

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Marvin Everist, who has lived at Wheat Ridge Terrace in recent months, left June 18 for Santa Maria, Calif., where he will make this home with his son and family. His address is 487 Wellington Drive, Santa Maria, Calif., 93455.

Jim Bryan reported that his son, Ben Bryan, killed a rattlesnake at the southeast corner of the Oberlin Cemetery, so walkers may want to be cautious.

The Oberlin Royal Neighbors of America gathered old newspapers and rags and took them to the Humane Society in McCook as a community project to be used in the care of animals.

Don and Charlotte Meints drove to Omaha to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, Beth Carlson, to Tim Francis, both of Omaha. Beth is the daughter of Donna and Rod Carlson, Grand Island, Neb., and Tim is the son of Pricilla and Tom Francis, Omaha. Don and Charlotte attended the rehearsal on Friday evening, June 8, and the wedding on Saturday afternoon, June 9. They returned home Sunday and their son, Stan of Fort Worth, Texas, accompanied them for a week's visit while he was recovering from surgery to repair a fractured hip. Stan's sister, Donna Carlson, came to Oberlin on Saturday, June 16, to visit for Father's Day and accompanied Stan to Grand Island on Sunday, June 17. He visited several days, then went to Lincoln to visit his other sister and husband, Connie and Ted Stuckey. Stan returned to Fort Worth, Texas, on June 22.

Cheryl Metcalf and Eileene Grose spent the weekend in Longmont, Colo., with the Gary Grose family to help Gary celebrate his birthday.

Jeff and Myra Goltl, Jeffrey Paul and Jennifer of Hurst, Texas, visited his parents, Lairy and Beth Goltl, from Thursday to Saturday.

Ken Prather, San Francisco, was a houseguest of his aunt and uncle, Kay and Gail Marcuson, last Tues-

day and Wednesday.

Kieth and Dorothy Alstrom returned home Thursday from Anchorage, Alaska, where they visited 2 1/2 weeks with her sister, Betty Smith, and her son and family, Mark and Debbie Smith, Katherine and Kenny. Joining them were their other sisters, Eleanor and Eldon Odle, Prairie View, and Hazel Rippetoe, Del City, Okla. They all enjoyed sightseeing in the area.

The Leoville Catholic Youth Organization recently attended the Prayer and Action Mission in Colby. Members included Melissa and Brittany Ritter, Jay and Nikki Wessel, Gatlin Reichert, and Kira Meitl, along with their sponsor, Carol Wessel. They did volunteer painting, yard work and other projects for the elderly and the handicapped and also heard talks by seminarians and team members from the Salina Diocese.

Dale and Cheryl Votapka attended the Prairie Winnies campout in Hutchinson last weekend. They toured HUBCO, one of the few companies still making fabric bags which hold flour, beans, etc. They also toured the salt mines. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy attended the Sauvage family reunion in Havensville on Saturday. The group also helped Bill Sauvage of Havensville celebrate his birthday.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Max Carman, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Dewaine Stapp, Floyd Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet, Marie McKisson and Veanna Carman. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Doris Gilbert, Donna Kent, Aleen Van Vleet, Wilma May, Max Carman, Veanna Carman and Peggy Ream. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Aleen Van Vleet and Floyd Edgett. There will be open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Funeral services were held in Powell, Wyo., on June 4 for Theo-

dore Bremer Lord, 92. He was the son of the late Christine (Bremer) Lord, who served as principal of Oberlin Elementary School before moving to Garland, Wyo., in 1913, where she continued to teach and homesteaded land before her marriage to Joseph Winslow Lord. He was a Decatur County landowner until recent years. Local relatives include cousins John Bremer, Fred Bremer, Helen Derby and Jody Betts.

Jess Randel of Oberlin has been hired as information technology director at Colby Community College and began his new job on Thursday. He has 11 years experience in the computer industry and was technology coordinator for the Oberlin Unified School district from 2001 to 2005. He replaces September Williams, who accepted the institutional research director position at the college.

Jeff Wessel of Dresden, a May 2007 bachelor's graduate in agricultural technology at Kansas State University, was a member of the K-State Powercat Tractor Team, which placed first in international competition. His parents are Bill and Carol Wessel.

