

People in Our Community

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Herschel and Jody Betts attended the Fall Fest in Concordia over the weekend, including the Concordia-Abilene football game on Friday evening at which he was interviewed during half-time as a former coach. On Saturday, they attended the parade, which featured floats of alumni reunion classes and were guests that evening at a dinner of the Concordia High School Class of 1961.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes returned Monday from Albuquerque, N.M., where they attended the National Newspaper Association convention. Mr. Haynes is a board member.

- Oberlin Youth Sports will be hosting a hamburger fry from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday before the 4th - 6th grade football game at Schmick Field. 9/28

Natalie Newcom and Toby Ralston, Boston, Mass., were married Sept. 17 in Breckenridge, Colo. She is the daughter of Chuck and Diane Newcom, Denver and the granddaughter of Gail and Kay Marcuson, Oberlin. Attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Marcuson, Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Sarah and Jared and Ryan and Leslie Nelson, Topeka.

Phyllis Metcalf was notified of the death of George Meadows, husband of Clarice (Ewing) Meadows. Mr. Meadows died Sept. 21 at his home in Pasco, Wash. Mrs. Meadows was a former Oberlin resident and cousin of Bob Fraker, Eva Bryan and the late Dole Metcalf.

- Mini-Sapa Sale at The Dresser. 20% off storewide Friday and Saturday. 9/28

Darlene Ankle, Chandler, Ariz., was a house guest of Gus and Elsie Wolters, Sept. 18-21. Several cousins of Mrs. Wolters gathered for a Monday luncheon. In addition to Mrs. Ankle they were: Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Holsman, Horton; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Worley, Atwood;

Randy Ankle, Pastor Arlin Ankle, Jean Ankle and Ryan Ankle, all of Chandler; and Gene Holsman, Oberlin.

Gail and Kay Marcuson accompanied Brad and Elaine Marcuson to Manhattan where they attended the Sept. 24 memorial services for Ken Peterson, Atwood. Mr. Peterson was the elder Marcuson's nephew.

Buzz and Cynthia Matson returned Monday morning from a trip to Minnesota to visit their mothers, Audell Matson and Jane Broadwater, and other family members.

Bill and Carol Duncan returned Sept. 21 from Edmond, Okla., where they attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Kristen Norris, on Sept. 18 to Kyle Ramsey. Kristen is the daughter of Greg and Kathleen Norris, Brookville. Audra Duncan also accompanied them. On their return, they stopped in Enid, Okla., for two days and visited with Mrs. Duncn's sisters, Marilyn Myers and Darla Williams.

Audra traveled on to Cincinnati, Ohio, with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Porter, where she will visit for two weeks before being brought back home.

Others attending the wedding were Scott and Linda Duncan, Coleman, Texas, Greg, Tamara, Matthew and Andrew Duncan, Lubbock, Texas, Greg and Kathleen Norris and Brandon and Lori Norris of Edmond, brother of the bride.

Winning pinochle highs at the Golden Age Center last week were Neil Marshall, Veanna Carman, Max Carman, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore and Doris Fringer. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Max Carman, Neil Marshall, John Cederberg, Ardis Roe, Marie McKisson and Kelva Dryden. Pitch highs went to Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett with lows going to Kelva Dryden and John Cederberg. Bridge highs went to Annette Miller, Marie McKisson and Dewaine Stapp. Marjorie Olson won chicken-foot dominoes.



Pianist Stanton Nelson is a Long Island native.

Long Island native to play at Gateway

Stanton Nelson, a native of Long Island, will give a piano concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at The Gateway.

Mr. Nelson won first prize at the 2010 Fort Hays Young Artist Competition and holds other top awards in competitions and festivals around the state. Last year, he received the top prize at a scholarship competition in Kansas City and he placed first in the 2008 Robert M. Spire Solo Piano Competition.

He studies at the University of Kansas, pursuing his bachelor's degree in piano performance. He accompanies seven instrumentalists, participates in two ensembles and still finds time for his own recitals. He has written more than 60 compositions for solo piano and has shared them in performances around northwest Kansas and Kansas City. He completed a piano concerto this past summer and released his first album last winter.

Volleyball girls plan pink evening

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils plan to sell pink ribbons and ask everyone to display them during the Oberlin Invitational volleyball tournament on Saturday.

In the past few years, said Miki Dorshorst, a Red Devils player, volleyball teams across the nation have taken on the cause of breast cancer awareness and raising money for research.

This year, the Oberlin girls decided to participate, she said, and the tournament is the only home event for the team in October.

Her sister Dani, who coaches in Nebraska and played here in high school, had her team participate in the Dig Pink event last year. Miss Dorshorst said it sounded like a great idea for the Red Devils.

"We will be selling and displaying pink ribbons to honor those who are fighting or have fought breast cancer," she said, "or simply those who support the cause."

