

People in Our Community

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Guests for a carry-in meal Labor Day weekend at the home of Dennis and Judy Shirley were Brad Sauder and Rocio Rojas of The Colony, Texas; Tom Sloan, Hoxie; Dan and Carol Wasson, Selden; Shannon, Jaime and Aden Metcalf, Danbury; Patrick and Cindy Shirley, Norcat; Merle Shirley, Doris Sloan, Cindi Sauder, Jim and Laurie Wasson, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, Daisy Schmidt, Hannes Geysler and Willie Swart, Oberlin.

Tom and Barbara Mullen returned home recently from Sun Dance, Utah, where they attended the wedding of her great-niece, Shelby Winkler, and Grant Judkins. They also enjoyed fishing in the Colorado mountains.

Nora Bearley is recuperating in a rehab center after undergoing surgery at Sky Ridge Hospital in Lone Tree, Colo. Among those who have visited her were Montine Alstrom, Oberlin; Larry Bearley, Oakley, and Bob and Sharon Bearley, Kensington. Mail will reach her at the home of her daughter, Sandy and Jim Allen, 10305 Lions Heart, Littleton, Colo., 80124.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Norma Anderson, Doris Fringer, Dorothy Moore, Ivis Hanson, Marie McKisson and Max Carman. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Neil Marshall, John Cederberg, Norma Anderson, Willa Urban and Marie McKisson. Winners of Mexican Train dominoes were Nila Hafner and Dorothy Moore. There was no pitch. Bridge highs went to Char-

lotte Meints and Annette Miller. Commodities have been rescheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Golden Age Center.

Gus and Elsie Wolters attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Lacy Wolters and Sergio Ramirez, who were married in an outdoor wedding at the farm of Gus and Elsie Wolters at Ludell on Saturday. Some 200 guests attended. The couple will be living in Oakley, where the bride is a teacher at Oakley High School. Her husband is employed temporarily at Olathe as a customer service representative at Farmers Insurance.

-Accessorize with new Jewelry and Scarves. Just in time for Fireman's Ball. Oberlin Mercantile.

Cheryl Votapka attended the Winnebago campout held at Rutland's Outpost in Louisburg. The group toured the Cider Mill and watched apples being pressed into cider; the Somerset Winery; and the Cedar Cove Feline Sanctuary. They enjoyed a Saturday evening program given by Jimmy Fortune, the tenor for the Statler Brothers. She returned home Sunday.

Guests of Charlotte Meints for a luncheon at the LandMark Inn on Wednesday, Sept. 8, were Elaine Kingsley, Allen, Texas; Karen Stapp, Mount Vernon, Ind.; and Joy Votapka, Oberlin. Also invited but not able to attend was Patty Stapp, Norcat. Karen's husband, Randy went with his brother, Dave, and nephew, Sam Stapp, that morning to Grand Island, Neb., for Husker Harvest Days.

Federal grant available

Kansas landowners who want to protect their land by improving tree stands may be eligible for federal money through the federal Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

Eric B. Banks, state conservationist for the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, said the program can help landowners manage woodlands, renovate windbreaks, protect against stream-bank erosion or implement other conservation practices.

"Landowners who are interested should start the application process early by contacting their local Natural Resources Conservation Service Office," said Bob Atchison, rural forestry program coordinator with the Kansas Forest Service.

A forester will visit the property to identify concerns, such as gaps or dead trees in windbreaks and shelterbelts. If the property has enough issues to make it eligible for the program, the forester creates a conservation plan and submits it to the conservation agency, which ranks applications based on priority.

While the official deadline for applying for the program is Nov. 16, Atchison encouraged landowners to apply early and begin talking with their forester about conservation practices now. Begin by calling the county office at 475-3131.

For information, go to www.kansasforests.org/programs/rural/services.shtml.

Medicare patrol seeks volunteers

The Senior Medicare Patrol, sponsored by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services and the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, have joined to recruit and train people interested in fighting Medicare and Medicaid fraud.

The patrol is part of a federal program created to help Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries detect and report health-care fraud. Since 1997, it is credited with saving taxpayers more than \$100 million.

Volunteers receive training, which includes how to recognize and report Medicare fraud. They should have the tools and support needed to help seniors protect their personal information, detect suspicious activities and report any problems.

The agency is accepting applications for training Friday in Hays. These will be reviewed and processed by the state.

To obtain an application, call Glenna Clingingsmith at (785) 628-8204 or Nikki Gilliland, administrator, at (785) 296-0377 or e-mail Nikki.Gilliland@kdads.ks.gov.

Season tickets available here

The membership campaign continues for the McCook Concert Association, which plans four concerts this season.

The concerts are Classical Gas, pianist, violinist/comedian, Tuesday, Oct. 26; Cahal Dunne, "Ireland's Happy Man," Tuesday, Nov. 13; Peter Simson, "From Carnegie Hall to Small-Town America," Tuesday, March 5; and Two on Tap, with melodies from Broadway and classic precision of tap choreography, Saturday, April 6. All begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Fox Theater in McCook, with McCook High auditorium as the alternative site.

