

People in Our Community

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Catherine Neal was honored on her 85th birthday with a dinner at her home on Sunday. Others present were her husband, Varlan Neal; Daren and Char Agan, Desirae Shields, and Alan Shields, Oberlin; Florine and Harry Pritchard and Cindy Brooks, Denver; Trina and Jon Harding, Norton; Lee and Teresa Shields, Lloyd and Clarice Shields, Heather and Zoey Shields, Josh, Tracy, Collin and Jaycee Crockner, McCook; Kayla Korte, Braden, Rileigh and Toby, Rexford; Josie Berry, Lincoln, Neb.; Kathy and Ayla Tschetter, Denton, Neb.; J. B., Tara, Kaden, and Alyssa Harding, Hays; and Joshua Shields and Jason Veith, North Platte, Neb.

Janeil Jensen is recuperating at Cedar Living Center after suffering a pelvic break in a fall on Monday of last week. She returned home Friday from Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., but did not undergo surgery. Her mother, Mildred Holmdahl, was with her in Kearney.

Pastor Linda Willey left Tuesday for New York, where she will be living with her sister, Laura Willey. Assisting her with the move was Marc McClain of Brooklyn, N.Y., a friend of her sister. The new pastor of the United Methodist Church, Nancy Proffitt, who is replacing her, plans to move to the parsonage in Oberlin on Saturday and will have her first service on Sunday, July 1.

Ryan Nelson of Topeka spent the week with Brad and Elaine Marcuson and Sarah helping with harvest.

Melvin Smalberger has been hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., the past week, but he expected to return home on Tuesday.

Oberlin Teens For Christ members who went to Cary, Miss., on a mission trip recently included:

Jude Walinder, Matt Glading and Michael Noren. Those going to Pierre, S.D., were Ben Glading, David Noren, Caleb Koerperich and Brittany Urban.

Julie Hubbard, Lakewood, Colo., and Jessica Hubbard, Denver, were weekend guests of Gail and Kay Marcuson. Additional Sunday evening guests for a barbecue were Ryan Nelson, Topeka; Ralph Marcuson, Denver, and Brad, Elaine and Sarah Marcuson.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Henry Edgett, Ardythe Cederberg, Doris Fringer and Norma Anderson. Lows went to John Cederberg, Max Carman, Ardis Roe, Neil Marshall, Marie McKisson and Henry Edgett. Highs in pitch were won by Pat Abbey and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Henry Edgett and John Cederberg. Mexican Train Domino winners were Phyllis Screen and Millie Lippelmann. Bridge high winners were Judy Shirley, Carol Shirley, Marie McKisson and Marty Olson. There will be no commodity distribution at Golden Age Center in July, according to word from the State of Kansas.

Britta Noren, Licensed Massage Therapist at Unger Chiropractic Clinic, recently attended a three-day seminar in Beaver Creek, Colo., taught by Dawn Lewis, founder of the Spontaneous Muscle Release Technique. The technique uses gentle passive contractions to release muscle, ligaments and tendons and she said she feels it is an incredible technique and very effective. During this seminar she learned the head, neck and craniosacral work and she said this technique is easy on the client, and can be a gentle or deep tissue massage with the benefits of massage going beyond just relaxation and stress relief.

Families meet at park

A Holliday and Cody family reunion was held at Sappa Park on Saturday with over 100 attending. A scavenger hunt, softball game, fishing, walking on the trails, golf and lots of food were enjoyed. The group expressed appreciation to volunteers, Pheasants Forever and especially Rick and Dori Pauls, for their hard work in getting the lake back in shape and agreed what a great place it was for the reunion. The next reunion will be in 2014. Those signing the guest book included: Linda Manning, Tyson Garrison, NoraBell Manning, Kevin, Barb, Mason and Logan Berry, Carey and Terry Berry, Stephanie and Kyler Chadwick, Barry and Patti Richards, Kristin, Conner and Tyler McHugh, Norm Richards, Curtis, Jessica and Alex Richards, Jonathan and Amanda Richards, JoAnn Lerew, Norma Richards, Deanna Hanschild, Jordan Urban and family, Rhonda Manning, Gary and Marsha Richards, and

Kerry and Spring Louderback, all of Oberlin; Patty Gore, Wichita; Marry Allison and Damian Hall, Kinsley; Trina Harding, Norton; Rich and Judy Epp, Kody Epp, Alexis Epp, Donte Whitfield, Mikayla Powell, Bryndon Powell and Jim and Kacy Griffin, Colby; Bob and Pansy Lambert and Rob Lambert, Stockton; Bob and Connie Holliday, Wilsonville, Neb.; Nancy Vernon, St. Francis; Charlene Myer, Fremont, Neb.; Jim and Shari Krentzel, Oskaloosa; Denny and Sharon Holliday, Lael and Jill Holliday and family, Lincoln, Neb.; Darryl and Michelle Powell and family, Overland Park; Mike and Tami Richards, Belton, Mo.; Rob and Kim Holliday, Allen, Miranda, and Jered, McCook; Johnnie and Christine Richards, Olathe; Rick, Shelly and Alix Richards, Keyshawn, Taliks, and Kaliyah Bannister, Hays; Bryan Richards, Denver; and many more who didn't sign the guest book.

