

People in Our Community

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Helen Gee and Peg Smith left Sept 11 for Topeka, where Mrs. Gee visited her daughter, Beverly and Robert Keys, Robbie, James, Katherine and Nathan. The Keys family took her on a picnic and attended the Huff 'n Puff Hot Air Balloon Show with 23 balloons on Friday evening. On Saturday, they attended soccer games where Robbie and James were participants. On Sunday, they all went to the Topeka Bible Church, then Robert, Robbie and James went to the Tour Across Missouri Bicycle Race that was completed in Kansas City. Mrs. Gee and Beverly Keys, Katherine and James went out to lunch before she accompanied Ms. Smith home. Ms. Smith visited her daughter and husband, Kristi and Shadon Satter of Topeka. They took her to Lawrence to see the Banff Winter Film Festival World Tour 2009 on Friday and Saturday.

Nola Carlson of Fort Morgan, Colo., visited her sister-in-law, Arlene Glad, of Atwood on Friday. Mrs. Glad received word of the death of her cousin, Virginia Curtin, of Atwood that day. Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Glad attended her funeral services on Tuesday, then left for Copeland to visit their niece and her husband, Phil and Pam (Guinn) Smith.

Barry and Mollie Martin, and Carrie and Lisa Martin, Olathe; and Terry and Connie Martin, Shawnee, visited over the weekend with Glenn and Eunice Martin and helped Mr. Martin celebrate his birthday.

—Seafood Buffet Friday, Sept. 25, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.

Rena Unger was among nearly 500 students, who completed degree requirements from Kansas State University this summer. She earned a Bachelor of Science. She is the daughter of Kevin and Jeanie Unger of Oberlin.

Dr. Lyle Dixon of Atwood recently completed his Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Creighton University. He has been a veterinarian in Atwood since 1998 at Tri-State Veterinary Service and Supply and will continue to assist his associate, Dr. Melody Heskitt. He said he sought the second degree after having shoulder problems and wear and tear on his body. He and his wife Alisha have three children, Brennan, 8; Braxton, 4, and Beckett, 1 1/2. He is a son of the late Don and LaVay (Huntley) Dixon, and a brother of Carol Dixon of Oberlin. His mother was a 1951 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Lynn and Roberta Johnson will be honored by their family, Terry and Sherri Ramsey, Bryson and Bryanna, and Jay and Shelli Johnson, Josh and Jacob with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Bohemian Hall in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Members and guests of the Decatur Community High School Class of 1961 who enjoyed a reunion on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 12, at the home of Fern Jording were Clayton Jording, Medford, Ore.; Daughn and Judy Heller, North Platte, Neb.; Jim Plotts, Norcat; and Norman Richards, Jo Ann Lerew, Frances Nothdurft, Dennis Euhus, Duane Carman, Gary Zodrow, Allen Diederich, Marcia Lohofener and Larry Ayers, Oberlin.

Word was received of the death of Lola Brack of Norton on Aug. 13. She was the mother of Marla West of Norton, but formerly of Norcat. Funeral services were held at LaCrosse. A memorial was established to the Andbe Home in Norton.

Joy Votapka spent last weekend in Topeka with her daughter, Nancy Ellis. They attended a barbecue reception for Nicole and Don Semple

of Chicago on Saturday night at Berryton. The Semples were also weekend guests at the Ellis home.

—Sunday Brunch Buffet Sunday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.

Recent visitors of Mary and Stuart Henzel were Jim Wilson and his granddaughter, Kelly Wilson of Aurora, Ore. The men were college friends at Oregon State University where Kelly is a senior chemical engineering student. They also visited the Archway Monument in Kearney, Neb., during their visit.

Elsie Wolters was a Thursday morning visitor of Lucille Wickie at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Laurene Van Otterloo spent Sunday and Monday in Hastings, Neb., with her cousin, Beth Oschner, whose husband, Vaughn Oschner, died on Sept. 16. She attended his funeral services on Monday.

Destry Jackson, daughter of Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson of Norcat, was inducted into the Bethany College chapter of Gold Key, an honorary service organization for women. Bethany female students who meet grade point average requirements and who have reached junior standing are eligible for Gold Key. Eligible students are nominated for membership. Besides academic success, voters consider overall character when choosing Gold Key members. On campus, they lead service projects, donate to charities and help host the annual Academic Honors Banquet.

