

# People in Our Community

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The annual Gilbert family reunion was held from Aug. 13 to 15 in the McArthur Senior Center in Burlington, Colo., with Larry and Jean Noah family as hosts. Among those from Kansas attending were Jay Gilbert, and Stan and Verda Wancura, Colby; Tony Knopp, Dighton; Ted and Gertie Kastens, Ludell; Berdeen (Caster) Lawrence, Fredonia; Vince and Joann Caster, Fall River; Dallas and Ellen Caster, Auburn, and Merle and Delma Dible, Oakley; also Alva and Rosie Caster, Vinton, La. The next reunion will be in 2011 in Mitchell, Ind., with Ruth and Tim York as hosts.

Jason Thomas has returned home after being hospitalized in Lincoln, Neb. He is taking therapy as an outpatient at Hays Medical Center. Mail will reach him at the home of his parents, Dennis and Kaylene Thomas, 407 N. Wolf Ave., Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Joy Votapka returned home recently after spending time at Lake McConaghy near Ogallala, Neb. She also visited Charlie and Gina Votapka and family. She visited over the weekend with her daughter, Nancy Ellis in Topeka and her granddaughter, Nicole Semple of Chicago, who was visiting there. En

route to Topeka, she visited Duane and Carol Witt in Great Bend and also her sister, Vera and Murrell Durr, at Hutchinson.

Connie Smith of Chippewa, Falls, Wis., is visiting this week with her mother, Eulaine Benda and other relatives. Daryl and Shirley Maresch of Nekoma were additional weekend guests.

**—60% off all summer merchandise at The Dresser.**

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Max Carman, Veanna Carman, Elden Haas and Kelva Dryden. Lows went to Elden Haas, Neil Marshall, Norma Anderson, Dorothy Moore, Dewaine Stapp, Ivis Hanson and Henry Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Max Carman with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Veanna Carman. Bridge highs went to Annette Miller and Dorothy Cochran.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy have returned home after visiting their son and grandson, Evan McEvoy and Alex, in Hotchkiss, Colo. En route they visited Ruthie Swanson at Rifle, Colo.

## Couple enjoys Alaskan cruise

Rusty and Sharon Addleman have returned from an Inside Passage cruise to Alaska, which began at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, with stops at Juneau, Ketchikan, and Skagway, disembarking at Whittier, Alaska.

Besides the beautiful scenery of mountains and glaciers along the Inside Passage, they said, the Glacier Bay National Park and glaciers of College Fjord were highlights.

From Whittier, they traveled by train to Denali National Park, which includes Mount McKinley, the tallest mountain in North America. They spent several days there and in Talkeetna before returning to Anchorage. They saw dahl sheep, moose, caribou, bear and eagles in the park.

The couple lived in Anchorage for 3 1/2 years, from 1964 to 1967, when he was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base. It is now a city of 300,000, they said, while in 1964, the population was 50,000 including

the military. Today it has any of the same chain stores that are available in the "lower 48." The couple spent several days visiting Earthquake Park, Diamond and Chugiak High Schools, where Mrs. Addleman had taught, and other points of interest.

A highlight of the trip was visiting at the home of Linda and Stanley Moberly at Tenakee Springs, Alaska, a 30-minute plane ride from Juneau. He and Mrs. Addleman graduated together in the Class of 1959 at Decatur Community High School.

Tenakee, with a population of 100, is on Chichagoof Island, between a mountain and the ocean with a boardwalk for a road. It is only accessible by boat or plane, and four-wheelers and bicycles are the only modes of transportation. The couple enjoyed fishing, for prawns, Dungeness crab and halibut, in what they described as "a majestic, wilderness paradise."

## Man named math instructor

Dennis Scott, a 1961 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has been named a mathematics instructor for Victory Baptist Academy in Weatherford, Texas.

"He brings to the students at Victory Baptist Academy an impressive and inspiring background in teaching and directing special-needs programs," said administrator Matt Tizkuz.

Mr. Scott earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Hays State University and spent the next eight years teaching the core subjects of math, science, social studies and English in Kansas before coming to Texas, where he spent 26 of his 42-year career in Borger, San Marcos, Bryan and Mineral Wells. During

those years, he added Master of Education and Education Specialist degrees.

He and his wife, Geneva, moved to Weatherford 10 years ago when he retired from the Palo Pinto Educational Co-op as director of special education so she could be closer to her job at Weatherford College. A registered nurse, she wrote and directed the curriculum for the Weatherford School of Nursing.

They are members of the Victory Baptist Church. They have two sons, J.D. and Shane, and a daughter, Deminy.

Mr. Scott is a brother of Doris Fringer, Ina Goodnight, Linda Weber and Judy Scott of Oberlin.

