

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

People in Our Community

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Dr. Donald R. Harrier of Oberlin was recognized for his 50 years of membership in the Kansas Optometric Association during its annual meeting in Topeka. The award was presented to Dr. Harrier, who was joined by his family, by association President Dr. Wesley Garton.

Carol Ogburn, Prescott, Ariz., spent the past 10 days with her mother, Mabel Zimmerman. They enjoyed touring the area, reminiscing and just spending time together. Carol and Mabel especially enjoyed the Mother's Day chicken dinner at the home of Owen Wilson. Carol returned to Prescott on Wednesday.

Kira Meitl designed her own prom dress and it was put together by Anne Marie Wasson for the prom on Saturday evening.

Those attending the graduation for Lakin Lahe and Lane Wood at Colby Community College on Saturday were Kamrie Wood, Colby; Jackie Mayberry and Zach Lahe, Oberlin; Chuck and Cheryl Lahe, and Chyanne Lahe, Grand Junction, Colo.; and Jeff, Andrea, John and Kira Burmaster, and Pat Cozad, all of Oberlin.

Wilbur and Jill Reichert and Gatlin, Dresden; Gage and Gannon Reichert, students at K-State, and Garrick Reichert, Salina, attended the graduation of Grant Reichert in Lied Center on the University of Kansas campus on Sunday. He received a Juris Doctor, Professor 3. He will take the bar examination in July.

Patricia Tongish returned to her home in Newton on Sunday after spending a week with her parents, Gene and Marcella Leitner.

Relatives who enjoyed lunch on Saturday at the LandMark Inn were Paul and Marlene McGill, Lenexa; Phyllis Klich, Denver; Merlin and Bonnie Anderson, Eloise Smith, Mildred Holmdahl and Janeil Jensen.

Dr. Doug and Sandy Fair have returned from their winter travels. On the return trip, Dr. Fair attended an educational seminar in Wichita. He intends to keep his Kansas license and substitute as needed at Unger Chiropractic this summer.

One of the topics of the seminar was "Unlocking the Mysteries of Gluten Sensitivity, the Musculoskeletal and Neurological Components." Another was "New Protocols in Biomechanical Care and the Seven Pillars of Health." Dr. Kenyon Erickson, formerly from Oberlin, was also in attendance.

Norma Richards accompanied her daughter, Deanna Hanschild, to Oberlin from Kearney, Neb., on Sunday after Mrs. Richards was dismissed from Good Samaritan Hospital.

Heather Ploussard was one of 17 Washburn University School of Applied Studies students who were recently inducted into the Alpha Mu Omicron chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and was named public relations secretary for the upcoming year. She is a sophomore majoring in criminal justice. She was also inducted into the Top Hat Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. Alpha Lambda Delta recognizes students who have succeeded in maintaining a 3.5 or higher grade point average or are in the top 20

Group gives to pantry

Members of the Oberlin Modern Woodmen Camp shopped for food, paper products and personal hygiene items for the Oberlin Food Pantry recently, spending \$250 provided by the group's "Care and Share Program."

"Whether a family needs household items after a natural disaster or other crisis," said Camp Secretary Marie McKisson, or if a shelter or food pantry needs more supplies to help families, Modern Woodmen members can help through this annual project. Each year, members

percent of their class. She is the daughter of Sandy and Terry Rush of Oberlin and the late Kevan Ploussard.

Four Decatur Community High School graduates were awarded degrees from Kansas State University during commencement exercises held Friday and Saturday. They included Matthew Coleman, son of Mike and Mirla Coleman, bachelor of science in chemical engineering; Kellen Doeden, son of Rick and Lynn Doeden, bachelor of science in education; Zane Pauls, son of Rick and Dori Pauls, bachelor of science in computer engineering; and Anne Marie Wasson, daughter of Dan and Carol Wasson, bachelor of science in apparel design.

