#### THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# People in **Our Community**

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Funeral services were held June 3 at Carlson Funeral Home, El Dorado, for William E. Denner, 84, of Leon who died May 29. Burial was in the Leon Cemetery. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith, in 1975. Survivors include two sons, Dale and Linda Denner, Algona, Iowa, and Daniel and Tracey Denner, Andover, and a daughter, Charlene Denner, Lincoln, Neb. Daniel Denner graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1979 and while in Oberlin made his home with Herschel and Jody Betts. Mail will reach him at 233 Stephanie Lane, Andover, Kan., 67002. His phone is (316) 644-8454.

Don and Vicki Goss, Albuquerque, N. M., and JoAnn Class and Justin Goss, Englewood, Colo., were here for a few days to visit Bill and Donna Goss and Jim Goss. Justin will be here for the summer helping his dad and grandfather.

Eldon Smith flew to Nashville, Tenn. on May 23 for the 36th annual reunion of the 73rd Bomb Wing at the Sheraton Music City Motel. It is held at a different city each year coast to coast. The late Geoge Schichtel, a brother-in-law of Mr. Smith, was a left waist gunner and flew 30 missions from the B-29 Base in Saipan over Tokyo before returning to the states. His widow, Gladys Schichtel, of Traverse City, Mich., accompanied her daughter, Kay Lesht and her husband, Barry, of Chicago to the recognition banquet, where she was honored on her 97th birhday on June 3. Eldon returned to Denver, then flew to Mc-Cook, returning home on May 30.

#### -Surf and Turf Buffet Friday, June 10, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Fourteen Winnebago/Itasca coaches and travelers spent the weekend at the Deatur County Fairgrounds to take part in the High Plains Roamers campout. Host was Cheryl Votapka. The group enjoyed tours of the Koerperich Book Bindery, the Custom Trophy Engraving and the Last Indian Raid Museum. They also spent time viewing the exhibits displayed at the annual car

show. Members came from Hill City, Smith Center, Andover, Newton, Inman, Beloit, Plains, Dodge City, Dighton, Scott City, Victoria and Oberlin. Several stayed over and went to St. Francis to see the Cheyenne Breaks.

David Hunt, a 2011 graduate of Golden Plains High School, is the recipient of a \$500 scholarship from Rural Telephone and Nex-Tech. He is the son of Jim and Tanya Hunt of rural Rexford. Other winners were Erin Deenihan, Hill City, and Austin Morgan, Great Bend, \$1,500; Kaden Roush, Lebanon, and Sarah Timmons, Smith Center, \$2,000, and Trey Herman, Hays, also a \$500

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Marie McKisson, Dewaine Stapp and Ivis Hanson, Lows went to Ardis Roe, John Cederberg, Lawrence Wenger and Kelva Dryden. Pitch highs were won by Veanna Carman and Henry Edgett with lows going to Max Carman and John Cederberg. Bridge highs went to Shirley Simpson and Marie McKisson.

Jay Wessel, son of Bill and Carol Wessel of Dresden, was seleced by the Farm Credit of Ness City Scholarship Committee to receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2011-2011 term. He is a student at Colby Community College and plans to further his education at Washburn University to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justicie. His long-term goal is to become a crime scene investigator.

Richard and Clara Russ visited over the weekend with their daughters, Starla Russ of Garden City and Jane and Darren Dinges and family at Holcomb.

Jordan Tally, son of Gene and Tonya Tally, graduated in May from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Neb. He earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Agriculture Production Systems.

## Herndon holds 92nd annual alumni supper

The 92nd annual Herndon Alumni supper was held on May 28 at St.

Mary's auditorium in Herndon. The officers, President Royce Leitner, Vice President Tom Franke, and Dave Ketterl, secretary-treasurer, welcomed 2011 graduating seniors into the association, along

with alumni members and guests. Royce Leitner gave the blessing before a potluck dinner and around 40 alumni, guests, and friends were present to enjoy the feast.

