

People in Our Community

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Sgt. 1st Class Randy McHugh has been on active duty since the first of the month with his National Guard Unit from Kearney, Neb. His wife, Kristin, said they have been helping with hurricane victims in Louisiana. He was home for the weekend, but returned to Kearney on Monday and will be on active duty until Sept. 21.

Buzz and Cynthia Matson returned home Thursday from Minnesota, where they attended a family celebration honoring his mother, Audell Matson, of Mahtomedi on her 90th birthday.

Cheryl Votapka returned home Sunday after attending two Winnebago camp outs. The High Plains Roamers met at Wilson Lake, where the group toured the restored Midland Hotel and Tavern in Wilson, and the Smoky Hills Public Radio Station in Bunker Hill. The Heartland Winnies held their campout in Salina and the group traveled to Ellsworth where they toured the underground and learned of its history. They also visited the restored Watson Steiffer Theater, an old Fox theater that is on the National Historic Registry.

—Garage sale, 308 N. York, Ploussards.

Harold Goossen of Buenos Aires, Argentina, recently spent a week helping his sister Othelia and Bernie Vacura with rebuilding a corral and straightening buildings onto their foundations on their farm that was struck by a tornado in May. Harold and Othelia visited and had lunch with their mother, Hulda Goossen at Prairie Living Senior Complex in Colby on Saturday, then spent the afternoon visiting their childhood farm home near Mingo. On Sunday, Sept. 7, they took their disabled sister, Erna Goossen of Norton to church and dinner and then for a drive around the Norton community.

Todd and Rachel Richards, Jacob and Caleb of Nederland, Texas, are in the area where Hurricane Ike struck, but they have had no damage to their home, according to his mother, Karen Metcalf. However, they are without electricity and may

be for several weeks. He works for the sheriff's department, so has been busy with search and rescue in the Houston area. Nederland is about 80 miles north of Houston.

Lydia Karnopp, a Fort Hays State University junior, earned all-tournament honors recently at the West Texas A&M invitational volleyball tournament. A 6-foot, 1-inch hitter from Oberlin, she is the daughter of Richard and Helen Karnopp and is a 2006 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She plans to apply to the radiology program at the end of the semester.

—New WebKinz at the Oberlin Mercantile Company, Deer, Dolphin, Eagle, Beagle.

The Mike Nemeth family, who lives in Houston, are all right following the hurricane which struck in that area, according to word from his mother, Martha Nemeth of Topeka.

Don Kready of Colby, founder of the Hi-Plains Harmony Chapter of Sweet Adelines, has been honored with the "2008 Outstanding Trustee Award" from the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees. He served seven consecutive four-year terms on the Colby College Board of Trustees before retiring from the board and moving to Topeka last year. Several women from this area were members of the Sweet Adelines group. He continues to sing in the Barbershop Harmony Society with his son and grandson.

—Seafood Buffet Friday, Sept. 19, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn, 475-2340.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson were joined at the Kansas State Fair for the weekend by Jared Marcuson of Great Bend, and Leslie Marcuson of Topeka. Jared won reserve grand champion in the style revue on Saturday. He had attended the governor's luncheon on Wednesday in Hutchinson as a member of the Kansas Youth Leadership Council. He is a freshman at Barton County Community College and was elected vice president of the student body.

Ron and Gina Montgomery, and

Bob and Anita Montgomery went to Haviland on Friday to watch Alyssa Montgomery play in the volleyball game. She is on the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture of Curtis, Neb., team. They will play in Curtis on Thursday.

—Sunday Brunch Buffet Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn, 475-2340.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Marie McKisson, Dorothy Moore, Doris Fringer, Ardis Roe, Kelva Dryden and Barb Solko. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Doris Gilbert, Aleen Van Vleet, Elden Haas and Dewaine Stapp. Pitch highs were won by Aleen Van Vleet and Barb Solko with lows going to Elden Haas and Dorothy Moore. Winning highs at bridge were Charlotte Meints, Janette Votapka and Alice Shirley.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the Wilson Shields Funeral Home in Minneapolis for Richard Marvin Ballou, 82, of Glasco, who died Sept. 11 at his cabin northeast of Glasco. He formerly worked in the Soil Conservation Service office in Oberlin and retired in 1988. Survivors include a son; two daughters; a brother and five grandchildren. Burial was in the Delphos Cemetery.

