

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Buzz and Cynthia Matson were in Warrensburg, Mo., on Oct. 13 for a reception and induction ceremony at the University of Central Missouri. He was among members of the 1966 wrestling champion team of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association, which was inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Legends. He wrestled in the 157-pound weight class and was team captain that year.

Rollie Avery and Ben left for their home in Seattle on Sunday after visiting last week with their mother and grandmother, Alyce Avery.

Jamie Elwood captured first in barrel racing after winning a first-place finish in the long go and third place in the short go when the Garden City Community College team participated at the Colby Community College Intercollegiate Rodeo recently. The Garden City women's team placed third overall. Her parents are Danny and Judy Elwood of Oberlin.

Dan and Melinda Grafel, Kade and Isabel, and Greg and Amanda Grafel, Kel and Reece hosted a birthday dinner on Sunday evening, Oct. 8, to honor Connie Grafel at the Dan Grafel home. Others attending were Norma Grafel and Jay Ketterl.

—Dinner and Jazz Concert Sunday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m., Limited seating available. LandMark Inn 475-2340.

Larry and Karen Smith were in Emporia over the weekend for Homecoming at Emporia State. They attended the football game and halftime show in which their daughter, Theresa, was one of the drum majors for the marching band. On Saturday evening they attended the musical, "Annie Get Your Gun" and

Theresa was a member of the cast. She is a 2002 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Tyler Witt and Tiffany Robinson of Scottsbluff, Neb., were weekend guests of his parents, James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney. Keely Wilson and Julie of Kearney, Neb., were additional Friday overnight guests.

Elsie Wolters attended the Authors Convention in Junction City on Saturday.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Barb Solko, Wilma May, Ivis Hanson, Dewaine Stapp, Myrtle Waldo and Max Carman. Lows went to Wilma May, Ivis Hanson, Elden Haas, Max Carman, Aleen Van Vleet and Barb Solko. Pitch highs were won by Max Carman and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Dewaine Stapp and Barb Solko. Bridge winners were Esther Miller, Carol Shirley, Marie McKisson and Leone Purton. Open bridge will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday.

—Seafood Buffet, Friday, Oct. 20, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn, call 475-2340 for reservations.

Logan Glaze, a junior at Fort Hays State University, participated with the Tiger team at the Pratt Community College National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rodeo held recently. He took part in tie-down roping and team roping. His parents are Mick and Linda Glaze.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Peña, Ian and Ella on Sunday and Monday in Wichita. They had brunch with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mishler of Wichita on Monday.

Farm Bureau sponsors community programs

Over 150 Oberlin students took part in agriculture education offered this year by the Decatur County Farm Bureau, along with fifth- and sixth-graders, who enjoyed "Ag in the Classroom."

Presentations included wheat germination by the Decatur County Extension office, soil science by the Hays office of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, wool and wool rug-making by crafter Carolyn Burtis, rattlesnakes from the Graham County Farm Bureau coordinator, ag facts from Kansas Farm Bureau and a program by the Kansas Soybean Commission given to Oberlin third- and fourth-grade classes.

The Farm Bureau was joined by the Kansas Farm Bureau Legal Foundation, and Farm Credit of Northwest Kansas to sponsor a "Securing a Solid Future" seminar at The Gateway, attended by over 75 people. Speakers were Dr. Ron Hanson from the University of Nebraska and Terry Arthur, Kansas Farm Bureau legal counsel, who talked about financial and transitional estate planning.

A Food Check-out Day "First Annual Bake-off" promotion celebrated the role Kansas agriculture plays in providing the safest, most economical food in the world. The fresh-baked goods were taken to the Good Samaritan Center for the residents and staff to enjoy during so-

cial hour. Forty people attended a women's self-defense class, led by two troopers from the Kansas Highway Patrol, and 25 youths attended a babysitting clinic. Among topics covered were basic hygiene by the county health nurse, information from emergency medical technicians, Smart Start, Red Cross, fire safety, Head Start and poison safety. An eight-hour defensive driving class was taught by the Highway Patrol to 23 members.

Among other services provided by Farm Bureau this year were a scholarship to a high school senior, donating seed money to "Decatur Tomorrow," a donation to help sponsor the Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer and Rancher Appreciation Banquet, and a gift to the Seeds of Hope Telethon.

Receiving Century Farm awards at the annual meeting were Dean and Peggy Groneweg, Ivis Hanson, Gerald and Connie Olson, and Gary Torluemke.

To qualify, at least 80 acres of Kansas farmland must have been in the same family continuously for 100 years or more, with the present owner being related to the original owner.

Applications are being sought for the 2007 Century Farm program. For details, see Dianne Bremer at the Farm Bureau office.

Signing classes planned

Julie Cunningham of Oberlin plans to teach sign language classes at 6 p.m. Thursdays and Mondays starting Nov. 2 and Nov. 6. The location is yet to be determined, she said.

The former Julie Russ, daughter of Richard and Clara Russ, holds a bachelor's degree in sign language

from William Woods University in Fulton, Mo.

