



**DANIEL RIOS** (left) and **Matthew Morales** from the 180 House painted the walls at the new location of Old Czech Country on Frontier Parkway. Owners **Bernie and Othelia Vacura** said that the 180 boys also helped them make the move and are available for community projects.

— Herald staff photo by Stephanie DeCamp

## Antique store moves

Old Czech Country has moved from downtown Oberlin to 301 W. Frontier Parkway, on U.S. 36.

Owners **Bernie and Othelia Vacura** have bought the building formerly occupied by **Mike's Auto Place** from **Mike and Jacque Elwood**, who are moving to Lincoln, Neb.

Assisting the couple with the move were boys from the 180 House in Oberlin, who have also helped others in the community.

"These boys do a lot of community service in Oberlin, Norton and McCook," Mrs. Vacura said, "and they did an exemplary job serving the alumni dinner in May at The Gateway."

The Vacuras said they started their antique business in a garage in southwest Oberlin several years ago and it was first known as "The Warehouse." They changed the name when they moved the business downtown in November 2001.

They said that they decided on the

present name to honor his grandfather, **Cedelle Vacura**, who came from Czechoslovakia when he was 18 months old. The Vacuras still own the original family farm west of Jennings.

Besides antiques, Mrs. Vacura does French, family and folk art signs as well as country primitives on order. The "Shabby Chic" furniture they sell is created by the couple, with Mr. Vacura doing the woodworking and his wife adding designs and freehand lettering.

They say they believe "preservation is everything." They also offer all kinds of antiques and collectibles and they said that the new location gives them much more display space.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday or by appointment. The phone number is (785) 475-3009 at the store or 475-3649 at home. To see items in the store, go to [www.oldczechcountry.com](http://www.oldczechcountry.com).

## Swap meet set for Sept. 15

The Tripple Creek Riders plan to hold the club's first swap meet beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the group's arena at the south end of the Decatur County Fairground.

"Participants are invited to bring anything you have that is relevant to horses to sell or swap," said member **Kristin McHugh**. "This includes

tack, art, toys, clothing and the like. Flyers, photos and information on horses are also welcome, but no horses will be allowed at the meet."

Concessions will be available. For details, call Mrs. McHugh at (785) 470-7176.

## Benefit tailgate party Friday

The Aquarius Club will hold a benefit hamburger and hot dog tailgate on Friday before the Oberlin-Phillipsburg football game.

Serving will start at 5 p.m. in the stadium parking lot and continue

until game time.

Donations will be used for a club scholarship, which last year went to **Nolan Henningson**, the group says.

## School plans child screening

An early childhood screening will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday for infants, toddlers and preschool children in the Oberlin School District.

All preschoolers up to age 5 are invited. Parents need to accompany their child through the process, which takes an hour to an hour and

a half. Children will be screened in four developmental areas: communication, vision and hearing, cognitive skills and gross and fine motor skills.

Call the Oberlin Elementary School office at (785) 475-2122 to set up an appointment.

## Alzheimers Walk is Saturday

An Alzheimer's Walk in Colby on Saturday will start with registration at Fike Park at 9 a.m., followed by the opening ceremony.

The one-mile walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. Sign a team up, join an existing team or donate to a team member by going to [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk) and listing your town. If you are unable to walk that day, but would

like to support the cause, call **Jan Evans**, outreach coordinator, at (316) 267-7333.

Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States. Join the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's and help reclaim the future for millions.

# People in Our Community

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Weekend guests of **Mildred Holmdahl** were **Janet and Sherrill Vermillion**, **Brian and Veronica, Dannika and Eric, Jason, Michelle, Lakin, Braylon, Daniel and Ridge Walker**, all of El Dorado, and **Lori Ayers, Jordan and Caiden**, and **Kevin Lawn, Kearney, Neb.** They also visited **Janeil Jensen** at Cedar Living Center and **Mike Jensen**.

**Art and Toni Morris**, Mesa, Ariz., spent the Labor Day weekend visiting relatives in Atwood and Oberlin, including **Doris Peterson, Gail and Kay Marcuson**, and **Brad and Elaine Marcuson**. Art is a nephew of **Doris and Gail** and a cousin of **Brad**.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral services for "Bus" Wurm on Aug. 29 were **Don and Delores Abby, Murlin and Luella Krizek, McCook; Ruth Epley, Litchfield, Neb.; Marian Railsback, Fort Collins, Colo.; Don Crist, Quinter; Eugene and Beverly Witt, Gary and Lucille Townsend, Danbury; Zane Gilmer and Rachel, Colorado Springs; Brad Hays, Carr, Colo.; Jim and Ann Nelson, Bethesda, Md.; Norm and Diane Hays, Vernon, Colo.; Norman Dorsch, Bird City; Gene Fisher, Albuquerque, N. M.; Eldred and Lorraine Wurm, Joe Samson, Gordon Hawkins, Harvey and Maxine Wright, Atwood; and Dave Green, Steve Schissler, Joe and Nadine Green, Mary Lou Olson, Bob and Liane Martin, Herndon.**

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were **Kelva Dryden, Neil Marshall, John Cederberg, Dewaine Stapp, Ivis Hanson and Doris Fringer**. Lows went to **Norma Anderson, Ardythe Cederberg, Ivis Hanson, John Cederberg, Max Carman and Neil Marshall**. Winners of Mexican Train dominoes were **Phyllis Screen, and Millie Lippelmann**. Pitch highs were won by **Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett** with lows going to **Pat Abbey and John Cederberg**. Bridge highs went to **Judy Shirley, Marty Olson, Annette Miller and Charlotte Meints**.

