

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

People in Our Community

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Rita Carey of Westminster, Colo., visited over Memorial weekend with her aunt, Maxine Sauvage, and other relatives in the Oberlin and Jennings area.

Memorial weekend guests of Cliff and Eunice Wenger were Sharlee Westhoff, Fort Morgan, Colo.; and Steven Wenger, Casper, Wyo. Joining them Saturday evening were Lawrence and Dorothy Wenger, Judy Wenger and Estella Waldo.

Jacob Daniel Larue participated in the "Order of the Purple" honors recognition ceremony on Friday, May 17, at Butler Community College in El Dorado. This order was established in 1937 to recognize graduates who are outstanding in scholarship, leadership, service and character. Those who attended were Joan, Bruce and Marianne Larue, Oberlin; Annamarie Larue, El Dorado; Carissa Wentz, Wichita, and Angie Biggs, Kingman. Jacob was also awarded the "Order of the Gold" which was established in 1985 to award students who maintain a 4.0 grade point average. He did not attend commencement since he was in Emporia for the graduation for his sister, Annamarie Larue, at Emporia State University, which was at the same time.

Classmates and guests of the 1951 graduating class of Decatur Community High School gathered for a luncheon on Friday at the LandMark Inn to honor Jim and Jane Rasmussen Daume, Littleton, Colo.; and their sister-in-law, Carole Rasmussen, Lansdale, Pa.; who were in Oberlin for the Alumni Banquet. Others present were Bill Kelley, Junction City; Shirley Unger Gaede, San Antonio, Texas; Perky Smalberger Barnett, Peoria, Ariz.; Melvin and Margaret Moore, Benkelman, Neb.; Gene and Beverly Witt, Danbury; Mary Lou Bendon Olson, Hemdon; Max and Veanna Van Vleet Carman, Joy Cathcart Votapka, Delta Bryan Anderson, George Ruzicka, Dorothy Reith Moore, Marjorie Vernon Olson, Enid Worcester Anderson, Eloise Anderson Smith, and Joyce Claar Ploussard.

Decatur County 2013 Sweetheart Couple Jim and Linda Hollowell traveled on a three-day get-away trip to Kansas City, Mo. Linda visited her longtime friend, Kay McRae, and her husband visited his cousin, Chuck White in Grandviw, Mo. Guests at the Hollowell home over Memorial weekend were Joe Hollowell, Denver, and his fiancée, Scotti Ilene Simmons, Bailey, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Crozier of Laramie, Wo., and Darlene Ankle of Chandler, Ariz., were Wednesday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters.

Kevin Amack and Madeline of Meeker, Colo., were weekend guests of his mother, Mary Ann Amack and he attended the 30th anniversary class reunion.

Marie McKisson traveled to Abilene on Friday for a family reunion dinner on Saturday evening. She and her sister, Carol Jean Barkley, visited the Hans Hanson-Allan

Lindfors Historical Home in Marquette. On Monday, they attended memorial services at the Athelstane and Rose Meron Cemeteries near Longford.

Perky Barnett, Peoria, Ariz., spent Memorial weekend with her daughter, Carol Smith. Other guests were her daughter, Gayle Herzog, Denver, and her son, Joe Herzog, Iowa.

Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica, St. Francis; Steve and Chris Hess, Norah, Lola and Francie, Overland Park; and Dan and Julie Hess and Carter, Salina; were weekend visitors of their mother, Cecil Hess.

Marjorie Law of Lakewood, Colo., was a Memorial weekend guest of Dr. Gary and Sarah Fredrickson.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ivis Hanson, Norma Anderson, Max Carman, Dewaine Stapp and Ardis Roe. Lows went to Doris Fringer, Henry Edgett, Ivis Hanson, John Cederberg and Ardythe Cederberg. Chicken Foot domino winners were Ann Mines and Lillian Koger. Pitch highs were won by Pat Abbey and Henry Edgett, Ardythe Cederberg and Dorothy Moore. Taking highs at bridge were Marie McKisson and Marty Olson.

Ila Ray is a patient in Decatur County Hospital, where she was transferred after undergoing hip surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, following a fall last week. Her sister, Jean Earlywine, of Louisville, Colo., is visiting her.

David Kenneth Morris, a 2005 graduate of Decatur Community High School, graduated during commencement exercises in Lynn Farrell Arena at Hastings College in Hastings, Neb., on May 18. He received a Master of Arts in Teaching with an Emphasis in Natural Science Education. His parents are Ken and Christy Morris of Lincoln, Neb., but formerly of Oberlin.

