

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
People in
Our Community
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Esther Vernon and her daughter, Sandra Turley of Pittsburg, came Tuesday to be here for the graveside services for their husband and father, Clyde A. Vernon, 94, at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Oberlin Cemetery. Pastor Judi Stricker will officiate. Mr. Vernon died on May 5, 2013, at the Sunset Manor Nursing Home in Frontenac.

Jordan and Jackson Coburn of Aurora, Colo., visited last week with their grandparents, Jim and Linda Hollowell, while their parents, Chris and Holli Coburn were vacationing in New Orleans. Mrs. Hollowell took them home on Friday.

Guests of Bill and Dorothy Woods from Wednesday to Sunday were their granddaughter, Amber and Matt Norman, Tate, Miles and Cole of Atlanta, Ga.

Guests of Herschel and Joan Betts over the weekend were their granddaughter, Anne, and husband Mike Schmidt of Minneapolis, Minn. She is the daughter of Gene and Jan Betts of Austin, Texas. They also visited in Hays with his grandfather, Ralph Engle.

Curtis and Christine May of Hunter, and Gail and Janet Rippe, Allison and Nathan of Indianola, Neb., spent Sunday with their parents, LaVerne and Coleen Rippe.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Belleville for Francis J. Levendofsky, 88, who died June 29, 2013, in Belleville. His late wife, the former Iolene Hickert, was a daughter of Al and Amanda Hickert of Jennings and

was a 1945 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Burial was in St. Josaphat Cemetery, rural Belleville. Survivors include 11 children; 35 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ellen Scofield, Belleville, and Mary Miches, Clifton; and two brothers, John (Fayrene), Hebron, Neb., and Paul (Harriett), Belleville.

Dan and Michelle Koerperich, Brian, Cosette and Evan of Wellington, Colo., left last Tuesday after visiting since the previous Friday with his mother, Dolores Koerperich, and other relatives. From here the family went to Eagle Lake, Minn., to visit her parents, Jim and Mary Ellen Lind of Topeka, who have a summer home there. Other recent visitors at the Koerperich home were Linda and Chris Floch and Jacob Koerperich, Asotin, Wash.

Joy Votapka accompanied Dan and Lisa Votapka and Trevor Votapka to Red Willow Lake for the Fourth of July.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Max Carman, Doris Fringer, Ardis Roe, Kelva Dryden, Dewaine Stapp and Ivis Hanson. Lows went to Ardythe Cederberg, Ivis Hanson, Neil Marshall, John Cederberg, Ardis Roe and Doris Fringer. Chicken Foot Domino winners were Rosella Meitl and Eleanor Boyle. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Pat Abbey with lows going to Neil Marshall, Dorothy Moore and Elden Haas. Taking highs at bridge were Merle Shirley, Bernita Gawith, Sally Henningson and Dorothy Cochran.

Wildlife program given

Alex Heeger, Farm Bill wildlife biologist in Oberlin, presented the program for the July 2 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He was introduced by Program Chair Karen Larson. Mr. Heeger said that the program, paid for by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, was founded in Minnesota in 1982. The work, sponsored by Pheasants Forever, focuses on habitat for pheasants as well as other animals. Mr. Heeger said he works with the Pheasants Forever group. Many acres of farm land in Kansas are involved in the program. His goal

is to balance production of farmers with conservation and wildlife values. The program promotes prescribed fires, education and outreach and also promotes conservation programs which are available to landowners, technical assistance and chapter habitat projects.

A Rotary district grant for \$750 is available until Aug. 15 to clubs that want to support a project. For details, contact Mrs. Larson.

Appreciation was extended to the Past President Duane Dorshorst for a great year just completed. Guests were Mr. Heeger and Jordan and Jackson Coburn.

Christian artist releases disc

Hoxie Christian artist and composer Twila Bainter has released a new compact disc, "Sing to the King."

The 17 songs, all written by Bainter, were produced by Anthony Pfeifer, owner of Tone Group Recording Studio. The songs range in tempo from waltz to fast-paced praise-and-worship numbers with a gospel style.

The vocals include Mr. Pfeifer, Mrs. Bainter, Becca Urban of Hays, Jim Schmidberger-Yoder of Russell and Marla Braun-Wasinger of Hays. Tim Pfeifer of Hays is featured on saxophone.

The compact discs are available at Hoxie Office Supply or by contacting Mrs. Bainter at (785) 675-2211 or twilabainter@ruraltel.net.

Girl Scout Fun Day set at park

All girls from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to Summertime Fun in the Sun today at Sappa Park. Check-in is at 12:30 p.m., with activities planned from 1 to 4 p.m.

The day will include water games, "Minute to Win It" games, crafts, snacks, new friends and more. Come and find out what Girl Scouts is all about.

The \$12 fee includes Girl Scout membership until Sept. 30, program supplies, snacks and lots of fun. Scouts are encouraged to bring a friend.

Bring a sack lunch, water bottle, the \$12 fee and tennis shoes (no flip-flops or sandals), plus a parent to sign paperwork.

For details, call Laura Shoaff at (888) 811-8832, extension 4506, at the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland office.

School board rescheduled

The Oberlin School Board meeting originally scheduled for Monday will be held at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday, July 16, at the district office, 131 E. Commercial St.

For details, call the office at (785) 475-3805.

Work day to be July 27

The Decatur County Amusement Authority has scheduled a carnival work day for 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 27. It was originally scheduled for July 20.

