

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Gene and Doris Shoemaker of Colby celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, which was Tuesday, with a trip to Memphis, Tenn., with their son and family. He is a former pastor of the Oberlin United Methodist Church. Mail will reach them at 1208 Court Place, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Dr. and Mrs. James Sawyer, Pendleton, Ore., visited in Decatur County last week, checked on farming interests in the Dresden area and visited Helen Derby and Jeff and Sheila Rhodes. He is a 1953 graduate of Decatur Community High School and has retired from his medical practice as a pathologist in Pendleton. His wife, Julie, is a native of Roswell, N.M., and they had been in Lawrence where she attended a reunion of her graduating class at Kansas University. The couple had returned recently from Tasmania, where he served a six-month term as a pathologist due to the shortage of medical personnel.

Eunice Richards has returned home from Palm Springs, Calif., where she had visited since October with her daughter, Georgia Richards, and daughters, Stephanie and Angie, and their families.

Marie McKisson left Tuesday for Topeka to attend the Modern Woodmen of America state convention at its headquarters on Wednesday.

Chance Harman, saddle bronc rider for the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture rodeo team at Curtis, rode his way to first place in the long go, placed fourth in the short go, and won the average at the UNL Double-Header held April 21-23 in Wahoo, Neb. He also held on again in saddle bronc, placing third in the long go and split fourth in the average, and was runner-up in saddle bronc for the three-day event. Dallas Talkington is the team's coach. Chance is the son of Ron and Renee Harman of Norcatour.

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Grant Reichert, a 2003 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a junior at Kansas State University, was recognized for scholarship excellence by initiation into the Beta of Kansas Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Society at K-State. He is in the political science, philosophy and pre-law curriculum. His parents,

Wilbur and Jill Reichert, attended the initiation and banquet on April 20 at the K-State Union. Among others honored was Sarah Meitl, daughter of Jerry and Velma Meitl of Kansas City, but formerly of Jennings. She is a graduate of Jennings High School.

Larry and Karen Smith were in Emporia over the weekend visiting their daughter and son, Theresa and Brent Smith. On Sunday, they attended the Emporia State Jazz concert which Brent performed in. He is sophomore and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2004.

Phil and Marjorie Law of Lakewood, Colo., came April 23 to visit her mother, Fern Jording. The Laws left the following day for Warrensburg, Mo., to visit their daughter, Michelle and Rae Tackett, and family. They returned to Oberlin on Saturday and Mrs. Jording was dismissed that day from Decatur County Hospital, where she was a patient for a week. They all attended the 50th anniversary celebration and dinner honoring the building of St. John's Lutheran in Oberlin held Sunday. They were joined there for dinner by Mrs. Jording's cousin and her husband, Carolyn and LaVern Holle of Agra.

Doris Fringer accompanied Bob and Deanna Castle to Olathe on Friday. The Castles attended a meeting and Mrs. Fringer visited her son, James and Heather Shirley, and family. Mrs. Fringer and the Shirley family attended the Royals game Friday evening. They returned home Sunday.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Wilma May, Henry Edgett, Donna Kent, Vivian Bishop, Merle Shirley and Ivis Hanson. Lows went to Dewaine Stapp, Doris Gilbert, Merle Shirley, Floyd Edgett, Verna Carman and Donna Kent. Pitch highs were won by Max Carman and Henry Edgett with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Floyd Edgett. Bridge winners were Charlotte Meints, Janette Votapka and Carol Shirley.

Commodities distribution will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, at the Golden Age Center.

Elaine Bryan has returned home and is recuperating from knee sur-

gery, which she underwent recently at Community Hospital in McCook.

Jonathan Howland, Jacob Koerperich, Alexander Wessel and Konner Witt celebrated their First Holy Communion on Sunday at the Oberlin Sacred Heart Church. A dinner in their honor followed for the congregation.

