

People in Our Community

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Jan Betts Ray, Palm Desert, Calif., visited her mother, Ella Betts, and other area relatives for several days.

Weekend guests of Jerry and Montine Alstrom to help Nora Bearley celebrate her 91st birthday were Bob and Sharon Bearley, Kensington; Max and Bev Bearley and Isys, Hays; Sandy Allen, Littleton, Colo.; Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley; and Jessica Luck, Cyler and Camden, Hays.

Beverly Gause of Minneapolis, Minn., visited her aunt, Evelyn Olson, and Gerald and Connie Olson and family over the weekend.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Marie McKisson, Max Carman, Doris Fringer, Henry Edgett and Dave Olson. Lows went to Neil Marshall, Veanna Carman, Dorothy Moore, Ardis Roe, Ardythe Cederberg and Doris Fringer. Martha Fringer won at dominoes. Pitch highs were

won by Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Pat Abbey and John Cederberg. Bridge highs went to Cynthia Matson, Marty Munson, Marie McKisson and Shirley Simpson.

Gail and Kay Marcuson accompanied their grandson, Jared Marcuson, to Overland Park, where they spent the weekend of Aug. 12-14 with Rick and Sally Marcuson and Grady.

David and Michelle Luttrell of Centennial, Colo., are visiting her mother, Marty Munson.

Word was received of the death of Carol Wade, wife of Lyman Wade of Cimarron on Aug. 16. He is a brother of Janet Anthony and a native of Oberlin.

Starla Russ and her fiancé, Ralf Meister, of Garden City visited on Sunday with her parents, Richard and Clara Russ, and Julie Cunningham.

Trail ride to help hospital

The annual trail ride organized by J.R. and Carrol Ginther as a benefit for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ginther Stables just west of Achilles, in Rawlins County.

Most participants bring their own mounts, but Mr. Ginther said he has a limited number of horses for those who call to reserve one.

Dan Fields of Atwood will have a wagon available for anyone who wants to ride with him. Call (785) 626-9597 to reserve a spot.

Participants can pick up a "Saddle Up for St. Jude" entry form at the

Rawlins County Square Deal office in Atwood. People are urged to solicit sponsors to help add dollars to the fund raiser.

There will be a barbecue at 5 p.m. and Indian dancers will perform at 7 p.m. Donations from the audience will help pay the expenses of the dancers.

To get to the stables, take U.S. 36 west from Oberlin to the Herndon turn-off, then go south to dead end, then west to one mile west of Achilles, then turn left at Achilles Cemetery. For details, call the Gintners at (785) 322-5343.

Lions Club to hold benefit

The Oberlin Lions Club and friends of Dennis Brown will sponsor a benefit for his medical expenses from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Golden Age Center.

The meal will include sloppy joes, chips, fresh sliced garden tomatoes and cucumbers, desserts, iced tea, water and coffee. Donations are requested.

Other donations can be left at First National Bank in Oberlin.

For many years Mr. Brown has ministered to the seniors in the Oberlin area with his "Forget Me Nots" ministry, especially the residents at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center and the Cedar Living Center.

Membership drive planned

The Tripple Creek Riders Saddle Club will hold a membership drive meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday in the arena south of the fairground in Oberlin.

Anyone interested in joining the

family-oriented club is encouraged to attend. Riders will be playing some games on horseback following the meeting, so bring your horses.

For details, call (785) 475-4035.

New Arrivals

Jentry Faith Rhodes

Ben and Kelsey Rhodes of Selden are the parents of a daughter, Jentry Faith Rhodes. She was born at 5:02 a.m. April 4, 2011, at the Gove County Medical Center in Quinter. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches. Grandparents are Dennis and Shawn Spresser, and Jeff and Sheila Rhodes of Dresden. Great-grandparents are Dan and Bernadine Spresser, Leoville; Gary and Clara Gillum and Bud and Helen Rhodes, Jennings; and Ernie



Jentry

and Mary Lou Long, Lenora.

Asher Harold Jones

Brian and Jennifer Jones of Highlands Ranch, Colo., welcomed a son, Asher Harold Jones, to their family on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011, in Denver. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches. Grandparents are Roger and Pat Jones, Issaquah, Wash., and Jim and Sandy Allen, Littleton, Colo. Great-grandmother is Nora Bearley, Oberlin.



