

People in Our Community

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Tina Jones of Long Beach, Calif., was a recent houseguest of her parents, Dwayne and Betty Jones. She came to attend the graduation of her nephew, Jordan Tally, son of Gene and Tonya Tally, at Decatur Community High School.

Fern Jording accompanied Phil and Marj Law to Warrensburg, Mo., to attend the high school graduation of their great-granddaughter and granddaughter, Kimberly Tackett, on May 16. She was named Outstanding Senior Vocalist and plans to study vocal music at Central Missouri University. She was accepted into the American Choral Directors Association and is a member of Sound of America, a vocal group that will tour Europe during the month of July.

Ethel Railsback was honored with a belated 90th birthday dinner by her family on Saturday at the Bohemian Hall.

Those present included Tom Railsback, Great Falls, Mont.; Marian Railsback, Fort Collins, Colo.; Mary and Mike Dicke, Bailey, Colo.; Jack and Anne Griffin, Jude and Noah, Centennial, Colo.; Ben Dicke, Chicago; Emily and Paul Goddard, Kansas City; and Jeff and Penny Hayward, Alex and Logan, Oberlin. Additional guests were Rowena Cathcart and Rachel Wurm, Oberlin; and Olive Hafner, Herndon. Her birthday was April 17.

Among those from Oberlin who attended the wedding of Ben Bryan and Emily Ptacek at the United Methodist Church in Russell on Saturday, May 23, were Laurene Van Otterloo, Neal and Joy Russell, and Kendall and Angie Fisher, Kaitlynn and Keatra. The bridegroom is the son of Floyd and Dale Marie Bryan of Farlington, and a grandson of Elaine Bryan of Oberlin.

Harwood Kolsky, Saratoga, Calif., and Franklin and Micelle Kolsky, St. George, Utah, spent Memorial week visiting family and friends at Oberlin and Jennings.

Visitors over Memorial weekend of Glen and Darlene Baughman were Dale and Liz Musgrave, Hastings, Neb.; Delbert and Lilo Musgrave, Killeen, Texas; David and Carol Musgrave, Lenexa; and Danny Musgrave, Colorado.

Ella Betts was honored on her birthday, May 28, with a luncheon at the LandMark Inn which was planned by her daughters, Jody

Westby of Washington D.C., and Jan Ray of Palm Desert, Calif. Invited guests were Dorothy Avery, Norton; Mary Landau, Garden Grove, Calif.; and her daughter, Julie Richards, Walnut Creek, Calif.; Shirley Hayward, Louise Pollnow, Connie Cramer, Anita Montgomery, Mary Waldo, Jody Betts, Mary Henzel, Marie McKisson, and Barbara Brown.

Kevin Amack, Madeline and Annelise, Meeker, Colo., came on Friday and visited until Tuesday of Memorial weekend with his mother, Mary Ann Amack.

Elaine Bryan returned home Monday after accompanying her daughter, Sue Renk, of Plainville, to Corolla, N.C., by plane from Kansas City, where they attended the wedding of Mrs. Bryan's granddaughter, Stephanie Denton, and Greg Tully on the beach on Sunday, May 24. The bride's parents are Corinne and David Denton of Topeka.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at Stinemetz Funeral Home in Hill City for Maryan Casjens, 81, who died May 25. She and her late husband, Clifford Casjens and family were former Oberlin residents. Their daughters, Terry Davignon, Hill City; and Merry Koetter, McCook, are 1974 graduates of Decatur Community High School. Burial was at Morlan Township Cemetery, rural Palco.

The Anderson family reunion is Saturday, June 6, at the former Goldie and Edward Anderson farm (now Sappa Creek Lodge). Friends that wish to visit with Goldie, Dole and Delmer Anderson and families are welcome to drop by between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Floyd Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Kelva Dryden and Max Carman. Lows went to Barb Solko, Neil Marshall, Henry Edgett, Floyd Edgett and Veanna Carman.

Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Neil Marshall. Winning highs at bridge were Annette Miller and Dorothy Cochran. Commodity distribution, 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, Golden Age Center, 217 N. Penn.

Memorial weekend guests of Cecil Hess were Steve and Chris Hess, Norah and Lola, Overland Park; and Dan and Julie Hess and Carter, Salina.

New repair business opens

Tim Bowen has moved to Oberlin from Central City, Colo., and has opened a handyman service.

Mr. Bowen said he has worked in the profession more than 32 years. He offers home and business repairs, electrical, plumbing, remodeling and miscellaneous jobs. His phone number is (785) 470-1731. He has purchased a home on North York Avenue and will operate his service from there.

His parents are Marlin and Charlotte Bowen, who moved to Oberlin six years ago. They own Cabin Antiques at 141 S. Penn.



Tim Bowen

Cottonwood Ranch to close

The Cottonwood Ranch historic site at Studley, in eastern Sheridan County along U.S. 24, is among historic places in Kansas which will be closed due to cutbacks in the state government.

"They're closing me down," said Don Rowilson, administrator at the ranch for many years. "They terminated me and are closing the ranch on Sept. 5, the start of the long Labor Day weekend."

Brian Fenner, Sheridan County sheriff and organizer of a September trail ride at the ranch, said the closing will hurt both Sheridan and Graham counties.

"People attending the annual sheep dog trials, stay at area motels

and eat at local restaurants," he said, "and it's a loss of history available to area students."

The site is operated by the Kansas State Historical Society. Mr. Rowilson said he was offered a job as groundskeeper eight hours a week, but he turned that down.

Instead, he said he plans to seek unemployment benefits, at least until he is eligible for retirement. He said he plans to continue to live in Studley.

The wooden windmill at the ranch, which was completely restored by Varlan and Catherine Neal of Oberlin, was donated to the ranch by Varlan and his brother, Allen Neal, Hoxie.

Welcome to an Open House celebrating Don Anderson's 85th Birthday with Don, Nadine, and all seven children at the Oberlin Covenant Church on Saturday, June 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Herndon alumni enjoy banquet and program

The Herndon High School Alumni gathered at St. Mary's Hall on Saturday, May 23.

President Keith Grafel welcomed 59 members and guests. Bruce Wendelin gave the blessing before the banquet, which was prepared and served by the Christian Mothers Altar Society.

The theme was "Blue and Gold — Faded but not Forgotten." The 4 J's, a boys quartet from Decatur Community High School, which included Jordan Tally, Joe Hirsch, Ethan Jack Merrill, and Jacob Larue, entertained the crowd with a great performance.

The president conducted the business meeting and served as master of ceremonies. Cheryl Timm, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes from 2008 and gave the treasurer's report.

Theresa Rippe reported on the scholarship fund. Dusti Kowalski was a new recipient of a \$200 scholarship this past year and the scholarships of Jeff Riener and Anikka Martin were renewed for another year.

Don Grafel was elected president for 2010 and Diana Yost Solko was elected vice-president. The decision was made to have next year's alumni gathering on June 11, the night before the Herndon Ox Roast.

Karl Wendelin, a graduate in 1931, was recognized as the oldest alumni member present.

Others attending the banquet were:

1939: LaVerne Sattler Calhoun;

Lorraine Pittman Knott and daughter Leslie Jensen.

1943: Don and Joan Grafel.

1944: Wilma Wurm May, Elaine Leinwetter Fikan and daughter, Kathy.

1946: Eugene and Bette Wurm.

1948: Geraldine Barenberg Nemeth.

1949: Alvina Sattler Smith and daughter, Diana Tongish; Ada Keplinger Leiker, Gerald and Mildred Green, Sue and Kirk Easterdar, daughter of the late Linus Weishapl.

1952: Janice Hutflles Sattler.

1954: Frank and Beth Hafner Chartier, Bill and Linda Barenberg.

1957: Wayne and Doris Sattler Riener.

