THE OBERLIN HERALD —

People in Our Community

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Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Baalman Mortuary in Colby for Claude Herren, 81, of Colby, who died Sunday. His wife is the former Cleta Vacura and other survivors include a son, Roger Herren; a grandson; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dean and Dorothy Vacura, Jennings. A complete obituary will be carried next week.

George and Willa Ruzcka and their son, Darrel Ruzicka, returned home July 8 after a week's visit in Tok, Alaska, with their daughter and sister, Georgeanne Johnson, who is ill.

Weekend guests of Roger and Angie Wilson were their son Mike, Kinsley, and two of his daughters, Jennifer Reyes, Andrew, Nicholas, Casey, Joel and Madison, and Ashley Janney, Mason, Dixon, Lennyn and Fallyn, all of Wichita. They came to help celebrate Roger's birthday. Dave and Pam Wilson, Oberlin and Randy, Lisa, Christian, and Gabrielle Wilson, Colby, joined the group for a picnic at Sappa Park Friday evening. They all spent Saturday at the farm and went to Prairie Chapel Church Sunday morning.

Jeff and Samantha Frickey of Copake, N.Y., and their grandmother, Linda Starkey and husband Dee Starkey of Wichita, met Chuck and Diane Frickey on July 6 in Russell and the children accompanied them to Oberlin for a visit. They all spent a few days in Denver before his grandchildren flew from Denver to their home on July 12.

Visitors at the home of Gene and Helen Gee from Sunday through Thursday were Beverly Keys, Robbie, James, Katherine, and Nathan of Topeka. On Monday Colleen Gee and Justin of Oberlin joined the family for a picnic at Sappa Park. On Wednesday evening a birthday dinner for Beverly and James was enjoyed by Gene and Helen, Robbie, Katherine and Nathan.

Marian Dempewolf has sold her home in Oberlin and moved to McCook. Her address is 721 West 14th Street, McCook, Neb., 69001.

Susan Rynearson has returned to her home in Oberlin after visiting her son, Robert Marsh, in Fort Myers, Fla.. for several weeks.

Jacob Larue performed with the Butler Community College Headliners on Saturday for a family/friends concert. He also performed Sunday to kick off the week-long camp for Butler Showchoir Showcase, in which several area high school students are attending. He will be a counselor at the camp this summer for students entering grades 8 to 12. Those attending his performance on Saturday were Joan, Bruce and Marianne Larue, Oberlin; Annamarie Larue, El Dorado; Carissa Wentz, Norcatur, and Angie Biggs, Kingman, mother of Marianne Larue. On Sunday, Carissa, Bruce and Joan returned to Oberlin. Marianne and Angie went to Topeka to spend the day with Marianne's sister, Sharon Buscher and the next day they went to Olathe to see another sister, Connie Leavitt and they enjoyed a "girls-day-out" in Kansas City.

Dave and Marty Olson have returned home after visiting their son and family, Jon and and Cindy Olson, Nathan, Patrick and Amy in Joliet, Ill.

Mary Landau of Garden Grove, Calif., accompanied Ella Betts and Joan Betts to Norton on Wednesday, where they ate lunch with Dorothy Avery at Las Canteras Mexican Restaurant.

Doug and Sandy Fair of Donna, Texas, have been visited friends and family members in Oberlin recently.

Cecil Hess accompanied Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica of St. Francis to Kansas City on Friday, where they were weekend guests of Steve and Chris Hess, Norah, Lola and Francie at Lake Lotawano to help Cecil celebrate her birthday. Joining them were Dan and Julie Hess and Carter of Salina.

Don Greener of Brush, Colo., a long time friend of Gene and Helen Gee, visited them from Saturday through Monday.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Dorothy Moore and Ardis Roe. Lows went to Norma Anderson, Ardythe Cederberg, Doris Fringer and John Cederberg. Marjorie Olson was winner of Mexican Train dominoes. Highs in pitch were won by Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett with lows going to Pat Fringer and John Cederberg. Bridge highs went to Merle Shirley, Annnette Miller, Marie McKisson and Cynthia Matson.

Manager chosen for expo

Lisa Votapka, certified dietary manager at the Decatur County Hospital, received one of six scholarships given each year to attend the 52nd annual meeting and expo of the Association of Nutrition Professionals in San Diego last month.

Lisa Votapka

In September, she will become the president of the group's West District in Kansas for two years. She was one of eight who attended.

Sessions included speakers, client care, employee management, sanitation and safety, food service marketing, sustainability, food allergies and more. Attendees also learned about new products and services.

