

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Weekend guests of Verna Mae Anderson to honor her on her 82nd birthday on Saturday were Christy Wesch, Topeka; Michael Wesch, Manhattan; Linda and Cliff Mills and Bryan Rumrill, Peyton, Colo.; and Ron and Kathy Haug, Salida, Colo.

Ashley Stevenson of Selden was among 45 seniors recently selected to be included in the 2005-2006 "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" at Fort Hays State University. She is the daughter of Kelly and Orba Stevenson.

A family party was held at the home of Howard and Janette Votapka on Saturday to honor their son, Ward Votapka, on his 40th birthday which was Sunday. Others present were his sisters and their husbands, Dr. Lynda and Dr. Glenn Mueller, Enid, Okla., and Donna and Lynn Groneweg, rural Selden. His wife, Jody, was in Pierre, S.D., where she attended prom festivities and a track meet for her son, Conner McKitt- rick.

—**Victorian Spring Tea, Sunday, April 30, 1-3 p.m. \$8.95/person. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations. 16-17**

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Wilma May, Ivis Hanson, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Veanna Carman, Dewaine Stapp and Aleen Van Vleet. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Vivian Bishop, Aleen Van Vleet, Floyd Edgett, Wilma May and Max Carman. Pitch highs were won by Aleen Van Vleet and Myrna Jones with lows going to Floyd

Edgett and Dorothy Moore. Bridge winners were Charlotte Meints and Annette Miller. There will be open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters attended the junior-senior prom in Atwood on Saturday at the Atwood High School. Their granddaughter, junior Ashley Wolters, was in the prom. Later they went to the Tim Wolters home to see puppies belonging to Levi Wolters.

Roger and Angie Wilson of Oberlin, and David and Pam Wilson, rural Norcat, attended the wedding of their granddaughter and niece, Monica Wilson, and Mike Zavala, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Arkansas City on Saturday. The bride is the daughter of Mike Wilson of Kinsley and Karla (Unger) Atkinson of Arkansas City.

Judy Davis, a floral designer for Prairie Petals in Oberlin, attended a hands-on workshop, sponsored by Kansas State Florist Association, in Russell on April 2. The workshop gave designers the opportunity to learn and practice new skills in creating wedding and prom floral designs. Laurie Wasson, owner, said Mrs. Davis will teach the techniques to the other Prairie Petals staff.

Karyn Jordan has been awarded two \$500 scholarships from Kansas State University, one for academics and the other for participation in marching band and concert band. She plans to attend K-State this fall and major in music, and become a band teacher. She is the daughter of Byron Jordan, Clarksville, Tenn., and Judy Jordan, Oberlin.

Relay for Life dates set

The Decatur County Relay for Life will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 16 and 17, at Smick Memorial Field in Oberlin.

Those who have been thinking about participating as a team must enter by May 4. More teams are needed and they are made up of 8 to 15 members. A member of each team must be on the track at all times.

Deadline for the Decatur County Relay For Life Corporate sponsorship is May 1. Businesses who would like to donate money are asked to call Chris Dempewolf at

(785) 693-4315 after 6 p.m. This information must be received by that date in order to have the team name and/or logo printed on the back of the Relay t-shirts. Any business which did not receive a letter is also asked to contact Mrs. Dempewolf for details.

More cancer survivors are needed to participate and all will be provided with a free T-shirt. A cookout will be provided from 6 to 6:50 p.m. on Friday for survivors and caretakers, at the high school cafeteria. For details, call Melinda Grafel at (785) 322-5234.

Former editor named to Kansas Hall of Fame

Howard Kessinger, former editor and owner of *The Oberlin Herald*, was inducted into the Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame at the Kansas Press Association's annual banquet Friday at the Marriott Hotel in Wichita.



H. Kessinger

A native of Wellington, Mr. Kessinger attended Wichita State University for two years and served in the Army for two before completing a bachelor's degree in technical journalism at Kansas State University in 1957.

He began his newspaper career at the *Junction City Republic*, owned by his brother, Ed Kessinger. He became advertising manager for the *Abilene Reflector-Chronicle* and in 1961, was named managing editor of *The Herald*.

He and his wife Sharon bought *The Herald* in 1965 from Ernest and Mary Woodward, then sold it in 1975 to Randall Braden after they purchased *The Marysville Advocate* from Byron E. and Eulalia Gusie. He has since been co-publisher and editor of the *Advocate*, where he wrote the *Advocate* column for more than 25 years and continues to write editorials and news stories each week.

He has been an ardent backer of community development efforts, first in Oberlin and then in Marysville, where he received a distin-

guished service award when he retired after 30 years of service on the City Planning Commission.

In 2003, he received the KSU College of Architecture Planning and Design Distinguished Service Award. Ray Weisenburger, associate dean, said through personal and professional activities and interest in education, organization and philanthropy, Mr. Kessinger has advanced the concept of community development in Kansas.

"Howard's editorials are often works of art — carefully considered and thoughtfully presented," Mr. Weisenburger said.

Mr. Kessinger received the press association's Clyde M. Reed Jr. Master Editor Award in 1999. He has been an active supporter of the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications at K-State, and the KSU Alumni Association and Foundation. In 2005, he was nominated by the Miller School and chosen by the Alumni Association to be an Alumni Fellow.

He is a trustee and vice chairman of the William Allen White Foundation at the University of Kansas.

The Kessingers have three daughters, Hannah, Sarah and Mary, and a son, Michael.

Angus breeder recognized

Ketterl's Five K Angus of Herndon has been recognized by the American Angus Association for having five registered Angus cows included in the association's 2006 Pathfinder Report.

Only 2,187 of the more than 34,000 American Angus Association members are represented in this year's report, said John Crouch, executive vice president of the association in St. Joseph, Mo.

The program identifies superior Angus cows based on recorded performance traits that are important to efficient beef production. These include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights, said Bill Bowman, association director of performance programs. Records of nearly 1.5 million eligible dams were examined to determine Pathfinder status.

All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed along with their owners in the report, which is published yearly. These can be found on the web site at www.angus.org.

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c/o Norton County Clerk, P.O. Box 70, Norton, KS 67654
DEADLINE FOR RESUMES IS JUNE 15

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to Residents of Oberlin

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Gary Shike, City Administrator

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