

People in Our Community

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The Oberlin Chapter of the Royal Neighbors provided fried chicken for the third Sunday potluck dinner for the Senior Center on Sept. 20. Members of the Royal Neighbors who were present were Lois Lamb and Nadean Stoney.

Kenneth and Carolyn Call of Colby were honored with an open house on Saturday at the Colby Community Building in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Their son, Harlan, and his wife, the former Judy Lincoln, daughter of Charles and Donna Lincoln of Oberlin, also live in Colby with their three children.

Herschel and Jody Betts returned Sunday from Oklahoma City where they attended a 14-state zone meeting of past and present Rotary district governors. Speakers included a friend of the Betts', Ray Klinginsmith, Kirksville, Mo. Mr. Klinginsmith will become the president of Rotary International in July 2010.

Darrell and Kay Jones returned home Thursday from Kansas City, where they visited their daughter and family, Colette Wahlmeier, Keegan and Tessa while their daughter attended a meeting. He also attended the Silver-Haired Legislature in Topeka.

Cathy Wenger of Denton, Texas, visited from Tuesday to Friday with her parents, Phyll and Connie Cramer, and other relatives and friends.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson attended the Colby Community College pep rally last Wednesday night. Their daughter, Sarah Marcuson, plays in the Pep Band.

Dorothy Moore returned Friday

from a three-day trip to visit her children. She visited her daughter, Debbie and Mike Nickels, and children Emma and Mark, in McCloud. She also spent time with her son, Eric and Shelly Moore, and children Justine and Dylan, Manhattan, where she was able to watch Justine and Mark participate in junior high sports.

Alice Marshall of Manchaca, Texas, and her sister, Fern Kleinsorge of Wichita, left Thursday after visiting since Tuesday with their aunt, Rita Garver.

Frances Vacura returned home Saturday from Fruita, Colo., where she spent several days with her sister, Jan Caple.

Dr. R.A. Peterson, Norton, attended his 50th high school reunion in Harlan, Iowa, on Oct. 3. Of the 78 original graduates, 68 are still living.

Gail and Kay Marcuson, Brad and Elaine Marcuson and Sarah Marcuson spent Sunday at Barton Community College with Jared Marcuson. They took a drive around Cheyenne Bottoms Wetlands Refuge and later attended a college event where Jared is the school's mascot, "Bart the Cougar".

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center were Max Carman, Doris Fringer, Henry Edgett, Ivis Hanson, Ardis Roe and Kelva Dryden. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Norma Anderson, Veanna Carman, Ardis Roe, Elden Haas, Neil Marshall and Marie McKisson. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Elden Haas with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Neil Marshall. Winning highs at bridge were Dorothy Cochran and Marie McKisson.

Man named bank manager

Steve Zodrow, a 1982 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has been named branch manager for United Northwest Federal Credit Union in Oberlin.



S. Zodrow

He replaces Sharon Black-Hecox, who retired on Sept. 18, after working for the firm for 19 years. She and her husband Jay have moved to Wichita.

The son of Gary and Leola Zodrow of Oberlin, Mr. Zodrow earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economic Business in 1986 at Fort Hays State University. He worked for Keith Mines at McPherson, a certified

public accountant, before moving to Junction City, where he did public accounting and also served as controller for GenMar Boat Manufacturing Co.

He has been audit manager for Mapes and Miller Public Accountants in Norton the past few years.

He and his wife Lori will be moving to Oberlin from Norton. His wife works at Decatur Health Systems and also at the Pizza Hut. Mr. Zodrow has also been helping out at Raye's Grocery in the evenings.

Man attends Legislature

Darrell Jones of Oberlin participated as a member at the annual session of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature, held at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center in Topeka from Tuesday through Thursday last week. He has been a member for the past 14 years.

The Silver Haired Legislature is made up of representatives, 60 and older, elected by their peers to develop bills and resolutions on topics of interest to Kansas elders and their families.

This year, they introduced and heard testimony on topics includ-

ing reinstating the Grandparents as Caregivers program, providing rural transportation for seniors, providing for a Veterans Ombudsman to be stationed at the Fort Dodge Veterans Home, as a way to help combat predatory payday lending practices, and mandatory reinstatement of certain insurance policies in case of mental incapacity.

A total of seven bills and resolutions will be presented by the group at the next session of the state Legislature.

For information, call (785) 368-7326.

Students perform at Hays

On Thursday, six piano students of Cheryl Metcalf practiced pieces they would be performing at the Kansas Music Teachers Association's District Audition at Mrs. Metcalf's home. Saturday they performed the two memorized pieces at the auditions in Hays.

Professor Virginia House of Kansas State University was the judge. All six students received a I rating and are qualified to compete

in the state auditions in Lawrence on Saturday, Nov. 7.

The students are Kade Grafel, Caleb Koerperich, Michael, David and Britta Noren and Nolan Henningson.