Season tickets are \$40 for adults, \$80 for a family and \$10 for students. Admission is by season ticket only and memberships are available only until the first concert. In Oberlin, call Charlotte Meints at (785) 475-3959.



HAVING LOTS OF FUN at the recent Teens for Christ Couch Race in Logan were members of the Oberlin group. Their entry was built by Austin Kyte, Ben Glading and Matt Glading, and they finished third.

-Photo by Doug Mason

Teens for Christ enjoy activities

Belonging to Oberlin Teens for Christ is not only fun and challenging throughout the school year, said Director Doug Mason, but after school was out in the spring, many members took part in mission trips and other activities during the summer.

"It's has been a very active summer for the teens, with three mission trips to various locations with Oberlin teens on each team," he said.

The first to depart was the Horn Creek team, led by Mr. Mason. Robert Reuther of rural Herndon was on that team. Thirteen teens and six adults traveled to Horn Creek Camp outside of Westcliffe, Colo., for a one-week stay. They helped the camp recover from wind storms that toppled over 200 trees on the grounds. All week, the team hauled logs and brush, cleaning up the campground. At an elevation of close to 10,000 feet, it was quite a challenge. The brush had to be burned and the logs were split for firewood, he said.

The next team went to the Carey Mission Center at Carey, Miss., helping there with labor projects. Teens from Oberlin included: Matt Glading, Jude Walinder and Mi-

chael Noren.

The third mission team traveled to Pierre, S.D., where they worked with people of the Lakota tribe. On the way, they stopped for a couple of days in Nebraska to do some work at a boys' home.

While in South Dakota they performed a skit, giving a message of hope through a relationship with Christ, and also helped with a Vacation Bible School. Oberlin teens included Ben Glading, David Noren, Brittany Urban and Caleb Koerperich.

In mid-July was Teens for Christ summer camp with the theme "SMASH." It focused on helping teens smash idols that get in the way of God's purpose for their lives. Besides morning and evening rallies and seminars, there was plenty of fun with tubing, canoeing and swimming to help keep cool in the triple-digit temperatures.

The teens manned a booth in the Commercial Building during the Decatur County Fair, which brought attention to the need for clean water in Haiti. The effort raised \$100 for the project.

The teens opened the new school year on Aug. 26 at the group's build-

ing at 118 S. Rodehaver with a special event called "Trade Up." The following week, they participated in the first ever TFC Couch Race in Logan. Oberlin's entry, built by Austin Kyte, Ben Glading and Matt Glading, finished third.

October will bring a Pumpkin Chunk'n contest in Scott City, and Mr. Mason said that the teens will need to build a trebuchet (a type of catapult) to launch an eight-pound pumpkin. Robert Rouse is in charge of that project. Other volunteers include Britta Noren and John Sater, Oberlin, and Tim Cummins, Norton.

Doug and Jo Mason are starting their eighth year as leaders of the Oberlin Teens for Christ and have worked in youth ministry for 30 years. A regional organization, TFC Connection, is based in Phillipsburg.

The couple must raise their own financial support since the ministry is not affiliated with any church, and he noted that most of the money comes from the Oberlin area. Anyone who would like to help with this youth ministry should call the Masons at (785) 475-4021.

Club News

Club holds salad supper

Eunice Martin was hostess for the salad supper on her backyard patio Sept. 10 to open the Pi Alpha Club year. Her grandson, Brent Olson, surprised her and prepared delicious charbroiled hamburgers served with his special sauce, much to his grandmother's delight.

President Marty Olson conducted the business meeting. There were 13 members present, including Pat Wright of Oakley, and Margaret Steadman, a former member, who has moved back to Oberlin from Denver.

Mrs. Olson reviewed the new club books and each member talked about her summer activi-

ties and family news. An address was given for member Nora Bearley, who underwent a complete hip replacement in Denver and is recuperating at the home of her daughter, Sandy and Jim Allen, in Littleton, Colo.

The club will entertain for October birthdays at the Good Samaritan Center. Estella Waldo received the hostess gift of BEE Bar hand lotion.

The club will travel to Oakley for the next meeting on Sept. 27 at the home of Mrs. Wright. Members will leave Oberlin at 9:30 a.m. and share rides.

Supper opens club year

Arian Arnold's country home was the place for the fall kick-off meeting for Monday Evening Club on Sept. 10 when members enjoyed a salad supper.

New officers conducting their first meeting were Nanette Zander, president; Carol Morford, vice president; Kay Gaskill, treasurer; and Marcia Lohoefer, secretary.

Danielle Leitner and Sue May

talked about the Oberlin Pool Project. Financing will come from a 1.5-cent increase in the city sales tax over a 20-year period, if a vote on Nov. 6 is successful. The women encouraged members to vote.

The October meeting program will be given by Extension specialist Tranda Watts on "Vitamin D and More."

Members enjoy luncheon

Zeta Nu Club members traveled to Destination Kitchen in Norton for a Dutch-treat luncheon on Sept. 13. Ten members and two guests enjoyed chicken salad wraps, pasta salad and beverages.

The staff guaranteed that the calories had been manually removed from the many varied dessert choices.

