

People in Our Community

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Flora (Boutz) Edwards and Geri Konen, Clarkston, Wash., and Shirley Wandrobe, Kennewick, Wash., stopped in Oberlin on Friday. They were on the way to the Boutz family reunion in Salina. They also visited Mrs. Edwards' sister, Frances Mosier, a resident of the Andbe Home in Norton, and her niece, Priscilla and Dan Merriman of Lenora.

Heather Ploussard of Oberlin was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester at Washburn University. A student must be enrolled in at least 12 graded credit hours and attain a semester grade point average between 3.4 and 3.99.

Brad Fredrickson is recuperating at home after undergoing a stem cell transplant at Mayos Hospital in Rochester, Minn. He is the son of Don and Lois Fredrickson. Mail will reach him at 209 Lakeview Drive, Independence, Kan., 67301.

Cheryl Votapka attended the Winnebago Grand National Rally held in Forest City, Iowa for the past two weeks. There were 978 coaches there of which 32 were from Kansas. Kansas took first place in the state row decorations with the theme of "Treasure Island" and first in the bean bag baseball competition. She returned home Saturday afternoon.

Duane and Phyllis Berry of Grand Junction, Colo., visited his sister, Eva Bryan, and others in Oberlin for a few days.

Marie Lopez and Jisele of Pueblo, Colo., were weekend guests of her grandmother, Laurene Van Otterloo.

Trevor James Witt was honored on his second birthday with a supper and party on Sunday by his parents, Tyler and Tiffany Witt and Tessa. Others present included Eugene and Beverly Witt, Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Larry and Carolyn Schultz, Roger and Nancy Robinson, James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney, Chris and Keely Wilson, Julie, Harmony, Derek, Christopher and Luke, Kyle and Crystal Schultz, Ryan and Annette Schultz, Gary and Thelma Witt, Mike and Leatha Seaton, Kelli Seaton, Tausha and Chris, Brianna and Derek Lowe, Michael and Jeremiah Seaton, Justine and Jade Tuttle, Caleb Peters, Brandon, Laura, Sage and Gus Bryan, Kerry, Spring and Gemma Louderback, Stephanie Chadwick and Kyler Johnson, Iris and Tod Mastin, Josh, Heather, Mckeena and Brody Fortin, and Danielle and Carter Grafel.

Chenaniah Langness of Oberlin was named to the School of Engineering 2012 Honor Roll at the University of Kansas for the spring semester. A graduate of Decatur Community High School, he is a senior in mechanical engineering.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ivis Hanson, Ardythe Cederberg, Kelva Dryden, Doris Fringer, John Cederberg and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Doris Fringer, Marie McKisson, Ivis Hanson, Henry Edgett and John Cederberg. Doris Fringer was the winner in Chicken Foot dominoes. Highs in pitch were won by John Cederberg and Henry Edgett with lows going to Pat Abbey and Ardythe Cederberg. Bridge highs went to Cynthia Matson, Dorothy Cochran and Carla Latimer.

Larry and Karen Smith traveled to Lincoln, Neb., over the weekend. They attended the wedding of David Morris and Nicole Ciecior on Saturday at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ Church in Lincoln. The bridegroom is a 2005 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is the son of Ken and Christie Morris of Lincoln, but formerly of Oberlin.

Pat and Sue McKernon, Matthew and Mark of Wichita visited several days with the Gerry Tally family and Juanita Williby. Pat is a nephew of Juanita and a cousin of Theresa. Additional Saturday supper guests at the Tally home were Rita Erdman and Brenna, McCook; Danielle Schiltz, Kain, Londyn and Kash, Selden; Paul and Lacy Tally and Mason, Jebb Tally, Lacey Ream and Juanita Williby, Oberlin.

