

# THE OBERLIN HERALD - People in Our Community

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Eldon Smith returned home Thursday from Chickasha, Okla., where he had attended his Primary Flight Class reunion. En route to and from Oklahoma, he visited his daughter and family, Barbara and Darren McGuire, in Wichita. While there, they learned of the death of Darren's father, Fred McGuire on May 1. Mr. Smith also visited his son, Jerry Smith, who is an art teacher at Collins County Community College in Plano, Texas.

Kay Harold of Clinton, Iowa, visited from Wednesday to Saturday with her mother, June Harold.

Sharon Black accompanied her son and family, Kevin and Tami Black and Andrew of Norton, to Hutchinson on Friday, where they attended the graduation of their grandson and son, Curtis Black, from Hutchinson Community College. He received a degree in fire science. Among others attending were his grandparents, Dean and Vivian Land, and Leila Fries, of Culbertson, Neb. He is also a grandson of the late Ron Black.

Angela Nicole Koerperich, wife of John Koerperich of Solomon, graduated Saturday from Fort Hays State University with a master of science degree in nursing as a family nurse practitioner with an emphasis in psychiatry. She has accepted a position with Behavior Health Services at Salina Regional Health Center. She is a daughter-in-law of Dolores Koerperich of Oberlin and others attending from Oberlin were Dave, Jacob and Clem Koerperich.

Larry Miller of Dresden was the winner of the 2006 Arctic Cat 400 V.P. Automatic four-wheeler given in the 2005-06 Livestock Judging Team Sweepstakes at Fort Hays State University. Larry Dreiling of Hays won the hand-made quilt, dominated by Patty Mullin of Russell. Proceeds will go to the judging team, which has been invited to compete in the 2006 13-day International Livestock Judging Tour.

**—Patio furniture sale! Stanley Hardware. 20-21**

Christine Seck, a seventh grader at St. Patrick's Catholic School in North Platte, Neb., submitted an entry into the spring 2006 student poetry contest. Her poem, titled "Who Am I," was chosen to be printed in the spring 2006 hard-bound anthology "A Celebration of Young Poets." Her poem is in the final competition for the contest. She is the daughter of Marsha Seck of North Platte, but formerly of Oberlin, and the late Mark Seck. She is a granddaughter of Jeanette Miller, and Leon and Connie Miller of Oberlin, and Jerome and Evelyn Seck of Gardner, and the great-granddaughter of Grace Cook of Oberlin.

Tonee Gingrich and Christopher, Craig, Colo.; Gretchen and Jeff Mack, Riverton, Wyo.; and Kelley Orneoff, Stuttgart, Germany, were Sunday evening visitors of Luetta Pollnow. They had come to attend the high school graduation of their granddaughter and niece, Amanda Pollnow, at McCook on Sunday. Diana Steinmetz was also a Sunday evening visitor.

**—Seafood Buffet Friday, May 19, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Steve and Anita Hirsch attended the 118th annual conference of the Kansas State Firefighters Association and Auxiliary at Lawrence, from April 26 through 29. He was

re-elected secretary, making this his fourth term. Mrs. Hirsch was re-elected to her second term as chaplain of the state firefighters auxiliary.

Harold and Glenva Nichols represented the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau at the Kansas Sampler Festival at Garden City on May 6. There were nearly 8,000 people in attendance with more than 125 Kansas communities with displays.

**—10th Anniversary drawings. Register for over \$1,000 in prizes with every purchase from the Oberlin Mercantile Company or Teller Room during May. 19-20**

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Max Carman, Wilma May, Merle Shirley, Dorothy Moore, Aleen Van Vleet, Helena Bruggeman and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Marie McKisson, Aleen Van Vleet, Donna Kent, Merle Shirley and Veanna Carman. Pitch highs were won by Helena Bruggeman, Esther Miller and Juanita Eckhart with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Henry Edgett. Bridge winners were Merle Shirley and Shirley Simpson.

