

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Bernie and Othelia Vacura visited Keith and Karen Miller, Reed and Amberley Denton, Sarah, Katie and John Thomas in Mendon, Ill., en route to the Western Fraternal Life Association 26th National Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from Aug. 8 to Aug. 10. Othelia, the national delegate for Cesti Vlastenci Lodge, served as secretary for the Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana District 7 Caucus. Monty and Teresa Vacura and Mimi of Middletown, N.Y., also attended the banquet and accompanied Bernie and Othelia on a tour of the Czech and Slovak Museum and Czech Village. While gone, the Vacuras purchased a purebred shorthorn bull from George Slater of GK Farms, Augusta, Ill. They also purchased numerous antique and imported Czech glass items which will be added to their Old Czech Country Store inventory in Oberlin.

Miss Erin Olsen of Morganville, N.J., is visiting Johnnie and Connie Simonsson for two weeks. It is a return trip for Erin. She helped at the fair one evening and has helped round cattle up. They met three years ago while on a windjammer cruise off the coast of Maine. Tiffany Phillips of Capitola, Calif., daughter of Connie, also spent two weeks with Johnnie and Connie, then one week with her grandmother, Amy Rehm. She also spent one evening working at the fair. Brad and Michelle Simonsson and children and Brent Simonsson and Stephanie Gaskill, all of Wamego, also visited at the Simonsson home.

Jean Ann Hengst and her daughter, Tracy and Josh Hinkle and Jackson of Mechanicsburg, Pa., and Janet and Sherrill Vermillion of El Dorado arrived Aug. 13 to visit their mother, Mildred Holmdahl, and sister, Janeil and Mike Jensen. Other guests throughout the week were Lori Ayers and Jordan and Caiden Logan, Kearney, Neb. Visitors on Friday and Saturday were Tony Henningsen, Oberlin, and Kurt and Kathy Frisbie, Monument, Colo. The Vermillions left Thurs-

day and the others Sunday morning. Pat Hinrichs of Bruning, Neb., is visiting her daughter, Laura and Brandon Bryan, and helping care for their infant son, Sage Clarence, who was born on Aug. 15.

Michelle, Rae and Jeff Tackett of Warrensburg, Mo.; Cindy and Cody Wood of Littleton, Colo.; Lori Lowrence of Westminster, Colo.; and Clayton Jording of Medford, Ore., spent the weekend with their grandmother and mother, Fern Jording.

Kyle Glodt, 2007 Decatur Community High School graduate, accepted a \$1,000 Rural Education Project Scholarship to attend Fort Hays State University for the 2007-2008 academic year. He is the son of Kelly and Sue Glodt and plans to major in health and human performance.

John and Beverly Goering of Galva observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 17 and celebrated with their family on Aug. 11. He is a former high school teacher in Oberlin and is now a high school teacher and minister. Their family includes Anne and John Homan, Sedalia, Mo.; Jay and Shawn Goering, Keller, Texas; Kyla and Dave Gosset, Greenville, S.C., and Schuyler and Melody Goering, Miltonvale, along with four grandchildren.

Joy Votapka returned Wednesday from a two-week "stint" as a volunteer campground host at Lake Ogallala for the Nebraska Games and Parks. Visiting her there were the Charlie Votapka family, Ogallala; Dan and Lisa Votapka, Oberlin; Mary Anderson, Osborne; Diane and Helen Hagan and Eleanor Russell, Madrid, Neb.

Abby Anderson of Menoken, N.D., visited in Oberlin during fair week with her grandparents, Enid Anderson, and Gene and Lila Holzman. Her cousins, Alycin Anderson of Lenexa and Amara Anderson of

Wichita, came for a surprise visit. They are the daughters of Clinton and Avonne Anderson. Abby's parents are Brenda and Calvin Anderson.

