

THE OBERLIN HERALD —  
**People in  
Our Community**  
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Justine (Miller) Tuttle, El Dorado, a 2005 graduate of Decatur Community High school, graduated on May 16 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Emporia State University Teachers College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller, Norcat, and granddaughter of Lila Rule, Norton; and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin.

Faye Meitl accompanied Mirla Coleman to Oklahoma City recently to visit Mrs. Meitl's daughter, Susan Meitl, of El Reno, Okla., who was hospitalized there. She died on Wednesday. Among other relatives who attended funeral services on Saturday in Mustang, Okla., were Lynn Anderson, Austin, Texas; Mark and Leta Meitl and family, Dresden; and Kevin Meitl and Rhianon, Oberlin.

Kay Matheny, Andy Chambers and Luetta Pollnow spent the weekend in Dodge City with Amanda and Shane Johnson, Judson and Jackson. They helped Judson celebrate his second birthday.

Joy Votapka attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Nicole Ellis and Don Semple in Chicago on May 30. Also attending were Dan and Lisa Votapka, Oberlin; Charlie and Gina Votapka, Sara Votapka and Josh, and Charles Votapka II, Ogallala, Neb.; Marilyn Cathcart, Topeka; and Karen and Gennady Brohnsteyn, Danielle and Andrew, Minneapolis, Minn.

**—Decatur County Helping Hands Pizza Hut Benefit Buffet, Wed. June 10, 5-9 p.m.**

Duane and Marilyn Waldo of Tucson, Ariz., were weekend house-guests of Loyd and Mary Waldo. They were on their way home from Waterville. They also visited Myrtle Waldo at the Good Samaritan Center and friends.

Weekend guests of Fred and Wanda Hardman for the car show were their daughters, Kim Kinsantos, Jody Brennan, and Jenny Wilkinson of Colorado Springs.

Cheryl Votapka flew to Chicago with her daughter and family, Drs. Pam and Eric Huerter, Max, Finn and Jack, to attend the wedding of her great-niece, Nicole Ellis and Don Semple on May 30. Eric of-

ficiated at the wedding and Pam gave the blessing. They flew back to Kansas City on Sunday and Mrs. Votapka returned home Monday.

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

Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Neil Marshall and Floyd Edgett. Winning highs at bridge were Annette Miller and Marie McKisson.

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Kris Erickson, a 1991 graduate of Decatur Community High School, was featured recently in *The Salina Journal*. He has been administrator of Riverside Plaza in Salina for the past three years. The facility opened in 2004 and has 24 one- and two-bedroom apartments available for residents from 55 to 95.

He graduated from Fort Hays State University with a master's in psychology. He and his wife, the former Farah Wendelin, live in Lindsay, Neb. She is a medical technician at Lindsay Community Hospital. Their parents are Roxie Erickson, Manhattan; Delbert Erickson, Atwood; and Pat and Elvera Wendelin, Lindsay. He is a grandson of Bernice Martin of Oberlin.

Cheryl Votapka attended the joint Winnebago campout of the High Plains Roamers, Heartland Winnies, and Prairie Winners held in Dighton over the weekend. The group enjoyed the music of the fifth annual Lane County Country Bluegrass Festival and also toured the Cat House, the Gallery, and the Lane County Museum.

Echo Marie Marble of Selden is among 468 students who have been awarded nonresident scholarships to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2009-10. She received the Ruth Levertson Scholarship which covers 66 percent of the tuition differential, named in honor of a pioneering nutritionist in the class of 1928. She will be a transfer from Patterson Christian Academy.

**Pizza benefit planned tonight**

The group Decatur County Helping Hands for Healthcare will hold a benefit buffet fund raiser from 5 to 9 p.m. tonight at the Oberlin Pizza Hut. Committee members will be there to answer questions. A portion of the

proceeds from the night will go to the group, which was organized to help people with problems paying for health care needs. For details, call Regina Stanley at (785) 475-2143.