Matt Merriott of Greeley, Colo., and Mark Merriott of Dodge City, came Wednesday to visit their father, Jim Merriott. Mark, a student at Dodge City Junior College, will be pitching for the Greeley Grays for the University of Northern Colorado this summer.

Ben and Shannon Richardson, Teresa and Rebecca, and Bryan and Elizabeth Kenion, Salina; and Jeff and Annette Troyer, Shawn and Stephanie, Ellinwood, came to attend the graduation of Tyler Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Richardson, from McCook High School on Sunday. Joining them for brunch at the home of Vernon and Jeanette Diederich were Anita Hirsch, Joe and Jennifer.

Helen Derby, rural Dresden, attended graduation exercises at Colby Community College on Saturday afternoon. Her granddaughter, Dawn (Baus) Pina received a degree in veterinary technology. She will be employed in Wichita. Others attending were her husband, Joe, Wichita; her parents, Junior and Betty Jean Baus; and her brother, Leigh, Pratt. A dinner followed in Colby which honored Dawn on her graduation and Mrs. Derby and Mrs. Baus for Mother's Day.

Peggy Carman accompanied her daughter, Deb Campbell of Hoxie, to Manhattan on Saturday for the graduation of three grandchildren from Kansas State University. Adam Ostmeyer earned a master of science degree in architectural engineering; Emily Ostmeyer, a bachelor of science in communications sciences and disorders; and Ashley Heskett, a bachelor's degree in secondary education. Other relatives attending were Larry and Diana Alstrom, and Charles, Cindy and Troy Ostmeyer, Hoxie; Dick, Anne, Chelsea and Riley Heskett, Adam, Lindsay, Maggie and Haley Koster, Wichita; Steve, Carrie and Morgan Meier, and Greg, Holly and Taryn Horning, Hutchinson; Andrew and Jamie Eager, Olathe; and Josh Campbell, Manhattan.

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Elsie Wolters was a visitor of Lucille Wicke at the Atwood Good Samaritan Center on Friday morning.

## Oberlin, Jennings plan alumni banquets May 27

The Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, at The Gateway in Oberlin. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Vocal entertainment will be provided by Amy Carman and Nora Urban. The class of 2006 will be introduced by Scott Miller.

Officers are Ken Badsky, president; Gaylen Huntley, vice president; Karen Waterman Eskew, secretary; and Rose Pachner Riffle, treasurer.

The Class of 1976 will sponsor a dance from 9 to midnight for everyone on Friday evening at the Oberlin American Legion with Paul Heskett as deejay.

Pictures will be taken by *The Oberlin Herald* for the 10-year classes, as well as the 25th-year anniversary class, on Saturday. Other anniversary classes that wish to have pictures may call Jeanie Unger at 475-3256. *The Herald's* pictures will be printed the following week in the newspaper.

Here is the schedule:  
**1936:** Luncheon, 11:15 a.m., Saturday, LandMark Inn. **Pictures, 12:30 p.m.**

**1946:** Luncheon, LandMark Inn, 11:30 a.m., Saturday. **Pictures, 1 p.m.**

**1956:** Barbecue at Lynn and Roberta Johnson home, 6:30 p.m., Friday. Social gathering, 2 p.m., Saturday, The Gateway. **Pictures at 4 p.m.**

**1966:** Gary Richards home, 2 to 4 p.m. **Pictures at 3:30 p.m.**

**1976:** Dance for everyone, 9 to midnight, Friday, Oberlin American Legion. Luncheon, noon, Saturday, American Legion. **Pictures at 2 p.m.**

**1981:** Re-Load, 1 p.m. **Pictures at 2:30 p.m.**

**1986:** Luncheon, noon, United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. **Pictures, 1:30 p.m.**

**1996:** Picnic, noon, Sappa Park shelterhouse. **Pictures, 3 p.m.**

Deadline for reservations is May 19. The coupon, which appeared in the May 3 edition of *The Oberlin Herald*, may be sent with payment to Box 201, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

**JENNINGS BANQUET**  
Jennings graduates and guests will meet for the 81st annual Alumni Banquet at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, at the Jennings School. The school will be open during the afternoon for class reunions, as well as following the banquet for a social evening. The meal will be served by Leanna Sloan of Hoxie.