Fred Anderson was a last Monday dinner guest of Verna Mae Anderson to help her celebrate her 82nd birthday. Those who enjoyed birthday cake with her in the afternoon were Margaret McEvoy, Ethel Railsback and Melanie Anderson.

Bob and JoAnn Shuler and Rita Garver spent last week with Dave and Laken Shuler in Grand Junction, Colo.

Jim and Janet Gilbert of Vero Beach, Fla., came Sunday to spend a week visiting his mother, Doris Gilbert, who is a resident of Wheat Ridge Terrace. Karon Scott was a Monday morning visitor at her home.

Alyssa Holste of Ludell, a senior in life span human development, is one of 16 students in the College of Human Ecology at Kansas State University who will receive its Outstanding Senior Award. The college selects outstanding seniors from each academic area it offers and selections are made by the faculty. They are based on the students' academic achievements, leadership, participation in service on campus and in the community, and their professional potential. She plans to attend the University of Kansas to earn a degree in nursing. Her parents are Jerry and Barb Holste.

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Cynthia Haynes spent Sunday in Concordia with her mother, Emma Desilet, and she and her sister, Marie and husband Rick Cairns, took her out for lunch.

Eunice Richards of Oberlin and her daughter-in-law, Carolyn Richards of Brewster, spent the weekend in Wichita, where they participated in the Emma Creek Classic Women's 5K Run. They also visited Ken and Connie Richards at Moundridge, and daughter, Christal and Ryan Barta, in Little River.



SHOVELING DIRT around a sapling at The Gateway, Marie McKisson (left) and Ella Betts were part of a group of Modern Woodmen volunteers planting trees on Saturday.

—Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Modern Woodmen plant trees

Oberlin Modern Woodmen members gave a lasting gift to Oberlin on Saturday when they planted two trees at The Gateway.

Mayor Ken Shobe and his wife, Janice; Gary Wolter, a member of the Oberlin Tree Committee; Gary Shike, city administrator; Rocky Diederich, city parks supervisor; and 11 camp members were present.

The project was part of the Plant-a-Tree Program, a nationwide effort introduced by Modern Woodmen for its members in 2004.

"This program ties Modern Woodmen members to the roots of our organization," said Marie McKisson, leader of the local camp. "The name Modern Woodmen honors the pioneer woodmen who cleared the forest to build homes and secure futures for their families."

Student chosen as ambassador

Ben Wolf, a Fort Larned Middle School student, has been accepted as a member of the People-to-People Student Ambassador Program to Europe.

His parents are John and Karen (Humes) Wolf, both employees of the school district. His maternal grandmother is Gisela Fisher of rural Oberlin.

The ambassadors in the program will leave on June 12 for a three-week educational tour through Eu-

ropean countries. The invitation-only program provides international education opportunities for grade school through high school age students.

Students must be nominated for the program and undergo a formal interview before being accepted. His mother said that the family doesn't know who nominated Ben.

The program says its objective is to promote international understanding and build leadership skills in America's youth. The group's itinerary will include visits with government officials, a visit to Parliament, educational activities, tours, and events with other students their age, both from the United

States and in their host countries. They will stay with host families.

"It's a very structured program," said his mother. "They are going to have everything planned down to the last minute."

The group will visit England, France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and the Swiss Alps. Cost of the trip is \$6,000 and \$4,500 of Ben's cost has already been raised.

He played basketball for the middle school, worked as a teacher's aide instructor, and taught PowerPoint to Larned fourth-grade students.

Senior awarded scholarship

Jeremy Tally, a senior at Decatur Community High School, has been chosen to receive the Brian Phillips Memorial Scholarship.



Jeremy Tally

His parents are Eugene and Tonya Tally of Oberlin. The scholarship was started in 1999 by Randy and Vickie Phillips of Burlington, Colo., following the death of their son, Brian, in a fire-works accident that year.

Brian was a grandson of Jim and Pat Abbey of Oberlin. The scholarship will be presented to Jeremy by the Abbeyes.

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County Treasurer
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