Decatur Community High School music students who attended Butler Showchoir Showcase last week were Miki Dorshorst, Channing Fortin, Cassandra Canto, Caleb Koerperich, Hannah May, Lara Zodrow, Molly Jansonius, Regent Erickson, and Morgan Jansonius. They presented a concert on Friday and will share their new routines with the 2012-13 DCHS Singers.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended graveside services for LeRoy Muirhead of Alma, Neb., on Monday, July 16, at the Oberlin cemetery were Shirley Muirhead, Heather and Sally Muirhead, Allen Muirhead and Tracy Holman, Alma, Neb.; Gene Thiesen, Northglenn, Colo.; Lloyd and Iva Thiesen, Fort Lupton, Colo.; Janet Beachley, Burlington, Colo.; Ben and Leone Spiers, Winterset, Iowa; Virginia Almquist, Anne Kingsbury, Katie and Abby Muirhead, and Kenny and Monica Walker, Smith Center; Kim Miller, New Market, Va.; Kip and Jun Muirhead and Angie, Bayard, Neb.; Rich and Wendy Ufford, Herington; Rob and Janie Rutherford, Topeka; and Elmer and Donna Lawver, Colby.

Eldon Smith returned home Friday from Traverse City, Mich., where he visited his sister, Gladys Schichtel over two weeks. They were joined by her daughter, Karen Schichtel, and her granddaughter, Dena Lesht and friend, Paul, of Chicago for the Cherry Festival. Gladys Schichtel rode in the family DeSoto car in the parade, which had 150 entries. They also enjoyed the air show and the Black Diamond Precision team.

Mike and Debbie Nickels, Emma and Mark, McLouth; Eric and Shelly Moore, Justin and Dylan, Manhattan, and Brian Moore, Las Vegas, were guests last week of their mother, Dorothy Moore.

Western Plains Arts to open 43rd season

The Western Plains Arts Association will open its 43rd season for the northwest Kansas families with the Queen City Jazz Band at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Goodland High School.

Other programs tentatively scheduled include: Cloggers, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, Atwood High School auditorium; Peter Davison Air Show, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, Cultural Arts Center, Colby; "Three Little Kittens," Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 15 and 16, Winona, Brewster, Hoxie and Oberlin; Home Free Vocal Band, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, Oakley High School; Celtic Fire, 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18, Oakley High School auditorium; George Dyer Christmas Show, 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9, Colby High School Auditorium; Troupe America, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31, at

Oakley High School; Jeff Davidson and the Trail Riders Band, 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 10; Pride of the Prairie orchestra, 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 24, Hoxie High School auditorium;

The Marvelous Wonderettes, 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 1; The U.S. Navy Sea Chanters, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7; Drums of the World, 3 p.m., Sunday, Sharon Springs, high school auditorium; Jim Salestrom, songs by John Denver, Sunday, April 7, St. Francis High School; Diamoand W. Wranglers, 3 p.m., Sunday, April 21, Colby High School auditorium.

Ticket purchase levels are available online at www.wpaa.us, or contact Pat Ziegelmeier, (785) 460-5518; Amie Kendrick, (785) 460-3837; Joan Albers, (785) 460-6448; or Carol Rahn, (785) 460-7963 for prices and information.

Couple to wed Aug. 4

Gannon Reichert and Mary Holladay of Dresden plan to marry on Saturday, Aug. 4.

Parents of the bride-to-be are Christine Houglund, Belgrade, Neb., and Jim Younkin, Manhattan. Her grandparents are Caroline Houglund, Riley, and the late Charles Houglund, and Donald and Kathryn Younkin, Manhattan.

She is a 2003 graduate of Riley County High School. She graduated in 2005 from American Academy of Massage Therapy in Manhattan and is a licensed massage therapist in Oberlin.

Her fiance's parents are Wilbur and Jill Reichert, Dresden. His



Mary Holladay and Gannon Reichert

grandparents are Mary Anderson, Osborne; Jay and Anne Anderson, Oberlin; and the late Arnold and Louise Reichert.

He is a 2005 graduate of Decatur Community High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife biology from Kansas State University. He is farming on the family place.

Two Oberlin students excel at band camp

Two Decatur Community High School band students, Darbi Rouse and Elizabeth Nedland, received Outstanding Camper Awards on Saturday at the High Plains Band and Orchestra Camp at Fort Hays State University.

Darbi performed in a double reed ensemble and orchestra, as well as the Honor Band.

Elizabeth played in a French horn ensemble and the Silver Band.

