

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Word was received by Judy Jordan on Wednesday of the death of her former husband, Byron Jordan, 49, of Clarksville, Tenn. Among survivors are his four children, Karen James, and Chris, Sean and Daniel Jordan. Judy Jordan, Sean and Daniel, Oberlin; and Chris Jordan, Colby, flew on Saturday from Denver to attend funeral services on Sunday in Clarksville. Also attending were Sgt. Russell and Karen James, Jacksonville, N.C.

John and Beverly Goering celebrated their 50th anniversary on Aug. 17, live at 525 S. Main, Galva, Kan., 67443.

Weekend guests of Bob and Marian Fraker were Melissa Mathews and Addison of Bennington, Neb.

Jeanie Gawith was honored with a surprise 50th birthday party by her husband, Gary Gawith, and her niece, Nikki Sauvage, on Saturday evening at the ReLoad.

Aurelia Jackson of Norcatur is the new interrelated teacher for grades 7 through 12 at the Rawlins County High School in Atwood. She is a former teacher at Sappa Youth Ranch and is employed in her new position by the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center of Oakley.

Fred and Brandi Baer of Topeka were visitors last week of their grandmother, Evelyn Olson, and also visited the Jerry Olson family.

Bryan Glenn of Wildwood, Mo., and Eric Glenn of Lawrence spent several days visiting their mother, Pat Glenn, and played in the Sappa Valley Golf Tournament.

Andy Chambers celebrated his 25th birthday at the Rocket Inn in Indianola, Neb. Those who helped him celebrate were Gary and Kay Matheny, Dave and Patty Chambers, Luetta Pollnow and Sam and Diana Steinmetz, as well as Karen Matheny and Jody Worm, who are recently home from Iraq.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett, Barb Solko, Wilma May, Merle Shirley and Elden Haas. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Wilma May, Aleen Van Vleet, Veanna Carman, Floyd Edgett, Doris Fringer and Henry Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Floyd Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Aleen Van Vleet and Barb Solko. Bridge highs were won by Judy Shirley, Carol Shirley, Charlotte Meints and Phyllis Lohoefer.

Mary Lohoefer accompanied Cecil Hess to Bird City on Friday for funeral services for a 1944 Decatur Community High School classmate, Marian Howland at the Wes-

Norcatur 4-H delegate to help with food project

Katrina Wentz, daughter of Dwight and Mary Wentz of Norcatur, will be among 4-H members who will collect canned food at the Kansas State Fair. The fair will be held from Friday, Sept. 7, through Sunday, Sept. 16, at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

Those planning to attend the fair are asked to bring canned goods or call her at (785) 475-7367.

"Your help would be greatly appreciated," she said. Miss Wentz, a 2007 graduate of Decatur Community High School, was a delegate for Norton County on the National 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Trip this summer. The group stayed at the National 4-H Center, met many state representatives, saw many monuments, visited Arlington Cemetery and Gettysburg.



K. Wentz

Rotary hears new teacher

Debbie Arp, the new guidance counselor at Decatur Community High School, presented the program at the Aug. 21 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. She was introduced by Kurt Vollertsen, program chair for the day.

becue. She told of her goals for her department, which included improving students' personal and social development, increasing career development by using tests and on-line career information and promoting academic development. Guests were Derrick Hock, Lee Franklin and Chris Miller, the city's engineer.

Quilt program set at Norton

The Heritage Quilt Club at Norton will present Patricia Knoechel of California at a quilting presentation at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the 4-H Building, 126 Park Street in Norton.

Magic Vine." Those attending will learn the easy "Quilt in a Day" method of applique to "grow" 22 different flowers. Ms. Knoechel, a sister of Eleanor Burns, will have the latest "Quilt in a Day" books on display. There is no admission fee and the public is invited.

Stem cell lecture set in Colby

Dr. David Magnus, associate professor of pediatrics and medicine at Stanford University, will speak on the ethical and social consequences of stem-cell research at the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11, in the Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College campus.

Ethics and co-chair of the ethics committee for the Stanford Health Center. He earned a doctorate in philosophy from Stanford and has published articles on bioethics, particularly concerning genetic technology, cloning and stem-cell research. The public is invited to the free lecture. For details, call Tom Moorhouse at (785) 460-5534.