Lucy Schissler, who underwent knee replacement surgery in McCook last Monday, accompanied Margaret McEvoy and Mabel McLaughlin to Oberlin on Friday, where she was admitted to Decatur County Hospital. She is recuperating satisfactorily and will be returning to Decatur County Good Samaritan Center after undergoing physical therapy at the hospital.

Serina Heikes, a graduate of Decatur Community High School, was among students in the Department of English at the University of Kansas who were recognized with awards and scholarships for outstanding academic performance, writing and teaching at the awards ceremony held in May at the Kansas Union. A senior, she was awarded the Elsie E. Oravetz Scholarship. She is an English major and the daughter of Nita Lavielle of Oberlin.

Oberlin youths help at summer camp

Seven youths and two adults, all originally from the Oberlin area, spent from June 9 to June 15 as volunteers at a Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camp at the Christian Church Camp at Guthrie, Okla.

Amy Anderson, a 1979 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is assistant camp director and clinic administrator.

Among volunteer counselors were Grant and Gage Reichert, Dresden, sons of Wilbur and Jill Reichert; Allie Moore, daughter of Monte and Kelly Moore; and Marci Metcalf, daughter of Joe and Lolita Metcalf of Oberlin.

Judging of camp nurses were Kelly (Goltl) Moore, Oberlin, and Lisa (Young) Eccles, Edmund, Okla., also 1979 graduates of Decatur Community High School.

Campers with varying degrees of neuromuscular diseases are paired with a volunteer counselor who helps them throughout the week, said Mrs. Moore. As a team, they can achieve goals that would be impossible as individuals.

Campers enjoy fishing and boating, swimming, power soccer and basketball. This year's theme, "On



YOUNG PEOPLE who spent a week at the Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camp recently in Guthrie, Okla., enjoyed a game of soccer. Several area volunteers assisted. Amy Anderson, formerly of Oberlin, is assistant camp director and clinic administrator.

— Photo by Allie Moore

the Nile," provided plenty of activities for everyone. Evening entertainment included a talent show and dance.

This year's camp included 31 campers from Oklahoma and North Texas, along with their individual

counselors and cabin leaders, senior counselors, camp directors, nurses, and arts and crafts director.

Anyone 16 and older may apply to attend this camp or the session for ages 6 to 14. Both are held in June.

Area man's nephew featured in magazine

By MARY LOU OLSON

Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, Colo., operated by Pat Craig and his wife Shelley to save unwanted zoo animals from death, is featured in the July edition of *Reader's Digest*.

The sanctuary is home to all types of wild animals, including tigers, African lions, mountain lions, leopards, wolves, black and grizzly bears, servals, bobcats, an emu and a camel.

Mr. Craig is a nephew of Steve Arnold of rural Herndon. Though the relationship of the two has always been close, it became more so on Jan. 6, 2001, when Mr. Craig donated one of his kidneys to Mr. Arnold. Since that time, both have recovered and are enjoying good health.

Mr. Arnold said his nephew's concern for unwanted and mistreated animals began when he was 19. His father had died two years before and Craig was running his

family's farm outside Boulder. While visiting a friend who worked at a South Carolina zoo, he learned about "surplus population" — animals kept in cages out of public view — and how it's commonplace for zoos to destroy them.

"I decided someone needed to do something about it," he said.

And he did. He converted part of his farm into a licensed wildlife refuge with space for about 10 animals, then wrote to all the zoos in the country offering a place for animals no longer wanted or about to be put to death. He received over 300 responses within weeks.

"I felt like I'd opened a Pandora's box," he said.

The *Digest* story tells about the couple and their love for animals. Mr. Craig said it is frustrating that his sanctuary and the 132 others in the United States that take large mammals, can't care for all the exotics that need homes.

He said he spends between \$4,000

and \$8,000 a year to board one animal. The sanctuary's weekly meat bill is \$67,000, so altogether the annual operating budget is \$1.2 million, a staggering amount for a place that doesn't receive a dime from the government and doesn't have any corporate or foundation endowments.

At first, the couple tried to pay the bills with his high school teaching salary, plus money from construction jobs, and her part-time teaching job. Eventually, however, with help from regular contributors and in-kind donations, Mr. Craig's sole focus became running the sanctuary.

"If people treated abusive owners like outcasts," he said, "then fewer animals would need a sanctuary like ours. The happiest day of my life will be the day I'm put out of business."

Anyone who'd like to donate to the sanctuary may send a check to the Arnolds, Route 1, Box 52, Herndon, Kan., 67739, who will forward it to the Craigs.

