

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
People in
Our Community
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Wilma May received word of the death of her cousin, Walter Wendelin, 86, on April 24 in Sun City, Calif. He was a former resident of the Herndon area and the son of the late Paul and Louise (Wurm) Wendelin.

Rod and Glenna Copeland of Colchester, Va., visited last week with Glenn and Eunice Martin. They took Mrs. Martin to Kansas City, Mo., where she attended the baptism of her great-grandson, Rhett Rauhut, son of Ross and Jami Rauhut. Among others attending were his grandparents, Ken and Candy Rauhut, Garden City; and Connie Robison, Littleton, Colo.

Marcia Woods of Blue Hill, Neb., was a last weekend guest of her daughter and family, Sarah and Gary Fredrickson and Kaine. She enjoyed watching Kaine play in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament in Hoxie, and also Gary perform with Joy Russell in the organ/piano concert at Faith Lutheran Church.

Virginia Johnson of Hays was among the faculty at Wilson Elementary School in Hays, which celebrated its 50th year anniversary. A former teacher in Oberlin, Mrs. Johnson retired 20 years ago after teaching in the Hays district for 37 years, including 26 at Wilson, but she still enjoys substituting. She said that subbing is her therapy and she loves it as well as the kids. Her husband, Dr. Arris Johnson, is also a retired teacher and former band instructor in Oberlin.

—**Seafood Buffet Friday, May 1, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Karen Bennett attended the state convention of the Order of Eastern Star in Topeka from Monday through Thursday.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Max Carman, Floyd Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Kelta Dryden and Veanna Carman. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Doris Gilbert, Floyd Edgett, Henry Edgett and Ardis Roe. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Elden Haas with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Barb Solko. Winning highs at bridge were Annette Miller, Merle Shirley, Cynthia Matson and Charlotte Meints.

Ted and Kay Moon have returned

from Fredricksburg, Texas, where they spent the winter and have visited friends in Oberlin recently as well as family members in Kearney, Neb., and in Missouri. They left Monday for Colorado City, Colo., where they will spend the summer months.

Warren and Jan Bainter were surprised with a 60th birthday party and barbecue at Sappa Park on Saturday, planned by their children, Ben and Rachel Bainter of Milwaukee, Wis., and Abbie Bainter of Hays.

Those who attended military graveside inurnment services on Saturday afternoon at the Jennings Cemetery for Bill Tacha included Ethlyn Tacha, Toni Graham and Kelly, Salina; Ivis Hanson, Doris Gilbert, Jim and Judy Gaumer, Marianna Bendon, Karla Jones and Cecil Hess, Oberlin; Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; Vendla Tacha, Cheryl Roberts and Geraldine Packer, Norton; Bill Hunziker, Selden; Gayle and Ruth Bainter, rural Dresden; Warren and Lynn Tacha, Kay Brown, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Eugene and Dona Mrstik, Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Galen Tacha, Larry Mizer, Wilfred Wagoner, Kenneth Krizek, Martin LaRue, and Galen Carper. A memorial service and coffee followed at the Czech Museum.

Rolland "Rod" Avery of Seattle has moved to Oberlin and is making his home with his mother, Alyce Avery.

Dwayne and Betty Jones have returned to Oberlin after spending the winter in Arizona.

Wayne and Nonie Steinert, Concordia, were among the out-of-town guests who attended a surprise 60th birthday party for Warren and Jan Bainter at Sappa Park on Saturday.

A farewell potluck supper honored Ben and Wendi Letourneau, Jane, Jonas and Canaan, at the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday. The family is moving to Colfax, Wash., where he is transferring with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Keith Schadel spoke during morning worship services on Sunday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church on the subject, "Why Camp?" and told about Camp Lakeside near Scott City.

Conservationist plans transfer

Ben Letourneau, who has been the district conservationist for Decatur County since 2006, will transfer with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service to Colfax, Wash., in May.

He said that Colfax is south of Spokane in the Palouse region of eastern Washington. Before moving to Oberlin, he worked for the same agency in Lewiston, Idaho.

He said he grew up in Cloud County and graduated from Kansas State University. He and his wife Wendi have three children, Jane, Jonas and Canaan. She is from Clarkston, Wash., 30 miles from Colfax.

No replacement has been selected for the position in Oberlin, he said, but the agency hopes to fill it as soon as possible.