Ralph Vernon and friend Peggy Tucker of Corpus Christi, Texas, came April 18 and took his sister, Marjorie Olson, to Fort Worth, Texas, to visit her niece, Jane and Steve Hannifin. While there, the Hannifins took her to a concert by the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. She then went to Corpus Christi, where her brother showed her places of interest and she visited her nephew, Roger Vernon. Ralph, Peggy and Jane brought Mrs. Olson to Wichita, where they were met by Bob, Joyce and Kyle Hartzog on Mother's Day. The Hartzogs had spent the weekend visiting their son and brother, Clifton, Annette, McKenzie and Alexis Hartzog, and Mrs. Olson accompanied them to Oberlin.

Marty and Nancy Brandt of Colorado Springs, Colo., were weekend guests of their daughter and family, Kimberly and Tim Davis and their foster daughters, Angela and Sierra.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby today for Jerome A. Martin, 84, of Colby, who died Friday. He was the father of Ruth Wolfgram of Oberlin. Memorials were established to the church.

LaRaine Claar and Jim of Missoula, Mont., and Sharon and Don Karnes of Enid, Okla., visited Doris Sloan, Cindi Sloan-Sauder and Dennis and Judy Shirley during the past week.

Kaden Macfee has received a \$200 Black and Gold and a \$750 Crops and Soils Scholarship from Cloud County Community College for the 2010-2011 academic year. He is the son of Dennis and Shelly Macfee and plans to major in agronomy. He will graduate on Saturday from Decatur Community High School.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Norma Anderson, Doris Fringer, Dorothy Moore and Max Carman. Lows went to Elden Haas, Doris Gilbert, Ardis Roe, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Doris Fringer and Neil Marshall. There were no pitch games. Bridge winners were Carol Shirley, Ila Ray, Annette Miller and Beth Sebaugh.

Kimberly Ketterl received a Bachelor of Science degree during the 106th spring commencement exercises at Pittsburg State University over the weekend. She is the daughter of Kevin and Lynetta Ketterl of Oberlin.

from more than 400 camps purchase and donate thousands of dollars of food, clothes and more.

Modern Woodmen was founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society and today offers financial services and fraternal benefits to individuals, families and communities throughout the United States. The Oberlin camp provides volunteer services and social activities for members.

Helping with the shopping were Ella Betts, Beth Sebaugh, Martha Fringer, Rita Garver, Doris Fringer and Mrs. McKisson.

Area student selected for cadet law academy

The Kansas Cadet Law Enforcement Academy has selected Jacob Helm to participate in its 2010 program.

Participants are chosen from among high school juniors throughout the state. The academy is co-sponsored by the Kansas American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

It will be held from June 13 through June 18 at the Highway Patrol Training Center

in Salina. Participants will study training and responsibilities of law enforcement officials. Instructors come from the Highway Patrol, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation and other agencies.

The Oberlin American Legion Post and Auxiliary are sponsoring Mr. Helm, a junior at Decatur Community High School. He is the son of Mike and Debra Helm of Norcatour.



Jacob Helm

Class reunions planned

These class events are planned for Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29, during the Decatur Community High School alumni reunion weekend:

1940 — Luncheon at noon Saturday, the LandMark Inn. **Pictures at 1 p.m.**

1945 — Luncheon, noon Saturday, Sappa Manor.

1950 — Friday, 7 p.m., Charles and Donna Lincoln home, 612 W. Hall. Saturday, luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Faith Lutheran Church. **Pictures at 12:30 p.m.**

1955 — Friday, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Sappa Manor. Saturday, 2 p.m., at Golden Age Center.

1960 — Saturday, 2 p.m., Golden Age Center. **Pictures at 2:30 p.m.**

1965 — Saturday, noon, American Legion.

1970 — Saturday, Bohemian Hall,

luncheon, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Pictures at 3 p.m.**

1975 — Saturday, 2 p.m., American Legion.

1980 — Friday, 6 p.m. ReLoad. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Barry and Patti Richards home, southwest edge of Oberlin. **Pictures at 4 p.m.**

1985 — Saturday, American Legion, 1 to 4 p.m. **Pictures at 3:30 p.m.**

1990 — Decatur Rec Center east of Oberlin, noon. **Pictures at 1:30 p.m.**

1995 — Sappa Park shelter house, noon to 3 p.m., potluck at noon.