**Treasurer updates Rotary**

Lynn Doeden, secretary-treasurer of the Oberlin Rotary Club, presented a report on the club's finances when members met June 2 at The Gateway.

She included expenses for Decatur Community High School scholarships, the annual post prom party, Gateway meals, club supplies and other expenses. She said that the club continues to give \$750 scholarships, with this year's recipients being Jacinta Carter and Heather

Ploussard. Two \$500 scholarships are given honoring the late Charles Corcoran; they went to Anna Larue and Jordan Tally.

She thanked Oberlin businesses and residents and the Rotarians for contributing to the many causes of Rotary, including the Radio Day fund raiser on KFNF and the annual After Prom party.

Guests were Rebecca Hasty and Kay Brown.

**New Arrivals**

**Bailey Nicole Wolf**

Sarah Fringer and Brandon Wolf of Colby are the parents of a daughter, Bailey Nicole Wolf, born May 20, 2009, at the Gove County Medical Center in Quinter. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her grandparents are Robert and Penny Fringer, Oberlin; and Steve and Brenda Wolf, Grinnell. Her great-grandparents are Jim and Reva Marshall, and Irene Fringer, Oberlin, and the late Verman Fringer; Melvin and Marlane Wolf, Grinnell; and the late Frances and Carl Carlman, and Lawrence Coker. She also has a great-great-grandmother, Dorothy Hunt, a resident of Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. This is Mrs. Hunt's 15th great-grandchild.



B. Wolf

**Lauren Faith Sattler**

David and April Sattler of Norton, are the parents of a daughter, Lauren Faith Sattler, born at 7:53 p.m. on May 20, 2009, at the Norton County Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Leon and Marita Portschy, and Tom and Myra Sattler, all of Herndon.



L. Sattler

**Couple sets autumn wedding**

Erin Musgrave and Luke Norman plan to be married on Saturday, Sept. 5, in Crawford, Neb.

Parents of the couple are Dale and Tammy Musgrave, Ong, Neb.; and Diane Norman, Crawford, Neb., and the late Ben Norman. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Lee and Judy Ploussard, Oberlin; Lawrence and Lila Jennings, rural Jennings; and Dean and Myrna Musgrave, Indianola, Neb.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Sandy Creek High School and attends Chadron State College. She is majoring in Nutrition and Foods.

**Wedding planned in North Carolina**

Christina Marie Waterman and Larry Wayne Andrews Jr. plan to marry Saturday, Sept. 26, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Durham, N.C.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Waterman, Bonaire, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Foy Hayes, Durham, and the late Larry Wayne Andrews Sr. The father of the bride-to-be is a 1966 graduate of Decatur Community High School and she is a niece of Melvin Waterman and Karen Eskew of Oberlin.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rosarie Jecha, Timken, and the late Ed Jecha, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Gerhardt Waterman. She graduated with a degree in interior design from Bauder College in Atlanta.

Her fiancé is the grandson of Rosa Moody, Charlotte, N.C., and the late Lucien Moody, and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Andrews.

**Family gathers at lodge**

An Anderson family reunion was held Friday and Saturday at the Sappa Creek Lodge, the former home place of Goldie and Edward Anderson, Delmer and Dole. Many also attended the open house Saturday afternoon at the Oberlin Covenant Church which honored Don Anderson on his 85th birthday.

Attending were Goldie Anderson, Caldwell, Idaho; Delmer and Mary Jo Anderson, Joan Anderson, Alan and Logan Saylor, Topeka; Marcus Teske, Manhattan; Gregg Anderson and Qi Qi Marie, Naples, Fla.; Dole and JoAnne Anderson, Perry, Utah, and Mesa, Ariz.; Sabrina Richards, Lenora; Sheri and Mike Dinkel, Hill City; Michael Dinkel, McKenna Dinkel, Lake Park, Minn.; Tara and Joey Bellamy, Sandy, Ore.; Don Anderson, Oberlin; Kent Anderson, San Diego; Rollie and

**Scott family enjoys reunion**

The Goldie and Clara Scott family celebrated its 30th annual family reunion Memorial Day weekend at the high school cafeteria. Recipients of the Scott Scholarship for 2009 were Desirae Shields and Cole May.