Jesse Carter is president of the association and he said that members will be discussing future plans for the banquet, since the Jennings School will close this year.

Other officers are: Denise Carter Taylor, vice president; Tonya Fleckenstein Juenemann, secretary; and Becky Carter, treasurer.

Reservations need to be made by Friday and the price for the meal is \$13. They may be sent to Jesse Carter, 611 N. Rodehaver, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Jennings students graduate

Three students from Jennings were among those who graduated during commencement exercises Saturday afternoon at Hoxie High School.

Since Jennings High School closed this year, the three received diplomas from both Jennings High and Hoxie High School:

• Tyler Bolt, son of Don and Paula Bolt, participated in football, basketball, scholars bowl, track, FFA, school play, student council, yearbook and Pep Club, and was homecoming king and a member of the Lions International Band. He plans to attend Highland Community College, where he will play football and study animal science.



Elise Kinser



Kim Coiner



Tyler Bolt

Kimberly Coiner, daughter of Matt and Sarah Coiner, was a member of the band and participated in scholars bowl, volleyball, school play, student council, Pep Club and art. She plans to attend Hutchinson Community College.

• Elise Kinser, daughter of Mary Kinser and the late Tim Kinser, was in volleyball, basketball, track, band, class play, K-Club, Coyote Club and Catholic Youth Organization. She was a cheerleader, sweetheart queen and a class officer.

## Royal Neighbors help man

Members of the Norcat Chapter of the Royal Neighbors of America spearheaded a successful fund-raising event to help Jim Arnold, 55, of rural Norton with his medical expenses.

Chapter members held a hog roast which was attended by more than 200 people, and after collecting cash donations and auctioning leftover food, collected \$8,792. Royal Neighbors of America National Headquarters at Rock Island, Ill.,

matched \$1,000, and a check for \$9,792 was presented to Mr. Arnold.

He is under treatment for leukemia at the Anschutz Pavilion Inpatient Hospital in Denver and his wife, Tressa, is with him. Mary Arnold of Clayton is a sister of Mr. Arnold.

Mail will reach them at 1200 S. County Road 157, lot 34, Strasburg, Colo., 80136.

## Annual wheat tour June 1

The annual K-State Research and Extension/Walter May wheat plot tour is scheduled for 7 a.m. on Thursday, June 1.

The tour will begin with a breakfast at the 4-H Building at the Decatur County Fairground. The group will then inspect the wheat varieties at the plot site 2 1/2 miles west of Oberlin, south of U.S. 36.

Brian Olson, K-State Research and Extension crops and soils specialist, will be on hand from the Northwest Research and Extension

Center in Colby, along with James Shroyer, crop production specialist from Manhattan, and Chuck Johnson from Agripro.

Variety plantings, both conventional till and no-till, will include: 2137, Overly, Jagger, Danby, Jagaline, Trego, Thunderbolt, Wesly, Cutter, Stanton, Millennium, TAM 111, Hatcher, T81 and T812, T and Bond.

For details, call the county extension office at (785) 475-8121.

## Club News

### Auxiliary sets Poppy Day

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary met at the post home on May 10 with four officers and three members present. Angela Corcoran and Phyllis Metcalf were hostesses.

President Corcoran opened the meeting by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Preamble. Dolores Koerperich led in prayer for the veterans and servicemen and women.

It was decided to hold Poppy

Day on May 26 in downtown Oberlin. The two girls who were selected for the \$250 scholarships will be announced at the May 17 awards assembly at the high school. A card was signed for Alice Bobbitt for her 85th birthday.

A picture and newsletter were shown of the adopted platoon in Iraq. Each member brought sacks of goodies for another box to be sent to them.

