

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
People in
Our Community
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Makenzie Nelson, daughter of Steve and Susan Nelson, graduated from Friends University on Saturday with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a minor in religion. Attending the graduation at the Intrust Bank Arena in Wichita were Don and Joan Grafel; her fiancé, Matt Buesch; and her parents.

Bill and Carol Duncan returned recently from a trip to Texas. In Lubbock, they visited their son Greg and family and got to watch their grandson, Matthew, 7, play baseball. They also visited Carol's sister and husband and their extended family. In Coleman, Texas, they visited their son Scott and family. On their return up Highway 83, they visited Carol's cousin, Eleanor Meares, in Shamrock, and family. The drought continued along their entire trip, but they experienced a big rain storm north of Garden City on the return trip.

LeRay Zodrow, son of Mory and Deena Zodrow of Oberlin, received a diploma in Auto Body Technology from McCook Community College during graduation ceremonies on Friday.

Piano students of Cheryl Metcalf performed their recital pieces at The Gateway on May 1. Students performing were Cori, Judith, Jesse, and Calista Isbell, Kade and Isabel Grafel, Madolaine and Gabrielle Johnson, Alyssa VanVleet, Clayton Carter, Erin May, Mollie and Gracie Tate, Brynna Addleman, Caleb, Luke and Melody Koerperich, Daniel Lerew, Caitlin Shields, Molly and Morgan Jansonius, Michael Noren, and Elizabeth Nedland. Trophies were received by many who participated in piano clinics, Good Samaritan and Cedar Living presentations, contests and Music Progressions throughout the year. A duet was presented by Mollie and Gracie Tate.

— Alumni reminder. Get your supper reservations online at www.usd294.org

Tiffany Anderson, a 2011 graduate of Decatur Community High School, received the Vice President of McCook Community College Student of the Year Award, which is given to the outstanding student who excelled in academics, leadership and service to the college and community. She also was among students who received the MCC Spirit Award for her positive outlook on the college regarding its faculty, staff, students and the mission of Mid Plains Community College. Among activities in which she was involved included Campus Crusade for Christ, music and theater, and Student Senate. Her parents are Tom and Karen Anderson.

Steve and Anita Hirsch were in the Washington, DC area from May 7 through 12 to attend the spring conference of the National Volunteer Fire Council. He was elected to the position of Second Vice President of the council in a contested race at the meeting in Alexandria, Va.

This council is the voice of the volunteer fire and Emergency Medical Service in America, representing about three-quarters of a million firefighters nationwide. Representatives from 42 states were present for the meeting which ran from May 8 to the 10.

Steve has served as a board member for Kansas on the council for seven years and has been committee chair for about three years. During the meeting Vice President Biden and Congressman Peter King,

Republican from New York, were guest speakers. The term of office runs for two years. Steve also serves as the Secretary of the Kansas State Firefighters Association and is Training Officer for Sheridan County Fire District 1 at Hoxie, Selden and Menlo, Thomas County Fire District 4 at Rexford, and the Grinnell Fire Department.

Cheryl Votapka attended the Winnebago Show and Tell held at Hawleywood RV in Dodge City. The group toured the Forget-Me-Not Dairy, which is family owned and milks 8,000 cows three times a day. They also toured the Western State Bank Expo Center where the 3i Show is now being permanently held. She returned home Sunday afternoon.

Winners in the Bargain Box Plus drawing last week during their grand opening included: Regina Stanley and Gail Morgan, bears; Waunita Stoney, quilt; Dawn Torrence, \$10; Sherrie Regal, \$20; and Andrea Burmaster, \$25.

Sid and Cheryl Metcalf and Bob and Kay Gaskill were Mother's Day dinner guests of their children, Shad and Jody Metcalf and family of Colby.

Gail and Kay Marcuson spent from Thursday to Sunday visiting Julie and Mark Hubbard and Brandon in Lakewood, Colo. They all attended the graduation ceremony in Golden, Colo., on Friday morning at the Colorado School of Mines. Brandon graduated Magna Cum Laude in civil engineering. The Marcusons and Diane Newcom were breakfast guests of Dixie Rueland and her son, Rick Hoffman, on Saturday morning. Chuck and Diane Newcom were among additional guests at the Hubbard home for Mother's Day dinner on Sunday.

Annamarie Larue attended an evening banquet on Friday at Emporia State University where she was presented by the Teachers College with a Certificate of Honor for Outstanding Academic Achievement. These students had maintained a 3.99 to 4.0 grade point average. There were 40 recipients of this honor, which covered the December, May and August graduations. Attending the banquet as her guest was her mother, Marianne Larue.

Dave and Corinne Denton of Topeka spent from Thursday to Sunday with her mother, Elaine Bryan, for Mother's Day.

Crista Sauvage attended funeral services on Monday morning at the First Presbyterian Church in Hoxie for her great-aunt, Vera Morgan, who died Wednesday.