Keely Wilson, Julie, Harmony and Derek of Kearney, Neb., came Friday for the homecoming activities and were guests of her parents, James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney.

—Chinese Buffet Tuesday, Sept. 29, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center were Dewaine Stapp, Ivis Hanson, Max Carman, Doris Fringer, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore and Elden Haas. Lows went to Doris Fringer, Elden Haas, Neil Marshall, Dewaine Stapp, Ivis Hanson and Dorothy Moore. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Elden Haas and Neil Marshall. Winning highs at bridge were Charlotte Meints and Cynthia Matson.

Helen Kisinger of Neligh, Neb., left Monday after spending the weekend with her brother and wife, Richard and Clara Russ.

Gene and Marcella Leitner spent the past week visiting their daughters, Patricia and Dave Tongish, Newton; Ashley Houser, Overland Park; Donna and Steve Wilson, Wichita; and Barbara Leitner, New Mexico, who joined them at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

Weekend guests of Fern Jording on Sept. 12-13 were Rae and Michelle Tackett, and Lacey, Kenyon and Alexandria Cole, Warrensburg, Mo.; Phil and Marjorie Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Cindy Wood, Littleton, Colo.; Lori Lowrance, Westminster, Colo.; Clayton Jording, Medford, Ore.; and Lance Jording, Herndon.

Gail and Kay Marcuson entertained with a barbecue and potluck supper on Sunday for the Gospel Singers, who are under the direction of Ron Temple. Those present were Ron and Gerri Temple, Norm and Julie Gallentine, Frank and Margaret McEvoy, Mary Ann Amack, Myrna Jones, Phyllis Screen, Lois Lamb, Phil Erickson and Melanie Anderson.

Couple plans vows next year

Kimberly Ketterl and Brad Choate of Brighton, Mo., plan to be married on Sept. 25, 2010, in Springfield, Mo.

Parents of the couple are Kevin and Lynette Ketterl of Oberlin and the late Nancy Ketterl, and Ronnie and Debbie Choate of Pleasant Hope, Mo.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and will graduate from Pittsburg State University in May with a bachelor's degree in social work.

Her fiancé graduated from Pleasant Hope High School and is a field mechanic for Midwest Equipment in Springfield.



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Cousins meet in Oberlin

Cousins Nola (Jaderborg) Carlson of Fort Morgan, Colo., and James and Nola Jaderborg of Enterprise met for the first time over the weekend in Oberlin.



J. Jaderborg



N. Carlson



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Mrs. Jaderborg said that she operates an alteration business in Abilene and it was through a customer, Cheryl (Bryan) Stull of Solomon, a native of Oberlin, that she learned that her husband may have relatives from this area.

Mr. Jaderborg's great-uncle, Lars O. Jaderborg, sponsored Mrs. Carlson's grandfather, Louis Peter Jaderborg, when he came to America, she said. Both men were from Jarbo, Sweden.

The two women also learned

that they were named for the song "Nola." Mrs. Carlson is the daughter of the late M.E. "Mutt" and Lettie (Baxter) Jaderborg and the women found through genealogy that they are also related through the Baxter family. The Jaderborgs said they talked by telephone to Ron Jaderborg in Colorado last spring before his death.

Mrs. Carlson, a 1950 graduate of Decatur Community High School, was married to the late Harlan Carlson.

Concert set in Colby

Country singer and song writer Suzy Bogguss and song writer and guitarist Jim Salestrom will give a concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Colby Community College Cultural Arts Center, at 1255 S. Range.

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission and the Western Plains Arts Association are co-sponsoring the concert.

Mr. Salestrom has been writing and recording music since he was 13. During the past 35 years, he has recorded and performed with John Denver, Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton.

He has performed for four presidents at the White House and at the U.S. Supreme Court for his friend, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, as well as in several countries.

Ms. Bogguss is multi-award-

winning, multi-platinum and multi-faceted. She has shown a knack for blending songs of substance and depth with songs like "Aces," "Drive South," "Someday Soon," "Outbound Plane" and "Letting Go," which took her to the top of the country music charts.

Car-pooling is encouraged, and seats on a van will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Meet in front of the Decatur County Museum by 5:45 p.m. if you want a ride. The van will leave at 6 p.m.

