mrs. Lohofener, "is to contact civic and government organizations, church councils, and

planning committees to ask them to personally invite students, young adults and senior citizens to participate in the group they represent.

"We are sending letters to various organizations to encourage them to make plans to invite people of all ages groups to take an active role in their organization's meetings. Many youth are unaware of the many opportunities available through organizations in our community. We would also like to involve older members of the community and new Decatur County residents."

Anyone interested in joining may contact any team member. To set up a time for a member to speak to any organization, call Mrs. Lohofener at (785) 475-2019.

Banker named to state board

Gary Walter, president of the Bank in Oberlin, was elected to the Kansas Bankers Association board at its annual meeting in Colorado Springs on Saturday.

He joins the board in his second year on the association's Governing Council as a regional representative, a three-year position the members elected him to last August.

Reared near St. Francis, Mr. Walter graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in life science. He began his banking career in 1982 at Decatur County National Bank in Oberlin. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. closed the bank in 1985, but he remained with the institution

when it became the Bank. He is a 1988 graduate of the graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He and his wife Janelle have three grown daughters. Amy is an occupational therapist in Yuma, Ariz., where she lives with her husband, Donald, and their children, Ragan and Tyler. Sarah, a recruiter for IndyMac

Bank, and Lisa, an assistant occupational therapist, both live in Kansas City.

The statewide association, founded by bankers in 1887, represents 343 member banks in government relations, law, education and insurance from its office in Topeka.

Rotary hears about fair

Ward Votapka, a member of the Decatur County Amusement Authority, and LaMoine Wolfram, from the Fair Board, presented a program about the fair at the Aug. 1 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. Mark Olson was program chairman.

The men told about the fair and new activities and events that are planned. They said the Oberlin Jaycees will serve ribeye steak sandwiches at noon on Wednesday, with proceeds to go for the construction

of a new livestock building.

Adult rides have been increased to \$1, but small children's rides will remain the same as last year at 25 cents. The reason for the increase is insurance costs, they said, as it costs \$9,000 for insurance for the five days.

Other guests were Ann Anderson and Colleen Unger. Visiting Rotarian was Janice Shobe, a member of the Atwood club.

Woman speaks at conference

Peggy Pratt, director of juvenile services for northwest Kansas, spoke at the seventh annual Governor's Conference on providing core programs for juveniles in northwest Kansas, held recently in Topeka.

She was one of three members on a panel of community case managers at a round table breakout session addressing issues with supervision of juveniles on probation or in custody.

They also discussed resources

available in Kansas, interventions, placement options and general information about being a juvenile intensive supervision probation or community case management officer. These are two of the core programs under the regulation of the state Juvenile Justice Authority. The third core program is juvenile intake and assessment service.

Information on these and other services is available by calling Judi (785) 628-6244.

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