Funeral services were held Aug. 8 at the Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary in Horton for Bill E. Hackney, 58, of Middletown, Ohio, who died Aug. 3 at the East Texas Medical Center in Tyler, Texas. He was the son of Gladys Minshall of Norton and the late Gerald Hackney, a native of Oberlin. Burial was at the Horton Cemetery. Survivors include his mother; two sons, Joe and Joni Hackney, Sabetha, and Ryan and Brittany Hackney, Joplin, Mo.; a daughter, Jodi Hackney-Simpson and Kendric Simpson, Phoenix; three brothers, Ralph, Hays; Charles, Anadarko, Okla.; and Dale Mulford, Norton; and seven grandchildren.

Dan Wasson, a former member of the Oberlin school board, was named to the student welfare committee at the Northwest Kansas Technical College at Goodland during the annual meeting of the Area Advisory Board.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Wilma May, Dewaine Stapp, Barb Solko, Dorothy Moore and Max Carman. Lows went to Barb Solko, Dewaine Stapp, Donna Kent, Wilma May, Floyd Edgett, Veanna Carman and Elden Haas. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Elden Haas with lows going to Barb Solko and R.D. Thornton. Bridge highs were won by Ila Ray, Carol Shirley, Beth Sebaugh, Phyllis Screen, and Cynthia Matson. Senior potluck at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center. Commodity distribution, 9 a.m. next Tuesday at Golden Age Center.

Amy Wessel, a senior at Fort Hays State University, is the recipient of the Velma Wooster Scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year. She is the daughter of Bill and Carol Wessel.

Man rides on Octopus

David McGee carried out his promise to ride the Octopus during the Decatur County Fair if enough donations came in for an outing program at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.



D. McGee

Mr. McGee, who lives at the nursing home, rode the Octopus for the first time the day before his 79th birthday last year, then began formulating a plan to raise money so others could enjoy getting out.

He decided to ask people to sponsor him to ride again, this time on his 80th birthday. The center created a Residents Outing Fund in his honor and he is proud to be depositing \$464. He said friends, family and even the residents of the Golden Living Center in Fredonia, helped him achieve his goal.

Former owner of McGee's Furniture and Floor Coverings before he retired — he and his wife, Hilda, moved to Oberlin some 20 years ago. They later became residents at the center. During his wife's prolonged illness and eventual death, he said he took up whittling.

"It is really a Godsend," he said, "because for a while all I could think about was death. I don't think like that anymore. This is a wonderful place to live and spend your life."

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Oberlin math teacher chosen as consultant for research project

Pat Dorshorst, a math teacher at Decatur Community High School, has been chosen to serve as a paid consultant to a national mathematics education research project. Mrs. Dorshorst said a national district mathematics curriculum consultant network is being created as part of the National Science Foundation-sponsored project, "Effective Use of Mathematics Instructional Materials." It will con-



P. Dorshorst

sist of 120 teachers who are knowledgeable about their district's math programs and curriculum decision making. The network is a key part of the research project, which aims to bridge research and practice and gain a deeper understanding of the context in which curricular decisions are made. The project is housed at the Education Development Center, an international nonprofit organization. The results of this research will be used

to inform the project leaders, the National Science Foundation and other groups in developing supports for district mathematics leaders and designing future initiatives. Inverness Research Associates, an independent research and evaluation group collaborating with Education Development Center, is coordinating the mathematics consultant network. As a member of the network, Mrs. Dorshorst said, she will provide information about ways in which districts select and implement new mathematics curricula.

Logan plans Labor Day celebration

The 31st annual Logan Labor Day celebration will be Sunday, Sept. 2, with entertainment by two well-known musical groups, "The New Old-Timers" of Hill City at 5:30 p.m., and Jodi Austin and her "Black Diamond Band" from Independence, Mo., at 7:30 p.m. The day will begin at 8 a.m. with a church service, a remote fly-in and a sand volleyball tournament. At 10 a.m., the Logan Chamber of Commerce food booth, the Sno-Cone Shack and Wolfie's Barbecue will open. Other events will include the Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial Car Show, riding lawn mower races at 1 p.m., followed by the Van de Creek State Sanctioned Kids' Tractor Pull at 2 p.m.

The Prairie Dusters Mounted Drill Team will perform at 4:30 p.m., with musical entertainment to follow. The event is sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum. For details, call Shirley Henrickson at (785) 689-4846.

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