The group explored the wide variety of kitchen and dining utensils, gadgets and accessories displayed and some visited the Stitch Up a Storm Quilting Shop next door.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in the parlor of the Last Indian Raid Museum.

Widows and Friends meet

The Widows and Friends group opened its fall season with a luncheon at the ReLoad on Sept. 12 with 14 present.

Attending were coordinator Mary Ann Amack, Phyllis Screen, Millie Lippelmann, Eileene Grose, Pat Abbey, Elaine Bryan, Cecil Hess, Laurene Van

Otterloo, Ardis Roe, Eula Juemann, Delores Koerperich, Doris Fringer, Delphyn Biggs and Virginia Spratling.

Mrs. Amack announced that the next meeting will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, for dessert at the LandMark Inn.

Kansas history program Sept. 29

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will present Marla Matkin in an entertaining historical program at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at The Gateway.

This program replaces the dance program which was to have been presented on Sept. 9 in the season program.

Ms. Matkin is a lifelong Kansan whose great-grandparents homesteaded in southwest Kansas in the 1870s. She will present "Cattle Towns and Soiled Doves," a story of early Kansas history, cattle drives and the excitement of life on the

edge of the frontier.

Growing up near Dodge City, she says, her love of history developed at an early age, particularly American history and the West. She became a "living scholar" after graduating with a degree in education from Fort Hays State University. She loves to educate, inform and entertain her audiences and make history come alive.

She has been giving presentations for more than 14 years in such places as the Smithsonian in Washington; the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, Wyo.; the National Cowboy

and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City; and National Park sites throughout the country.

She will bring to life the frenzied excitement of a frontier known as the "Wild West." As she dresses the part of the Contessa, she portrays the life, music and times of an early cattle town.

This is a season ticket event or \$12 for adults and \$7 for grade and high school students. For details, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

Family holds reunion at Studley

Members of the family of the late Barney and Clara Schieferecke met for a reunion Sept. 1 and 2 at the Lazy JS Ranch, owned by Bill and Kathy Schieferecke, at Studley.

Those present, by families, included: Anna Belle and Ray Heim: Rob and Chris Heim, Dave and Julie Heim, Louise and Bill Bixby, Karen and Gary Bebbler, Jerry and Whitney Heim and Adam and David.

Mary Schieferecke. Bill and Kathy Schieferecke: Eilene and Jim Minnix, Carl, Luke, Gayle and Chris Davis, Linda and Larry Betzen and Heather, Joey Betzen and Carrie Criss, Krystal Kenrick, Evie and Eli, Joan Schieferecke and Kurt Brown, Ryan and Jenny Gentry, Jackson and Wyatt, Rachel and Dusty Ewing and Landry, Larry and Janet Schieferecke, Adam and Kate, Carol and John Towe, Kastin and Clara, Bernie and Wendy Schieferecke, Devynn, Grayce and Tealynn, Ray and Meghan Schieferecke, Ava, Jenna and Victoria, Anna and Jesse Nippert, Kalea, Kyra, Lucy and Liv.

John B. and Margarite Schieferecke: George Schieferecke, Steven

and Tammy Schieferecke, Tearza and James, Mike Schieferecke, Don and Theresa Schieferecke, John and Lucas, Katy Schieferecke, Chrus Naverro, Brian and Amy Schieferecke and Britney, Howaed and Tracy Schieferecke, Alex and friend Noah.

Dot Dow and Bob Perrett.

Angie Schieferecke. Rose Ann and Joe Long, Christie and Jeff Derks, Lizzie and Joe Tillery.

Theresa and Joe Radnor. Paul Schieferecke: Myrna Mai and grandson, Kelly and Wally Margheim, Zander and Ella, Roger Schieferecke.

New Arrival

Eric Christopher Barlett

Eric Christopher Barlett was born July 19, 2012, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces and 20.5 inches long. His parents are Natalie (Brown) Barlett, originally from Oberlin, and Chris Barlett, originally from Overland Park. They now live in Gettysburg, Pa. Grandparents are Kevin and Jackie Brown, Oberlin, and Paul and Peggy Barlett, Overland Park. Great-grandparents are Norma Brown, Oberlin; Mary Mead, Russell; and Rachel Barlett, Kent, Ohio.



Eric

Decatur County Health Department Will Be Doing

Blood Draws

on Tuesday, September 25th From 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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Offering a comprehensive profile, lipid profile, CBC, and TSH, also a PSA for men. Also available is a HgA1C for our Diabetics

For more information or to make an appointment Call (785) 475-8118

Mona's Market

in Dresden is now open!

We have mums, cool gourds, tulip bulbs, perennials, shrubs, trees, tomatoes.

Hours are 9-5:30 Monday through Saturday. Come see us where we have "every bloomin' thing under the sun"

Ellis County Historical Society

Presents

Family Friendly Activities at the Annual Oktoberfest

Friday, October 5th 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Come Celebrate Our German Heritage

Featuring demonstrations of Butter Churning, Corn Shelling, Rug Braiding, Soap Making plus so much more. Also enjoy Historical Renactors and German music at Municipal Park - 4th & Main, Hays