Asher



DECATUR COMMUNITY HIGH students Samantha Anderson (left) and Miki Dorshorst, who performed a moving rendition of the National Anthem during Memorial Day services at the Oberlin Cemetery in May, recently received letters of appreciation, along with Susan Nelson, vocal director, from Rollie Avery, commander of the Oberlin American Legion.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Arts and Humanities season tickets on sale

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission has begun ticket sales for the upcoming season, which includes a jump-rope team, pianists, organ and Christmas concerts, a guitarist, a barn tour and more.

To purchase tickets, call Ella Betts at (785) 457-3557, Mary Henzel at 470-0218 or any commission member. Events will be at The Gateway in Oberlin, except at noted:

- Mad Hop, Broomfield, Colo. jump rope team, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2 p.m.
- Stanton Nelson, piano, Saturday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.
- Organ concert, Sunday, Nov. 6,

Faith Lutheran Church, 2 p.m.

- Christmas concert, Aaron Fowler, Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.
- Ronnie Kole, jazz piano, Saturday, Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m.
- David Burgess, Latin guitar, Saturday, Feb. 25, dinner theater, 6 p.m., concert, 7:30 p.m.
- Turpin Tyme Ragsters, March 31, 7 p.m.
- Barn tour, 2 p.m., Sunday, April 15, start at The Gateway.

Other commission members are Janice Ganje, Judy Groneweg, Pam May, Eloise Smith, Charlotte Meints, Rusty Addleman and Sarah Bricker.

Club hears of rail bikes

John Bremer had the program and showed off a pair of rail bikes he is building at the Aug. 16 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

The bicycle-like contraptions are set up to ride on railroad tracks. However, he cautioned the audience, nearly all railroad tracks are private property. It's illegal to drive or ride or even walk for any distance on the rails without permission. He said he got interested in the subject of bicycles on rails after reading about the Boar War in South Africa when the British sent soldiers out on bicycles on the railroad to get them into the heart of the country.

Mr. Bremer said he envisioned a bike that a blind person could ride on the rails and get a sense of freedom. That person would have to have someone bring them to Oberlin, he said, and the driver would need something to do while the bike ride

is going on, so they could get gas, shop and or eat at a restaurant. It could be a small tourist attraction, he said.

There is still some work to do, however, since the first bike he made went fine until it came to a switch, where there's a break in the track. The front wheel went over fine, he said, but the back wheel kept getting stuck in the gap. His latest rail bike will, hopefully, solve that problem and he is also working on a recumbent rail bike. He said that he has permission from the Decatur Co-op to test his bike on a section of its siding.

In other business, Warren Bainter talked about the club picking up trash along U.S. 83 and President Haag said that the play set at the town baseball fields, damaged in a storm this summer, can be repaired and he will be asking for volunteers to fix it.

Gymnastics enrollment set

Creative Movements Gymnastics will have a parents' meeting and enrollment at 5 p.m. Monday at the Golden Age Center.

Enrollment forms are also available at Gorman Tarps or call (785) 475-8987.

Authors meeting planned

There will be a meeting of members of the Kansas Authors Club of the seventh district at noon on Saturday, Sept. 10, in the City Limits Restaurant in Colby.

All past members and others in the area, who would like to become members, are invited. The officers are sponsoring a membership drive to try to revitalize the Western Kansas seventh district.

Anyone living west of Phillips County is in the seventh district.

The City Limits is in the east end of the Comfort Inn Motel, one block south of 1-70 exit 53 in Colby. Everyone will pay for their own meal.

There will be a discussion on dividing district seven into two sub-districts to make it easier to travel to meetings.

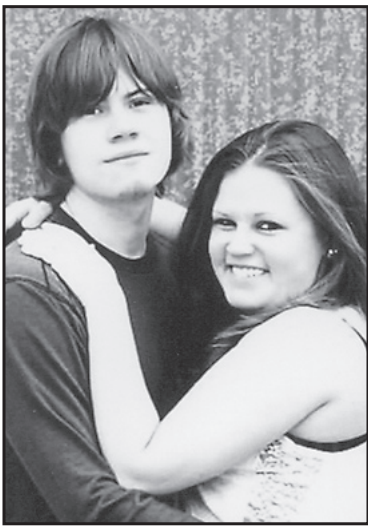
For details, contact Marj Brown, District Seven President, Kansas Authors Club, at (785) 462-3515.

Couple plans fall vows

Alysha Karolyn Tadlock and Blaize Christian Vance plan to be married at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Parents of the couple are Adrian and Paula Tadlock, Oberlin, and Brian and Teresa Vance, Wray, Colo.

The bride-to-be graduated from Fort Morgan Community College with an associate's degree in nursing. She is a registered nurse at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte, Neb.