**Darrel and Mary Landau** are in **Kearney, Neb.**, where she is hospitalized following surgery for a broken hip received in a fall at their home in Oberlin. Their daughter, **Monica**, has come from California to be with them as well as a nephew, **Kurt Brown**, of Denver. Mail will reach her at Good Samaritan Hospital, 10 East 31st Street, Kearney, Neb., 68848.

**Herschel and Joan Betts** returned Sept. 1 from a river cruise on the Rhine and Moselle Rivers through the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, France and Switzerland.

**Richard and Carolyn Miller** of

## Couple marries in Maine

**Vicki Waldren and Steven Ruggiero** were married on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2012, in the garden of the bridegroom's mother in Bangor, Maine.

Parents of the couple are **Dennis and Judy Shirley, Oberlin, and Amelia Ruggiero of Bangor and the late Joseph Ruggiero**.

They were attended by her two daughters, his two daughters, five

Springfield were guests of **Gene and Helen Gee** from Friday through Monday. On Sunday, **Kenny, Justin and Jacob Gee** joined them for lunch. **Colleen Gee** was working so the women took dinner to her.

**Richard and Clara Russ** returned home Monday from Ohio, where they attended the wedding of their grandson, **Christopher Russ**, and **Anastacia Trapp** at Old Man's Cave, Ohio on Saturday. Among other relatives attending were the bride's parents, **Chuck and Linda Russ, Philadelphia, Pa.; Starla and Ralph Miester, Garden City; and Ruth and Jeff Longhenry and family of the Columbus, Ohio, area**. **Chuck Russ** came on Monday and is spending a week visiting his parents and other relatives.

Labor Day weekend guests of **Marlin Bowen** were his children, **Chris Bowen, Denver; Kathy and Ed Washington, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Tim and Connie Bowen, Oberlin; and Mary and Don Jacobs, Heron, S.D.** They all helped **Mary** celebrate her birthday.

**Stephanie DeCamp** spent Labor Day weekend with her mother, **Mary Macanany**, in Kansas City, Mo.

**Braden Ostmeier**, son of **Matt and Kristy Ostmeier of Ellis**, was baptized during morning worship services on Sunday at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin with **Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler** officiating. A family dinner followed at the home of **Randy and Judy Ostmeier**. Others present were **Randy and Sharon Olson, Eunice Martin, Nick and Kerrie Wahlmeier and Trenton, Brent and Mollie Olson, Oberlin; Darlene Fiekert, St. Francis; Ken and Candy Rauhut, Garden City; Ross and Jamie Rauhut, Savannah and Rhet, Kansas City; Connie Robison, Littleton, Colo.; Matt and Kristy Ostmeier, Jace, Tyler and Braden, Ellis; and Eric and Bridgette Moore, Gabi, Callie, Zach and Lizzie, Topeka.**

**Corinne Denton of Topeka** visited from Wednesday to Saturday with her mother, **Elaine Bryan**, who is recuperating at home following recent surgery.

**Joy Votapka** returned home Monday from Ogallala, Neb., where she had worked as a campground host for the Nebraska Parks for three weeks at **Lake McConaughy**. **Mary Anderson of Osborne** spent Labor Day weekend with her and they went to the train museum in North Platte and to a chuck wagon supper at a ranch on Saturday evening.

**Ryan and Leslie Nelson of Topeka and Sarah Marcuson of Hays** were Labor Day weekend guests of **Brad and Elaine Marcuson**.

grandchildren and his mother.

A reception was held Friday, Aug. 17, in the garden. The bride's sister, **Becky Barlow, Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and her aunt, Cindi Sloan Sander, Oberlin, attended.**

They are at home at 825 Pennsylvania Ave., Bangor, Pa., 18013. An open house is planned when the newlyweds are in Oberlin in December.

## Dance program is canceled

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Program by the **Robin Marks Dance Studio** scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 9, at The Gateway, has been canceled by the artist.

Another program Saturday, Sept. 29, will replace the canceled program on the Arts and Humanities season-ticket schedule, said **Mary Henzel**. Details will follow.

# Truck convoy to help Special Olympics

All truckers are invited to participate in the sixth annual Northwest Kansas World's Largest Truck Convoy on Saturday to raise money for the Kansas Special Olympics and also give some of the athletes a ride into Colby.