Esther Hartner Pennington was recognized as the oldest alumni present. She graduated in 1931, and was celebrating her 80th anniversary. It was noted that Edie Pettera was celebrating her 81st year, graduating in 1930, but she

was not able to attend. Eileen Kogl Unger represented the 55-year class of 1956. Attendees from the 50-year class of 1961

Several area 2011 high school

gradutes were among those who

Henry Foundation this year, the sev-

The scholarship was created

through the estate of Pete Henry,

a farmer for many years in the

Brewster area. He was born in 1910

and reared on a farm near Campbell,

Neb. He worked for Douglas Air-

craft in the 1930s, helping to design

and build fighter planes with only an

He served in the Army Air Corps

engineer on B-17, B-24 and B-29

aircraft. He rented ground south

his farm until he was 88. Until his

death in 2002, he made all the man-

agement decisions. His dream was

to help area students further their

renewable scholarlships.

eighth -grade education.

education.

were Nadine Riener Green and Jim Leitner. No one was present from the 45-year class of 1965. The 40th year 1971 was represented by Connie Marintzer Walker.

Classmates celebrating their 30th year of 1981 were Denise Slatt Pettera and Chris Marintzer Halling. No one was present from the 25year class of 1986.

Troy Ecker represented the 20year class of 1991. No one was present from the 10-year class of

Those receiving scholarships this year were Dusti Kowalski, Sean Jordan, and Valentine Solko.

New officers elected include: Bill Adams, president; Tom Franke, vice president; and Dave Ketterl, secretary/treasurer.

The business meeting was conducted and the group closed with the school song.

Students receive scholarships

Recipients include: **Decatur Community High** received scholarships from the Pete **School:** Dalton Dolan, \$2,000; Tim Larson, Rachelle Scott, Dakota enth that the foundation has given Soderlund; \$1,000; Nakita Bose, Jori Diederich, Jordan Dreher,

Golden Plains: Randi Cressler, \$1,500 for eight semesters; Evelin Aragon, Rachel Bomba, Casey Gould, Tate Preston, Brady Ginther, \$2,000; David Hunt, \$2,500; Melissa Ritter, \$2,000; Avery Spresser, \$1,500; Brandy Gilbert, Jacy Moss, Lucas Phillips, Devinn Ritter, Rilee Spresser, \$1,000; McKayla Albduring World War II and was a flight ertson, Breanna Blackhart, Laura Clapp, Yajaira Ramirez, Arinna Valdez-Castell, Danielle Weed, of Brewster in 1949 and worked

Rawlins County: Dusty Conell, Trinity Reuber, Jessica Riener, \$2,000; Audrey Basgall, \$1,000; Megan Van Laeys, \$1,000; Nicole Connell, Tyler Martin, \$750.





## Family honors couple on 60th anniversary

The family of Wayne and Lois Bonnie and Bill Condit, Winfield, honor of the 60th anniversary of their parents on Sunday, May 29, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Worship services were held at 8 a.m., followed by a noon dinner with wedding cake following for family and friends.

Wayne C. Larson and Lois B. Haas were married on May 6, 1951, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Natrona, Kan., near Preston. They were introduced to each other by her older brother who was an Army buddy with Wayne during World War II. The couple has farmed southwest of Oberlin during their years of marriage and reared five children.

Their family includes Suzanne and Jay Cooper, Wichita; Joanne and Norman Wendelin, Oberlin; Craig and Karen Larson, Oberlin;

Larson hosted a celebration in and Brad Larson, Oberlin; 11 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Others attending the celebration included: Kathy Almquist, Bernard Corcoran, Ray Corcoran, Jerry and Connie Olson, Wilma May, Martin and Evelyn May, Monica Larson, Adam Steinmetz, Tim Stallman, Colleen Geihsler, Colby Larson, Carlie Johnson and Caden, Carl Larson and Elsie, all of Oberlin.

Out-of-town guests in attendance were Tom and Kaye Franke, Council Grove; Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg, McCook; Lonnie Weyeneth, Danbury; John and Karen Vogt and Gabe, Norton; Gary and Darla Dole and Joe and Ashley, Norton; Rory Wendelin, Seward, Neb., and Greta Wendelin, Lawrence.

#### Couple plans June vows Shala May Parrish and Paul Daniel Reitz plan to be married on Satur-

day, June 25, in Wellington. Parents of the couple are Eugene

and Tammy Parrish, and Richard and Diane Reitz, all of Wellington. Grandparents of the couple are

Virgle and Fern Stamper, Wellington; Dorothy Shimek, Jennings; and Miriam Reitz, Lititz, Pa. Her great-grandmother is Florine Vernon, Oberlin.