Annamarie Lea Larue graduated Summa Cum Laude (overall grade point average of at least 3.9) from Emporia State University on Saturday, May 18, with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the Teachers College. Those in attendance were Joan, Bruce and Marianne Larue, Oberlin; Jacob Larue, El Dorado; Carissa Wentz, Wichita; Brandon Wagner, Manhattan; Mark and Melinda Wagner, Augusta; Angie Biggs, Kingman; and Sharon Buscher, Topeka.

Visiting at the home of Cliff and Eunice Wenger over the weekend were Gale and Dee Harold, Omaha; Max and Rayta (Bainter) Mues and Andrew Mues, all of Golden, Colo.

Guests of Joy Votapka last week were Merle and Mary Oxley and their son, Bill Oxley, all of San Marcos, Texas. They are Navy friends of Mrs. Votapka and her late husband, Chuck Votapka. Charlie and Gina Votapka of Ogallala, Neb., were weekend guests of Mrs. Votapka.

Citywide garage sales June 8

Mark your calendar and get ready for the Oberlin Citywide Garage Sale set for Saturday, June 8, sponsored by the Decatur County Chamber of Commerce.

Fill out a form at the Chamber office if you want to be included on the map. Cost is \$5. Return forms

Signup set for farmers

On May 13, the U.S. Farm Service Agency office here started accepting continuous Conservation Reserve Program signup offers. This program was extended under the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 through Sept. 30, 2013.

by 11 a.m. Friday, June 7, or call the Chamber at (785) 475-3441 and leave a message. Maps will be available at 1 p.m. Friday, June 7 at the Chamber office.

For questions, call the Chamber office at 475-3441 or Carrie Morford at (785) 475-8308.

Authority to enroll includes offer acceptance and contract approval for all conservation initiatives offered under the continuous signup.

For details, stop by the office at 410 S. Buffalo, call (785) 475-3131 or go to www.fsa.usda.gov.



CARRYING ON A LONG TRADITION, members of the Lebanon American Legion held Memorial Day services at the Lyle Cemetery on Sunday as they have for almost 60 years. The color guard (from left) included Gary Anthony, Larry Sumner and Gary Hoffman; at attention in the background was Legion Chaplain Ray Haag. Not pictured was Allan Powell.

Lyle honors veterans on Memorial Day

About 30 people assembled at 11 a.m. Sunday for Memorial Day services in the Lyle Cemetery.

The little country cemetery in northeast Decatur County was dotted with markers denoting fallen servicemen, and decorated with the flowers left by friends and family.

Jim Helm, commander of the Lebanon American Legion Post, directed the color guard and introduced the program. Matthew Helm led the singing of the National Anthem, Steve Helm read the Gettysburg Address and Timothy Helm laid a wreath at the cross marking the grave of the Unknown Soldier.

Flowers were laid on veterans graves by Skylar Hawkins, 3, and Kylie Gruwell, 6, great-granddaughters of Veda Wood of Norcat, a former Lyle resident. They were assisted by Ceanne Helm Rinehart.

Firing a three-volley salute was a rifle squad including Steve Haag, Martin Rinehart, Jim Sailors and Jim Gallehon. To conclude the services, Rebecca Cox played "Taps."

Following the services, a potluck lunch was served in the Lyle Community Building.

The Nebraska Legionnaires have conducted the service for almost 60 years.

Wives sponsor music concert

The Decatur County Firefighters Wives will sponsor a benefit country music concert by Jerry Bennett at 7 p.m. Friday, June 7, at The Gateway.

Mr. Bennett has been nominated for Keyboard Player of the Year, Gospel Artist of the Year, Showman of the Year and Entertainer of the Year, as well as the Families Advocating Moral Entertainment Award.

He has been entertaining during the winter season in the coastal bend of Texas since 2006, when he first appeared at the Rockport Gospel Festival, sponsored by the Rockport Police Department.

For advance tickets, contact Teresa Diederich at (785) 470-7097 or any member of the group. Tickets are \$10, with children 11 and under free.

Family gathers in Oberlin

Descendants of the Daniel and Dora (Gumm) Dean family from five states met in Oberlin over the Memorial Day weekend for their family reunion.

Saturday activities were held at the Golden Age Center, with breakfast and lunch on Sunday at the Peggy Groneweg home.

Those present included Barry and Cynthia Rubendall, Mary Rubendall, Franklin, Neb.; Lyle and Fran Winder, Derby; Steve Winder,

Wichita; Jill Garver Howell, Richard Lamb, Hays; Jim and Joyce Jones, Cambridge, Neb.; Marie Kester, Ellsworth; Bev McLinden, Adel, Iowa; Gib and Liz Dean, Knoxville, Iowa; Eric and Liz Groneweg, Kearney, Neb.; Lynn and Donna Groneweg, Enid, Okla.; Jillian Thompson and Theo, Macanda, Ill.; and Bruce Winder, Robert and Judy Groneweg, and Peggy Groneweg, Oberlin.