"They love to get on the CB radio," said **Joe Mentlick**, a convoy committee member. "You ought to see the smiles on them."

The west leg of the convoy will leave **Wilken's Truck and Trailer** in Goodland at 9:45 a.m. (Central Time), while the east leg will leave **Mitten's TA Travel Plaza** in Oakley at 10 a.m.

The two will meet in Colby at 11 a.m. and park along **Horton Avenue** to form a parade around the city, led by law enforcement officers participating in the Special Olympics Torch Run.

The convoy registration fee is \$100 for trucks and \$50 for cars and motorcycles, along with a valid driver's license and insurance.

**Coordinator Luke Shulte** said there is no deadline.

"They can even walk up and register Saturday morning," he said, adding that he hopes for about 60 entries from trucks and 30 for motorcycles, including company-sponsored and custom vehicles.

There will also be events just before and after the convoy at the

Oasis Travel Center in Colby.

"The public is invited to come out," **Shulte** said. "If they don't have a truck or whatever, they're still more than welcome to just join us."

On Friday, supper will be served for a donation by the Colby High School National Honor Society at **Oasis**. Entertainment will include a light show and, if the weather is wet enough, fireworks.

After the convoy will be a free-will lunch at **Quizno's** at **Oasis**, followed by an auction at 1 p.m.

Prizes will be handed out to the truckers at 3 p.m. for categories such as best lights, paint or chrome. The Special Olympic athletes will vote to award the prizes, **Shulte** said, based on "who has their version of the best truck."

A truck show and bike show will be held in conjunction with the convoy, sponsored by the **American Legion Riders**. Truckers and bikers can bring their rigs out for the show after 4 p.m. Friday. Pre-registration will be held that night and final registration will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

**Mentlick** said all money raised goes to support the Special Olympics. For details, call him at (785) 443-1682 or **Tom Sloan** (785) 675-8540.

## Family meets for reunion

The 64th annual **Wurm family reunion**, with the **George Wurm family** as hosts, brought 64 family members to The Gateway on Sunday.

**Jeanette Diederich** conducted the meeting and read the minutes of last year's meeting.

The oldest member present was **Mabel Zimmerman**, 93, of Oberlin. **Tessa Witt**, daughter of **Tyler and Tiffany Witt of Oberlin**, was the youngest. Two deaths occurred since the last meeting: **Dennis Wurm** on April 5 and **Bus Wurm** on Aug. 20.

Coming the farthest were **Bobbie Jo, Ken, McKenzie and Dante Bond** from LaSalle, Colo.

Surviving original cousins are **Mabel Zimmerman and Owen Wilson** from the **Andy Wurm family; Phyllis McKay, John Wurm family; Elden Haas, Mike Haas family; Larry Portschy, Mary (Wurm) Portschy family; and Eldred Wurm, Bill Wurm family.**

It was voted to have the 2013 reunion at The Gateway the first Sunday before Labor Day.

Family members attending and

their respective families were:

**George Wurm family:** Bruce and Cindy Howe, Brandy Faust, Ben and Shannon Richardson, Rod and Ginny Volberding and Shane, Eugene and Beverly Witt, Jeanette and Vernon Diederich, Jeff, Annette and Stephanie Troyer, Ian Goering, Clay, Ranae and Zya Richardson, Doyle and Julie Richardson; **Darrel Witt;** James and Kimberly Witt; Keely and Chris Wilson and family; **Tyler and Tiffany Witt and family;** Julie, Taylor, Clayton, Dierks and Capri Sayer; **Ed and Melba Witt;** Delane and Crista Sauvage and Jr.; **John W. Miller, Bobbie Jo Kenny, McKenzie and Dante Bond, Dave and Patty Chambers, Jeremy and Jenny Tally, and Lynn and Roberta Johnson.**

**Andy Wurm family:** Mabel Zimmerman.

**John Wurm family:** Keane L. Wurm.

**Matt Wurm family:** Carolyn Wurm, Rachel Wurm, and Joan and Darrin Glading, Ben and Matt.

**Bill Wurm family:** Eldred and Lorraine Wurm.

## Coaches speak to Rotarians

President **Duane Dorshorst** conducted the Aug. 28 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. Guests were **Kay Brown and Junior Rotarians Tyler Bruggeman and Cassandra Canto** from Decatur Community High.

Program Chair **Ben Jimenez** introduced the high school's fall sports coaches. Athletic director and head football coach **Joe Dreher** said he has 34 boys out for the team, the most for several years.

**Sherri Ruf**, volleyball coach,

said she has 20 girls; they began the season by defeating Wheatland/Grinnell but lost to Hoxie.

**Pat Dorshorst** will be the cross-country coach. She has some returning talent and new members who she said should develop into a successful team and season.

Rotarian **Jay Anderson** spoke about an upcoming Department of Commerce meeting which will begin at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday at The Gateway, and encouraged members to attend.

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### Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

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