Farm loans now available

New federal programs offer money to help beginning farmers establish operations or retain ownership of small family farms, officials say.

Jack Salava, acting state executive director of U.S. Farm Service Agency, said the programs should increase lending activity in the farm community.

"FSA wants you to succeed," said Salava. "This is evident in FSA's consultative approach, offering low

rates and identifying other resources to clients in an advisory fashion throughout the life of the loan."

Agency staff can refer farmers to other public financial aid sources that can blend with farm loan programs, he said. The service specializes in loans for beginning farmers, disaster recovery, operational financing and farm ownership.

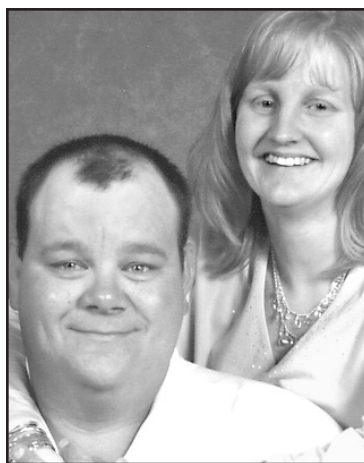
For details, call the Decatur County office at (785) 475-3131 or stop by 408 S. Buffalo in Oberlin.

Wedding planned in August

Amanda (Mandy) Sue Morgan and Chad Steven Focke plan to be married on Saturday, Aug. 1, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

Parents of the couple are Dude and Carol Morgan, Colby; and the late Dennis and Sylvia Wachendorfer.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Colby High School and works at The Bank in Selden as a customer service representative.



Chad Focke and Amanda Morgan

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Golden Plains High School at Rexford. He is self-employed as a farmer.

Couple sets June vows

Angie Fortin of Oberlin, and Denis Wangari of Nakuru, Kenya via Wichita, plan to be married on Saturday, June 6, 2009, at Sappa Park at Oberlin.

Parents of the couple are Jack and Donna Fortin, Oberlin; and Lucy Kirubi, Nakuru, Kenya via Wichita.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Golden Plains High School. She is employed as a pastry chef in Wichita.

Her fiancé graduated from Nakuru West Secondary School. He is employed with the Coleman Company in Wichita. They plan to make



Denis Wangari and Angie Fortin

their home in the Wichita area.

Project Mailbag to mark stage run 150 years ago

This year will be the 150th anniversary of the Land PP Express stage coach's first run from Leavenworth to Denver, and to mark the event, a program will be presented from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, at the Ludell School.

Fred Magley of St. Francis, has inscribed several historical markers

to show the sites of several stations. Everyone is invited, especially riders with horses.

In May 1984, people marked the 125th anniversary of the first run. Letters were collected from all communities along the route and delivered to the *Rocky Mountain News* in Denver.

Club News

Club president honored

Peggy Pratt, president of Monday Evening Club the past two years, was honored at the final meeting of the club year when they met for supper at Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon on April 13.

She was presented with a "Boston or Bust" T-shirt in recognition of having qualified to run in the Boston Marathon on April 20.

Guests were Julie Hafner and Rochelle Solko of Herndon, who had presented the program on early-day Herndon and the Beaver Valley at the March club meeting held at the Bohemian Hall in Oberlin.

Dues for the 2009-2010 club year were collected. Kay Gaskill was elected as vice president; Sharon Addleman, treasurer; Shirley Shields, secretary; Jody Betts, corresponding secretary. Mrs. Pratt will continue as president.

Plans were made which will include the entire membership for the coming year.

In closing, it was moved that the April minutes record that the president of Monday Evening Club, which was founded in 1896, had qualified to run in the 2009 Boston Marathon.

Group enjoys dinner

Decatur Professional Women met on April 14 for an informal dinner meeting at the LandMark Inn.

Members and guests in attendance were Sharon Addleman, Jan Badsky, Diane Barrett and Jody Votapka; Deanna Castle, Kimberly Davis and Amy Carman; Connie Grafel and Melinda Grafel; Cynthia Haynes, Marilyn Horn and Pat Fringer; Mary Jo Lohoefer, Cheryl Metcalf, Carol Morford, Barbara Mullen, Judy Scott and Beth Sliter; Janice Shobe and Cindi Sloan and Regina Stanley. Dinner music was

provided by Amy Carman and her guitar.