McKenzie and Grant Bailey

Couple exchange vows at Kensington Church

Marriage vows were exchanged by McKenzie Paige Rietzke, Kensington, and Grant Michael Bailey, Jennings, during a candlelight ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the First Saint John Lutheran Church in Kensington.

The Rev. David Hutson officiated. The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Dixie Rietzke, Kensington, and the bridegroom's parents are Michael and Victoria Bailey, Jennings.

Her grandparents are Alice Rietzke, Kensington, and the late Erwin Rietzke, and Myrtle Bronson, Kensington, and the late Marvin Bronson. His grandparents are Ed and Joyce Dean, and Elmo and Marguerite Bailey, all of Oberlin.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a white halter A-line gown with beaded lace appliques and satin skirt with a chapel-length train. She wore a fingertip-length veil with tri-pearl clusters under her hair and a tear drop necklace and earrings. She carried a bouquet of red and white roses mixed with orchids and greenery and her grandmother's embroidered handkerchief.

The maid of honor was Courtney Friesen, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Rachel Levin; Tiffany Rietzke, sister-in-law of the bride; Lindsey Bailey, sister-in-law of the bridegroom; and Melissa Amlong, sister of the bridegroom. They wore two-piece apple red iridescent taffeta A-line skirts with a criss-cross back and beaded front. They carried bouquets of red and white roses with a few orchids.

The best man was Colin Bailey, brother of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were Jamie Amlong, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; Ryan Rietzke, brother of the bride; Chad Poe, cousin of the bridegroom; and Adam Wahlmeier. They wore black pinstripe tuxedos with red vests and red and black striped ties. The bridegroom wore a black pinstripe tuxedo with a white vest and tie.

Ringbearers were Cole and Braden Amlong, nephews of the bridegroom, who wore tuxedos similar to the bridegroom. The flower girls were Kennedy Rietzke, niece of the bride, and Hannah Bailey, niece of the bridegroom. The girls wore satin princess A-line gowns with spaghetti straps and lace-up backs with apple red bands and hem with rhinestone tiaras.

Ushers were Kyle Scott, Lucas Scott and Jess Rietzke, cousins of the bride. They also wore black tux-

edoos. The ushers lighted the aisle candles before the ceremony and the mothers of the couple lighted the Unity candle tapers after being escorted in by the bridegroom. Lighting the altar candles were Trent Rietzke, nephew of the bride, and Cade Rietzke, cousin of the bride. They wore white shirts with matching red ties and black slacks. The candles in the window were in memory of past loved ones.

The bride and her father entered the sanctuary down an aisle of candle-lit hurricane lamps intertwined with tulle, roses and greenery. The altar was adorned with flower arrangements and spiralandelabras. The bride's aunt, Carla Bronson, made all of the flower arrangements.

Vocalists were Melissa Westbrook and Victoria Bailey, mother of the bride. Kay Brown was organist. Guest book attendants were Brooke McDowell, cousin of the bride, and Melissa Luiso. Gift and church hosts were Natalie Hainke and Kelli Johnson. Programs were distributed by Nick Wahlmeier and Brett McKenna. Hosts for the wedding reception were Vincent and Kim Rietzke, uncle and aunt of the bride, and Ed and Valerie Poe, uncle and aunt of the bridegroom.

A reception dinner and dance, hosted by Jerry and Dixie Rietzke, honored the couple at the American Legion in Kensington. The meal was prepared by church members. Melanie Peterson and Melissa Bronson, cousins of the bride, served the cake and Kelli Johnson and Natalie Hainke served the punch. The hall was decorated with white and red tulle intertwined with white lights by the cake, buffet table and head table. Guest tables had spiral floating candles. A slide show, prepared by Mark Friesen, brother-in-law of the bride, was shown during the reception.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Kensington High School and graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical College in Cosmetology in 2006. She works at Cuts 4 You in Norton.

The bridegroom graduated in 2004 from Jennings High School. He also graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical College in 2007 and works at New Age in Norton as a sales engineer. They are living in Norton. The bridegroom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner for the wedding party, family and guests on May 11 at the Kensington City Park.

Guitarist to perform at Gateway Sept. 8

Indie Award winning Celtic finger-style guitar favorite Jerry Barlow will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, as the first program of the fall season for the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

with finger-style techniques. In concert, Mr. Barlow brings traditional Celtic tunes alive by sharing the history, humor and legends behind the music.