Family members in attendance for the reunion included Doris Fringer, Ina Marie and Bill Goodnight, Oberlin; Dwayne and Twila Scott, Gardner; Dennis and Geneva Scott, Weatherford, Texas; Janice Kurth, Imperial, Neb.; Ronald and Chris Scott, Washington, Kan.; Linda and Dick Weber, and Judy Scott, Oberlin;

Deanna and Bob Castle, Oberlin; Thaniel, Jennifer, Madison and Lawson Monaco, Manhattan; Valisha, Travis, Kariah, Alana, Trenton and Tripp Raile, Oberlin; Devan, Sarah, Rebekah, Maiah and Dane Castle, Hoxie; Carolyn Shirley, Jude Walinder and Justice Harris, Virginia Montgomery and Dallas Paul, Chris and Curtis Walston and Desirae Shields, Eleanor Boyle, Shelby Brown, Dayton and Dawson Kempt, Oberlin;

Patty and Rod Steinmetz, Two Buttes, Colo.; Ryan Steinmetz



Luke Norman and Erin Musgrave

Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Crawford High School and received a degree in Range Business from Chadron State College. He is managing the family farm.



Larry Andrews Jr. and Christina Waterman

He is a graduate of Southern High School and works for Verizon Communications.

Peggy Anderson, Topeka; Kary and Jackie Anderson and Dane, Oberlin; Roger Anderson, Overland Park; Alan and Gwynn Anderson, Baytown, Texas; Marilee and Dave Lambert, Denver, Colo.; Jeff and Gwen Anderson, Council Grove; Megan Faris, Manhattan; Norma Anderson, Oberlin; Carol Fink, Wamego;

Vince and Gayle Carlson, Jason and Sean Anderson, Oberlin; Clay, Jennie and Cowen Anderson, Herndon; Elden and Detta Anderson, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, Oberlin; Nick and Stephanie Anderson, Lawrence; Gert Myers, Mansfield, Ohio; Jim and Jean Roberts, Atwood; Amanda Munsell, Lee's Summit, Mo.; also Lora Zwickle, Wayne and Phyllis Zwickle, and Dick and Donna Kelley, Oberlin.

and Tammy Carpenter, Kellie Steinmetz, Fort Collins, Colo.; Joe Shirley, Livermore, Calif.; Donna and Shaun Futrell, Garden Valley, Calif.; Corey Connor, Orangevale, Calif.; James, Heather, Megan, Ellen, Breanna, Abbey and Aaron Shirley, Olathe;

Rhonda and Mick Barth, Oberlin; Phoenix and Bryton Carroll, Fort Irwin, Calif.; Tyson Nicholson, Denver; David Barth, Colby; Mitch and Rhonda Pickett, Hayes Center, Neb.; Chancey and Felicia Pickett, Morgan Pickett, Glenwood, Ariz.; Valerie Faris and Jerry Stein, Oberlin; Yolanda Whitney and Nolen, Tyra and Colton, Oberlin; Wanda Farr, Jennings;

Eric Farr and Justice Boyde Farr, Wiley Farr, Oberlin; Shane Scott, Austin, Texas; Deminy, Ryan, Rhett and Deacon Highley, Lubbock, Texas; John and Roxanne Miller, Imperial, Neb.; Brenda Eason and Doug Sheehan, Megan Eason, Kyra Eason and Thorin Tarno, Devan Eason, Gillette, Wyo.; Anita Ketterl, Shawn, Ryan and Taylor, Oberlin; Stephanie and Cameron Scott, Alexandria and Chase, Wichita; and Martha Fringer, Oberlin.

The children and grandchildren of Dean and Peggy Groneweg invite you to share in the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.



**A reception will be held Sunday, June 14, from 2-4 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, Oberlin**

**Club News**

**Women enjoy aprons**

"Slipping on Mother's old apron is like getting a big hug from her" was the theme of the United Methodist Women's guest night salad supper held June 3 at the church basement.