The directors of each group, Honor Band, Silver Band and Orchestra, chose two outstanding campers from their ensemble of about 75 students each.

The winners from Oberlin were



Darbi Rouse Elizabeth

roommates. Their teachers are Sarah Bricker for band and Neal Russell for private lessons.

Their parents are Robert and Robyn Rouse and Dan Nedland and Rhonda May.

Bargain Box Plus helps projects in area towns

Bargain Box Plus, a community thrift shop in Oberlin, has donated \$7,400 during the past six months to worthy causes in Decatur County. The top award of \$2,000 went to the bowling alley for new bowling balls, said owner Marilou Long.

Other recipients included: Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation supper, \$250; Norcatat Library, \$250; Oberlin Library, \$250; Jennings Library, \$250; Decatur County Museum, \$250; Jennings Czech Museum, \$250; Norcatat Museum, \$250; Teens for Christ, \$250; Decatur County Food Pantry, \$250; Rotary Radio Day, \$300; Oberlin Rotary After Prom, \$100; Relay for Life, \$100; Oberlin Area

Concert Band, \$200; Decatur County Food Pantry, \$150; Jennings Fire Department, \$500; Norcatat Fire Department, \$500; Oberlin Fire Department, \$500; Oberlin Business Alliance fireworks, \$100; Norcatat Library children's books, \$200; and carnival ride, \$500.

The store, at 106 N. Beaver Ave., welcomes all types of donations, including clothes for all ages, household items, toys, bedding and other items, which are resold at a nominal fee. The phone number is 475-3432.

Mrs. Long is assisted by six volunteers, Francie Miller, Joy Russell, Ardythe Cederberg, Pat Fringer, Kem Bryan and Valerie Alberts.

Photos sought for contest

Kansas shutterbugs are called to submit their photos for a Rural Kansas Photography Contest, taking online submissions through Monday, Sept. 17. The contest will award prizes to first and second place winners in four categories:

Rural Landscape: a photograph depicting an expanse of scenery in rural Kansas.

Community: a photograph depicting Kansans participating in shared activities, from casual cookouts to town festivals.

Health Care: a photograph of anything related to health care.

Recreation: a photograph depicting how rural Kansans spend their free-time.

"We started this contest in 2006 for Kansans to show the majestic beauty of our state and wonderful way of living rural Kansans are accustomed to," said Joyce Grayson, director of Rural Health Education

and Services, which promotes Kansas as a great place for health care providers to live, work and play. "After all, a picture is worth a thousand words."

Contest entries can be submitted online at www.ruralhealth.kumc.edu, via e-mail to juza@kumc.edu or to Jenifer Yuza, Rural Health Education and Services, School of Medicine-Wichita, 1010 N. Kansas, Wichita, Kan., 67214-3199.

The contest is open to Kansas residents and people who work in Kansas who are 18 or older. Winners will receive a University of Kansas tote bag filled with KU and Kansas memorabilia and will have their winning photo published in Kansas Connections and on the Rural Health Education and Services Web site. More details on rules and entry forms can be found at www.ruralhealth.kumc.edu.

School enrollment next week

Enrollment for Oberlin schools will begin next Wednesday and the first day of school will be on Friday, Aug. 17, with a full day of classes.

Enrollment is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. next Wednesday, Aug. 1, and Thursday,

Aug. 2, at both the Oberlin Elementary School and Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School.

For details, call the grade school at 475-2212 or the high school at 475-2231.

Turnaround is canceled

The Turnaround potluck supper and bingo scheduled for Thursday at the Golden Age Center have been

canceled, said organizer Susan Rynearson.

Emergency loans available in county

Emergency disaster loans are available for farmers and small businesses in Decatur County affected by the drought, government agencies said Thursday in the wake of a federal disaster declaration including the county.

Farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of a livestock type or crop since Jan. 1 may qualify for emergency loans, said Pat Bohl, a farm loan officer in the Norton County office of the U.S. Farm Service Agency. Applicants must also be running a "family-size" farm or ranch and not be able to get credit elsewhere.

The agency can make loans for up to 100 percent of the losses that qualify. They'll be made at a 3.75 percent interest and scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with ability to pay.