His arrangements of lively jigs, spirited reels and beautiful airs have been described as music to soothe the soul, warm the heart and lift the spirit.

"Jerry Barlow's performances reveal a performer who is skilled, funny and riveting," said Scott Beach, entertainment director of Colorado Celtic Entertainment. "Out of the many musicians performing today, the vast majority are skilled in either performing on their instrument or in entertaining an audience. It's very rare and extremely enjoyable to see a musician at the very top of his craft in both areas."

Mr. Barlow is a master of Celtic finger-style guitar as well as an accessible performer and storyteller. His unique repertoire incorporates favorite traditional pieces and his own compositions.

This is a season ticket event. Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, grades 1-12. For details, call Ella Betts at 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at 470-0218.

For centuries, Celtic melodies have been played primarily on the harp, flute, pennywhistle and fiddle. More recently, innovative guitarists have developed methods of playing utilizing alternate tunings combined

Simonssons meet in Oberlin

The Simonsson family reunion was held the weekend of Aug. 10 and 11 in Oberlin.

Oberlin; Erin Olsen, Morganville, N.J.; Tiffany Phillips, Capitola, Calif.; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky and son, Kearney Neb.;

It began with a picnic dinner at the Bohemian Hall on Friday. Following the dinner, reunion goers went to watch the Demolition Derby at the Decatur County Fair as Brian Simonsson was running a car in it.

Brad and Michelle Simonsson and family and Brent Simonsson and Stephanie Gaskill, Wamego; Gil and Carlyne Mahaffy, Joe and Liesl Luxner and sons and Ric and Sonja Netzer and children, Arvada, Colo.;

A sandwich luncheon was held at The Gateway at noon Saturday, with visiting and games following. A cream-can dinner was held at The Gateway that evening, with many returning to the fair afterwards.

Marc and Jennifer Bellacosa and sons, and Eric and Timi Brinker and daughters, Golden Colo.; Dale and June Marcy, Valley Center; Todd and Jeanette Marcy and children, Holdrege Neb.; and Larry and Trish Stuart and daughters, Wichita.

Those attending included John and Connie Simonsson and Brian and Pam Simonsson and sons,

Brainards hold reunion

The 2007 Brainard family reunion was held on Sunday, Aug. 19, at the Selden Senior Center with the Claude Brainard family as hosts.

Wasson, Carol Hill, Ellis and Gloria Walker, Steve and Helen Carman, Selden; Bud and Helen Rhodes, Jennings; Patrick and Cindy Shirley, Shelli McKenna, Norcatur; Terry Budig, Lincoln, Neb.; Dennis and Judy Shirley, Jim and Laurie Wasson, Doris Sloan, Oberlin; Stephanie Ritter, Angela and Jacob, Dresden.

Those present were Dave and Irene Brainard, Mankato; Marjorie Brainard Kanovalske and daughter, Jill Priest, Lenexa; Dave and Stephanie Kanovalske, Shawnee; Eldred and Lorraine Wurm, Atwood; Stuart and Barbara Brown Couse, Littleton, Colo.; Dan, Carol, Ann and Nolan Wasson, Donald

The next reunion will be Aug. 17, 2008, with the Dolly Brainard Wasson family as hosts.

College rodeo set at Colby

Over 450 contestants from 26 colleges in Kansas and Oklahoma will be competing in the 10th Annual Colby Community College Rodeo on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14-16, at the Thomas County Fairgrounds in Colby.

Sunday for the finals.

Men's events include bareback bronc riding, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping and bull riding. Women will compete in breakaway calf roping, goat tying and barrel racing. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Children 5 and under will be admitted free with a parent. Performances begin at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 1:30 p.m.

The announcer will be Tim Fuller of Oklahoma City and stock will be provided by the Hudson Rodeo Co. with Deone Hudson, Sharon Springs, as producer. Allen Russell, Colby rodeo coach, is Central Plains regional director of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, which includes two- and four-year colleges and universities in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

New Arrival



Dominic James Vahling
Greg and Alesha Vahling are the parents of a son, Dominic James Vahling, born Aug. 1, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. He has a sister, Alyson, 4. Grandparents are John and Brenda Arnold, Clayton, and Dick and Betty Vahling, Dresden. Great-grandparents are Alberta Ritter, Oberlin, and the late S. J. Ritter, and Ruth Vahling, New Almelo, and the late Allie Vahling.

D. Vahling

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