Aprons of all vintages were hung on clotheslines around the room and roses from the yard of Mildred Holmdahl centered each table. As members and guests were introduced, they told about the apron they were wearing. Hostesses were Janeil Jensen, Mary Ann Amack, Sue Gotchall and Betty Jones.

Devotions were given by Betsy Haag based on emptying the apron pockets at the end of the day. An instrumental solo was played by Gabe Moore, a student at Bethany College in Linds-

borg. Montine Alstrom told about the history of aprons over the years, then read an appropriate poem. Other program committee members were Fern Moore, Pat Fringer and Sara Hasty.

President Pat Wright said that the "Bike and Build" group of students and recent college graduates from East Coast schools would be making their stop in Oberlin on June 23 and a potluck supper will be held for them at 6:30 p.m. A short program will follow and they will tell about stops along the route to work with Habitat for Humanity. The public is invited. Pastor Hasty said that this will be the eighth year that this church has been included as they travel to the West Coast.

**Library receives gifts**

Four members of the Oberlin Royal Neighbors of America Chapter presented 10 DVD's to Oberlin City Librarian Carol Smith on Thursday.

Making the presentation were Lois Lamb, Edna Mott, Phyllis Screen and Nadean Stoney. They include "Hotel for Dogs,"

"Encounters at the End of the World," "Bugs Bunny Movie," "IMAX Nascar," "Velveteen Rabbit," "Jetsons, the Movie," "Broken Bridges," "Clifford, the Big Red Dog," "Two Mules for Sister Sarah" and "Love Takes Wings."

**Storm chasers head to Colby**

By ANDY HEINTZ and KEVIN BOTTRELL  
*Colby Free Press*

About 160 storm chasers, including over 100 scientists from across the country, rolled into Colby on Tuesday as part of what Josh Wurman, president of the Center for Severe Weather Research, calls the biggest tornado study ever.

The Vortex 2 project includes a multi-year study on some of the most dangerous storms on earth, he said.

The convoy of scientists, engineers, students and volunteers from universities, private and government organizations and international members from Italy, Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Canada and Australia, are going from state to state following severe weather outbreaks on the Great Plains. In particular, Vortex 2 is looking for supercell thunderstorms, giant rotating storms that can produce strong and damaging tornados.

Glen Romine, a research scientist with the University of Illinois, said the group is trying to determine the origin, evolution and structure of tornados that form from supercells. A supercell is a classification of thunderstorm whose inner clouds rotate, he said. They can move independent of prevailing winds and often produce hail, heavy rains and tornados.

Supercells can form anywhere in the world, but the right conditions occur most often on the Great Plains.

Romine said this is the first time that all of the instruments used to

study tornados have been brought together in one place.

The National Science Foundation and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have contributed over \$10 million to the effort.

Wurman said planning for the project began in 2003. The group began tracking tornados and thunderstorms on May 10 and they will finish up around June 13, depending on storm activity. They will be tracking tornados next year.

After the conclusion of the project, the scientists will return to their home institutions to study the data. Romine said so much data will be collected that it will take scientists more than 15 years to go through it all.

Sean Casey and his team from the Discovery Channel's Storm Chasers also came to town. Casey designed and built his Tornado Intercept Vehicle, a heavy, armored truck meant to drive into the center of tornados. Casey is using the vehicle to film an Imax movie about tornados.

The Storm Chasers crew, while not affiliated with Vortex 2, often partners with the science team, Romine said, to help determine where to find the best storms. On Wednesday, the crew was doing practice exercises on county roads near Levant.

Romine said he wasn't sure yet which way Vortex 2 would head out of Colby. The decision can often be a difficult one, since the right conditions may be in several places around the Midwest.

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Oberlin, Kansas  
**Hope To See You There!**  
Our celebration will continue with Friends and Family at The American Legion with Food and Drinks 5 - 7 p.m.