Cecil Hess visited on Mother's Day at the Steve Confer home in St. Francis and they attended the Dance Ranch Recital in which her granddaughter, Jessica, participated.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Norma Anderson, Dorothy Moore, Kelva Dryden, Ivis Hanson and Doris Fringer. Lows went to Henry Edgett, John Cederberg, Ardis Roe, Neil Marshall and Max Carman. Chicken Foot domino winners were Gladys Geis and Kay Marcuson. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Max Carman and John Cederberg. Taking highs at bridge were Cynthia Matson, Charlotte Meints and Ila Ray. Senior potluck will be at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Performances are scheduled for 2 and 5 p.m. that afternoon. Everyone is invited to come out and watch the fire department give the elephants a bath at 11:30 a.m. For details, go to www.bigtopshow.com.

Circus in Norton on Saturday

The Norton Rotary Club will sponsor the Carson and Barnes Circus under the Big Top in Norton on Saturday. The circus tent will be erected that morning at Elmwood Park.

Let's Celebrate
Don Guinn's
 85th Birthday on May 21.
 Cards can reach him at
 4935 Elm Grove Dr.
 Colorado Springs, CO 80911




WARREN STREET SNAPPED a photo of his great-grandfather, William D. Street, from the archives in *The Oberlin Herald* office. Mr. Street's great-grandfather was the second owner and editor of *The Herald*. Mr. Street and his wife Libby were in Oberlin researching his family tree.

— Herald staff photo by Carolyn Plotts

Editor's descendant searches for roots

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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Back in Oberlin for a return visit early this week were Warren and Libby Street, Ellensburg, Wash.

The Streets' first visit was in 1994, when they had begun tracing Mr. Street's genealogy. That led them to his great-grandfather, William D. Street, the second owner and editor of *The Oberlin Herald*.

A story about Editor Street in the Centennial Edition of *The Herald*, published June 14, 1979, alludes to his previous occupations as a cowboy, soldier and buffalo hunter. In his own words, he had no experience to be the editor of a newspaper. His only connection was a friend who had worked at a newspaper. The friend's tales of newspaper work ignited the spark in him to someday be involved in publishing a newspaper.

In 1881 he became owner and editor of *The Herald*, one of two newspapers in Oberlin at the time. *The Oberlin Times* was the other paper, and within three months the owners sold it to Mr. Street for the goodly sum of \$35.

He later added legislator to his resumé, serving as the speaker of the House of Representatives in Topeka for one session.

Students receive awards

Several seniors from Golden Plains and Decatur Community high schools have received Pete Henry Scholarships.

Mr. Henry, a farmer in the Brewster area, was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps as a flight engineer on B-17, B-24, and B-29 aircraft. He participated in top-secret training, with some of the airmen from his base being the ones who dropped the atomic bomb on Japan.

He established a foundation to award academic and technical scholarships to area students. Among those given for the 2013-2014 school year:

Vietnam Wall to be in McCook

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute will visit McCook, with the Traveling Wall on display from noon Thursday through Sunday at Weiland Field.

The main sponsor is the Chris Hansen American Legion Post, with help from the McCook Rotary Club, the McCook Area Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. Donations to help pay expenses are

4-H Club meets at church

By ISABEL GRAFEL
 The monthly meeting of the Stick-To-It 4-H Club was held May 5 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Seventeen members and one leader were present. Roll call was

The Streets' focus during this trip led them to the Register of Deeds office at the Decatur County Courthouse and to county cemeteries.

"Everyone has been so helpful," Mr. Street said, singling out Sharileen Wurm, director of the Last Indian Raid Museum, for her help in locating cemetery plots.

William Street's daughter, Lois, married Caleb Smick, superintendent of schools in Oberlin. Mr. Smick died while attending a football game in Oberlin and Smick Memorial Field was named in his honor. The Streets and later the Smicks lived on the property in southwest Oberlin now owned by Leland and Eloise Smith.

When the Streets leave Oberlin, they will follow William D. Street's footsteps backward to Jewell, in Jewell County about 130 miles east of Oberlin, where he homesteaded as a 17-year-old. Mr. Street told how his great-grandfather was too young to legally obtain land if it hadn't been for his military record, since a veteran could homestead land.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Street are retired college psychology professors. They have four children and taught for many years at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

- \$2,000 Vo-Tech School: Jose Bermudez, Jesus Garcia, Camron Spesser, Golden Plains; Samantha Meitl, Decatur Community.
- \$2,500: Angela Ritter, Golden Plains; Miki Dorshorst, Zachary May, Oberlin.
- \$2,000: Cassidy Shields, Oberlin.
- \$1,500: Elizabeth Nedland, Darbi Rouse, Oberlin.
- \$1,000: Tyler Bruggeman, Ryan May, Cheyenne Soderlund, Oberlin; Andrew Luna, Morgan Walz, Golden Plains.
- \$750: Haydyn Best, Golden Plains; Kade Brown, Cassandra Canto, Mika Hackney, Oberlin.

being accepted at the front desk at McCook National Bank and should be tax deductible.

The project travels the nation to honor men and women who served in the Vietnam war, and to pay tribute to those who gave their lives.

For details, call Maggie Reppas at (308) 340-0256 or the Chamber at (308) 345-3200.