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Sharleen Wurm, director of the Last Indian Raid Museum, was featured in a story in the September issue of *Kansas Country Living*, a magazine produced by Prairie Land Electric Cooperative and other electric cooperatives. It tells about the Last Kansas Indian Raid in 1878.

Jamie Elwood, daughter of Danny and Judy Elwood, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Garden City Community College for the 2008 spring semester.

Jon Brown was visiting friends in Oberlin on Friday. He is a former lab technician at Decatur County Hospital and has been living in Fairbury, Neb., but said he has sold his home there.

Decatur 4-H members rank high at Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson

Jared Marcuson captured reserve grand championship last week at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson in the buymanship revue for young men.



J. Marcuson

He won a \$250 scholarship to Kansas State University, an engraved silver plate and a purple ribbon. He is the son of Brad and Elaine Marcuson, and grandson of Gail and Kay Marcuson, all of Oberlin.

Other Decatur County 4-H members also ranked high at the state fair. Here are their results, as provided by the K-State Research and Extension office:

Purple: KeAnn Jacobs, foods; Hannah May, foods; Ryan May, illustrated talk; Zach May, dog showmanship; Elizabeth Nedland,

geology, lapidary; Hunter Nedland, foods; Britta Noren, color photo.

Blue: Keagen Blau, foods, color photo; KeAnn Jacobs, clothing, color photo; Jared Marcuson, color photo, black and white photo; Ryan May, color photo; Zach May, foods, illustrated talk; Hunter Nedland, black and white photo, illustrated talk; Gatlin Reichert, color photo; Cheyanne Soderlund, beginning forestry; Hannah May, dog showmanship.

Red: Austin Hendrickson, black and white photo; KeAnn Jacobs, patchwork and quilting; Annamarie Larue, clothing; Hannah May, clothing, illustrated talk.

White: Zach May, woodwork fur-

niture; Elizabeth Nedland, foods.

Participant: KeAnn Jacobs, art or craft; Stick-To-It club, 4-H banner.

4-H Foundation selection: KeAnn Jacobs, color photo; Ryan May, color photo.

Elizabeth Nedland, Family consumer sciences intermediate judging member, 12th; intermediate judging team, 13th; senior judging team, 21st; Britta Noren, senior member judging team, 80th; Hunter Nedland, judging senior member, 89th; Hannah May, intermediate member judging team, 96th; Zach May, intermediate member judging team, 102nd; Jacob Helm, senior member judging team, 104th; Ryan May, intermediate member judging team; 112th; Rebecca Helm, senior member judging team, 130th.

Chiropractor speaks at Rotary luncheon

Dr. Doug Fair spoke about neurofeedback at the Sept. 9 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He said that neurofeedback promotes retraining of brain function, by which the brain learns to function more efficiently.

It applies to any aspect of brain function that can be measured, he said, and is based on electrical brain activity.

It prompts self-regulation, which allows the central nervous system to function better.

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sion, attention deficit, behavior and sleep disorders, headaches and migraines, and emotional disturbances, plus many other related conditions.

Junior Rotarians from Decatur Community High were Haley Barrett and Jacinta Carter.

American Red Cross has blood drive today

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive noon to 6 p.m. today at The Gateway in Oberlin.

If you are 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general

good health, you may be eligible to donate blood. With inventories continuing to fluctuate, the Red Cross reminds everyone that the need for blood has never been more

important, especially for those fighting cancer.

Call (800) 448-3543 to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome.

Royal Neighbors' benefit take nears \$1,000

The Oberlin Royal Neighbors, which sponsored a potato bar for the Sunflower Cinema on Sept. 6, report that donations have now reached \$917.

The night of the supper, a total of \$602 was collected, which was matched by the group's national office. Edna Mott said that any additional donations also will be

matched up to \$1,000.

Members were assisted with the potato bar by the Sunflower Cinema board, and other volunteers furnished desserts.

Oberlin church host for book review Monday

The "Last Rights" by Stephen P. Kieman will be reviewed at 7 p.m. Monday by Barbara (Scheopner) Stoecklein at the Oberlin Covenant Church, sponsored by Hospice Services.

Bolstered by both scientific re-

search and intimate portraits of men and women from all walks of life, the book offers a hopeful, profound vision for patients, doctors and families: a way to honor the dying during their time of greatest vulnerability, a chance for families

to reconnect, and an opportunity for the medical system to treat patients with ultimate respect, a time to give comfort and compassion to those who are loved most, she said.

The public is welcome.

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