

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Five Decatur Community Junior High School students have been selected to perform for the National Teachers Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Saturday in Emporia. They are Sara Kyte, daughter of Millard and Sherri Kyte; Sydney Grafel, daughter of Keith and Roma Grafel; Tim Larson, son of David and Belinda Larson; Joe Hirsch, son of Steve and Anita Hirsch; and Jacob Larue, son of Bruce and Marianne Larue. They accompanied their vocal director, Susan Nelson, to Emporia on Saturday to prepare for the choir's performance. They will be singing in a 90-voice choir with other students from around the state.

Among relatives who attended the wedding of Jessica McClelland, daughter of Gary and Pam (Shirley) McClelland, and Caleb Hill in Oklahoma City on June 3 were Alice Shirley, Herb and Carol Shirley, Dewaine Stapp and Leone Purton, Oberlin; Robbie and Jeni Henningson, Nolan and Ganon, Norcat, Sam and Tiffani O'Toole, Peyton and Parker, McCook; Patrick and Mandi Moran and Saige, St. Joseph, Mo.; John and Joan Shirley, Scott City; Chad and Barbara Shirley and Brooke, Salina; and Elaine Kingsley and Aaron, Allen, Texas.

Lois Lamb returned home June 4 after visiting her sister, Vivian Roberts in Sacramento, Calif., since May 27. She also visited with her nephew, Mark and Tammy Fort and family at Ackerville, Calif., and her niece, Kristi, and son, Jordan, and a friend, Josh. They all helped Mrs. Lamb celebrate her 80th birthday, which was June 7, with a cookout and cake and ice cream. The two sisters also attended the Jazz Festival in Sacramento, ate at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, took a ferry to Sausalito, and saw Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge and other sights.

—Seafood Buffet Friday, June 16, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Weekend guests of Clayton and Amy Erickson and family in Tecumseh were Jim and Judy Gaumer of Oberlin. On Saturday, the Gaumers attended the wedding of Katherine Goodman and Jacob O'Toole in Olathe.

Weekend guests of Jerald and Elaine Leitner were Lyle and Arlene Pummer of Ozark, Mo. They also visited another cousin, Lillian Mosier, and friends.

Kay Gaskill returned home Sunday night from Denver, where she had spent two weeks with her daughter, Lori Gaskill, and her husband, Ray Kriebaum, to help care for their infant son, Maximilian Kriebaum Gaskill, who was born May 29. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Among other visitors were Bob Gaskill, Oberlin, and Jody and Seanna Metcalf, Colby.

Visitors of Doris Marintzer, a resident of Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, and Marie Zimmerman have been Damian and Linda Marintzer, and John and Cindy Marintzer, Denver, and their sister, Connie Walker, Porter, Texas. Also visiting were Karol Riener and family, Herndon.

Dr. Gary and Nancy Young of Manhattan were weekend guests of this parents, Dale and Eris Young.

Houseguests of Gene and Marcella Leitner have been their daughters, Patricia Tongish of Newton, Ashley Houser of Wichita, Donna Wilson and Desiree of Wichita, and Barbara Leitner of Farmington, N.M. Barbara returned home on Saturday after spending 10 days with her family.

Gene Morford was honored with a surprise barbecue and party on Saturday, June 3, at the home of Dan and Carrie Morford and Teague in

honor of his 60th birthday. Others present were Marsha Morford, Geneva Morford, Melvin Klima, Rick and Deb Klima, Butch Stanley, Brian, Brianna and Katlyn Klima, and Carol and Torrey Morford, all of Oberlin; Lonnie and Kendra Morford and Lynn, Burlingame; Layne and Lynette Glendy, Kalie and Emalee, Callaway, Neb.; and Woody and Karla Morford, McCook.

Esther Ready of New York City left Thursday after visiting since Sunday with her parents, John and Muriel Ready.

—Father's Day Buffet, Sunday, June 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.

Colleen, Justin and Jacob Gee returned on June 4 from a week-long visit to Utah where they spent time with family. They helped Mrs. Gee's father celebrate his 75th birthday on June 1. The boys enjoyed time with their cousins which included miniature golf, mini go-carts, swimming and video arcade games. Kenny Gee was able to meet his family on June 2-3 while en route to California and they and six other family members enjoyed racing in full-size extreme go-carts.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Doris Miller, Barb Solko, Helena Bruggeman, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett, Floyd Edgett, Wilma May and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Wilma May, Aileen Van Vleet, Max Carman, Veanna Carman and Doris Miller. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Esther Miller with lows going to Aileen Van Vleet and Barb Solko. Bridge winners were Charlotte Meints and Annette Miller.

Norm Gallentine is recuperating from heart surgery, which he underwent at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

Monday overnight guests of Steve and Cynthia Haynes were his sister and her son, Barbara Blaylock and Andy of Emporia. They were en route to Estes Park, Colo.

—Christmas in June Sale, 70% off table inside. Oberlin Mercantile Company.