The group needs volunteers to work on rides that day and also to help at the carnival during the fair Aug. 6 to 10.

Volunteers can work two-hour shifts Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. or 9 to 11 p.m. The weekend shifts extend from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and 9:30 to midnight on Friday and Saturday, when the carnival is open an hour later.

Bird City tractor show set for July

The 60th annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show will be held at the show grounds in Bird City on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 25, 26 and 27.

Ten working steam engines and more than 200 antique tractors will be featured this year. With 17 buildings filled with antiques of all kinds, there will be plenty to do and see for everyone.

Beginning with a flag raising at 10 a.m. each day, events will include corn shelling blacksmithing, printing and saw-mill demonstrations, a quilt show, wheat threshing, player piano concerts, tugs of war and a parade of old equipment at 1:30 p.m. every day.

Thursday will include a community yard sale and swap meeting, Community Club dinner and free concert in the American Legion Hall.

Friday will feature Indian teepees and Buffalo Camp, a kids' corn dig, stage-coach rides, a barbecue and steam engine, antique tractor and kids' pedal-tractor pulls.

Events on Saturday will include a chuck-wagon breakfast, fun run, bounce house, kids' corn dig, horse-shoe tournament and free watermelon.

For details, call Rod Klepper at (785) 734-7369 or Darci Schields at (785) 734-7172.



CALEB KOERPERICH of Oberlin read scripture to an old, blind woman at an infirmary while on a Teens for Christ Mission trip to Jamaica. Jude Walinder and Doug Mason leader of the group, were also on the trip.

— Photo by Doug Mason

Teens for Christ help others on three summer missions

Members of Oberlin Teens for Christ took part in three mission trips this summer, traveling to a camp in Colorado, to a poor area of Mississippi and to the Caribbean island nation of Jamaica.

TFC Connection, the organization of which the Oberlin group is a branch, sent teams to the Covenant Heights Camp in Estes Park, Colo.; Cary Christian Center in Cary, Miss.; and the Kingdom Builders Ministry in Jamaica.

From Oberlin, Luke Koerperich and Robert Reuther of Herndon joined the Covenant Heights team, helping to get the camp ready for the summer season.

Robert stayed there after the trip because he, along with Brittany Urban, was able to secure a job at the camp.

"What impacted me most was being able to see that I could help the camp so the kids could have fun learning about God," Luke said. "I realized it takes a lot of work to get the camp ready and was glad I got to help them with it."

Michael Noren was on the Mississippi team. This was the longest trip, one that the group does every couple of years.

The team did a lot of home improvement work for impoverished families in the Cary area, including painting homes and roofing, along with other projects.

Asked about what affected him the most, Michael said, "It was how we were able to build relationships with the people whose houses we were working

on. "One trailer house in a nearby town was on the brink of being condemned. The man who lived there had no water, electricity or plumbing. He had lost his job as a cotton-combine mechanic at the local John Deere dealership due to spine trouble, and he hadn't had a well-paying job since.

"We painted his house, rebuilt a wall and patched the roof. He was so grateful for all that we did for him. It made me realize that these are real people with real problems, just like us in northwest Kansas and southwest Nebraska."

Jude Walinder and Caleb Koerperich were on the team that went to Jamaica, led by Oberlin Teens for Christ leader Doug Mason. They spent a week helping Kingdom Builders Ministries with its evangelistic outreach, some with labor projects and some ministering to people of all ages.

"My mission trip to Jamaica was an incredible experience," Caleb said. "While we were down there, I had a lot of eye-opening experiences. I loved ministering to the people and playing with all of the children there. I even enjoyed the chicken-foot stew."

TFC Connection also has its own summer camp in July, two five-day camps, one starting Monday, July 22, and the other July 29. Any student in grades six to 12 can sign up until the camps are full. Contact Pastor Mason to get a registration form or look online at www.tfcconnection.org. The cost is \$160 for a week.



SELDEN STUDENTS Amie Cheney (left) and Jazline Manriquez studied the fossils as they worked on a scavenger hunt at the Fick Fossil and History Museum in Oakley.

— Photo by Judy Rogers

Summer reading draws 30 children

By **JUDY ROGERS**
 Over 30 readers participated in the "Dig Into Reading" program at the Selden Public Library during June.

Volunteer group leaders, including library board members and parents, led the children in activities with a different theme each week. They planted seeds, studied fossils and sharks, explored digging equipment and made stone soup.

For the final week, the older readers went on a field trip to the Fick Fossil and History Museum in


Oakley, where they got a tour of the various exhibits including fossils found in western Kansas. Following a picnic lunch in the park, they traveled to Monument Rocks south of Oakley, where they were able to see the many layers of deposits left from when Kansas was covered with water. Although no one found any sharks' teeth, the participants enjoyed viewing the rocks.

Although the reading program

has concluded for the younger kids, the older readers continue with the independent Teen Reading Program, "Beneath the Surface." Their program will finish on Aug. 2 with a celebration at the library and a movie in the park.

Kids can continue to visit the library to enjoy reading throughout the summer. Hours are 9 to 11 a.m. Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays.

New Arrival
Silas Raymond Tally
 Jeremy and Jenny Tally of Oberlin have their first child, Silas Raymond Tally. He was born on June 21, 2013, at 1:33 a.m. at the Norton County Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long. His grandparents are Eugene and Tonya Tally and Steve and Anita Hirsch, all of Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Dwayne and Betty Jones of Oberlin and Fred Hirsch of Simpson.



Silas Tally

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 Karen Larson, City Administrator

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