

People in Our Community

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William and Stephanie Kirk, formerly of Clayton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 13 with a small family gathering in Toepka. Joining them were their two sons, Will Kirk, Liam and Albie, Vero Beach, Fla., and Phil Kirk and his fiancé, Shelly Joes, Oak Grove, Mo. Two nieces, Reva Benien, Norton, and Ruth Benien, Kansas City, were also present. The couple farmed for over 30 years at Clayton before moving to Topeka in 1994.

Donna Kump Tucker, a 1969 graduate of Decatur Community High School, was featured on the KAKE-TV News Sunday evening, singing her own rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" as a tribute to the 9/11 observance. She is the daughter of Don Kump and the late Jean Ann (Gauger) Kump.

—**Sunday Brunch Buffet Sunday, Sept. 18, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.**

Eldon and Bev Sundgren of Leonardville and Ed and Marcella Neumann of Boulder, Colo., were recent visitors of Joy Votapka. The couples were navy friends of Mrs. Votapka and her late husband, Chuck Votapka.

Herschel and Jody Betts returned Sept. 7 from Sisters, Ore., where they visited their daughter and husband, Susan and Charlie McMonagle, for 10 days. They were joined over the Labor Day weekend by Christine McMonagle of Portland, Ore., and Wes McMonagle and his fiancée, Brianna Decoteau, of Turlock, Calif., and by their son and wife, Rod Betts and Lisa Kay of La Jolla, Calif.

Dorothy Moore, Evelyn May and Marvin May flew from Denver on Tuesday of last week for Chico, Calif., to attend funeral services on Friday for the women's brother, Frederic Reith at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Mr. Reith was a former teacher and coach at Oberlin Elementary School and also taught in Trenton, Neb., before the family moved to California.

Duane and Carol Witt of Great Bend were weekend guests of Greg and Mary Jo Lohoefer and attended the anniversary celebration at Faith Lutheran Church.

Rollie Avery went to Seattle, Wash., last week and on Saturday attended the wedding of his daughter, Raven Avery, to Brian Alexander.

Cheryl Votapka returned home Sunday after attending the joint camp out of the High Plains Roamers and the Heartland Winnies in

Greensburg. The group toured the city and learned how it was able to rebuild after the 2007 tornado and become "green." They also visited the Haviland Meteorite Museum and the round barn at Mullenville. She also visited her daughter, Luanne and Rick Rowilson and boys in Hays.

Eunice Martin and her daughters, Candy Rauhut of Garden City, and Connie Robison of Littleton, Colo., returned home recently after visiting a week with their sister and aunt, Lila Thorson in Silverdale, Wash. Wednesday overnight guests of Mrs. Martin were Bill and Eleanor Miller of Fairview, Ore.

—**Garage sale behind Prairie Pedals, Friday, 5 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 8 to 11 a.m. New items at garage sale prices.**

Peggy Fiala of Orlando, Fla., a 1970 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is visiting in the Oberlin area for several days and is a guest at the home of Herschel and Jody Betts. She is employed with Global Hope Network International as their donations processing administrator and works in the areas of disaster relief and village development around the world. Before returning to Orlando she plans to visit her brother, Rick Fiala in St. Francis.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Henry Edgett and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Doris Fringer, Neil Marshall, Veanna Carman, Ardythe Cederberg, Norma Anderson and John Cederberg. Phyllis Screen won at dominoes. Pitch highs were won by Kelva Dryden and Henry Edgett with lows going to John Cederberg and Pat Abbey. Bridge highs went to Annette Miller and Marie McKisson. Senior potluck at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Weekend guests of Joy Votapka were David and Sharon Smith of Curtis, Neb. They came to attend the Faith Lutheran Church anniversary.