Rotarians enjoy school band

Teacher Sarah Bricker and the 25 sixth-grade band students presented the program at the May 21 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. They were introduced by Program Chair Ben Jimenez.

Mrs. Bricker said students have been working on jazz numbers and improvised pieces and some have been working on solo parts. They played a "Boogie Woogie" number,

followed by a sixth-grade entry into the last-day-of-school talent show called "Dynamite!" The students also played a rousing rendition of "Crocodile Rock."

Megan Carter and her infant son were guests. The club will take a tour of the Czech Museum in Jennings at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 9, followed by a picnic at the Doyle and Kay Brown home.

Agency sets loss deadline

The deadline for farmers and ranchers who suffered a loss to 2011 crops to enroll into the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program for that year is Friday, June 7.

The program provides help to producers when disaster strikes, said Diane Barrett, county executive director for the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

To qualify, operations must be in a county designated as a federal disaster area that year or be in an adjacent contiguous county, but farmers with operations in other counties may be

eligible if they lost at least half the normal production on their farm.

Farmers must have signed up for insurance on all insurable crops through the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. and have signed up for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program on noninsurable crops. Forage crops are not eligible for this program.

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High School Alumni gather for banquet

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Graduates and guests of the Decatur Community High Alumni Association met Saturday at The Gateway for the annual alumni banquet.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said, after which Jim Plotts gave the invocation.

The meal was prepared by The Gateway staff, Jeanette Wurm Diederich and Chris Ward, and was served by the sophomore class under the direction of Wendy Scott.

President Anita Richardson Hirsch welcomed the crowd. Officers re-elected included: Mrs. Hirsch, president; Steve Zodrow, vice president; and Judy Wenger, treasurer. The secretary's position is still open.

Dick Carman was recognized for all his volunteer work for the banquet. The roll of the anniversary classes was called and veterans were recognized.

Four-generation 2013 graduates included: Dakota Cook, Crystal Beneda Cook; Judy Wenger and the late Cleta Gilbert Wenger; and Kalee May, Chris May, Marvin May and Martin May.

Steve Zodrow introduced members of the Class of 2013, who were guests of the Alumni Association.

Jay Gilbert was recognized as the oldest graduate present, graduating 77 years ago.

Coming the farthest distance was Allen White, Class of 1963 who traveled from Puerto Rico.

Pat Berkheimer Dixon sang several selections for the program, then Jenny Hirsch Tally played piano for the singing of the Alma Mater.

The following made reservations for the banquet:

- 1936: Jay Gilbert.
- 1937: Amy Anderson Rehm.
- 1938: Eunice Anderson Martin.
- 1940: Ivis Hanson, Gail and Kay Marcuson.

- 1941: Wayne Larson.
- 1943: Dennis Fraker, Doris Stephens Gilbert, Bernice Montgomery Sevier.

- 1945: James Area, Jeff Area.
- 1946: Elden Anderson.
- 1947: Don Ater, Don Carlisle.

- 1948: Duane Berry, Lynda Bickel, Shirley Jones Carlisle, Donna McKenna Chambers, Margie Coulter Eiswerth, Gale and Dee Harold, Keith Nichols, Cindy Mines, Betty Keefer Nichols, Esther Benda Noren, Kim Portillo, Keith and Evelyn Shaw, Nadean Jennings Stoney, Ralph and Peggy Vernon, Duane and Marilyn Waldo, Duane Witt.

- 1949: Milton Anderson, Merlin Anderson, Luella Hayes Krizek, Harold Richardson, Richard Russ, Violet Spiers Shaw.
- 1950: Phyllis Peterson Berry.

- 1951: Enid Worcester Anderson, Delta Bryan Anderson, Jim and Jane Rasmussen Daume, Bill Kelley, Melba Richardson McCoy, Carole Rasmussen, Eloise Anderson Smith, Joy Cathcart Votapka, Eugene Witt.

- 1952: Melvalyn Pollnow Guinn, Carl Neff, Rex Rasmussen, Everett and Dorene Pollnow Shuler.

- 1953: Bonnie Taylor Anderson, Jay and Ann Leake Anderson, David and Irene Brainard, Bob Browning, Jan Collins, Bob and Amy Jane Thomsen Dodson, Gordon Euhus, Dan and Jodi DeMay Grubb, Gary Guinn, Bobby King, Deloris King, Myrna Flaska Lacina, Barb Lyons, Rex Moore, Shirley Ufford Muirhead, Jack and Donna Roberts, Clara Vernon Russ, Donald Shaw, Janette Nelson Votapka, Darlene Richardson Yarbrough.