Social events included the chairman's welcome reception aboard the retired aircraft carrier USS Midway, the foundation's always-popular "Party with a Purpose," and the Leadership Recognition Banquet. This three-day intensive learning opportunity was designed for certified dietary managers and food protection professionals.

Couple plans fall wedding

Anne Elizabeth Betts and Michael John Schmidt of Minneapolis, Minn., plan to marry Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, in Charlottesville, Va.

Parents of the couple are Gene and Jan Betts, Austin, Texas, and Paul and Maryann Schmidt, Chesapeake, Va.

The bride is a granddaughter of Herschel and Joan Betts of Oberlin. His grandfather is Ralph Engel of Hays.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Virginia, where she majored in business with an emphasis in finance. She is a senior financial analyst at Boston Scientific Corp.

Anne Elizabeth Betts and Michael John Schmidt

Her fiance also graduated from Virginia, where he earned a business degree with an emphasis in marketing. He is a brand strategist for Zeus Jones.

Woman earns doctorate

Judy Nusse, formerly of Jennings, received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in June.

She was valedictorian of her class at Liberal High School in 1960, then earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964 and a Master of Arts in 1969 from Fort Hays State University. She received a two-year diploma from Rhema Bible Training Center at Broken Arrow, Okla., in 1993.

Judy Nusse

She has since taught mathematics and history at Hays Junior High School and Marian High School and Leavenworth High School; was an adjunct instructor at Tulsa Community College; and taught in schools and colleges in Arizona, California, South Dakota, and Arkansas.

She wrote her dissertation on "Mathematics and the Biblical Text." She says she plans to continue her work with Jubilee Christian School in Malvern, Ark., tutoring in math and language arts. She said the school hopes to establish the young people in their faith and in their Christian character, as well as to give them an education.

"I have spent most of my life in Christian education," Dr. Nusse said. "I am also committed to service on the mission field wherever the Lord would send me. I expect in the future to return to Nicaragua for a mission trip and also take study tours of Israel, having just completed my most recent one in May.

"We have been seeing fruit also in our local congregation, the Jubilee Witnessing Community, and meet weekly with our pastor, Dr. Douglas Wheeler, who is president of Jubilee College."

Her parents are the late Mathias (Butch) Nusse, Marjorie (Shearer) Nusse Tacha and Gerald Tacha.

Widows and Friends meet

The Widows and Friends group met at the Pizza Hut on July 11 for a luncheon with 12 in attendance.

Leader Mary Ann Amack greeted everyone and for entertainment read "The Farmer's Love Letter," pertaining to our growing season of fruits and vegetables. She also read excerpts from "Forty-five Lessons Life Taught Me," written by a 90-year-old and furnished to her by Mabel Zimmerman. There will be no August meeting due to the Decatur County Fair. Plans for the September meeting will be announced.

Others present were Millie Lippelmann, Doris Fringer, Nadean Stoney, Eileene Grose, Ardis Roe, Dorothy Shimek, Eula Juenemann, Doris Sloan, Elaine Bryan and Cecil Hess.

Musician gives program

Duane Dorshorst, new president of the Oberlin Rotary Club, conducted the July 10 meeting of the club at The Gateway. Pete Zander was a guest.

Program Chair Gary Fredrickson introduced John Juenemann of Oberlin, songwriter, singer, guitarist and musician. He is a nationally known country and western musician and has made many recordings. He sang several songs from his latest album, "Songs of Our Younger Years," which included "Corina," "16 Tons," "I'm My Own Grandpa," "High Cotton," "Sweet Violets," "God Bless America" and others.

Members discussed the possibility of joining a Nebraska or Kansas district when the northwest Kansas district is dissolved. Members present voted to remain with a Kansas district, though a later e-mail poll changed that to Nebraska.

Mr. Dorshorst said it might not make any difference, since the national committee can do whatever it likes, regardless of club desires. Most clubs along the border reportedly opted for Nebraska.

Agency receives Hansen grant

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas has won a $10,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation to help pay for two portable handicap lifts.

"This grant award will support our efforts to continue to provide the highest in quality services for northwest Kansans with developmental disabilities," said Jerry Michaud, president of the agency. "We are continually grateful for the Hansen Foundation's support over these many years."

Developmental Services is a private, nonprofit organization serving more than 500 people in 18 counties of northwest Kansas. It has been providing services and programs for more than 40 years.

Emergency haying and grazing allowed

Area stockmen will be allowed to cut hay or graze animals on Conservation Reserve Program land under a federal emergency order that went into effect Monday for 91 Kansas counties.