Blaize Christian Vance and Alysha Karolyn Tadlock

Her fiancé graduated from the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland and is a welder at Valmont in McCook.

Grafel descendants hold reunion in McCook

The descendants of John and Susanna (Golt) Grafel met for thier semiannual reunion with a potluck dinner at the Red Willow County Commuity Building in McCook on Sunday, Aug. 14.

The couple were married in October 1886 and homesteaded near Herndon.

The Adolph and Elizabeth (Grafel) Kleint families were hosts and 94 members were present. Don Grafel was the oldest present and Reagan Beatrice Stabb the youngest at 5 months. Her grandparents are Larry and Sandy Wolfram. Those who came the farthest were from Giblert, Ariz., and Mount Vernon, Wash.

Those present included:

Josh, Jessica, Sabrina and Grace Vrbas, Gladys Crocker, Randall Grafel, Donna Grafel, Scott and Crystal Day, Bailey and Carson Garcia, Barbara Grafel, Dean and Vesta Dack, Ron Crocker, Kim Aubrey, Rand and Sherry McKillip and Carol Grafel, McCook.

Wayne and Betty Grafel, Kent Grafel, Elmore and Beverly Grafel, Scott Grafel, Richard and Roma Sensel, Kris, Kristyn, Kamryn and Kloeys Clapp, Culbertson; Sarah Grafel, Rachel Grafel, Ben and Mariah Grafel, Kyle and Cindi Grafel,

Leon and Marita Portschy, Don and Joan Grafel and J.R. and Phyllis Grafel, Herndon; Kate Sousek and Stacy Grafel, Omaha; Patty Grafel, Trenton; Ted and Donna Hoxie and Al and Beth Imig, Lincoln, Neb.; Shirley Ele, Holland, Neb.; Kim Brown, Lucene Miller, Sterling, Colo.; Michael and Elgene Grafel, Hastings, Neb.

Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Jason, Laura, Rachel and Reagan Staab, Hays; Ardis Jacobson, Doug, Cameren and Haygen Grafel, Longmont, Colo.; Beaulah Brown, Ron and Chris Brown, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Alicia Allen, Bradley Allen, Rayden Allen, Lakewood, Colo.; Wayne Grafel, Hanna Grafel, Lafayette, Colo.; Jeff Weber, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Shirley and Bill Jones, Quinter; Gary and Elaine Sallans, Aurora, Neb.

Bonnie Weber, Gilbert, Ariz.; Michelle Hassler, Wenatchee, Wash.; Eileen Creeth, Mount Vernon, Wash.; Bruce and Sharon Kleint, Grand Island, Neb.; Cindy Bliven, Gothenburg, Neb.; Mike and Gloria Harmon, Toph Harmon, Arapahoe, Neb.; Doris (Kleint) Brown, Elm Creek, Neb.; Lucille (Kleint) Grassmeyer, Dan and Cindy Harmon, Marilyn Hueftle, Audrey Strauss, Lexington, Neb.

Family meets in Selden

The Brainard family held a reunion at the Selden Senior Center on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011, with the Claude Brainard family as hosts. Those attending included:

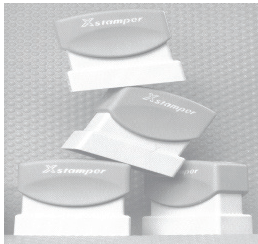
Claude Brainard family: David and Irene Brainard, Mankato; David and Lisa Brainard, Topeka; Marjorie Konovalske and Jill Priest, Kansas City.

Dolly (Brainard) Wasson family: Doris Sloan, Cindi Sloan Sauder, Daisy Schmidt, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, Oberlin; and Joe and Vicki Schmidt, Ludell.

Bill Brainard family: Bud and Helen Rhodes, Jennings; Jerry and Ruth Ridge, Donna, Rachael, Curtis and Jessica Wedel, Garden City; and Terry Budig, Omaha.

Edith (Brainard) Carman family: Steve and Helen Carman, Selden; and Stephanie, Melissa, Angela and Jacob Ritter, Dresden.

The next reunion will be Aug. 19 at the Selden Senior Center with the Dolly Wasson family as hosts.



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- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28
- Family Practice Clinic lobby
- 902 West Columbia.



Please join us in welcoming physician assistant Sean Conroy.



Happy 60th Birthday Bill!!

With love from your Family and Friends



Happy 90th Ivis!!

Please join us in wishing Ivis Hanson a Happy 90th Birthday on September 2nd with a card shower.

Mail will reach him at:

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