

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Mabel Bailey has returned home from Raytown, Mo., where she attended the high school graduation of her granddaughter, Christina Munford, daughter of Jack and Pam Munford. She graduated with honors and was in the top 5 percent of her class. She plans to attend the University of Kansas City this fall and major in biology with an emphasis on pre-med. Her maternal grandfather was the late Buck Bailey.

Barry and Heather Avery, North Granby, Conn., and her mother, Jane Ackley, Groton, Conn., visited a week with his mother, Alyce Avery, and attended the alumni banquet.

Gary and Judy Vaughn of Henderson, Colo., left last Tuesday after visiting his mother, Nelda Vaughn. They had visited their daughters, Tonie and Tom Owens, John and Mark in Atlanta, Ga., and Tamie and John Owen, Aaron and John in Kansas City, Mo.

Gary and Janell Walter visited their daughters, Sarah and Reece Walter, and Lisa and Cory Mermis and Campbell in Kansas City over the weekend. They helped Lisa celebrate her 30th birthday on Friday, then attended Campbell's christening on Saturday at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Lawrence.

Greg and Mary Lohoefer helped her parents, Duane and Carol Witt, move to Great Bend over the weekend. They will be living near their son, Mark Witt, Alec and Laura. Their daughter, Luan Taylor, and Ryan of Kansas City helped them unload. Their address is 717 Coolidge, Apt. 6, Great Bend, Kan., 67530.

Steve and Trina Krause, Gracie and Jacelyn, Syracuse, Utah, and Doug and Karla Wilson, Grant and Grayson, North Little Rock, Ark., were guests for a long Memorial Day weekend of Lyle and Leona Hilker. Steve came for his 15th class reunion. They attended the Krause family reunion in North Platte, Neb., Sunday.

Visitors of Gene and Marcella Leitner the past week were their daughters, Patricia Tongish, Newton, and daughter, Ashley Houser, Garden City; Donna Wilson and Desiree, Wichita; and Barbara Leitner, Farmington, N.M.

Phil and Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo., and Rae and Michelle Tackett, Warrensburg, Mo., spent Memorial weekend with Fern Jording.

**—Wheat Ridge Terrace has a 2-bdrm. apt. available. 475-1000. 23-25**

Gary and Kay Matheny spent the weekend in Wichita, where they visited Amanda and Shane Johnson of Dodge City at Wesley Medical Center, and made the acquaintance of their new grandson, Juddson Hugh Johnson, who was born May 29.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Wilma May, Doris Fringer, Max Carman, Veanna Carman and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Floyd Edgett, Veanna Carman, Wilma May, Doris Miller and Henry Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett with lows going to Dewaine Stapp and Floyd Edgett. Winning highs at bridge were Phyllis Lohoefer and Charlotte Meints.

Norma (Ruzicka) Smalley left for

her home in Wagoner, Okla., on Monday after visiting two weeks with her aunt, Caroline Krizek, in McCook. They were joined for lunch on Sunday in Oberlin by Janice Winters of Jennings and Sandy Weigel and Sharon Bodfield of Oberlin.

**—Seafood Buffet Friday, June 8, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Don and Charlotte Meints attended the graduation of their granddaughter, Tara Rae Stecklein, at Hutchinson High School on May 20. She is the daughter of Marcia Stecklein, Hutchinson, and Dale Stecklein, Hays. Tara plans to continue her education in the medical field. Presently, she is working at Buhler Sunshine Meadows and she gave a tour of the facilities to her parents and grandparents on Sunday. On Monday, Marcia gave a tour to her parents of a facility she is associated with, Heartland Haven Home Plus, Inman, a new concept in home care.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral services on Wednesday for Genola Claussen were Kerry and Shirley Hullet, Salina; Aaron and Gina Hullet, Hannah English and Malachi, Abilene; Betty Votapka, San Diego; Chris and Angie Claussen, Olathe; Cale Claussen, Baldwin City; Dave and Patty Stapp, Sam and Katelyn, Beth Johnson, Norcat; Michelle Mackley, Catherine Stewart, North Platte, Neb.; Norma and Elmer Boxler, Hoxie; Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; Jim Fall, Concordia; Dwayne and Betty Jones, Green Valley, Ariz.; Candy Rauhut, Garden City; Carolyn Miller, Larned; Dorothy Avery, Norton; Jessica and Corbin Luck, Wichita; and Dorothy Vacura, Jennings.