Paul Reitz and Shala Parrish

### Graduate earns high honor

J. Marcuson

Jared Marcuson, son of Brad and top Singers, Student Senate as vice

ton County Community College in Great Bend

Named in memory of Brant I. Ballhorst, the award recognizes outstanding Student Ambassadors, who are chosen by their peers and the college admissions staff. Also receiving the honor was Kaitlin Ptacek of Dorrance. The presentations were made during a lun-

in the Learning Resource Center at the college.

Jared was recognized for his dedication, work ethic, positive attitude and valuable contributions to the Barton Admissions office and college and was also named 2011 Outstanding Graduate.

named Student Ambassador of the Year. He has been involved in Hill-

Elaine Marcuson of Oberlin, was president and president, and Student named a Brant J. Ballhorst Student Ambassadors. He also served as the Ambassador of the Year at Bar- Barton Cougar mascot. He was also named one

of two Barton Outstanding Graduates and he spoke to fellow graduates at com-

Brant J. Ballhorst of Smith Center was a 2002 Barton gradaute and former Student Ambassador. He graduated from Barton with a degree in pre-pharmacy, then was accepted into and attended

the School of Pharmacy at cheon in the Plaza de Cavanaugh the University of Kansas until his death on Aug. 5, 2004. His parent are John and Gayle Ballhorst of Smith Center. A permanent plaque dedicated in his honor is displayed in the corridor of the Kirkman Student Activity Center on the

Jared plans to attend Kansas State This is Jared's third year to be University. He is a grandson of Gail and Kay Marcuson of Oberlin.

### **Babysitters course offered**

designed for ages 11 to 15, will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday at the McCook Church of the Nazarene.

The course will teach what 345-6852.

A babysitters training course, babysitters need to know and what every parent wants in a safe and responsible babysitter.

> Cost is \$45. For details or to pre-register, call Courtney at (308)



The family of Bob and Marian Fraker invites you to celebrate their sixtieth edding annivesary with a

card shower. Robert Fraker and Marian Norton

were married June 24, 1951. Cards will reach them at

PO Box 153 Oberlin, KS. 67749

**Engaged? Getting married?** Tell us about it. Call 475-2206!

## Jennings High School Alumni Banquet held

The 2011 Jennings High School Forgione Alumni Banquet was held on May 28 at the Jennings Senior Center. It included a meal served by Leanna Sloan of Hoxie, entertainment by local children, and recognizing of the Alumni in attendance.

Fourteen children and grandchildren of Jennings Alumni, under the direction of Diane Carter, provided the evening's entertainment. The children sang a number of patriotic songs and wore hats from each

Members of the chorus included: Anna and Clayton Carter, Taryn and Jordyn Fleckenstein, Jaden and Trent Fenner, Brecken Rowh, Abby and Madison DuBois, and Candice, Rayne, Sidney, Abe and Quinnley Taylor.

Alumni and guests included:

1939: Harold Tacha, Rosa Brock.

1941: Boyd Bainter, Paula Bainter. 1941: Rachel Carter.

1943: Neoma Tacha.

1945: Aneta and Royal McKay, Aleta and Allan Phelps, Marcia McKay Hull, Dona and Eugene Mrstik. 1946: Mary Votapka, Virleen Blanchard,

Camilla and Michael Bolt 1948: Ida Hoover, Helen and Keith

1949: Vayle Rohan.

1950: Patty and Bob Robertson, Lila Jennings, Dalene and Dean Gawith, Dorothy Stealy, Greg Stealy, Dean Vacura. 1951: Loyd and Lila Keenan, Ethel Taylor,

Merald and Shirley Tice, Margaret Gartrell Frances Vacura, Eula Forgione, Lewanna

1952: Kenneth and Violet Krizek

1954 John and Francine Wahlmeier 1955 Doyle Brown

1956 Marilyn and Marion Otter, Mary Ann

Amack, Gloria McKenna, Kay Brown, Marge and Daryl Hartzog.

1957: Richard and Donna Poage. 1958: Janiece and Bill Dowell, Louis

Wahlmeier, Dorothy Vacura.

