

Jennings High Alumni gather at senior center

Jennings High School Alumni and guests met on Saturday at the Jennings Senior Center.

The welcome was given by President Carl Wahlmeier and the invocation by Louis Wahlmeier, vice president. Other officers are Bobbi Brooks Barton, secretary, and Linda Stackhouse Wahlmeier, treasurer. Roll call of the classes was read with several classes commenting on their class reunion experiences. Entertainment was by Dan, Curt and Becky Wahlmeier. Five door prizes were given.

The president read the names of alumni who died during the past year: Dottie Parker Gillette, Mildred Allen Tacha, Norman Nelson, Emily Divis Small, William Carter, Bill Tacha, Chad Kier, Darrell Follis, Roger Shimek, LeRoy Van Pelt, Jani Petracek Urban and Joyce Muirhead Christensen. Dan Wahlmeier sang a song he had written, which was fitting for the memorial.

Clocks were presented to Mary Votapka and Norine Bailey for their 30-plus years of service to the Jennings High School directory.

Officers elected include: Carl Wahlmeier, president; Louis Wahlmeier, vice president; Judy Tacha Vaughn, secretary; and Stacy Hartzog, treasurer. The school song was led by Julie Carter with Kay Brown as accompanist.

Those who made reservations follow:

Class of 1939: Flossie Cramer Mowry, Nadine Harris Chandler, Connie Kienitz, Harold "Bob" Tacha.

Class of 1941: Rachel Carlton Carter.

Class of 1943: Neoma Kusy Tacha.

Class of 1945: Eugene Mrstik, Dona Wiley Mrstik, Herbert and Barbara Lieber, Galen and Meme Carper, Larry and Alice Mizer.

Class of 1946: Mary Johnson Votapka.

Class of 1948: Keith and Helen Heilman Murihead, Ida Mae Hickert Hoover, Sister Frances Cabrini Wahlmeier.

Class of 1949: Robert and Catherine Wahlmeier, Carni and Rose Ponder, Vayle Rohan.

Class of 1950: Dean Vacura, Lawrence and Lila Harris Jennings,

Dean and Dalene Sewell Gawith, Dorothy Brown Stealy.

Class of 1951: Loyd "Bob" and Lila Keenan, Eula Follis Forgione, Ethel Johnson Taylor.

Class of 1952: Martin and Darlene Hartzog LaRue, Kenneth and Violet Krizek.

Class of 1953: Jimmie Kappers, Elisa Malayas.

Class of 1954: John and Francia Wahlmeier.

Class of 1955: Doyle Brown.

Class of 1956: Marion and Marilyn Hickert Otter, Daryl and Marjorie Shimmick Hartzog, Kay Tacha Brown, Mary Ann Shimek Amack, Gloria Vaughn McKenna.

Class of 1958: Louis Wahlmeier, Dorothy Shimmick Vacura, Bill and Janiece Brown Dowell.

Class of 1959: Donna Vacura Severns, Judith Tacha Vaughn, Carl and Betty Gaumer Fitzgerald, Bill and Geraldine Fleckenstein Lampe, Gaylen and Bev Randolph, Dennis and Roberta Mizell McAllister, John and Deane Tacha.

Class of 1960: Gary Vaughn, Carl Wahlmeier.

Class of 1961: Linda Stackhouse Wahlmeier.

Class of 1964: Jim Gaumer.

Class of 1965: Dick and Ann Carter Graner, Rex Rowh.

Class of 1966: Sue Votapka Long, John Keenan.

Class of 1967: Janeil Keenan Dilling, Allan Carter, Sherry Carter.

Class of 1968: Ann Votapka Rowh.

Class of 1969: Kathy Miller Britton, Ken and Julie Ward Carter.

Class of 1970: Debbie Bailey Graham, Kylee Brooks, Norine and Elwood Bailey.

Class of 1973: Tom Votapka, Terri Hanke.

Class of 1974: Lisa Shipley, Della Shipley.

Class of 1984: Curt, Becky, Taylor and Luke Wahlmeier.

Class of 1987: Stacy, Jocelyn and Allison Hartzog, Cary, Tessa and Keegan Wahlmeier.