### Club gives scholarship

Karyn Jordan told of her college plans for the coming year before being presented with the Marjorie Nitsch Senior Girl Award and check during the May 11 meeting of the P.E.O. Sisterhood at Sappa Manor. Jeri Buchholz was hostess and was assisted by Barbara Brown.

An informative program about Cottey College, a girls two-year college in Nevada, Mo., was pre-

sented. Mrs. Buchholz showed slides of the campus and told about the excellent education programs offered, the suite-style living units and the many scholarships available. The college is owned and supported by the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Other guests were Judy Jordan, Makenzie Nelson, Amber Mason and Trisha Dorshorst.

### Women enjoy dinner

St. John's Guild and Lutheran Women's Missionary League and their guests enjoyed a carry-in dinner on May 10. Hostesses were Shanna Long and Sue May.

Pastor Langness led the group in prayer and President Peggy Groneweg had devotions. Cassidy Shields and Sarah Langness

sang solos, and Jessica Bremer played "How Great Thou Art."

Shirley Shields welcomed Alan Marietta who spoke of his experiences as an insurance flood adjuster in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. He had been hired before the hurricane struck. He spent five months in the area.

## Couple married at gazebo

Robert Groneweg and Judy Foster were married on Friday evening, May 5, at the gazebo in downtown Oberlin. Officiating was Judge John Bremer.

Attendants of the couple were Lynn and Donna Groneweg.

Relatives attending were Dean and Peggy Groneweg, parents of the bridegroom, Oberlin; and Joyce Thompson, sister of the bridegroom, and Jillian Thompson, Tina Bathe and Jim Jones, all of Cambridge, Neb.



J. Foster and R. Groneweg

Family and friends helped celebrate the marriage with cake and champagne at the couple's home in Oberlin.

## Kindermusik party held

Over 100 family members and friends watched preschool children demonstrate their musical activities at a Kindermusik party on Monday, May 8, in the basement of the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

In the 18-month to 4-year-old classes were Reese Grafel, Jacie Fortin, Johnathan Burmaster, Spencer Wishon, Melody Koerperich, Alana Castle, Gavin Uehlin, Gavin Wasson, Riley and Morgan Ketterl,

Kaitlyn Howland and Skyler Brown.

The 4-6 age group included Rielly Rittmann, Kel Grafel, Erin May, Isabel Grafel, Emily Howland, Lawson Monaco, Dani Rouse and Celianna Shobe. They received engraved musical medals.

All children received a balloon with an attached candy bag from their instructor, Cheryl Metcalf.

## Tracksters give program

Seniors Whitney Beinke, Teryn Grafel and Joe Mondero and junior Lauren Fortin talked about the Decatur Community High School track season at the May 9 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The

Gateway.

Jim Hollowell was program chairman. The athletes were introduced by their coach, Joe Dreher. The girls track team is undefeated so far. Rotarian Gary Story was a guest.

## New Arrival

### Mason Thomas Berls

Mason Thomas Berls was born Sunday, April 9, 2006, weighing 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces, and was 21 inches long. He is the son of Randy and Peggy Berls of Goodland. He was welcomed home by two older

brothers, Christopher and Ryan. His grandparents are Bob and Marie Berls of Oberlin and Dave and Connie Horton of Alma, Neb. Great-grandparents are J.B. Horton of Alma and Janice Hager of Dolores, Colo.

**Goldl Construction Co.**  
45th Anniversary

**Goldl Home Planning Center**  
38th Anniversary

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May 26 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Open House**  
Refreshments ~ Door Prizes

**Home Planning Center**  
180 South Penn, Oberlin—Phone 785-475-2325

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**

The children of John and Pat Wright are hosting a Golden Anniversary open house to honor the couple.

Sunday, May 28  
Oberlin Methodist Church (basement)  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
No gifts please

Mike, Mary & Doug

Please join the family of Agnes Wahlmeier in celebrating her 90th Birthday on May 28th from 2-4 p.m. at the Jennings American Legion. Cards will reach her at P.O. Box 155, Jennings, KS 67643