Among relatives who attended funeral services for Jim Fortin in Wentworth, Mo., on Thursday were John Fortin, Overton, Neb.; Joe Fortin, Callaway, Neb.; Judy Macha and Mindy, Plainview, Texas; Jill McCorkle, McCook; Joyce Juennemann, Selden; and John Fortin, Walt Fortin, Jack E. Fortin, and Jack, Jerry, Jay, Jamie and Jason Fortin, and Jane Carlisle, Oberlin.

Weekend guests of Dorothy Moore were a cousin, Betty Brandt and grandson, Chris Brandt, Sweet Springs, Mo. They attended the wedding reception honoring Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff, and the 60th anniversary open house for Martin and Evelyn May on their 60th wedding anniversary at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Robert "Smokey" and Pat Robertson of Alamogordo, N.M., spent two weeks with his sister, Janice Winters.

Evan and Mary Jorn, Lawrence; Greg Riepl, Edmund, Okla., and Helen Riepl, Cimarron, visited at the Cecil Hess and Marianna Bendon homes during Memorial weekend. En route home on Tuesday, the Jorns visited Arris and Virginia Johnson in Hays.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy attended the high school graduation of their granddaughter, Renee McEvoy, at Hotchkiss, Colo., on Saturday, May 26, and also visited Evan McEvoy and Alex. Ethan and Jordyn Beckman of Grinnell spent last week at the McEvoy home while their mother, Dawn Beckman, accompanied her Spanish class from Quinter High School on a trip to Mexico.

## Oberlin graduate joins clinic

Dr. Shannon Addleman, a native of Oberlin, has joined Fair Chiropractic Clinic.

The daughter of Rusty and Sharon Addleman of Oberlin, Dr. Addleman graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1989. She earned a degree from the National College of Chiropractic, Lombard, Ill., in 1998. Following graduation, she mastered the "Thompson technique" under Robert Jackson in Colorado, then worked in a multilevel disciplinary clinic in Englewood, Colo., until late 2001.



S. Addleman

She relocated in the Chicago area, working as an associate of chiropractor until the birth of her daughter, Brynna Gillund, in 2003. Her son, Bryant Gillund, was born in 2004. She said her family took precedence, but she continued to work, providing occasional vacation coverage to chiropractors in that area.

"After spending an enlightening summer in Oberlin last year," she said, "providing coverage work at Fair Chiropractic Clinic, I decided to relocate to Oberlin with my two children on May 14.

"I am confident in my choice of raising my children in a family-oriented community and am enthusiastic about being a complement member of the extraordinary team at Fair Chiropractic Clinic."

She joins Dr. Doug Fair and Dr. Ryan Unger at the clinic. She is accepting appointments at the clinic four or five days a week and also works one Saturday a month.

## Low-cost food packs available

Area volunteers interested in stretching their family's grocery budget might want to look into the Prairie Pak through Prairie Land Food, said Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Decatur County coordinator for the group.

Once a month, members can qualify to buy a food package, comprised of six quality frozen meat items and six to eight fresh fruits and vegetables, by giving just two hours of volunteer service.

The June Prairie Pak will include sliced breast of chicken, Cook's ham steak, ground beef, John Morrell smoked sausage, swordfish filets, beef ravioli with meat sauce and six to eight fresh fruits and vegetables.

Participants will have a chance to win two adult passes to Wild West World in Park City, near Wichita, or one August Prairie Pak, plus an August special of their choice. Information is available from the host site volunteers, Marilyn Gamblin at (785) 475-3730; Diane Gamblin, 475-2567; or Pastor Strecker-Baseler at 475-3055.

## New Arrival

### Juddson Hugh Johnson

Shane and Amanda Johnson of Dodge City are the parents of a son, Juddson Hugh, born May 29, 2007. Grandparents are Kay and Gary Matheny, Oberlin; Tedd and Lila Johnson, Paxton, Neb.; and Dave and Patty Chambers, Culbertson, Neb. Luetta Pollnow, Oberlin, is his maternal great-grandmother.



**RICARDO AVILA**, (center) visited with Joy and Neal Russell of Oberlin when he returned for the 25th anniversary reunion of the Class of 1982. He attended one year of school at Decatur Community High School as an American Field Service student from Talca, Chile, during the 1981-82 school year and lived with the Russells and Dave and Shirley Nichols.

## Exchange student attends reunion

A 1982 graduate of Decatur Community High School who spent his senior year here as an American Field Service student from Talca, Chile, returned last month for his 25th anniversary class reunion.

"It has been exciting to come back to Oberlin and see the direction each classmate has taken in life," said Ricardo Avila, who came to Oberlin in the fall of 1981 and enrolled as a senior.

He stayed with the Neal and Joy Russell and Dave and Shirley Nichols families, and was a houseguest of the Russells while in town for the reunion.