## Rotarians hear mayor speak

Mayor Joe Stanley updated members of the Oberlin Rotary Club on city projects when they met Aug. 24 at The Gateway.

The mayor named 10 projects: the search for a new administrator (over 30 applications); airport, automated weather awareness system, to be working soon; billing software, which is working; band shell repairs, 90 percent completed; cemetery, work to start on wall on new side; oil and gas leases wanted by company for cemetery, Sappa

Park and the lake; Nex-Tech, plans to put new office and telephone/cable system in Oberlin; Sappa Lake, waiting on drawings for bathrooms; youth ranch, no news; city police, emergency medical services used Sappa Lake for training purposes; Verizon Wireless, wants to put up tower with a 20-year lease option and will pay the city; water treatment plant, money is in place, waiting for final drawings, will remove arsenic and other chemicals when completed.

## Businesses close for holiday

Most Oberlin businesses will be closed Monday for Labor Day, including federal, state, county and city offices, the landfill and banks and financial institutions.

Oberlin schools will be closed and there will be no lunch at the senior center and no livestock sale.

There will be no sale at Oberlin. The Oberlin Herald will print a day later than usual so our staff can have Monday off. Copies may be picked up on newsstands on Wednesday afternoon, with mail delivery on Thursday in most areas.

The Herald office will be closed Monday, but news and advertising may be placed in the slot in the front door or brought to the office by noon on Tuesday.

Ampride, Crossroads Express, Subway and the Pizza Hut will be open on Monday. The LandMark Inn, Frontier Restaurant and the ReLoad will be closed.

Raye's Grocery will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both Sunday and Monday. Dollar General will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days.

## Couple sets Sept. 25 wedding

Kiley Friesen of Polk, Neb., and Ryan Carman of McCook plan to be married on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, at the Berean Church at Lincoln, Neb.

Parents of the bride are Wes and Leta Friesen of Polk. Her grandparents are John and LeOra Friesen of Henderson, Neb.; and Phyllis Schrader of Hampton, Neb.

Her fiancé is the son of Mark and Cathy Carman of McCook, and a grandson of Connie Cole, Goodland, and the late Allan Cole, and Max and Veanna Carman of Oberlin, and the late Janice Carman. He is a great-grandson of Myrtle Waldo of Oberlin.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of High Plains Community School and is completing her Masters Degree in Nursing through the



Ryan Carman and Kiley Friesen

University of Phoenix. She works at St. Francis Medical Center at Grand Island, Neb.

He is a 2000 graduate of McCook High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a master's degree in architecture. He is a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers with the Army Reserve.

## Over 30 apply for city job

Almost 30 people have applied for the city administrator's position for Oberlin, vacant since Administrator Austin Gilley left to take another job in May.

Interim Administrator Karen Larson told the City Council at a meeting Sept. 19 that the League of Kansas Municipalities has received 27 applications for the post. The advertisement was in Kansas Government Magazine this month and also on the league's website.

The deadline for application has since past.

Mrs. Larson said she was told they have some good applications and some that the city didn't have last time. After the deadline, the league will narrow down the ap-

plicants and send a list of finalists to the council.

Mayor Joe Stanley said the city needed to extend the contract for Mrs. Larson, who was hired as interim administrator for a three-month period. He said he would like to renew that contract without putting a time limit on it.

As long as that's OK with Mrs. Larson, said Councilman Richard Kimble.

The council voted to extend the contract until a new administrator is hired.

"For the record," said Mayor Stanley, "Karen has done a whale of a job."

The rest of the council agreed.

## Deadline for cook-off coming

There's just a few days left for anyone who wants to sign up for the "Up in Smoke" barbecue cook-off at Sappa Park in the middle of September.

The last day to register is Friday. Categories for the cook-off include ribs, pork butt, brisket, beans and open class, or anything else. The entry fee is \$50, which includes the meal that night for four team members. The fee also includes meat, although beans or open-class entries aren't included.

Anyone can come to the park to eat dinner at 5:30 p.m. for \$8 on Saturday, Sept. 11. Cindy Lincoln,

one of the organizers, said there will be live music during dinner.

Organizers are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Traeger Grill. The winner must be present. Tickets are \$8.

A few electrical hookups are available for \$10 each.

For a complete set of rules, schedule and other information, call Patti Uehlin at (785) 475-3755 or Mrs. Lincoln at 475-3554.

Money raised at the event will go to the Sappa Park Committee, which is working on putting bathrooms into the shelter house.

## Selden native named to Flying Aces Hall of Fame

Selden native Dr. Larry Kruse, a long-time free-flight columnist and feature writer for *Flying Models* magazine, has been named to the Flying Aces Club Hall of Fame as part of the ceremonies that concluded the 2010 Flying Aces Nationals in Geneseo, N.Y.