Nolan played one of his numbers at the Bohemian Hall during the pancake breakfast Saturday and was included in the DCHS Singers performance.

Painting classes offered

The "Joy of Painting with Bob Ross" program will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18, at the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan.

On Saturday, the class will paint "Mountain Stream" and on Sunday,

"Days Gone By." Instructors will be T.R. Mathews and Sandy Seamone of Arriba, Colo., who will entertain and instruct, step-by-step, showing how easy and fun it is to paint the Bob Ross way. No experience is necessary.

Classes will run from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. both days. Participants need to bring a roll of paper towels; all other supplies are provided.

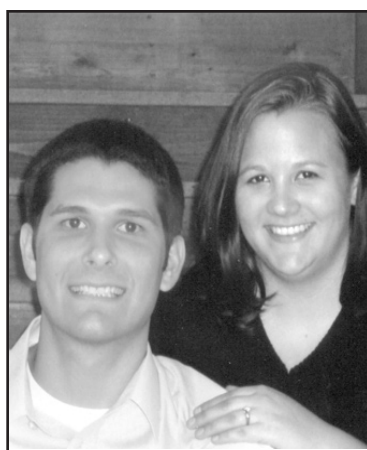
For details, call (785) 689-4846 or go to www.hansenmuseum.org.

Couple plans vows Oct. 17

Allie Moore of Overland Park and Jake Lohrmeyer of Olathe plan to be married on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Parents of the couple are Monte and Kelly Moore, Oberlin; and Roger and Toni Lohrmeyer, Hays. Grandparents of the bride are Evan and Judy Goltl, Hill City, and Loyd and Fern Moore, Oberlin. The bridegroom's grandparents are the late Steve and Vivian Ochs, and the late Lawrence and Jeannette Lohrmeyer.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a 2008 graduate in biology of Kansas State University. She is a second year medical student at the



Jake Lohrmeyer and Allie Moore

University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Her fiancé graduated from Hays High School in 2003 and earned a dual major in geography and political science at Kansas State University in 2007. He is a fleet analyst for RailCrew Xpress in Lenexa.

Boy Scout 5K run set

The Coronado Area Council will sponsor "Run For Your Life... The Boy Scouts of America 5K Challenge" in Hays on Saturday, Oct. 24, starting in front of the Fort Hays State University Memorial Union.

Participants can run or walk. Age groups will be 11 to 15, 16 to 20, and 21 and up. The 5K will be a costume-themed run, with costumes optional. There will be one winner in each category and one overall winner. Prize for the best costume will be awarded. Check-in will be from 9 to 9:50 a.m.

Money raised will be used for Boy Scouts outreach efforts, Camp Dane G. Hansen programs, and direct support for other programs

that serve 32 counties in northwest and North Central Kansas. The 5K run/walk promotes and educates the surrounding area about leading a healthy lifestyle.

To sign up or to sponsor a team, call Megan Colson at (620) 213-1010 or e-mail mecolson@scatcat.fhsu.edu, or Jenna Johnson (785) 443-3457 or e-mail jljohnson4@scatcat.fhsu.edu.

Registration is \$20 per participant and \$60 per team of four. All entry forms and money must be received by Wednesday, Oct. 21. Entry will be allowed on the day of the event at a cost of \$25 per participant and \$70 per team.

Bailey reunion held in Selden

The Selden Community Center was the scene of a family reunion over the weekend of Sept. 19. Sherm Bailey and his wife, Laura Belle Reeder, lived on a farm near Kanona, until his death in 1952. Their children were Mary Etna (Ettie), who died young in 1919; Ray William Bailey of Norcat, who died in 1975; Clarence (Earl) Bailey of Prairie Dog died in 1973; John (Don) Bailey, who died young in 1920; Emma Bailey Stapp from Norcat, who died in 1985; and Elvin Bailey from Jennings, who died in 1995.

Families represented are as follows:

Emma Bailey Stapp: Son Dewaine Stapp, Norcat, and daughter Alice Shirley, Oberlin.

Elvin Bailey: Son Elwood Bailey and wife Noreen, Norton, grandson Charles Bailey, Mankato, and daughter Geraldine Packer, Norton.

Etna Bailey Houtsma: Granddaughter Tricia Cowles, Calif., granddaughter Roxie Stitham, Las Vegas, grandson Verl Bailey, Bunker Hill, grandson Vern Bailey, Russell, (children of Agnes and Clarence).

Clarence (Earl) Bailey: Son Clifford Bailey, grandsons Gordon Bailey and Roy Bailey, Alturas, Calif., Roy's daughter and family from Pendleton, Ind., daughter Tressie and husband Bud Rogers, Selden, grandsons Terry Rogers and family from Lincoln, Neb., Roy Rogers and families from North Platte, Kearney and McCook, Neb., granddaughter Shirley and husband Gary Emigh and families, Selden, and Danbury, Neb., son Durward (Dode) Bailey, Klamath Falls, Ore., grandsons Norman Bailey, Tampa, Fla., and Faron Bailey, Oregon, son Sam Bailey Young and wife Leona, granddaughter Pam Young, Chambers, Neb., grandson Lee Bailey and wife Susan, Klamath Falls, granddaughter Sharon Wilson and family, Tyler, Texas, (children of Donald, deceased), grandson Ike Brown and family, McCook, (son of Millie, deceased).