2000 — Friday, American Legion, 7 p.m. Saturday, noon, new bowling alley. **Pictures at 2 p.m.**

2005 — Saturday, Mike Coleman home west of town, 6:30 p.m.

Nex-Tech gives to schools

Nex-Tech Wireless has sent the Oberlin School District a \$1,616 donation from the School Rebate Program, which was created to help schools raise a little extra money.

The program, launched in the fall of 2006, has donated over \$80,000 to schools throughout the Nex-Tech Wireless service area.

Nex-Tech Wireless encourages subscribers to select a school to receive a 3 percent donation from their monthly bill at no cost to the school or customer.

The firm, based in Hays, enjoys donating money to area school districts, said Karly Rogers, director of sales, marketing and customer service.

"It gives us an opportunity to give something back to our communities we live and play in," she said. "We appreciate the participation in the program and hope to see the donation amounts increase over the years to come."

To find out more about the program, go into your Nex-Tech Wireless store or agent, or look at www.nex-techwireless.com.

Nex-Tech Wireless, a subsidiary of Rural Telephone, Golden Belt Telephone and Mutual Telephone, offers wireless phone and date service in 33 counties of central and western Kansas, plus parts of Colorado.

Senior recital Thursday

Four Decatur Community High School seniors will have senior recitals at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at The Gateway, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

Participants include:

- Jaxen Alstrom, son of Rodney Alstrom and Lori Kasilmack, who will play his tuba and sing.

- Kortnie Fisher, daughter of Kendal and Angie Fisher, who will sing a solo and also be joined by her

sisters, Kenzie, Keatra and Kaitlynn as the "Fisher Sisters."

- Ashley Horton, daughter of Dalene Horton, who will sing and have a duet with Mary Olson.

- Miss Olson, daughter of Mark and Barbara Olson, who will play piano, sing and have a piano duet with Nolan Henningson.

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

Rotary hears about program

Roger Morris, client service agent for the Senior Community Service Employment Program, spoke at the May 11 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. He was introduced by Doug Hasty, program chair for the day.

Mr. Morris said his program provides employment training for people 55 and older. The goal is to offer training opportunities for part-time work in community service for those who have low income,

poor employment prospects and/or history and need the money. The program provides training that will prepare the participant for unsubsidized employment.

Mark Olson gave an update on the Decatur Community High after-prom party to be held at The Gateway. He said that the club donated \$2,000 to the activity and in all, \$8,500 was raised for scholarships, prizes, gift certificates and entertainment.

New Arrival

Quinn Elaina-Marie Ketterl

Jason and Megan Ketterl of Oberlin are the parents of a daughter, Quinn Elaina-Marie Ketterl, who was born April 9, 2010, at St. Francis Health Center in Topeka. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. She has twin big brothers, Landen and Braden, 5. Grandparents are Marcia and Kent Williams, Topeka, and Kari and Vernon Ketterl, Herndon. Great-grandparents are Jack and Bethel Williams, Topeka, and Jolene Strutt, Morland.



Q. Ketterl

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Club News

Women enjoy auction

The Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met on May 5 at the home of Lucille Townsend. President Cheryl Metcalf opened the meeting with the group repeating the purpose. Angie Wilson gave devotions, "A Perfect Gardener," and closed with prayer. A hymn was sung, followed by prayer for those mentioned.

Six members answered roll call with one of the Ten Commandments. The president read from a newsletter from Mexican American Ministries stating various projects they were doing. Phyllis Metcalf read a letter from

the McCurdy School and a card from the Butch Stanley family.

Mrs. Metcalf reported on the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Camp Lakeside which she, Charissa Huff and Judy Davis from Oberlin attended. A cookie auction was enjoyed in place of a program.

The next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 1 at Coffee, Tea and Me with Angie Wilson presenting the pledge service. It was suggested that members save Box Tops for Education and Campbell's labels during the summer to be sent to McCurdy School in September.

Auxiliary plans Poppy Day

Members of the Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary made plans for Poppy Day, which will be held in downtown Oberlin on Friday, May 28, when they met on May 12. The poppies will also be available at the cemetery on Memorial Day.