1959: Betty and Carl Fitzgerald, Judy

1960: Carl Wahlmeier, Gary Vaughn. 1961: Bill and Gail Brooks, Judy and Bruce Stockman, Linda Wahlmeier, Richard

1962: Carolyn Brock.

1965: Rex Rowh.

1966 Sue Long, John Keenan.

ager, Diana McCarbrey, Bill Brock.

1967: Allan Carter, Sherry Carter, Ann Rowh, Janeil Dilling.

1968: Pat McKenna. 1969: Julie Carter, Kenneth Carter.

1971L Vickie Lippelmann, Dan Lippelmann, Jolene Younger.

1973: Shelley McKenna.

1982: Steven Hartzog.

1983: Stann Hartzog.

1987: Stacy and Jocelyn Hartzog. 1994: Jesse and Megan Carter.

1999: Becky Carter 2001: Shadron and Kristi (Smith) Sat-

2002: Ann DuBois. Additional guests included Abby

DuBois, Madi DuBois, Clayton Carter, Anna Carter, Brecken Rowh, Allison Hartzog, and Amanda Wahlmeier. Six alumni and guests made reservations but were unable

### Club hears about weather

Program Chair Ryan Unger spoke about "The Weather and What We Need to Know" at the May 24 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gatewy.

With severe weather across the U.S., he spoke about tornados and asked, "Do we heed the warning signals and are we prepared for dangerous weather conditions?" He added that everyone should have a weather radio and be aware of and listen to the warnings. The National Weather Service

issues watches and warning. Dr. Unger He gave a brief explanation as to how the service works and the tools and instruments used to forecast changing weather.

In a tornado watch or warning, he said, every family needs a weather radio, flashlight, cell phone, pillows and blankets. The safest place is a basement or enclosed inside Eastern Kansas. room. Locations of safe shelters in Oberlin include the tunnel at the high school, the basement of the Business Enhancement Center downtown and basement of the elementary school.

www.weather.gov/gdl for weather and character. Kansas Rural Develupdates and additional informa- opment promotes "Small towns....

Mayor Bill Riedel was welcomed to his first meeting as a member. Kay Brown was a guest.

James Foster, Office of Rural Opportunity Representative from the Kansas Department of Commerce, of Colby was guest speaker at the May 31 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. He was introduced by Jay Anderson, program chair.

His office is designed to spur rural development in Kansas communities of 5,000 or less. It is housed within the Rural Development Division of the Kansas Department of Commerce. The office serves rural communities seeking assistance in the development of strategic plans to attract businesses, workers and investment. There are four regional locations throughout Kansas: Northwest Kansas, Central Kansas, Southwest Kansas and

Resources provided are in the categories of Business Development, Community Capacity Building, Community Development and Regional Assistance. In Kansas, rural communities remain a crucial Ryan suggested that people go to part of our state's eonomy, culture

## Women enjoy salad supper

en entertained guests on June 2ndrd with a salad supper at the church. Table decorations featured books and flowers with bookmarks at each place carrying out the theme, "You Can't Have Too Many Books."

Hostesses were Sam Gotchall, Betsy Haag, Marian Fraker and Violet Shaw. The program was planned by Judy Davis, Deanna Castle and Montine Alstrom.

After introduction of guests, outgoing president Judy Davis introduded the new officers: Violet Shaw, president; Mary Ann Amack, vice president; Pat Abbey, secretary, and Marian Fraker, treasurer. A coffee was held at the home of Violet Shaw on May 18 when members honored Ms. Davis who is moving

Deanna Castle, program resource chairperson for the Hays District,

Oberlin United Methodist Wom- told about the reading program available to all interested women. She explained that the list of books each year is chosen by a national committee in four categories: Nurturing for Commnity, Spiritual Growth, Education for Missions and Social Action, which can be found in the church library in fellowshp hall

The evening concluded with vocal solos by Susan Nelson, accompanied by Cheryl Metcalf. Group singing of familiar hymns followed with Mrs. Nelson telling the background of each.

There will be no meetings in July or August but the church will sponsor a potluck supper for the Bike 'n Build group on Sunday, July 3rd. A friendship coffee with guests from area United Methodist Women's groups will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10.



In celebration of the 65th Wedding Anniversary

Virgil and Joyce Price A reception will be held on Saturday June 18th, 2011 2 - 4 pm at the Norcatur Educational Building All are welcome, no gifts please.