The international group includes modelers dedicated to preserving the traditional building and flying of model aircraft by sharing of innovations, assistance and the camaraderie of the sport. Headquartered in Erie, Pa., it has squadrons throughout the world.

Mr. Kruse has been a member of the club and holds the Blue Max award given to those with at least 50 victories in model flying competi-

tion. The groups says he designed and published over 50 model aircraft in *Flying Models* and *Model Aviation* magazines, and helped foster the growth of the Flying Aces movement through his "FF Sport" column in *Flying Models*.

Previously, he was named to the National Free Flight Society Hall of Fame in 2005.

He is the son of the late Mildred (Jording) Cochran of Oberlin and a cousin of Gary Fredrickson.



Dr. L. Kruse

## Western Plains program set

Bummer the Drummer and the Kansas City Street Band will appear at 3 p.m. (Central Time) on Sunday, Sept. 12, in the Goodland High School auditorium.

The first presentation of the Western Plains Arts Association for the 2010-2011 season, the show will

include a rock 'n' soul concert of soul music, jazz and blues.

He started "The Kansas City Street Band" in 1977.

Admission is by season ticket or \$12 for adults and \$6 for students.



SCOTT HARMAN, one of the owners of S-B Custom Leather in Norton, worked on a boot in the new store on North State Street. His partners are Brett Olive and Chase Braun.

—Herald photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Oberlin grad is partner in new leather business

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Partners Scott Harman and Brett Olive of S-B Custom Leather in Norton are staying busy creating and repairing all things leather.

The two young men said they met when they were college roommates at Northwest State University in Alva, Okla. Both were members of the rodeo team. The shop has been open since June 1.

Mr. Harman's parents are Ron Harman, Norcatour, and Renee Harman, Oberlin. He is a 2003 graduate of Decatur Community High School and his grandparents are Bob and Anita Montgomery of Oberlin.

After college, he worked on a ranch in Valentine, Neb., and learned leather working from one of the ranch hands. He, in turn, taught the trade to his friend Brett.

Mr. Olive's parents are Jennifer and Rick Olive, Ford.

A third member of the partnership is Chase Braun, son of Herman and Phyllis Braun, Norton, who operates Romeo Saddlery out of the same location at 711 N. State Street.

Although they're not on the payroll, the shop has two irreplaceable assistants: Cinch, a miniature Australian shepherd, and Diesel, an

American bulldog.

"If someone has a picture of what they want, we can make it," Mr. Harman said.

The shop not only repairs boots and shoes of all types, the men also repair luggage, purses and belts and sew patches on leather vests. The two men make belts and purses; chaps, both batwing and shotgun style with tight, straight legs; and chinks, or knee-length chaps.

The mainstay of the business is shoe repair, and both men agree they can easily tell the difference in quality between American-made and foreign-made boots. If the leather is still in pretty good shape, they said, they can repair it.

Plans for the future include carrying more exotic animal hides.

"A lot of people like to use them for rugs," Mr. Harman said.

The men hope to be able to expand the shop to be more like an old-style leather shop, he said. It is already an outlet for Anderson Bean Boots.

For information, go to their website at www.sbarbleather.com or call (620) 339-9585 or (785) 470-1244.

The store is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday unless the two have gone to a rodeo.

Then, as Scott said, "We'll leave a note on the door."

## New Arrivals

### Natalie Jo Woodall



Natalie

Bryce and Ryann Woodall of WaKeeney are the parents of a daughter, Natalie Jo Woodall, who was born at 9:50 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010, at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19.5 inches long. She has two sisters, Ellie, 7 and Audrey, 5. Grandparents are Evan and Judy Goltl, Hill City, but formerly of Oberlin; and Joel and Nanette Woodall, WaKeeney. Great-grandparents are Dick Woodall, WaKeeney; and Richard and Juliette Schreiner, Hays.

### Lukas Mateo Nuss-Ocken

Debbie and Marty Nuss-Ocken of Omaha are the parents of a son, Luka Mateo Nuss-Ocken, born July 9, 2010. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. His grandparents are Shirley and David Simpson of Oberlin.



Lukas

### Joseph Lee Black

Joseph Lee Black was born Aug. 23, 2010 at 7:49 p.m. at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches long. He has a brother, Noah Harrison Black, 18 months. Parents are Kyle and Leslie Black of Wichita. Grandparents are Tony and Priscilla Zimmerman, Pratt; and Terry and Kellie Black, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Jim and Lelanne Zimmerman, Pratt; Lori Zimmerman, Hugoton; and Bonnie Weskamp, Oberlin.

## HOUSEHOLD AUCTION

Seller: Gerold Kolsky, Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010

Auction will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Kolsky home 306 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan. 67749

Old 1988 Chevy S-10 Tahoe pickup, furniture, glassware and collectibles, tools, miscellaneous.

Everything is very clean.

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