This is a season ticket event for both Oberlin Arts and Humanities members and Western Plains members or cost will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for students at the door. Season tickets must be shown.

For details, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

Churches start kids program

Several churches have joined to start an after-school program for children in first through sixth grades.

Beginning next Wednesday, the Pioneer Club will meet every Wednesday after school until 5:30 p.m. at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. Advance registration is encouraged; parents can find forms at Raye's Grocery or the Oberlin City Library. The club is free, although donations are appreciated.

"Pioneer Club is a place where kids have fun with friends, learn Christian values by reading the Bible and form positive Christian relationships," said Pastor Sharon Nelson of the Oberlin Covenant Church.

Sponsoring churches thus far are Lund and Oberlin Covenant churches and Oberlin Methodist.

For information, call Pastor Nelson at 475-2769.

Girl Scouts plan candy sales

It is time for the Girl Scouts to sell nuts and candy for their fall sales project.

All parents of Girl Scouts will need to attend a meeting to sign participation permission slips before their child can begin to sell, said Terese Vontz. The meeting will be

at the Oberlin-Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce office from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday. The girls will begin selling Friday and continue through Sunday, Oct. 4.

For questions, call Mrs. Vontz at (785) 475-7128 or contact a troop leader.

Rotarians hear of websites

Darrel Stern was guest speaker at the Sept. 15 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. He was introduced by Greg Lohofener, program chair for the day.

Mr. Stern, who has built websites for the local government, said he included information related to city

as well as community and school information. He said that he taught himself how to make the websites. He has information on the Decatur County website, oberlinks.com, which is available to those wanting to know about this community.

Man earns Olympic gold

Greg Gross, 36, son of Ardith Davitt Gross of Baton Rouge, La., and great-grandson of the late Raymond and Mildred Davitt of Jennings, recently won three gold medals during a Special Olympics competition at Shreveport, La.

He has been swimming in the Special Olympics since he was 6 for a total of 30 years. He won gold medals in the 50-, 100- and 200-meter backstroke. He says that the backstroke is his favorite competition.

Benefit supper set at Lyle

A benefit potluck supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, for the Lyle Community Building.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a covered dish for the meal. Live entertainment will follow. The building is two miles west of Norcat

and nine miles north of U.S. 36.

Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the building. For questions, call Carolyn Plotts at (785) 693-4544.

Club News

Supper opens club year

A salad supper on the deck of the rural home of Arian Arnold opened the 2009-2010 year for Monday Evening Club. Nineteen members were present and Connie Riedel was welcomed as a new member. Assistant hostesses were Judy Ladehoff and Sandy Fair.

Peggy Pratt presided over the business meeting, during which dues were collected by treasurer Sharon Addleman. Year books were distributed and vice president Kay Gaskill reviewed the programs for each month, as well as the calendar of community events for the coming club year.

She noted that the City of Oberlin will observe its 125th anniversary during the year 2010. Mrs. Gaskill was assisted by Barbara Dehlinger, Judy Shirley and Cindy Sauder. The club will sponsor the November birthday party at Good Samaritan Center.

A patriotic program is scheduled on Columbus Day, Oct. 12, at the home of Jody Betts with Laurie and Kelly Wasson as assistant hostesses. The speaker will be Joanne Emerick of Hoxie, author of a book about the Pacific Theater during World War II, in which her father served.

Club has salad supper

The Pi Alpha Club enjoyed their first fall meeting with the annual salad supper on Sept. 14 at Sappa Manor. Gerri Neff was hostess, assisted by Janette Votapka. Eris Young has hosted the salad supper for many years on their patio, but ill health prevented it this year.

Newly-elected president, Mrs. Neff, conducted the business meeting and read a devotional story likened to David and Goliath. She thanked Joy Russell, vice president and program chairman, for the new club books, which

carry a music theme. Pictured in color on the cover is the Irish folk harp, handcrafted by Neal Russell. Mrs. Russell reviewed all programs. Marty Olson was also thanked for printing the books. Annual donations were discussed and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Fifteen members were present, including Pat Wright, who recently moved to Oakley.

The Sept. 28 meeting will be held at 4 p.m. at the home of Marty Olson with Eunice Martin assisting.