Class of 1989: Dan, Shelly Jazzmin and Joaquin Wahlmeier.

Class of 1991: Jeff and Bobbi Brooks Barton.

Class of 2002: Wesley and Ann Carter DuBois.



Brett and Tracey McKenna

Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Tracey Lynn Weber and Brett Michael McKenna received the sacrament of marriage on Saturday, April 25, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin. Father Charles Mazouch officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Roy and Susan Weber, Claflin; and Mike and Joan McKenna, Jennings. Grandparents of the bride are Martina Luebbers, Ellinwood; the late Joe Luebbers; and the late Nick and Viola Weber. Grandparents of the bridegroom are Keith and Maxine Sauvage, Oberlin; and the late Francis and Lenore McKenna.

The bride wore a strapless, A-line ivory gown made of beaded alencon lace with a dropped waist and cathedral train. To accent her gown, she chose a fingertip veil edged with crystal beads. She carried a bouquet of fresh, mixed flowers with a rosary carried by both her mother and grandmother on their wedding days.

Kirstin Veith, Manhattan, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Amber Nutt, Shawnee; Annie Weber, Manhattan, cousin of the bride; and Amy Osborn, Kansas City, sister of the bridegroom. Kansas City. They wore spice-colored tea-length halter top dresses.

Best man was Nick Wahlmeier, Jennings. Groomsmen were Adam Wahlmeier, Jennings; Nate Geist, Manhattan; and Chris Weber, Wichita, brother of the bride. They wore black tuxedos with spice vests and

ties. Ushers were cousins of the bridegroom, Chris and Marcus McKenna, Jennings; and Jason Bird, Manhattan.

The flower girl was Riley Luebbers, Ballwin, Mo., cousin of the bride. Ringbearers were Will and Henry Peterson, DeMotte, Ind., nephews of the bridegroom.

Shelley McKenna, Jennings, aunt of the bridegroom, was the organist. Cantor was Emily Ney, Claflin. Lector was Becca Peterson, DeMotte, Ind., sister of the bridegroom. Servers were Marlee and Landee McKenna, Selden, cousins of the bridegroom. Greg, Paula, Hallee and Baylee McKenna, Selden, presented the gifts.

Rae Levin, Manhattan, was seated at the guest book. Program attendants were Amelia Hartley and Nellie Ryan, both of Manhattan.

Reception, dinner and dance followed the ceremony at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Great Bend. Serving the wedding cake were Staci DeGeer, Manhattan; Jessica Wissing, Hastings, Neb.; Trudy Stockham, Norton, aunt of the bridegroom; and Nikole DeWitt, Inman, cousin of the bridegroom.

The bride's uncle and aunt, N.R. and Dana Weber, Claflin, led the grand march.

The bride is the secretary at Claflin Elementary School. The bridegroom farms near Claflin. The couple lives on a farm north of Claflin.

Oberlin woman retires

Becky Vollertsen has retired from being the director/instructor of the Colby Community College dental hygiene program. She has held this position for the past 11 years.

She is a registered dental hygienist who began her teaching career at the college in August 1998 as the first director of the dental hygiene program. In addition, she has instructed students in Dental Hygiene Orientation, Dental Health Safety, Oral Anatomy and Histology, Dental Radiography, Dental Materials, and Dental Hygiene Clinic I and II.

"My experience at CCC has been wonderful," said Mrs. Vollertsen. "I was given an opportunity to teach with other great hygienists and the students have been awesome. The reward of knowing I have helped



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graduate hygienists who have made a difference in the dental profession is priceless. I will remember all the good times I've had at CCC forever."

Mrs. Vollertsen received her dental hygiene associates of applied science degree from Johnson County Community College in

1977. She earned her bachelor's degree from Pittsburg State University in May 2005.

She and her husband, Kurt, have owned Ward Drug Store in Oberlin, since 1980. They have a son, Grant, who is a dentist; a daughter-in-law, Wendy, and a daughter, Haley, who are both dental hygienists.

She said she plans to help her husband in the drug store, garden, golf, and relax.

Farm program offers options

Contracts on roughly 2,171 general sign-up acres in the Conservation Reserve Program in Decatur County will expire Wednesday, Sept. 30, says Diane Barrett, county executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency in Oberlin.