DO YOU WANT TO BE SAVED?

Only one time in the entire Bible, is the question asked. "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). In the next verse (Acts 16:31) the question is answered,

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house"

Remember:

Hell's Hot
Life's Short
Death's Sure
Eternity's Long
and, "There Ain't No Exits in Hell."

NO MAN KNOWS, HOW SOON IT IS TOO LATE

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain."

Exodus 20:7

Anyway that you use God's Name, the Lord's Name, Jesus' Name, other than in a Holy manner, is taking His Name in vain.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 indicate that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." In the next verse, Romans 10:14 it says "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Believing precedes calling upon The name of the Lord. Jesus himself said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**" God reaffirms this truth in 1 Timothy 2:5 saying "For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When someone says "repeat this prayer after me to be saved" it is making people feel like they have to "do" something to be saved, other than **believing**. If someone is asked to say a prayer to be saved, the person who says the prayer is still on his way to hell, after repeating the prayer, if he hasn't believed in his heart. Nowhere in the Bible is it found that a person has to pray a prayer to be saved. God does not hear a prayer unless you go to God in the name of Jesus Christ. **The Only Mediator between God and man.** Jesus Christ is not your Mediator unless he is your Lord and Savior. So according to God, the steps are, first you **believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior**. By **believing** as Acts 16:31 indicates you are **saved!** Acts 16:30,31 is the only time in the Bible where the question is asked, "what must I **do** to be saved? God answering through Paul said, "**Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." By being saved, Jesus Christ is your Lord, Savior and Mediator between God and yourself. Now you can pray to God because you have the Mediator, Jesus Christ.

I believe that when a person "prays" to God, without being saved, his prayer goes no higher than the ceiling, and God probably says, "Who do you think you are, to think that you can come to Me, without coming to Me in the only possible way that I have set out in My Word? For you come to Me, through My Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only Mediator between you and Me." You don't just pull Jesus Christ out of the air, and say today I want You to get me to God, be my go-between for God! It doesn't work that way. Jesus Christ is either your Lord and Savior, making Him your Mediator, or, if Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, He is not your Mediator. I believe it is very important to stress that you are saved by **believing only**. John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the Bible, says that, "whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage clearly prescribes believing, not repeating a prayer. In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was asking this in regard to Jesus' statement in John 3:3, that a man needs to be born again. Jesus' answer in John 3:5 and following is "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Nowhere does Jesus say, pray to be saved, it is **always believe**.

Years ago, I heard Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse say "I'm deeply offended when I hear a prayer that does not end with the idea that God must be approached only the Name and the Being of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:13 says "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye **believed**, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Romans 10:9 tells us "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe**, in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart man **believeth** (first) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (next) is made unto salvation." How many people have gone to hell or are going to hell by putting their trust in the ungodly "pray the sinners prayer" or repeat this prayer after me", instead of **believing** John 3:36: "He that **believeth** on the son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Luke 23:39-43 tells us "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. ⁴⁰But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. ⁴²And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. ⁴³And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." In these verses in Luke, we see that a man was saved by believing only. The malefactor did not, and was not instructed by Jesus, to pray, to receive salvation. He said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. **You don't fool Jesus.** Jesus **knew** that this man **believed** in Him; that this man **believed** that this Jesus that he was talking with was the Lord, The Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God, the Savior, and in believing the man was saved. Now if you think that you have to pray first, repeat first, or **anything** first, before believing, why did Jesus tell him "today thou shalt be with Me in paradise?" OR if there is a need to do for anything to go along with **believing**, why didn't Jesus tell him what that was? Jesus doesn't make mistakes! God's Word is true. You don't (really you can't), add to or take away from God's Word, and it be true. Just leave His Word alone, and do what God said, **believe**. Psalm 119:89 "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Revelations 22:18,19 ¹⁸For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things. God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book." Take your Bible and check the references that we contained herein — nothing added to and nothing taken away; and when you hear "the plan of salvation" from anyone, get your Bible out and see if it is God speaking or "someone's" idea. I can't see "ten steps" to salvation, I can see only one step: **believe**. The malefactor on the cross had but one step, and he took it. You, I, we all have "one step," **believe**. Please take it, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation.

¹All Scripture references are from The King James Version, (Cambridge: Cambridge: Cambridge) 1769.