Phyllis Metcalf gave the prayer in the absence of the chaplain, followed by the flag salute by members. Mrs. Metcalf and Lois Lamb will give the scholarships at the awards assembly at 2 p.m.

today in the high school auditorium.

Volunteers are needed to help with activities prior to Memorial Day, including putting the flags on and off poles and placing the small flags.

Sharleen Wurm and Judy Groneweg presented an interesting program on Oberlin's 125th birthday, showing pictures of early Oberlin. Sherry Bergling and Mrs. Groneweg were hostesses.

Babysitter clinic set

"Be a Super Sitter" will offer a day of active, hands-on babysitter class for youths 11 and older, sponsored by the Twin Creeks Extension District, the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland council and Farm Bureau.

The \$10 clinic will be held Thursday, May 27, at the Oberlin United Methodist Church basement. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the day will conclude at 3 p.m.

The fee will cover beverages and snacks, training materials and supplies. Participants are asked to bring one food item for a Mexican fiesta potluck lunch. Examples of items to bring include taco meat, grated cheese, tortillas or taco shells, salsa, fruit, beans, lettuce, onions, olives and the like.

"Parents have one basic reason for hiring a babysitter: their children's

safety," said Becky Ayers, district coordinator with the Girl Scouts. "Without complete confidence that a sitter will protect their children in any situation, how can parents enjoy a social event?"

"Babysitting is a serious job. This clinic is a good opportunity for young boys and girls to learn about babysitting."

"We will talk about safety and basic first aid, the ages and stages of children's behaviors, how to feed the children, public relations with parents and good business strategies and tough situations babysitters might have to handle, and will actually practice some skills such as diapering a baby."

Make reservations with the extension office at (785) 475-8121 by next Monday.

Volunteers needed for flag preparations

The Oberlin American Legion needs volunteers to help assemble, load, install and remove about 250 flags for the Avenue of Flags for the upcoming Memorial Day observance May 31.

The flags will be assembled and loaded on trailers starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, at the

American Legion Hall. They will be installed at the cemetery at 6:30 a.m. on Memorial Day, weather permitting, and volunteers will also be needed to place them and to remove the flags in the afternoon. For details, call Commander Greg Cundiff at 475-3695.

Legion elects new officers

The Oberlin American Legion Post swore in new officers for the year starting June 1 at a meeting Thursday.

They include Rollie Avery, commander; Alan Marietta, vice-com-

mander; Jim Miesner, adjutant; Charles Frickey, judge advocate; Warren Bainter, finance officer; Sid Metcalf, sergeant-at-arms; Connie Simonsson, post service officer; and Stanley Chapin, chaplain.

Cheerleaders get future spot

Fifteen girls tried out for the Decatur Community High cheerleading squads last Wednesday, with all of them finding a spot for next year.

Coach Brenda Ploussard said the 15 girls have been split into squads for the fall, wrestling and basketball seasons.

Cheerleaders on the fall squad include Serena Stacy, Brooklyn O'Hare, Sara Kyte, Kiah Blau, Megan Wentz, Mika Hackney, Samantha Anderson and Samantha

Meitl. The wrestling cheerleaders will be Darian Bose, Miss O'Hare, Lara Zodrow, Keatra Fisher and Kaylee May. Cheerleaders for basketball will be Cheyanne Soderlund, Katlyn Klima, Miss Wentz and Miss Meitl. Yell leader will be Shay McChesney.

"Congratulations to all the cheerleaders," said Coach Ploussard.



Wishing Nell Gerdes a Wonderful 85th Birthday on May 22

Thank you for always being there with your love, thoughts, prayers and support. All our love to you from your family and friends.



Everett Gerdes, Oberlin; Doug and Faye Gerdes, Graham, Georgia. Lorri Wilson, Evans, CO; Lacey and Matt Cantu, Evans, CO and a special Birthday Wish from your great-grandchild due in October, he/she is looking forward to meeting their great-grandmother, he/she have only heard special and wonderful things about you.

Happy Birthday Mom!

Sell your items in a classified ad. Call Pat at 475-2206