1959: JoAnn Barenberg Riener, Jerry and Mariana Kogl Thomas.

1960: David and Bonnie Franke.

1967: Bruce Wendelin, David and Judy Ketterl.

1969: Randy and Jacque Leitner, Bernard and Laurie Ketterl, Richard and Theresa Sattler Rippe, Albin and Linda Leitner Ruzicka, Mark and Becky Ketterl, Diana Berger Brunson, Keith Grafel, Dennis Grafel, Alan Hartner and guest.

1972: Cheryl Nemeth Timm.

1974: Roma Ketterl Grafel.

1975: Donna Grafel.

1984: Toni Solko and guest, John Jenia; Dee Tongish Davis; Greg and Christina Green Flaming, Kurt Grafel.

1990: Kristin Grafel.

Farm Credit returns profit

Farm Credit Western of Kansas began delivery of \$2.5 million in patronage checks to its members starting June 1, which the association says means it is returning more than half of its 2008 net profit to members.

The year 2008 saw the Colby-based cooperative grow by more than \$220 million in assets, including loans to young, beginning and small farmers.

Farm Credit makes loans for the purchase or refinance of farm, ranch or agribusiness real estate

and facilities, as well as loans to finance farm operations, livestock and equipment.

Farm Credit of Western Kansas is an independent unit of the Farm Credit System, which bills itself as the nation's leading agricultural lender. Because it is a cooperative, its stockholders are the people who borrow money from it.

Farm Credit's profits stay in the community, either retained for additional lending to agriculture or through patronage dividends paid out to the stockholders.

Sun helps houseplants recover

For many houseplants, winter is an endurance contest, marked by short days, low light levels, and a dramatic drop in the urge to drink, eat and grow.

"Fortunately, houseplants perk up again — sort of get re-energized — when the vegetation outdoors starts to leaf out for spring," said Larry Crouse, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

"This energy comeback is one reason why spring can be the best time to repot houseplants that have outgrown their container."

When late spring's rising nighttime temperatures stay above 55 degrees, however, many houseplants could recover even further if moved outdoors — just for summer, Crouse said.

"Of course, that kind of move won't magically transform them into plants that thrive in wind and direct sunlight.

Houseplants can suffer as severe a sunburn as some pale office worker would get, vacationing on the beach," he warned.

What houseplants need outdoors is a sheltered location with dappled

shade, the horticulturist said. In many cases, that turns out to be a porch or someplace protected by trees, house or garage.

"The plants will need water every time the top half-inch of their potting soil gets dry — which can be fairly often in summer," Crouse said. "So, I'd also recommend locating them close to an outdoor water source. If you can, sink their pot into the ground, too, to moderate their soil's temperature and water-loss rate."

He suggested placing peat moss around and under the sunken container. Because peat moss holds water, it can help keep pot-held roots cool.

If the pot is porous, peat moss also will help reduce evaporation.

"Every two weeks or so, you'll want to rotate the sunken pot by a quarter turn. That will break off any roots that grow out of the container's drainage holes and into the peat moss," Crouse said.

"It also will help your plant grow straight, because every side will spend a quarter of its time in the brightest light."

Club News

Club gives scholarships

Chapter BH of PEO International met in the beautifully decorated parlor of the Last Indian Raid Museum on May 14.

Candy Dejmal presented an informative program about the founding of PEO and its projects: Cottey College, a two-year liberal arts college for young ladies; the Educational Loan Fund; the Continuing Education fund; PEO Scholar Award; STAR and the Sunflower Grant. With the exception of the Sunflower Grant, all of the projects are intended for women desiring to pursue an education.

Alyssa Rippe and her mother, Joyce Rippe, and Makenzie Nelson and her mother, Susan Nelson, were welcomed as guests. Alyssa and Makenzie are recipients of the local chapter scholar-



M. Nelson A. Rippe

ships. Makenzie received the Marjorie Nitsch scholarship and Alyssa was awarded the Chapter BH Award.