- 1954: Gary and Carolyn Chambers Allen, Vernon Diederich, Helen Bryan Jaderborg, Marjorie Jording Law, Charollette Urling Neff, Beverly Wurm Witt.

- 1955: Dick and Donna Bryan Kelley, Delbert and Norma Witt Lewis, Margaret Morton Steadman.

- 1957: Dick Carman, Delmar Richardson.

- 1958: Linda Ayers Schwab.
- 1960: Roger Krizek, Joy Long Richardson, Bill Sater.

- 1961: Jim Plotts, LaVerne and Theo Wagner Wiedeman, Gary Zodrow.

- 1963: Gerald and Vergie McClesney Allen, Bill and Sharon Brown, Bob Brown, Bob and Diane DeMay, Dale and Judy Blickenstaff Dufrene, Noah and Sheryl Fortin, John and Jane Fortin, Lee "Doc" Franklin, Sharon Gilbert Frick, Heri Goscha, Lynn Johnson, Preston and Helen Pelkey Jones, Corky Eckhardt Krizek, Mike Laird, Greg and Phyllis Long, Alice Kleinsorge Marshall, Lee Martin, Martha Nemeth, teacher, Gerald Olson, Myra Carlson Sater, Dan and Judy Carman Shinabarger, Connie Benda Smith, Russ and Donna Stanley, Bob Stapp, Cheryl Bryan Stull, Ron and Charlie (Mary) Vessey, Jackie Wurm Votapka, Joyce McMains Werner, Christina Bryan Wesch, Allen and Keiko White, Karin Fredrickson Wisdom, Leola Muirhead Zodrow.

- 1964: Carolyn Sue Hayes, Galen Olson.

- 1965: Carolyn Kelley Plotts.

- 1966: Luanne Rehm Laird.

- 1968: Vicky Ray, Judy Wenger, Janet Wade Anthony, Gerald and Patti Benda, Julie Chambers, Monte and Kathie Hickert Davidson, Michael and Mary Railsback Dicke, Willard and Jackie Brown Frickey, Allen and Jeanne Franklin Hooper, Marshall and Janice Marcuson Karges, Michael and Edith Shaughnessy, Ken and Janice Wesch Shobe, Larry and Judy Noren Thelander, Kathy Nemeth Tuttle, Steve Wurm.

- 1969: Stan and Grace Colson Kauk, Connie May Olson.

- 1971: Montine Bearley Alstrom.

- 1972: Greg Lohofener.

- 1973: Jerry Alstrom, Clinton and Avonne Anderson, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Gayle and Karen Ray Berkey, Rodney Bryan, Debra Nemeth Dees, Steve and Cathy Shaughnessy Fosselman, Gary and Sarah Fredrickson, Chris and Julie Helmkamp Gardiner, Terry and Debby Shobe Gungelman, Mary Jo Witt Lohofener, David and Michelle Munson Luttrell, Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Dana Goltz Marintzer, Mike and Joan Sauvage McKenna, Rhonda New Mertz, Robert Morton, Mike and Debra Moore Nickels, Ken and Alice Noren Robson, Linda Shuler, Larry and Lucinda Van Vleet, James Wasson, Mike and Shelly Wilson.

- 1975: Kem Henningson Bryan, Dana Euhus Morton.

- 1977: Kirk Kelley.

- 1978: Lance and Pat Berkheimer Dixon, Debb Neff Jennings, Tonie Vaughn Owens, Mary Wright Stoecker, Julie Nemeth Wurster.

- 1980: Steve and Anita Richardson Hirsch.

- 1982: Steve Zodrow.

- 1983: Andy and Marcia Shobe.

- 1986: Robert W. Chambers.

- 1987: Dena Lauderback Dellere.

- 1988: Shawn and Gina Wilson Edwards, Heidi Irish, Dale Kempt, Barb Jueneemann Marak, Matthew and Shana Sparks Martin, Stan and Tamara McEvoy, Thaniel Monaco, Bill Stillions, Nate and Jade Morford Wunderly, Kevin Wurm.

- 2002: Clay Anderson.

- 2003: Jennie Swart Anderson.

- 2006: Jeremy Tally.

- 2007: Jennifer Hirsch Tally.

- 2008: Jenna Braun, Andrew Dempewolf, Jared Marcuson, Megan Witcher.

- 2012: Samantha Anderson.

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