There will also be other raffles and fund-raising events. Proceeds, said Miss Dorshorst, will go to the Side-Out Foundation to support breast-cancer research. The team is helping organize the event and the cheerleaders will help with sales during the tournament.

Club News

Pi Alpha travels to Oakley

Members of the Pi Alpha Club traveled to Oakley on Thursday for a 10 a.m. social meeting at the home of Pat Wright.

The club had lunch at the Subway Sandwich Shop before visiting the Buffalo Bill statue along I-70. They walked the ramp to get the feeling of its enormity. Oakley is known as the birthplace of "The Legend of Buffalo Bill."

Zeta Nu meets in morning

Members of Zeta Nu Club met Sept. 8 at the home of Charlotte Meints. Mrs. Meints and Joy Votapka were co-hostesses and served breakfast to club members on Mrs. Meints' patio.

President Marian Fraker called the meeting to order. Eleven members and one associate member answered roll call. Mary Ann Amack presented the budget for the year.

The Oct. 13 meeting will be at 2 p.m. at the home of Angie Wilson with Ruth Meisner as co-hostess.

Grant will help with rents

Eligible families in northwest Kansas will benefit from a \$100,000 grant received by the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission to help with rent and utility and security deposits.

Households may include those with a single parent, victims of domestic violence, senior citizens and persons with disabilities. They generally pay no more than 30 percent of their income for rent.

The money will be available Nov. 1. To learn more, e-mail nwkpd@ruraltel.net.

Treasure Hunt gets a rave review

To the Editor:
If your community jumped on board the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt on Sept. 16 to 18, then I'm sure the majority of the folks who had sales are finally recovering from the long weekend and pleased with the event.

If your town has not yet gotten thoroughly involved in the Treasure Hunt, you should consider putting some energy into it. In Washington, this event has been huge and popular, bringing outside dollars in, dispersed into many, many participants' pockets. It has also been a boon for the convenience stores, motels, restaurants and even the grocery and hardware stores because of the outside dealers who set up in town for several days. I encourage you to get your town involved if it isn't already.

How do we keep this event going for the long term? I had an interesting conversation with an antique dealer from McKinney, Texas, who operates three shops in the Dallas area. He's been coming to the Treasure Hunt for three years now and this year used a Ryder moving truck to haul his finds back to Texas.

He complimented Washington for getting outside dealers to come into town to set up and sell and for catering to dealers to shop there. He said he's seen these yard-sale tourist efforts develop over the years since the "World's Longest Yardsale" (which stretches along the U.S. 27 corridor from Michigan to Alabama) made the concept popular.

He said the key to growth is to get outside dealers to come. He said there comes a time in events like this where all the local residents have pretty much emptied out all of their garages and storage rooms and sheds and barns and there will be little left to sell.

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If a town does not build up a presence of dealers for the Treasure Hunt, he said, they could be passed up by shoppers for towns that still have plenty of sales to visit. He encouraged the Treasure Hunt communities to do all they could to get antiques dealers to set up and sell now to establish their presence for the future. This will also preserve the opportunity for people to continue to have big crowds for their sales.

In Washington, we have dealers set up at our fairgrounds, both inside and outside. Besides having a good crowd of shoppers here, we've been told that they like the fact we do not charge them to set up. We do not charge for the spaces unless they use electricity and then it is only \$10 per day, our city park campground rate. We figure having more dealers set up to sell will draw more shoppers to town to spend money. More shoppers means even more dealers and so on.

Thousands and thousands of outside dollars were spent in Washington over the Treasure Hunt weekend and I hope your towns had equal success. If not, it is not too late to grow this event in your area so we can all continue to benefit.

I also want to thank the members of the Highway 36 Association for creating this event in the first place. It has been a great six years!

Council approves renewal of cable franchise for the city

The Oberlin City Council approved a five-year cable franchise agreement with Eagle Communications.

Before the vote at the meeting Thursday, Sept. 15, the council spent 30 minutes behind closed doors for attorney-client privilege with the city attorney.

City Administrator Karen Larson said after checking with other towns, lots of franchise agreements give the city 5 percent of the service fee. However, she said, Oberlin is trying to keep the charge for the customers down and left the fee at 3 percent.

That money is collected by Eagle and then given to the city, she said.

Mrs. Larson said money from the franchise agreements is used to help keep up the city's power poles that the firm uses.

Mrs. Larson said the city received a complaint about a band playing at a home. City ordinance now has a noise curfew of 10 p.m., she said, so if the complaint is before that time, nothing can be done.

There was a preliminary discussion about changing that time, she said.

In other business, the council:
• Heard a thanks from Mayor Bill Riedel for everyone's support during the Up in Smoke barbecue.
• Heard the sewers will be cleaned this week north of Commercial Street and west of Griffith.
• Heard that the city has placed ads in area newspapers for another police officer.

Flu Shots

October 4 and October 5
8 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 4 p.m.
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