Calico Gals enjoy lunch

The Calico Gals Club met on Sept. 16 at Destination Kitchen at Norton for lunch and a meeting. Those attending were Phyllis Screen, Marylu Brown, Detta Anderson, Millie Lippelmann, Donna Kelley and Margaret McEvoy.

Roll call was answered with a favorite recipe and Mrs. Kelley will put the recipes in a booklet. Five salads were provided by the

club for the Arlo Wurm funeral dinner. Flowers were sent to Loyd and Mary Waldo for their 60th wedding anniversary and members sent cards to Lois Carlson.

The Oct. 21 meeting will be at 1 p.m. at Coffee, Tea and Me for lunch. Roll call will be a Halloween prank you have played on someone. New officers will be elected.

Auxiliary plans supper

Ten members of the Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary made plans for their membership supper to be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday at the American Legion when they met on Sept. 9. Members and Sons of American Legion eat free. Door prizes will be given.

President Angela Corcoran conducted the meeting and Chaplain Lois Lamb led in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

and Preamble.

Plans were also made to have a booth on Sept. 18 for the 400-mile garage sale along U.S. Highway 36 with cookies and water to be sold. The Coffee Tour was scheduled at 9:45 a.m. on Sept. 22 at the post with district officers to be present.

Mrs. Corcoran presented a program on the auxiliary emblem.

Family gathers in Iowa

Descendants of Daniel McLean Dean and Dora Bell Gum Dean met Labor Day weekend at the rural Knoxville, Iowa, home of Raleigh Gilbert and Elizabeth Johnson Dean, natives of Decatur County.

A great time was had renewing friendships, meeting new family members, sharing pictures and reminiscing.

The oldest direct descendant present was Alice Rubendall Anderson, age (classified), and the youngest was Nicole Dean, who celebrated her first birthday Sept. 7. Coming the greatest distance were Maggie and Gary Stoller, Florence, Ariz.

Those attending included Fran and Lyle Winder, Derby; Steve

and Cindi Winder, Wichita; Ken and Linda Winder, Cheney; Dave Proulx, Andover; David and Barbara Allen, Ashlyn Davis, Willow Springs, Mo.; Deb Garver and Jim Wilson, Overland Park; Alice Anderson, Barry and Cynthia Rubendall, Garrett and Whitney, Mary Rubendall, Franklin, Neb.; Maggie and Gary Stoller, Florence, Ariz.; Janet and Ron Hepworth, Elizabeth City, N.C.; Beverly and Christopher McLinden and Natalie, Adel, Iowa; Lowell and Cheryl Dean, Emily and Nicole, Knoxville, Iowa; Richard and Linda Dean, Jennifer, Melanie, and Rachel, Marion, Iowa; and David and Kitty Dean, Searsboro, Iowa.

Foundation offers free trees

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in September will receive 10 free trees as part of the "Trees for America" campaign, dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees by the nonprofit group.

The 10 trees include eastern redbud, white pine, sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, red maple, river birch, silver maple, northern red oak and Colorado blue

spruce.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting, between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow; planting instructions will be enclosed.

Send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb., 68410 by Sept. 30, or join online at www.arborday.org.

Russian trio to perform

The Flying Balalaikas Brothers, a Russian trio, will present a program at 3 p.m. Sunday at the St. Francis High School auditorium.

The virtuoso musicians, in colorful traditional costume, will perform Russian folk music as well as music melding with American bluegrass

and contemporary international acoustic styles.

The program is sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association. Admission is by season ticket or \$10 for adults and \$5 for children at the door.

Quilting workshop planned

A seven-week quilting workshop will be held at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan, beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

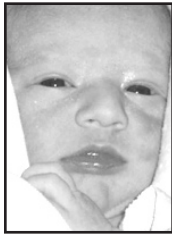
Janie Lowry of Stockton, teaches classes from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through Nov. 17 in the Hansen Plaza Community Room. The first class will be an orienta-

tion. For details or to register, call (785) 689-4846.

New Arrival

Grant Matthew Watkins

Matt and Krysten Watkins of Larned are the parents of a son, Grant Matthew Watkins, who was born July 6, 2009, at the Great Bend Regional Hospital in Great Bend. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. He has a sister, Reese, 3. Grandparents are Jerry Miller, Gem; Carolyn Miller, McCook; and Daniel and Judy Watkins, Hoxie. Pat Nelson, Colby, is his great-grandmother.



G. Watkins