The loans can be used to replace homes, buildings, livestock, installations and equipment or to buy fertilizer, livestock, feed, seed and even to make payments on debts.

"Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses," Mr. Bohl said.

If you think you may be eligible, call him at the Norton County office

at (785) 877-5156.

Small businesses that depend on the farming industry also may be eligible for low-interest federal disaster loans.

Those interested in getting a loan must have been directly affected by the disaster, said Alfred Judd, director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's west disaster field operations center.

Those who may qualify for loans of up to \$2 million dollars include small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses in aquaculture, small nonfarm businesses and most private, nonprofit organizations of any size. The loans are "to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred," the administration said.

"Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage," Mr. Judd said. "These loans have an interest rate of 4 percent for businesses and 3 percent for nonprofits, and a maximum term of 30 years."

Apply online at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela or call (800) 659-2955. The deadline is March 12.

Shortgrass range will be topic at school

The Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition plans a shortgrass range school from Tuesday to Thursday, Aug. 21 to 23, near Scott City to help ranchers having problems with livestock and grassland due to the drought.

"Drought and heat are still on everyone's minds, and this has been another tough summer for ranchers, their livestock, and the grasslands across most of Kansas," said David Kraft of Emporia, state rangeland management specialist for the U.S. National Resources Conservation Service.

Sessions will be at Camp Lakeside, at the Scott County State Lake, and the Nature Conservancy's Smoky Valley Ranch in Logan County. "The schools will focus on grassland ecology and livestock management," said Tim Christian, state coordinator for the coalition. "Thematically, 'Roots, Rainfall and Recovery, management coming out of drought,'" should provide attendees with some solid tools and new thought processes...."

Presentations will include Landscape Change with Climatic Variance Influences, David Kraft, Conservation Service; Western Kansas Stocking Rates and Drought Considerations, Keith Harmony, K-State Ag Center; Regenerating Rangeland Potential, Walt Fick, Extension agronomist; Soils, Ecological Sites, and Measuring and Monitoring, various instructors; Drought Planning: "Mental" Plans Don't Work, various; and Wildlife

Considerations and Opportunities on Rangelands, biologists from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism biologists and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners Program.

The schools will also devote time to plant identification and students will receive a plant identification book.

The three-day sessions costs \$300 per person, but the coalition and its co-sponsors will offer scholarships of \$100 to \$150 to eligible ranchers, ranch employees, students and agency staff.

Forms are available at www.kglc.org, under 2012 Range Schools in the left-side navigation bar. Registrations are due by Aug. 13. Aug. 10 is the cutoff for scholarship applications.

Co-sponsors include the Conservation Service; K-State Research and Extension, Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, the Kansas Farm Bureau, the Kansas Native Plant Society, the Partners Program, the Nature Conservancy, the Playa Lakes Joint Venture, the William F. Bradley Jr. Trust and the Kansas Section of the Society for Range Management.

A tallgrass range school will be Tuesday to Thursday, July 31 to Aug. 2, at Camp Wood near Elmdale.

For information, contact Mr. Christian at (620) 241-3636 or tdchristian@cox.net, or Ken Sherraden at (785) 922-7061 or kenneth-sherraden@sbcglobal.net.

Stick-To-It club views video

The monthly meeting of the Stick-To-It 4-H Club was held Sunday, July 22. Fourteen members and two leaders answered roll call with "My favorite 4-H project."

Vice-President Elizabeth Nedland called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Alexis Hisson and she also read a thank you from Samantha Anderson for her scholarship.

The officers gave their reports. The booth committee reported the booth was going well and the mow-

ing committee reported that mowing was not needed due to no rain. The club decided to wear their club shirts the first day of the fair.

The program was a video tour. If you were not in the video, you told what you were in. The video showed what people were bringing to the fair.

For refreshments, there was a potluck dinner. The leaders wish everyone good luck at the fair. Ryan May made a motion to adjourn and Maddie Johnson seconded. Recreation followed at the swimming pool in Oberlin.

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Happy 85th Birthday, Varlan

The family of Varlan Neal requests a card shower for his 85th birthday on August 3. Cards may be sent to 106 S. East Ave. Oberlin, Kan. 67749.