Some of these tracts will be eligible for a three- or five-year extension under the program, which protects millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion.

Agreements covering about 3.9 million acres nationwide expire Sept. 30, with 100,000 acres under continuous signup. To stay within the authorized limit of 32 million acres, the Department of Agriculture will only be able to extend contracts on 1.5 million acres nationwide, Mrs. Barrett said.

For details, stop by the county office at 408 S. Buffalo.

Benefit bake sale Saturday

The Decatur County Good Samaritan STAR Committee plans a bake sale fund raiser in front of Raye's Grocery on Saturday, starting at 7:30 a.m.

The committee—the initials stand for Stop Along the Road—promotes activities to create a more comprehensive bond among the staff.

The committee also works to

promote and encourage interaction between staff and residents, and create greater staff awareness and involvement.

Members are Linda Hollowell, chair; Angela Corcoran, secretary; and Fran Nothdurft, Christine Edmiston, Paula Corcoran, Violet Krizek, Judy Jordan, Tina Perrin and Michelle O'Dea.

Scouts cookie sale successful

More than 9,000 Girl Scouts across the state proved to be good salespeople in a tough economy by selling more than 1.3 million boxes of cookies during the 2009 Girl Scout cookie sale.

The money raised will benefit Scouts and their troops, said Shelly Chenoweth of Wichita, chief executive officer of the Girl Scouts of the Kansas Heartland, as well as council programs such as the financial aid program for families, community-service projects, summer camps, troop trips, educational opportunities for Scouts and their leaders, program development and more.

With the cookie sale now completed, Girl Scouts will soon be enjoying the benefits of their hard work. For every 30 boxes of cook-

ies sold, girls earn \$10 worth of "Cookie Credits" commonly used to pay for summer camp activities. These credits make it possible for many girls to attend camps in June, July and August where they can participate in activities such as horse rides, music theater, sailing, swim, camp, canoeing team sports, hikes and exploring science and nature.

Camp registration is underway for all girls age 5 to 17. Girls do not have to be a member to sign up for summer camps; Chenoweth said, they only need to pay an additional \$10 membership fee to begin a summer of fun and adventure.

For details, call (785) 625-5671, (888) 811-8832 or visit www.kansasgirlscouts.org.

Museum plans celebration

The 33rd Annual Logan Labor Day Celebration, sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 6, at the Logan Golf Course. There is no admission charge.

Activities will include a church service at 8 a.m., a remote control fly-in, and a sand volleyball tournament registration with games to begin at 9 a.m.

Other events include a super-challenge slide for kids, a pellet range, a tractor pull, and something new this year: craft activities for children throughout the day.

The food booth will be open at 8 a.m. and the Sno-Cone Shack will begin selling at 10 a.m.

The Dane G. Bales Junior Memorial Car Show begins at 10 a.m.

There will be many makes and varieties of cars to look over.

The Prairie Dusters Mounted Drill Team will be giving horse rides for the public from 3 to 4 p.m. They will perform a special show on the golf course at 4:30 p.m.

Other acts include the "Koshare Indian Dancers," from La Junta, Colo., performing on stage at 4 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m.; and "Tim Anthony and the Anamals," a rock band from Hays, which will perform on stage at 7:30 p.m.

Rainbow Fireworks of Inman will then light up the sky with a fabulous display of fireworks.

For more information, call Shirley Henrickson at (785) 689-4846, or go online to www.hansenmuseum.org.

Cadet speaks to Rotary

Aaron Helm, a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, talked at the May 19 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. He was introduced by Doyle Brown, program chair.

Cadet Helm has just completed his second year and his major is mechanical engineering. He is in the class of 2011. He gave a brief history of the academy.

The military installation, he said, dates back to the Revolutionary War, when both sides realized the

strategic importance of the commanding plateau on the west bank of the Hudson River. The academy is 50 miles north of New York. He said that President Thomas Jefferson signed a bill establishing the academy in 1802, and Col. Sylvanus Thayer, known as the father of the military academy, served as superintendent from 1817 to 1833. There are about 4,400 cadets, 15 to 20 percent women.

Guests also included Becky Helm.