Festivities included a brunch on Saturday morning, a genealogy presentation by Terry Rogers, some good old down home music by most everyone. A break to visit, rest and watch the ball game was followed by a catered meal, then Karaoke with Rose Bainter until nightfall.

Rockathon planned Oct. 24

The "Rock Around the Clock" Rockathon 2009 is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

Residents will be rocking throughout the day. Proceeds this year will benefit the Decatur County Food

Pantry, said Activities Director Lisa Paulson. Anyone may sponsor a resident.

Sponsor sheets are available at area churches and businesses or donations may be sent directly to the center, 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

New Arrival

Owen Keith Amlong

John and Nikki Amlong of Palco are the parents of a son, Owen Keith Amlong, born Sept. 22, 2009, at the Plainville hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 1.5 ounces and was 19 inches long. He has a brother, Wyatt, 3. Grandparents are Gary and Becky Alstrom, Oberlin, and Tony and Ramona Amlong, Dresden. Kieth and Dorothy Alstrom, Oberlin, are his great-grandparents.

Happy 80th Birthday, Grandpa Gus!



October 11

Love you!

Lacy, April, Ashley, Levi, Ian and Ella

Birthday wishes can be sent to:
Gus Wolters
302 N. Wolf
Oberlin, KS 67749



TAKING A PAGE from the past, members of the Free Staters posed in their 19th century costumes. The group performs authentic music from the 1850s. They will be appearing Sunday in Goodland.

19th-century band will play at Goodland

Imagine sitting on a front porch on a warm, summer Kansas evening, listening to a spirited fiddle, a plunkety old fretless gut-string banjo, a pair of sun-dried buffalo bones and a skin-head tambourine.

Put all those unique sounds together and you have... the Free Staters, a group that plays fun, fast-paced, popular music from 1850s America. The greatest musical melting pot in our history was brewed from Irish jigs, English ballads, Italian mandolin orchestras and the new American popular music by such composers as Stephen Foster, Daniel Emmett and Thomas Daddy Rice, all overlaid with the unique syncopation of African rhythms. These and other pieces of American music are performed by the group on period instruments, often from original sheet music or 19th century folk sources.

Dressed in 19th century clothing and playing period instruments or reproductions, the band looks and sounds like it stepped off the front

porch and into the present. The Free Staters took their name from the men and women who settled in the Kansas Territory beginning in 1854. As the territory became a battleground between those for and opposed to slavery, lines were drawn and sides were formed into "Pro-slavery" and "Free-State" or "Free Soil" factions.

In every performance, the group says, members strive to take their audiences back to a time in our nation's history when life was far less complex. It's their hope that listeners come away from a performance feeling like, only moments earlier, they were sitting on that old, wooden, front porch tapping their feet and experiencing a small taste of mid-19th century life.

The performance will be at 3 p.m. (Central Time) Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Goodland High School Auditorium. Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door, \$10 for adults \$5 for children.

Broadcast engineer retires

After over 15 years of volunteer service, running the city's cable access channel, Jack Benton left with a standing ovation from the council and audience at a meeting Thursday night.

Mayor Joe Stanley read a city proclamation thanking retired broadcast engineer for his "countless hours providing technical

expertise, setting up audio visual equipment and executing many programs that would not have happened without this helpful guidance."

Mayor Stanley added that people probably haven't seen a wrestling match, football, basketball or baseball game here that Mr. Benton wasn't working at.

Luncheon held at LandMark

Correspondents for *The Oberlin Herald* were honored with a luncheon on Friday at the LandMark Inn.

Guests included Louise Cressler, Jennings; Julie Hafner, Herndon; Bee Nelson, Norcat; Veda Wood, Lyle; Dianne Bremer, Mount Pleasant; Sarah Fredrickson, sports

pictures; Charlotte Kurtz, Cedar Living Center; Mary Lou Olson, Midway and society editor; Carolyn Plotts, Outback; Cynthia Haynes, co-publisher; Kimberly Davis, managing editor; Pat Cozad, office manager; Leslie Nolette, proof-reader and typesetting; and Linda Bunney, ad makeup.



With best wishes on her 80th birthday – October 12th Her children and grandchildren invite you to share in their celebration.

Send greetings to: 712 W. Hall Street Oberlin, Kansas 67749

Happy Birthday Dolores!



Please help us celebrate Dolores Depperschmidt's 75th Birthday by joining us at an open house from 2:00–4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the Sappa Valley Manor, 202 N. Elk, Oberlin, Kansas.

Greetings may be sent to: 203 N. Elk, Apt 17 Oberlin, KS 67749

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