Student earns many honors

Michaela Richards earned many honors before graduating this spring from the Pleasant Hill, Mo., High School. She was a four-year member of the Hillsong and Hillside Show Choir, the No. 1 rated show choir in the state. She also participated in several other groups and entered solos at regional and state music festivals. She was a member of the state choir for three years and was a cheerleader all four years. During her sophomore year, she was chosen to be in the cheerleading group during the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. She served as Student Council treasurer and was a member of DECA, a club

that prepares students interested in business practices. Her team qualified for the state championship for their business essays. She plans to attend Kansas State University, where she will major in fashion merchandizing and business and will be on the cheerleading team. Her parents are Britt and Tricia Richards of Pleasant Hill. Her grandparents are Mike and Tami (Millage) Richards of Belton, Mo., but formerly of Oberlin, and Ken and Sue Coumerlith, Tightwad, Mo. Her great-grandparents, Johnnie and Christine Richards, Olathe, are also former Oberlin residents.



Michaela



Couple - 1945



Couple - 1995

Oberlin grad attends reunion in Virginia

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Though most members of the Decatur Community High School Class of 1932 were not physically able to attend their 80th class reunion in May, one 98-year-old classmate, Gladys (Smith) Schichtel of Traverse City, Mich., could not come for quite another reason.

For the past 11 years, Mrs. Schichtel and her brother, Eldon Smith of Oberlin, have attended the annual reunion of the 499th Bomb Group, 73rd Bomb Wing of the 20th Air Force, in which her late husband, George Schichtel, served. A left waist gunner on the B-29, "Honey" during World War II, he flew 30 missions over Tokyo. James Marshall, who was a radio operator on the crew, is the only living member. He and his wife, Virginia, live in Topeka and Mr. Smith visited with him on the telephone over the weekend.

This year, the reunion was held in Herndon, Va., from May 23 to 28. Mrs. Schichtel, her daughters, Karen Schichtel and Kay Schichtel-Lesht and husband Barry Lesht, Chicago, and granddaughter, Dena Lesht, Chicago, and Mr. Smith flew into Dulles Airport, near Washington, for the celebration. They were met by her other granddaughter, Alison Lesht, and her boyfriend, Jake Crowe, of Alexandria, Va., who also attended the reunion.

Mr. Smith noted that when the widows were honored, Mrs. Schichtel walked to the platform on her own with the help of a walker. He said that his sister still lives in her own home and does well with the assistance of a part-time helper who also drives her places. She also gets meals delivered.

A lifelong teacher, Mrs. Schichtel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of rural Oberlin, taught for five years at Victory School south of Oberlin after graduating from high school.

She was a first-grade teacher at the Oberlin City School for five years. During that time, she took correspondence courses and at-

tended classes at Fort Hays State College and received her teaching certificate, then moved to Salina, where she taught from 1943 to 1945 at Hawthorne Grade School.

It was during that time, when she was helping at the USO, that she met Staff Sgt. Schichtel. He was sent overseas to Saipan in 1944, where he served for a year. After his return, the couple was married in the chapel at Smoky Hill Army Air Field at Salina on Aug. 5, 1945, by Chaplain Joseph O'Brien. After making a trip to Michigan to visit his parents, the newlyweds went to Santa Ana, Calif., where he received his separation papers.

Their first home was at Kingsley, Mich., where they rented a small farm. During that time, Mrs. Schichtel began substitute teaching in Kingsley.

After her husband quit farming, he started working as a mechanic in Traverse City, and later purchased the service station, which his wife still owns. At first, he commuted, but in 1961 they bought a home on the tip of East Bay, where Mrs. Schichtel still lives.

She taught at Oak Park School in Traverse City until she ended her career due to mandatory retirement at the age of 70, completing 46 years as a teacher.

Her husband died on May 25, 2000, and since that time she and her brother have made numerous trips together.

"Always very much a lady," her daughter, Kay, said, "my mother still never leaves the house without full make-up."

Mr. Smith said that he plans to join his sister for the annual Fourth of July Cherry Festival in Traverse City when a 1957 DeSoto four-door hardtop sedan which the family purchased new will be driven in the parade, a tradition started by her late husband.

Editor's note: Mrs. Schichtel was the first-grade teacher of Mary Lou (Bendon) Olson, Class of 1951, as well as many others who attended Oberlin Elementary School.

Women enjoy breakfast

The Widows and Friends group enjoyed an 8:30 a.m. breakfast at the Frontier Cafe on Wednesday with 16 in attendance.

Leader Mary Ann Amack greeted them and honored the Flag Day holiday by reading, "I Am Old Glory." One woman said that a beautiful 13-star American flag was being flown in her neighborhood. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Eula Juenemann,

Mabel Zimmerman and Delphyn Biggs for their June birthdays.