Calico Gals view garden

The Calico Gals Club met on May 20, at the home of Shirley Shields. Seven members, Donna Kelley, Phyllis Screen, Barbara Duell, Sandy Counter, Millie Lippelmann, Detta Anderson and Shirley Shields, and two guests, Lisa Eccles and Holly Young, were present.

The club collect and flag salute were repeated. Roll call was a spring idea, poem, joke, colored snowball

flowers in a basket and views for decorating the home and yard. The women toured the beautiful yard of Mrs. Shields following the meeting. Sandy Counter won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, at the City Park with Jan Hackney and Margaret McEvoy as hostesses for a potluck picnic.

Stearman Fly-in next month

The 27th annual Stearman Fly-In, featuring antique aircraft, hot-air balloons and skydiving, will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 12 to 14, at the Cheyenne County Airport in St. Francis.

Planes will begin arriving on Friday, and there will be a skydiving exhibition at the high school practice field at 7 p.m. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, with lunch available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

on Saturday and a barbecue dinner that night. There is no admission charge.

All aircraft are welcome. For a fee, pilots will be offering rides on the Stearman trainers and other aircraft and "observer rides" on skydiving transports.

The event is sponsored by the Grace Flying Service and the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce. For details, call (785) 332-2791 or go to www.stearmanflyin.org.

New Arrivals

Kodie Maria da Silva

Doug and Kristin da Silva are the parents of a daughter, Kodie Maria da Silva, born May 6, 2009, at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Enid, Okla. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 inches long. She has a sister Josie and a stepbrother, Austin da Silva, of Kalispell, Mont. Grandparents are Lynn and Donna Groneweg, Enid, Okla., and Wayne and Linda da Silva, Kalispell, Mont. Great-grandparents are Howard and Janette Votapka, and Dean and Peggy Groneweg, Oberlin; Annette da Silva, St. Paul, Minn.; Joe and Catherine da Silva, Cooper City, Fla.; and Frank and Mary Ellen da Silva, Hernando, Fla.



K. da Silva

Library sets reading program

The Oberlin City Library will sponsor the Individual Summer Reading Program for school children of all ages from Monday, June 1, through Saturday, Aug. 1.

Treats will be given to those who finish the program, courtesy

of Crossroads Express, Pizza Hut, and the library.

For details, stop by the library or call 475-2412.

"Come read with us this summer," said Librarian Carol Smith.

Program set at hospital

The Community Hospital in McCook will be having an educational program, "Menopause and Facts and Myths about Hormone Replacement Therapy" at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, in the Meadowlark Conference Room.

The program, presented by Todd Pankratz, an obstetrician/gynecologist from Hastings, will provide information on perimenopause, menopause and hormone replacement therapy.

Appetizers will be served and attendees will receive a free gift.

Reservations are necessary by calling Susan Harris-Broomfield at (308) 344-8550.

Seating is limited.

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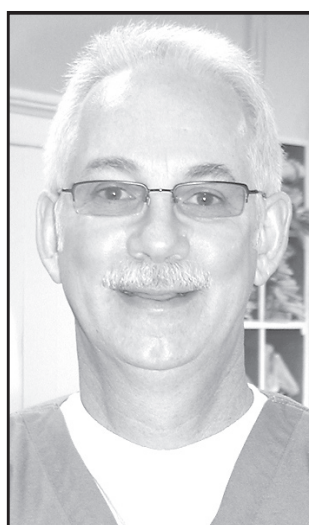
The office of Dr. Gary Fredrickson was established in Oberlin in 1982. We offer the services of Robyn Rouse who has been a dental hygienist for 18 years. We also provide for visits from an orthodontist, Dr. John Haugen in our office.

Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We are open during the lunch hour to offer more convenient scheduling for you. We enjoy children in our practice and recommend their first visit at the age of three.

We gladly process all dental insurance for you and we are a contracting dentist with Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Delta Dental Insurance. We offer several options for financing dental care and accept Master Card, Visa and Discover cards.



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Open House
An open house will be held in honor of
Gary and Shirley Emigh
as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
Their children invite you to share in this joyous occasion on June 6th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Selden Community Center.
(They request only the gift of your presence.)