A thank you note was received from Cedar Living Center for the birthday party which the club held on Feb. 13. Mrs. Horn gave a short report on the reason for Decatur Professional Women and some things the group has participated in since the group changed from Business and Professional Women to DPW. The main reason was that dues were more expensive and those dollars did not stay in the local community.

Members will meet at Coffee, Tea and Me on May 12.

Zeta Nu holds guest night

Zeta Nu Club met Thursday evening at Sappa Manor for a salad supper.

Nine members answered roll call and there were seven guests.

Relay for Life teams needed for cancer walk

It will soon be time to stay up until the wee hours of the morning to raise money for cancer research at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Teams are needed for the walk, set for 7 p.m. Friday, June 19, to 7 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Each team can include five to 15 members who will collect pledges at \$10 each for a luminary to honor a cancer victim or survivor. The relay is billed as the largest fund raising walk in the nation.

The event also is looking for sponsors.

"In addition to the relay, there are four different levels of support to choose from to help make this event the best Decatur County has ever had," said Norma Unger, corporate sponsor chair.

Sponsorship levels include:

- Platinum, \$500 and above in cash.
- Gold, \$200-\$499 and above in cash or in kind.
- Silver, \$100-\$199.
- Bronze, \$50-\$99.
- Contributor, \$25-\$49.

Corporate sponsors need to have their donation in by May 1, to get their logo and name on relay T-shirts. Checks made to the American Cancer Society may be sent to Norma Unger, 379 T Lane, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Contributions: 81 percent for cancer fighting programs, including research; 24 percent for prevention and detection through education and advocacy; 19 percent for patient services; 16 percent for fund raising and three percent for management, the society says.

For questions, Call Mrs. Unger at (785) 475-2560.

Decatur Hospice offers care

Hospice Services helps people in Decatur County who are near the close of life.

"It isn't about how you die; it's about how you live," said Carol Duncan, volunteer coordinator for the program here.

She said that hospice focuses on how the dying patient and his or her family live each day, providing comfort and guidance along the way.

"The hospice program is widely recognized as the model for quality, compassionate care for people facing a life-limiting illness or injury," she said.

"Hospice and palliative care

involve a team-oriented approach to expert medical care, pain management and emotional and spiritual support tailored to the person's needs and wishes. Support is also provided to the person's loved ones, as well."

Hospice Services has provided end-of-life care in northwest and northcentral Kansas since 1982.

Other volunteers who help in Decatur County include Fern Moore, Jan Matheny, Gladys Geis, Opal Huntley and Tami Ritter.

For details, call Mrs. Duncan or any volunteer, call Hospice Services at (800) 315-5122 or go to www.hospicenwks.net.

Sampler Festival this weekend

The annual Kansas Sampler Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday in Concordia, with members of the Northwest Kansas Travel Council promoting their attractions, festivals, eateries, history and recreation in a regional tent.

Nora Urban from Oberlin will be entertaining in the tent and Decatur County brochures, pictures and

information will be on display all weekend. Connie Grafel, marketing director for the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., plans to help set up on Friday.

This year, a couple of Bird City entrepreneurs will offer a sample of Monty's Beef Jerky to promote their new local product.

Program enrollment opens

Farmers can enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election program, a provision of the 2008 Farm Bill, beginning this week, says Diane Barrett, Decatur County executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

"The program is an innovative alternative to the traditional farm safety net," she said. "(It's) an op-

portunity for farmers to review both programs and decide which one will work best for their operation."

Farm operators will have until Aug. 14 to make their decision for the 2009 crop. For details, call the office at (785) 475-3131, stop by 408 S. Buffalo or go to www.fsa.usda.gov.

Rotary Club hears musicians

Decatur Community High School musicians who were heading to state competition presented the program at the April 21 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

Program chair Ken Morris introduced the instrumental music director, Sarah Bricker and the

musicians: Jaxen Alstrom, tuba; Joe Hirsch, saxophone; Amanda Marshall, flute; Katie Glading, trombone; and Samantha Anderson, French horn. They were accompanied by Cheryl Metcalf.

Guests were Kay Brown and Christie Morris.

Band concert set for Monday

The Decatur Community High School Band will give its last concert of the year at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the high school auditorium, directed by teacher Sarah Bricker.

The band will do two contest pieces, along with music depicting

different cultures and a unique selection telling the story of Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

The Red Devils Jazz Band will join the concert with some upbeat jazz music.

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