"Memories of Oberlin, the downtown area, giving speeches to various organizations and bowling with Dave and Shirley Nichols and Doris Miller are special," he said.

Friends in his class who were special to him, he said, included Shirley Schwab, Ward Morgan and Pat Luedders, all of whom were here for the alumni get-together. He said he enjoyed speech trips with Miss Davis, who still teaches at the high school.

"She was always demanding my very best," he recalled, "and she made me practice my selections in front of the speech team. I also enjoyed music, drama, track and basketball, as well as the choir under

Mrs. Nelson."

While in Oberlin, he said, he attended both the Catholic and United Methodist Churches and sang in the Methodist choir, directed by Mr. Russell. He also worked at the Country Club.

After attending school here, he returned to Talca, Chile, where he completed his senior year. He then attended the University of Talca, where he earned a degree in physical therapy.

He returned to the United States 14 years ago and has since lived in McAllen, Texas. He later earned a degree in internal medicine at the university in Mexico. Today, he is a physical therapist and medical doctor in McAllen, and works with several hospitals and other health agencies in the area. He has also started several physical therapy clinics.

Dr. Avila said his wife, Johanna, is training as a special education teacher in Chile. They have three children, Ignacio, 17, a junior who plans to be an American Field Service student next year in Switzerland; Catalina, 12, who is in middle school; and Constanza, 9. He said the family became American citizens after the 2002 terrorist attacks.

He said he will be going to Valhalla, N.Y., this fall for a four-year

residency in internal medicine, after which he plans to teach at a medical school.

The Russells said it was fascinating to see the adult Ricardo has become. He is very cultured and his command of English is awesome, they said.

"He is very aware of the world around him and the demands of his profession," the Russells said. "He had wonderful memories of Oberlin, as well as classmates and families, and asked about classmates by name. He was also amazed that so many kids drive to school, as he remembers walking everywhere he needed to go if his host families didn't take him."

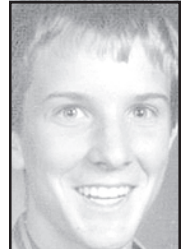
Dr. Avila said his children are only allowed one hour each on the computer for school work, then he flips the switch. Cell phones are locked up and handed out only when needed, he said, and his oldest son drives only with a parent.

He added that he and his wife are active in their children's education. Their daughters go to a special school at least twice a week for advanced math and all three children are enrolled in advanced classes. The family is active in church and school activities, he said.

This is the first time he had returned to Oberlin since graduation.

## Youth wins state 4-H project award

Nolan Wasson, son of Dan and Carol Wasson, was one of 34 Kansas 4-H members who earned 2007 state 4-H project awards, according to Gary Gerhard, Kansas State University Research and Extension professor of 4-H youth development and coordinator of the Kansas state 4-H award program.



N. Wasson

The awards were presented at the Emerald Circle Banquet in Manhattan on Thursday as part of the annual 4-H awards program sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. He and his parents attended.

He won the honor in the wood science category and made an Adirondack chair. His award was for his book about the project, as well as his club, community and school involvement.

Earning a top project award often is a highlight in a 4-Her's career, as each of the recipients also earns the opportunity to attend the National 4-H Congress, Mr. Gerhard said.

"Sessions at Congress, which is scheduled Nov. 23-27 in Atlanta, Ga., are geared toward young people who already are contributing to their school and community and preparing to step into a larger world," he said.

Gordon Hibbard, president of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, which pro-

vides a \$200 scholarship toward travel expenses to the conference for each award recipient, explained, "Each of the 4-H project award recipients is truly an outstanding achiever. Their projects vary from space technology to plant science, but all have in common a focus on developing a positive self-concept, strong decision-making skills, successful management of interpersonal relationships, concern for community and developing an invigorating and inquiring mind — life skills that are critical for today's

world."

To qualify for a state project award, a 4-H member must first earn the top award for the project in his county, he said. County award recipients are then asked to complete a 4-H award application before advancing to the Extension area level, where one to three of the area projects are selected for judging at the state level.

Nolan will be a sophomore at Decatur Community High School and has been a member of the Stick-To-It 4-H Club for eight years.

A Happy 40th Anniversary wish, to our mom, who was quite a dish. And about our dad, what can we say? Quite simply, thanks for showing us the way!

**Happy Anniversary June 11th Gary & Leslie Bartels**

Love, Valerie, Shane and Baby Hammond Roxanne, Regan, Tatum and mostly Mitch

**27th Annual Antique Machinery, Threshing Power and Car Show June 9 and 10, 2007 ALMENA, KANSAS**

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Admission to Entire Show for Both Days-Adults \$3.00; 12 & Under FREE when accompanied by an Adult

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