Labor Day weekend guests of Eunice Martin were Ken and Candy Rauhut, Garden City; Mark and Tara Claussen, Caitlyn, Talon, McKenna and Taylor, Manhattan; Ross and Jani Rauhut, Savannah and Rhett, Kansas City, Mo.; and Bill and Connie Robison, Littleton, Colo. They were all Saturday supper guests of Randy and Sharon Olson. Other guests were Matt and Kristy Ostmeyer, Jace and Tyler, Ellis; and Kerrie and Nick Wahlmeier and Trenton, Oberlin.

Prairie Chapel women meet

The Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the home of Nadene Lafferty in McCook last Wednesday.

President Cheryl Metcalf opened the meeting with the group singing, "Near to the Heart of God." Coleen Rippe gave devotions on teachers, remembering Ethel Railsback and Faye Miller, who were teachers to all of the members. That was fol-

lowed by prayer.

Roll call was answered by six members on little ways of helping others. An invitation was read from the Oberlin unit for a fellowship coffee last Saturday.

A discussion was held about joining with the Oberlin unit. No action was taken. Phyllis Metcalf presented the program, "Finding, Giving and Living Peace."

Rotary looks for members

Members of the Oberlin Rotary Club suggested names of business and community leaders and citizens of Oberlin as potential new members at the Sept. 6 meeting at The

Gateway. President Charles Haag will compile the list and members will contact possible candidates.

Kay Brown was a guest.

Vitamin D program offered

The Twin Creeks Extension District plans a program about vitamin D next month.

Tranda Watts, area extension specialist in food, nutrition, health and safety, will present the program on

the importance of vitamin D at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, in Oberlin.

If you plan to attend, contact the extension office by Wednesday, Oct. 5. If there are fewer than five people, the program will be canceled.

Youth program to start

FaithWeaver Friends starts after school today for students in first through sixth grades.

The program starts around 3:45 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Oberlin United Methodist Church, just down the street from the grade school. Kids need to be picked up by 5:30 p.m.

The program, run by volunteers from area churches, is in its second year with this name, said Pastor Chris Nelson. It started as the Pioneer Club two years ago.

Each afternoon begins with a snack, then students will sing and have an interactive Bible story, he said. The students will be split into groups and rotate through several centers that reinforce the Bible point for the day. The centers, he said, will include games, music and memory and a surprise.

For information, call Pastor Linda Willey at 475-3067 or Pastors Chris or Sharon Nelson at 475-2769.

Tailgate party planned

The Football Field Paint Fund Committee will hold a tailgate party before the Homecoming game against LaCrosse, starting at 5 p.m. in City Park, just across from the football stadium.

The group will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks for a donation. Proceeds will be used to buy paint to put the Red Devils logo on the football field during the season.

People are welcome to pick up their food and take it with them, said Abby Hissong, but seating will be available in the park.

Club shares garden tips

Six members of the Garden Lovers Lunch Club met Tuesday, Aug. 23, for luncheon at the LandMark Inn.

Information was shared on potted plants and the care of fall gardens as the summer winds down. Members were told to continue to fertilize container and garden plants, since there is still lots of life left in them yet.

For those who are interested in shrub roses, look for Double Knock-out, since they are hardier and don't require deadheading.

Roses should be black spot resistant and grown on their own root stock, not grafted.

Rose tips: mulch roses, preferably with grass clippings or wood chips; fertilize and give those with yellow leaves a dose of iron; never spray roses when watering them; always trim roses in the spring and apply Elmer's Glue to the open cut; if growing hybrid tea roses, cover them in the winter.

For a Kansas supplier of shrub roses, check www.skinnergardenstore.com.

For other plants that grow well in this area, check www.prairiestarflowers.org.

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the LandMark. Anyone interested in gardening, learning new techniques, sharing their knowledge and enjoying the company of friends is welcome.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 27. Call the LandMark at 475-2340 to make a lunch reservation.