Happy Birthday



Come have a ball at the open house for **Henry (Hank) Edgett's** 90th birthday on **Sunday, May 19,** 2-4 p.m. at the Oberlin Senior Center. Hope to see you there, no gifts please.

Oberlin graduate honored for work

Nione (Olson) Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., a 1961 graduate of Decatur Community High School, was honored recently for her work as a volunteer at the Medical Center of the Rockies.

She began working at the hospital seeing how important the team was when her husband was in the hospital in 2008. She works in the volunteer office eight hours a week.

She helps out every Monday and Friday in the volunteer office, which is a central location where hospital staff members take office projects, preparation of chart packets, laminations, copying and other chores. Her responsibility is to assure that all of those are handled smoothly.

"None didn't hesitate to jump in with both feet," said Linda Fisher, director of volunteer and guest services. "She not only signed up to be a volunteer, but she also became part of our Patient Family Advisory Council, which was started to

promote and support patient and family-centered values at the center in personalizing, humanizing and demystifying the health care experience.

"This group promotes and creates new and unique opportunities for communication and collaboration emphasizing responsible and personalized patient and family centered care."

Mrs. Rhodin worked in administration for Ball Aerospace for 30 years before she retired.

"Her loving nature is just so apparent in all her actions," Mrs. Fisher added. "She has enormous dedication to the University of Colorado Health system and remarkable and impressive work ethic. Her total number of volunteer hours of 792 is an inspiration."

Mrs. Rhodin is the daughter of the late Alvin and Edla Olson and a sister of Galen Olson of Oberlin and Arian Arnold of rural Hemdon.



N. Rhodin

Tech commencement set

The Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland will honor graduates during the annual commencement ceremony at 2:30 p.m. (Central Time) Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland.

This year marks Northwest Tech's

48th graduating class, with about 140 students graduating from one of 15 technical programs.

Kansas Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer, a fifth-generation Kansan, will be the keynote speaker. The college's Student of the Year will be named.

School physicals set at clinic

The Oberlin Clinic will do physicals for girls and boys in the Oberlin School District, with girls on Thursday and boys next Tuesday. Cost is \$10, which must be paid at the time. This will cover students for activities during the 2013-14 school year.

Girls in grades seven and eight will go at 4 p.m., with girls ninth to 12th at 4:30 p.m.

The boys schedule Tuesday will be grades four to six, 4 p.m.; grades seven and eight, 4:30 p.m., and grades nine to 12, at 5 p.m.

Club News

Club plants spring flowers

Nine members and one guest of the Oberlin Garden Lovers Club met April 23 for a luncheon at the LandMark Inn.

Jeremy Tally, sexton and groundskeeper for the city, discussed solutions for problems club volunteers encountered last year as they watered Oberlin's city parks. Club members were scheduled to plant flowers in the downtown planters on Tuesday.

Extension Agent Byron Hale talked on how to make self-watering planters and plants that work well in containers, and

passed out sheets listing perennials that do well in both sun and shade. At the end of his talk, he handed out Kansas State University pamphlets on Prairie Bloom perennial flowers and Prairie Star annual flowers, including listings of plants suited for our area.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 28; call 475-2340 that morning to reserve a spot and order lunch. The club meets at noon the fourth Tuesday of the month and always welcomes new members.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met May 8 for breakfast at the Frontier Cafe with 17 women present.

Cecil Hess advised that coordinator Mary Ann Amack sent her regards to all, as she had been ill for several weeks and is recuperating satisfactorily at home. No May birthdays were reported. Mrs. Hess read "The Way to Happiness" for devotions and the women decided to meet at

11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 12, for lunch at the Pizza Hut.

Others attending included Mildred Holmdahl, Charlotte Meints, Mabel Zimmerman, Phyllis Screen, Laurene Van Otterloo, Elaine Bryan, Nadean Stoney, Joy Votapka, Virginia Spratling, Ardis Roe, Doris Fringer, Eula Juenemann, Joan Ward, Jeanette Miller, Dolores Koerperich and Bertha Schwisow.

Big Timber Memorial Services
Sunday, May 26
 10 a.m. followed by
Potluck Dinner at 12:30 p.m.
 at the City Hall in Jennings.
 Drinks will be furnished.
 Please bring your own table service.

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| WAR DEAD | Foreign Service | |
| Joseph Cilek John Fiala, Sr. Albert Janousek Matt Kaspar, Sr. | Fred Wentz James Janousek Joseph Urban | Frank Pachner Gustave Steffen Joseph Tucek Joseph Vacura |
| Civil War Bartholomew Henry | Spanish American War Anthony Kolsky | |
| Henry W. Heilman William Krizek | World War I Anthony Kaspar Joseph Petracek | |
| Edward Cilek Vollie Kathka Raymond Matousek Alfred W. Heilman Lys Carey | World War II Anton Vacura Carl Kasper Bernard Ehrlich Frederick A. Flaska Lumir Jesse Skubal | Raymond Pavlicek Myron Skubal John Petracek Stanley Mazanek Donald Shaw |
| Vietnam Wayne Buchanan | Korea Raymond Kaspar Norman Petracek Harwood Chandler Bennie Krizek Charles Votapka | |
| Peacetime Elmer Petracek | | |