She said the classes will use the book "Signing Made Easy" by Rob Butterworth and Mickey Flodin. Cost is \$20 and students will need to buy the book.

For details, call (785) 475-3829.

Couple plans fall wedding

Kimberly E. Stapp and Matthew V. Tetrick of Fortville, Ind., plan to be married on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Mount Vernon General Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, Ind. A reception will follow at the Holiday Inn Conference Center.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Randy Stapp of Mount Vernon, and Dianna Tetrick, Fortville, and John Tetrick, Noblesville, Ind.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Mount Vernon High School and received a Bachelor of Science in accounting from the University of Southern Indiana. She is employed as an accountant with the Defense Finance and Accounting Center in Indianapolis, Ind. She is a granddaughter of Dewaine Stapp of Oberlin and the late Patricia Stapp.

Her fiancé is a 2001 graduate of Hamilton Southeastern High



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School and received a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from Purdue University. He is employed as an engineer with Cargill in Omaha.

After a honeymoon in Jamaica, they will live in Omaha.

October vows set by couple

Lori Vahling and Martin Kollman of Hays plan to be married on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the First United Methodist Church in Hays. They became engaged on the beaches of Cancun, Mexico, in December 2005.

Parents of the couple are Dick and Betty Vahling, Dresden, and Leo and Janet Kollman, Woodston.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Jennings High School, Hutchinson Community College, and Fort Hays State University, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in graphic design. She is employed as a graphic designer in Hays, and is the granddaughter of Alberta Ritter of Dresden, and Allie and Ruth Vahling of New Almelo.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Stock-



Martin Kollman
Lori Vahling

ton High School and Fort Hays State University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. Employed at Fort Hays State University, he is the grandson of Gerald Bretz of Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Western singer to perform at dinner theater Oct. 28

Award winner Eli Barsi will perform at the annual Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission Dinner Theater on Saturday, Oct. 28, at Morgan Theater in The Gateway in Oberlin.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the program at 7:30.

Known as Canada's Cowboy Sweetheart, Barsi won the 2006 Will Rogers Award for Western Female Vocalist in Dallas on Sept. 26 at the Academy of Western Artists Awards event.

A true prairie girl, she was raised on the southeastern plains of Saskatchewan. Before relocating to the Branson area of Missouri, she spent several years honing her craft as a singer, songwriter, musician and yodeler in the province of Alberta,

near Stony Plain.

She loves to travel and promote western heritage by sharing her cowgirl music. She has recorded albums and has received awards in Canada and the United States. She plays the guitar, keyboard, mandolin and banjo and appears with the "Sons of the Pioneers" in Branson. She says she wants to allow God's love to shine through her.

The surf-and-turf dinner and theater is a season ticket event or \$25 per person. Reservations are required by Wednesday, Oct. 25. Theater only tickets are available at the door for \$10 for adults or \$5 for students.

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

'Messiah' performance set

A performance of Handel's "Messiah" (Christmas portion) will be a combined effort of the Colby Community College Concert Choir, Pride of the Prairie Orchestra and community singers at 3:30 p.m. on

Sunday, Dec. 17.

Interested singers may attend the first rehearsal at 1 p.m. on Sunday in the choir room at Colby Community College. Call (785) 462-3984, extension 311, for details.

New Arrivals

Raelyn Jade Bailey

Mark and Shayla Bailey of Norcatur are the parents of a daughter, Raelyn Jade, born Oct. 5, 2006, at the Hays Medical Center in Hays. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Gail and Denise Bailey of Norcatur and Roger and Judy Cochran of Oberlin. Her great-grandparents are Francis and Arlene Hix of Norcatur; Edwin and Phyllis Yeater of Bethany, Mo.; Don and Sonia Domsch of Atwood, and Ron and Jean Cochran of Grant, Neb. She has two great-great-grandmothers, Irene Gertson of Atwood and Maxine Miles of Bethany, Mo. Her proud uncles are Ryan Cochran of North Platte, Neb.; Riley Cochran of Oberlin; and Luke Bailey of Norcatur.



Raelyn Bailey

Daniel Reyer Hotz, Jacob Edward Hotz



Daniel R. and Jacob E. Hotz

Daniel Reyer Hotz and Jacob Edward Hotz were born Aug. 12, 2006, at 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and 5 pounds, 12 ounces, respectively. Their parents are Lauren Dale and Robert Hotz of Del Cerro, Calif. Don and Karen Dale are their maternal grandparents. Their mother is a great-niece of Lorraine Love of Coronado, Calif., a 1935 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Modern Woodmen set program to honor man

The late Charles Corcoran will be honored as "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" at the Modern Woodmen Community Recognition Banquet and program at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin.



C. Corcoran

Mr. Corcoran, a long-time Oberlin businessman, gave countless hours to the community. He died July 20 at Wheat Ridge Terrace in Oberlin.

He served 3 1/2 years in the Army Air Corps, then returned to Oberlin, where he and his brother Lloyd operated the Temple Cafe.