After refreshments, served by Rhonda May and Barb Brown, Director Sharleen Wurm conducted a tour of the museum, pointing out the wonderful new improvements made during the winter.

Two chosen for band camp

Alyssa Rippe and Jaxen Alstrom were chosen by the Oberlin Lions Club to attend state band camp at Friends University in Wichita from Thursday to Saturday.

Parents of the delegates are Lynn and Joyce Rippe and Rod Alstrom and Lori Kaczmarek.

Ensembles of the Kansas Lions Band performed Friday night, as well as for a concert Saturday morning for the Lions' state convention. The Rippes attended both concerts. Their daughter plays the flute. Jaxen Alstrom was unable to attend; he plays

the tuba.

Lions International President Al Brandel and his wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, Melville, N.Y., were guests at the convention. He is a retired police detective and for many years, investigated child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, domestic violence involving children and missing children.

His wife is a doctor who specializes in anesthesia at a community hospital.

The Oberlin Lions select two delegates to the band camp each year.

Colonel speaks to Rotary

Col. Delbert L. Townsend, U.S. Army (Retired), spoke about his service experience and background at the May 26 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. He was introduced by Pat Cullen, program chair.

Col. Townsend said he graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1938 and from Kansas State University in 1942 with a degree in agriculture economics.

He entered the U.S. Army in January 1943, and served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam before

retiring in 1973.

His major accomplishments have been the establishment of scholarships in his name to the University of Nebraska and the Kansas State University foundations.

Both programs have been completely funded and support eight recipients at each university every year, he said. Thirteen recipients have graduated from Nebraska and 11 from K-State.

Other guests were John Richards and Kaine Fredrickson.

Sergeant runs in torch race

Sgt. Jody Pachner, son of Jeanne Pachner of Oberlin, and the late Roger Pachner, participated in the Kansas Special Olympics Torch Run over the weekend.

The event is sponsored by Kansas law enforcement agencies to raise money for the Special Olympics. Sgt. Pachner represented the Gray County Sheriff's Department as the run it made its way through Cimarron.

The torch arrived on the west edge of Cimarron at 11:05 a.m. Saturday, then was handed off to Sgt. Pachner at the intersection of U.S. 50 and K-23 downtown. He ran the torch to

White's Foodliner on the east edge of town, about half a mile.

There a table was set up for those who would like to make donations or purchase Special Olympics T-shirts or caps. All donations and proceeds from sales go to help the Special Olympics.

"I volunteered to do this because it is a really worthy cause," Sgt. Pachner said. "It has been several years since they have had a torch run in this part of the state, so when I heard they were doing it, I wanted to be part of it."

His grandmother is Barbara Beisner of Oberlin.

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New Arrival

Rambler Bay Farr

Mike and Joy Farr of Culbertson, Neb., are the parents of a son, Rambler Bay Farr, born May 11, 2009. He weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 1/4 inches long. He has a brother, Logan Thyne, 7. Grandparents are Sam and Christine Eldridge, Oberlin; and Mitch and Candy Farr, McCook. Great-grandparents are Gwen Farr, Oberlin; Faye Quador, Indianola, Neb.; Al and Shirlee Haarhues, Mesa, Ariz.; and George and Linnea Worner, Colorado Springs. His mother teaches high school English in Atwood and his father is a cook for the Looking Glass in McCook.



Rambler Farr

Wesley and Eulaine Benda will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary with a 1-3 p.m. reception Saturday, June 6, 2009, at The LandMark Inn, 189 S. Penn, Oberlin. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Greetings may be sent to them at 338 X. Penn, Oberlin, KS 67749. The couple requests no gifts.

Our grateful, heartfelt Thanks to the Oberlin Business Alliance and the Decatur County Chamber for a wonderful surprise retirement party, for all those who attended the Open House/Retirement reception on Friday, and to all our great and faithful customers. You have made it a great "Ride" and a wonderful experience!!! Sharon & Rusty DRUG STORE Addleman

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