For those who died



JENNINGS FIREMEN paid tribute to the many firemen who died on Sept. 11, 2001, by displaying the American flag with apparel worn by firefighters. The curfew whistle sounded at noon in Jennings to remind residents of the tragedy. —Photo by Marj Hartzog

Family holds 63rd reunion

The 63d annual Wurm family reunion drew 72 relatives to The Gateway in Oberlin on Sept. 4 with the Bill Wurm family as hosts.

Eldred Wurm conducted the meeting and Jeanette Diederich read the minutes from the previous year. The oldest member present was Mabel Zimmerman, 92, and Noah Wilson, son of Keely and Chris Wilson of Minden, Neb., was the youngest. One death occurred during the past year: Elsie Wurm Hayes, 94, on Feb. 21, 2011. Three second cousins present were Eldred Wurm, Mabel Zimmerman and Owen Wilson.

Eldred Wurm's son, Kent, Michelle, Michael and Cindy Wurm,

Kansas City, came the farthest.

Those present by families included:

George Wurm family: Eugene and Beverly Witt, Darrel Witt, James and Kimberly Witt, Whitney Witt, Keely Wilson, Julie Beth, Harmony, Derek and Noah, Bruce and Cindy Howe, Marc Howe, Jeff, Annette, Shawn and Stephanie Troyer, Ben and Shannon Richardson, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Steve, Anita and Joseph Hirsch, Nakita Bose, Gary, Thelma, Page and McKenzie Witt, Doyle and Julie Richardson, Tyler and Alissa Richardson, Tyler, Tiffany and Trevor Witt, Chad, Malorie, Savanna and Jackson Gregory, Jeremy and Jenny Tally,

Kiefer Wurm and Tiegan Fish, Pat Wurm, Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Julie Sayer, Taylor, Clayton and Dierks Capri, and Jan and Grace-lynn Mowry.

Andy Wurm family: Mabel Zimmerman, Owen Wilson.

Matt Wurm family: Rachel Wurm, Phil and Sharleen Wurm, Joan, Darrin, Matt, Ben and Katie Glading.

Bill Wurm family: Kent and Michelle Wurm, Michael and Cindy Wurm, Eldred and Lorraine Wurm.

The George Wurm family will be hosts for the next reunion Sept. 2 at The Gateway.

Oberlin graduate's team takes first place

Andrew Gilliam, a 2007 graduate of Decatur Community High School, was on a team which placed first in heating, ventilation and air conditioning design in the 2011 Student Design Competition, sponsored by American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers.

A student at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, he is the son of Lee and Jane Gilliam of Oberlin.

The competition drilled students on their knowledge of each system's selection and design, as well as integrated building design, to encourage practical design. Their whole team will fly to Chicago to receive the cash award.

This year's competition featured a mock design of the Drake Well Museum in Titusville, Pa., the site where Edwin L. Drake drilled the

world's first oil well in 1859 to launch the modern petroleum industry. Among the 20-plus entries from around the world, three were awarded first place in each of three categories.

After analyzing three system designs, the team chose a variable-air-volume system with a ground-cooled geothermal heat-recovery chiller/heater. The higher initial cost of the system is countered by its overall efficiency, low maintenance and federal tax incentives, the team said. The final design outperformed baseline case energy use by 33

percent.

The sponsors say the competition recognizes student design projects, encourages undergraduates to become involved in the profession, promotes teamwork and allows students to apply their knowledge of practical design.

The winners get 10 to 15 minutes to present their projects at the society's 2012 Winter Conference in Chicago on Jan. 21 to 25. The group, founded in 1894, is an international organization of some 50,000 members.



Planning a Wedding?

The Oberlin Herald

is happy to run pictures and stories of weddings.

However, we need the information within five weeks of the marriage. Write-ups received after this date require a \$10 charge for each month past the deadline date.

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From 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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Happy Anniversary to the most wonderful parents in the world,

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With Love from your children

Monica, Doug and family, David, Darin and family, and Dalaena and family.

September 16, 1961