Pauline (Frietsch) Rossi and her daughter, Anni, Kirkkonummi, Finland, are spending the week visiting Dale and Cheryl Votapka. Mrs. Rossi was an American Field Service exchange student for the 1982-83 school year. The Votapkas picked them up in Kansas City, then they visited Drs. Pam and Eric Huerter, Finnegan, Maxwell and Jack of Lawrence, and Luanne Rupe, Joshua, Jonathan and Jack, of Hays, en route home. They also attended the High Plains Roamers campout held in Hays and saw the precision drill team of the Indianapolis motorcycle patrol. Mrs. Rossi and Anni will return to their home on June 18.

Among area students who were named to the spring dean's honor roll at Fort Hays State University were Amy Wessel and Lori Vahling, Dresden; Benjamin Bainter, Janet Badsky and Jennifer Thomas, Oberlin; Diane Becker, Maggie Ellis, Lenora; Kenzie Michel, Nathan Most, Nathan Howard, Ludell; Ashley Rae Stevenson and Christopher Broeckelman, Selden; and Amber Yingling, Menlo. To be eligible, students must have enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60 for the semester.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner, and Lyle and Arlene Pummer joined Karla and John Sullivan and Jerad, and Dustin and Katrina Sullivan and Taly on Friday, then the group went to the John Sullivan home for cake to honor Elaine Leitner on her birthday.



Kyle Glodt Aaron Helm C. Nedland Kurt Olson

Four attend Boys State

Four Decatur Community High School juniors, all delegates to the American Legion Boys State at Kansas State University in Manhattan this week, heard U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback speak at the opening ceremony Sunday.

Delegates are Kyle Glodt, son of Kelly and Sue Glodt; Aaron Helm, son of Mike and Debra Helm; Cameron Nedland, son of Dan Nedland and Rhonda May; and Kurt Olson, son of Mark and Barbara Olson.

Sen. Brownback, who may be running for president next year, talked with the delegates about the importance of reaching for their dreams even if the dream seemed farfetched or unattainable.

"You can change the world," he said, "but it's far from certain whether you will or not."

In Monday's *Staters Union* newspaper, published by Boys State delegates, Kurt Olson was quoted after hearing Sen. Brownback's speech: "Honestly, I didn't know what to expect, but his speech gave me a

higher expectation for the week."

Other speakers this week include Judge G. Joseph Pierron Jr. of the Kansas Court of Appeals; Rep. Josh Svaty, representing Gov. Kathleen Sebelius; Secretary of State Ron Thornburg; and David Adkins, a former state representative and vice chancellor for external affairs at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

One of the routines which has been a part of Boys State for the past 70 years is marching every day. The American Legion said that practicing this ritual is a way of respecting the members of the veterans' group, which has sponsored Boys State for so long. There are nearly 500 juniors at Boys State this week.

Delegates will be busy throughout the week with athletic events, campaigning and electing candidates of their political parties, speakers, band and chorus concerts, talent shows and other events. Saturday morning will include closing ceremonies, final county and city meetings and check out at 11:30 a.m.

Man opens new business

Darrell and Melissa Stern have moved to Oberlin from Las Vegas, and he has opened Jersey Visions Media Group in the Business Enhancement Center at the corner of Commercial and Penn.



Darrell Stern

The firm has a video production studio and will be able to develop web site designs, produce DVDs of weddings and other events, as well as television and radio commercials for businesses.

Mr. Stern said he was born in Elizabeth, N.J., and reared in Edison, N.J., where he graduated from high school. He earned a theater arts degree from Drew University in Madison, N.J., then attended graduate school at Montclair State University, where he earned a master's degree in communications in 1997.

He said he was an actor from age 9 to 16 and was the voice of Scooter Computer on ABC's "School House Rock." He has also acted in New York off-Broadway productions. He was a playwright in college and won top honors out of 800 entries in the 1989 National Play-

wright Festival competition. As the winner, his play "The Escape from Eetin," was presented by professional actors.

He is also a professional singer and stand-up comic, and plans to teach both at his new location.

His wife is the daughter of Steve and Joyce Carlton of Oberlin. The couple met on the Internet in 1997 when she was a student at McCook Community College. They were married Jan. 21, 2003, in Las Vegas and lived there until moving to Oberlin. His wife is working at the Frontier Restaurant.

"I fell in love with Oberlin on my first visit," he said, "and feel the town is absolutely wonderful. The nice part is that I can operate my business here as well as in a larger city."

The business was started in 2003 and Mr. Stern is president of the corporation. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Mr. Stern can be reached through jerseyvisions.com or by calling (866) 728-9125.

Peters gets fourth win of the racing season

Oberlin's Caleb Peters took the checkered flag Saturday night at the Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton, winning first place in the International Motor Car Association 20-lap feature race.

Peters has previous wins this season at Oberlin, WaKeeney and Culbertson, Neb.

The 19-year-old racer earned 40 points driving a 350 Chevy-powered Virgin Chassis racer owned by Gene Gallentine of Norcat. Peters

is also sponsored by others in the area.

"It gets pretty hairy out there sometimes," he said. "Racing is just something that I love to do. I owe it all to my sponsors; without them I couldn't win, so I want to thank them."

Peters is preparing for the nationals in September in Boone, Iowa.

He is the son of Randy and Lynda Peters of Oberlin.

Museum exhibit to open

Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum has opened its doors to a traveling exhibit called "Elephants!"

The exhibit, which has taken over

a week to set up with the help of museum staff and volunteers, will cover the 50-million-year history of the elephant through an interactive adventure.

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