In 1952, he purchased McClure Furniture Store, then a few months later he and Max Miller bought McClure Funeral Home and Ambulance Service. He later became sole owner, then John Ready joined him as a partner of Corcoran-Ready Funeral Home. They operated the mortuary until it was sold to Enfield

Funeral Home of Norton in 1977. Mr. Corcoran married Dorothy (Mousel) Metcalf on May 27, 1961, and she had two sons, R.J. and Sidney Metcalf.

He was a life member of the American Legion, serving as commander, service officer and chaplain, and was instrumental in starting the Avenue of Flags at the Oberlin Cemetery for Memorial Day.

He was a past president of the Oberlin Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, served on the parish council and finance committee of the church and was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Entertainment will be provided by a vocal quartet, Sid Metcalf, Lonnie McEvoy, Bob Castle and Mike Elwood.

The public is invited. Make reservations for the meal by calling Marie McKisson at (785) 475-2927 by Monday.

Club News

Couple speaks to club

Gary and Maria Sanden told about their summer volunteer work in Medora, N. D., when Monday Evening Club met on Oct. 9 at the home of Jody Betts. Co-hostess was Laurie Wasson and 19 members answered roll call.

The Sandens, along with Stephen and Judith LaBash, are among many who serve as volunteers for an eight-day period each summer in Theodore Roosevelt National Park in western North Dakota.

Their duties are varied, but the area has thousands of tourists each

summer. Visitors come for family reunions, conventions, golfing, and amphitheater productions in the historic Badlands, which have been attended by some 2.5 million persons over the years.

President Kay Moon said the club will meet on Nov. 13 at Cedar Living Center to honor those with birthdays during that month. Hostesses will be Judy Shirley and Judy Ladehoff and the program committee includes Arian Arnold and Carol Morford. A get-well card was signed for Dottie Lotker, associate member.

Club enjoys hayrack ride

By ELIZABETH NEDLAND and HANNAH MAY

The Stick-To-It 4-H Club held its annual hayrack ride and picnic in Dan and Carol Wasson's pasture on Sunday, Oct. 8. We voted for new officers, explored the pastures, made a bonfire, ate wieners and s'mores, and elected leaders.

The elected co-presidents are Cameron Nedland and Tricia Dorshorst; vice president is Annamaria Larue; secretary is Sara Kyte; assistant secretary is Nolan Wasson; treasurer is Zach May; reporters are Elizabeth Nedland and Hannah May; historians are

Samantha Anderson and Wade Juenemann; parliamentarians are Hunter Nedland and Christian Rittmann; recreation leaders are Chris Anderson and Brent Juene-mann; song leaders are Caitlin Shields and Kade Brown; and the council representatives are Nolan Wasson, Annamaria Larue, Hunter Nedland and Christian Rittmann.

Special thanks to Carol and Dan Wasson for letting us use your pasture and your hay wagon, and to Roland May, who brought the second hay wagon!

Club members hold tour

Eight members of the Zeta Nu Club met on Oct. 12 and traveled to Atwood, where they toured Prairie Development Center and the Ceramic Shop, where items are crafted at the College for Living at the center.

From Atwood the group visited the Holste Bed and Breakfast home at Ludell, where Ruth Holste served a buffet luncheon

and gave a tour of the family home.

The club made plans to decorate a Christmas tree for the Last Indian Raid's annual event. Joy Votapka won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 9 with Judy Davis as hostess and Eloise Smith as co-hostess.

Members enjoy pizza

A Dutch treat dinner was enjoyed on Oct. 9 by members of the Pi Alpha Club at the Pizza Hut in Oberlin. Nora Bearley was hostess.

Sixteen members and one guest, Montine Alstrom, were present. Marty Olson won the hostess gift.

The club will entertain at 2:30

p.m. today at Cedar Living Center for the October birthdays. Seven members volunteered to furnish pies.

Joy Russell will host the Oct. 23 meeting, assisted by Virginia Spratling. Donations will be collected for the Christmas Angel Tree project.

Man to speak on fraud

Leonard Allen will speak on fraud at the Oberlin Senior Meal Site at 11 a.m. Monday.

Mr. Allen, from the Office of the Kansas Securities Commission, will point out warning signs of potential fraud, as well as do's and don'ts for

senior citizens. He said his office takes investment fraud seriously and tries to prevent it.

Everyone is invited to attend and to have lunch. For reservations for the meal, call Helen Gee at (785) 475-2389 by Friday.

The family of **Nettie Britton** are hosting a card shower in honor of her **90th Birthday** on October 26. Cards may reach her at: Rooks County Senior Care Center, 1000 S. Washington, Room 111, Plainville, KS 67663

The **Haunted Maze** returns at **Common Scents** October 14th & 21st Only 7-11 p.m. 1/2 mile South on Hwy 83 • 308-345-1541

Membership Drive Dinner for the **Oberlin American Legion, Sons of American Legion and Auxiliary Members** **Thursday, Oct. 16, 2006** Serving at 6 p.m. • Porkburgers, baked beans and cole slaw **Oberlin American Legion** 114 S. Rodehaver — Oberlin, KS