Diane Barrett, Decatur County executive director for the U.S. Farm Service Agency, said the order was authorized by State Executive Director Adrian J. Polansky, in counties across the state affected by the drought, including Decatur County.

The agency's state committee used its authority for counties listed as in severe and extreme drought designations on U.S. Drought Monitor map, she said.

Emergency haying in approved counties is allowed through Aug. 15, the agency said. Participants must leave at least half of each field or contiguous fields unhayed for wildlife. Hay must be removed within 30 days from end of the haying period. Hay cannot be sold. Farmers without livestock may rent or lease the haying privileges.

Emergency grazing in approved counties is allowed through Sept. 30. Participants must leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous fields ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the allowed stocking rate. All livestock must be removed by the end of this period. Landowners without livestock may rent or lease the grazing privileges.

For details, stop by the Farm Service Agency county office at 410 S. Buffalo or call (785) 475-3131.

Extension agent hired

Julianne Shoup joined the staff of the Twin Creeks Extension District as a family and consumer sciences agent last month, based in the district's Hoxie office.

She was a supervisor and event coordinator at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center in Gainesville, Fla., and an intern in the Family, Youth, and Community Science Department at the University of Florida. She also has been a casework intern with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Florida in Gainesville.

Ms. Shoup earned a bachelor's degree in family, youth and community sciences from the university.

Family and consumer sciences agents develop and deliver programs relative to family issues, including nutrition, food safety, parenting, financial management, health and safety.

The district covers Decatur, Norton and Sheridan counties for Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Dancers gather at park

The Nebraska Chapter of the Campin' Dancers, a national square-dance camping group, spent a weekend at Sappa Park with seven camping units from Wallace, Gothenburg, Chappell, Elsie, Benkelman and McCook.

Roger and Angie Wilson of Oberlin were among the members at the event.

On Friday, the group toured the Decatur County Museum, had lunch at the LandMark Inn, toured The Gateway and the new recreation center complex.

They toured the Decatur County Feed Yard on Saturday, where Manager Kevin Unger explained the operation. In the afternoon, the group enjoyed a quilt viewing and homemade ice cream at the Wilsons'. They had a square dance in the Old Bohemian Hall at the museum that night.

Church services were held at the park Sunday morning with Robert Rouse leading the worship and Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church congregation attending.

"Everyone was very impressed with our city of Oberlin and the Sappa Park," said the Wilsons.

Fair volunteers are needed

Volunteers are needed to help with rides, games and other activities during the home-owned carnival at the county fair, from Tuesday, Aug. 7, through Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Decatur County Fairground.

A sign-up sheet has been posted at the Business Entrepreneurial Building, 104 S. Penn. Anyone planning to return to Oberlin for the event is welcome to come out and help. For details or to sign up, call the Chamber office at (785) 475-3441.

Turnaround potluck coming

Everyone is invited to an Oberlin Turnaround potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the Golden Age Center.

Bring a white elephant gift for bingo, which will follow, said organizer Susan Rynearson. For details, call the center at (785) 475-3222.

Mabel McLaughlin

is celebrating another Birthday on July 27th.

Cards will reach her at
146 Ranier Circle,
Vacaville, CA 95687.

Appreciation Cookout and Benefit

Hosted by

Decatur County Firefighters

Your local firefighters invite everyone to **Sappa Park on Saturday, July 28,** to show appreciation and raise money to purchase new Firetrucks!

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Burgers, beans, and salads are being served from 5-8 p.m. with Games and entertainment throughout the evening!

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So, come out, relax with our local firefighter families and enjoy games, conversation, and entertainment until dark! Thanks for your overwhelming support, especially during the recent fires!

For details contact – Fire Chief, Bill Cathcart (785) 475-3618

Donations may be sent to Decatur County Fire Department c/o Decatur County Clerk PO Box 28, Oberlin, KS 67749

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Warning Burn Ban

No burning in Decatur County by order of Decatur County Commissioners

NOTICE

On Thursday, July 5, the Mayor of Oberlin declared a Stage 2 Water Warning due to the continuing drought and the lowered water level in our city water wells.

The regulation actions of a Stage 2 Water Warning are as follows:

Regulation Actions

An odd/even lawn watering system is imposed on water consumers. Residents with odd-numbered addresses will water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; even addresses will water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. A rotation system for non-resident water consumers will be developed by the City Administrator.

Outdoor water use, including lawn watering and car washing will be restricted to from 12:01 AM to 10:00 AM, and from 9:00 PM to midnight.

Refilling of private swimming pools will be allowed one day a week after sunset.

Emergency water rates may be imposed.

Waste of water is prohibited.

Rationing until further notice.