Others present were Ardis Roe, Elaine Bryan, Cecil Hess, Laurene Van Otterloo, Doris Sloan, Virginia Spratling, Phyllis Screen, Nadean Stoney, Eileene Grose, Joan Ward, Joy Votapka and Karen Bruning.

The July 11 meeting will be an 11:30 a.m. luncheon at the Pizza Hut.

Student graduates

Casey Kay Betts, daughter of Rod Betts and Lisa Kay of La Jolla, Calif., graduated June 12 from LaJolla High School.

Her grandparents are Herschel and Joan Betts, Oberlin, and Pat Kay, San Diego.

She plans to attend Tufts University in Boston in the fall.



Casey Betts

LIFE BEGINS AT RETIREMENT!

Police Chief Wade Lockhart is retiring.

Come wish him good luck and thank him for a job well done from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at The Gateway.



Oberlin student chosen for Midwest Energy tour

Elizabeth Nedland, a senior at Decatur Community High School, is one of five students selected by Midwest Energy to attend the 52nd annual "Government in Action" Youth Tour for a week starting Thursday.

She is the daughter of Rhonda May and Dan Nedland of Oberlin.

"I'm interested in the future of rural northwest Kansas," she said in her application for the program. "Natural gas and other energy sources will play a crucial part in the continued success of our community... (and as) my parents both worked for a major oil company, my household is interested in all areas of energy development."

The delegates will begin their trip in Hays, touring Midwest Energy's Goodman Energy Center, before driving to Topeka to meet other students. In Topeka, the Kansas delegation will be joined by four students from Hawaii's Kaula's Island Utility. Both groups will visit the Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative before flying to Washington.

In Washington, the Kansas delegation will join with 1,500 high school students from 45 states for a week of energy-themed educational meetings, meetings with their elect-

ed representatives and organized sightseeing. They will visit the U.S. Capitol, the memorials to Franklin D. Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson and Martin Luther King Jr., Arlington National Cemetery and the Smithsonian museums. They will meet with Sens. Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran, and the Kansas Congressional delegation.

"Midwest Energy is honored to support this tour and send deserving students from each of our service districts to this event," said Earnie Lehman, president and general manager of the cooperative. "They will gain valuable insight into the political process and develop great relationships that will serve them well as future community leaders."

Other students sponsored by Midwest Energy are Anna Hickert, Hays; Nathan Frame, Kinsley; Katie Showalter, Alexander; and Will Allen, Brewster.

Since 1964, the nation's electric power cooperatives have organized similar trips for more than 40,000 high school juniors and seniors. The annual youth tour is coordinated by the Kansas Electric Cooperatives.



Elizabeth

Pastor speaks at Rotary Club

Pastor Doug Mason, who does missionary work and leads the Oberlin Teens for Christ group, spoke at the June 5 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. He was introduced by Martin Burton, program chair for the week.

He talked about three groups of teenagers that cleared dead and damaged timber at the Horn Creek Camp near Westcliff, Colo.; worked with the Lakota Indian tribe in South Dakota; and repaired homes of the poor in the Mississippi Delta. A

video, "Second to One," was shown about the Colorado trip. He said that his income and the money to run the organization come only from donations.

Ralph and Norma Unger spoke about the Relay for Life event at the June 12 meeting. The event promotes awareness of cancer survivors, and most of the money raised goes for research. The Oberlin Area Band, directed by Neal Russell, and Mobile Music provided entertainment for the event. Kim Brumley, a cancer survivor, spoke.

Chapter meets in Atwood

The Oberlin Chapter of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees met Saturday, June 9, at the Midwest Energy meeting room in Atwood.

President Rob McFee of Oberlin conducted the business meeting.

State Rep. Ward Cassidy of St. Francis spoke of his experiences as a newly elected official in Topeka. David Swank reported that \$903 in donations had been given this year to the Alzheimer's fund from the garage sale held in May in Oberlin.

Ron Katt of Victoria, area 5 vice president, presented three awards to

the chapter from the state convention in Salina in April. They were for the chapter's outstanding contributions to the Alzheimer's program; for highest dollar-per-member contributions in the state for Alzheimer's; and also a certificate in recognition of an 8 percent total membership gain for 2011 and 2012.

The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16, at Sappa Park near Oberlin. Members of the chapter include active and retired federal employees of Norton, Decatur and Rawlins counties.

New Arrivals

Tate Michael McKenna

Brett and Tracey McKenna of Claflin are the parents of a son, Tate Michael McKenna, born May 21, 2012, at the Great Bend Regional Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Mike and Joan McKenna of Jennings and Roy and Susan Weber of Claflin. Great-grandmother is Maxine Sauvage of Oberlin.



Tate M.

Cameron Paul Miller

Jim and Regina Miller of Wichita are the parents of a son, Cameron Paul Miller, born May 14, 2012. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19.75 inches long.

Grandparents are Paul and Angela Corcoran, Oberlin, and Carol and Ken Moore, and David Miller, Hutchinson.



Cameron M.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone that participated and attended the June 2012 Sappa Creek Knife and Gun Show. We can't wait to do it all again this October!

J.W. and Deb Smith



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