

People in Our Community

Mary Lou Olson, society editor
ml.olson@nwkans.com

Recent guests of Jerald and Elaine Leitner for several days were Claudia Bryant, Fort Meyers, Fla.; Jerry Leitner, and Kaydee Leitner and Haydin, Hilton Head Beach, S.C. Weekend guests included Karla and John Sullivan, and Dustin and Katrina Sullivan, Talyn and Tage, Colby.

Wayne and Linda Bosler of Herndon, attended graveside services in Fresno, Calif., on Saturday for his brother, Gordon "Nick" Bosler, who died Aug. 10. The correct address for his wife, Nancy, and family is 5640 N. Anna Street, Fresno, Calif., 93710. Carolyn Wallace, not Carolyn Bennett, is a surviving sister.

Jim and Norma Carmon recently moved to Oberlin from Falun, Wis., where he had served as pastor for the past 10 years at the Falun Baptist Church. His four daughters, Yvonne, Vickie, Janet and Janell, and their spouses helped them move.

All are graduates of Decatur Community High School. The family lived here when he served as pastor of the Lund Covenant Church and later when he was in evangelistic work. The couple attended the 100th anniversary celebration for the church at Falun last weekend.

Keith and Evelyn Shaw of Tallahassee, Fla., spent several days last week visiting relatives, among them being several cousins, Ralph and Violet Shaw, Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante, Laurene Van Otterloo, Eunice Richards, Phyllis McCartney, and Mary Lohofener.

Those from Oberlin who attended the Johnson family reunion held at 4-H Building at Norton on Saturday were Pat Cozad, Dan and Jackie Mayberry, Zach Lahe, Brad and Aubrey Burmaster, and Jeff and Andrea Burmaster and

Krizek reunion at Jennings

The annual Krizek family reunion was held Aug. 8 at the Jennings Senior Center.

After dinner, the group enjoyed taking pictures and visiting and a tour of the Czech Museum and other landmarks in Jennings.

Those present included Neal, Lee and Riley Krizek, Scott, Kayla and Hailey Smalley, and Kala Smalley, Lincoln, Neb.; Kim, Brian and Courtney Brumley, McPherson; Diana Stutterhein, Prairie View; Evan, Mary and Brendan Kolsky,

Family gathers at Selden

The Brainard family held a reunion at the Selden Senior Center on Sunday with the Bill Brainard family as hosts.

Those attending included Doris Sloan, Cindi Sloan-Sauder, Oberlin; Hannes Geyser, South Africa; Eldred and Lorraine Wurm, Atwood; Dan and Carol Wasson, Donald Wasson, Steve and Helen Carman, Selden; Terry Budig,

John. There were relatives present from Oregon, Kansas, Florida, Virginia, Tennessee, Connecticut and Nebraska, along with two servicemen who were home on leave from Afghanistan.

Mildred Holmdahl and Janeil Jensen, Oberlin; and Lori Ayers, Jordan and Caiden, Kearney, Neb., attended the wedding of Shani Guzan and John Maybrier on Sunday, July 9, in Shawnee Mission. The newlyweds will make their home in Gardner.

Joy Votapka spent the last two weeks as a campground host at Lake McConaghy. She also visited the Charlie Votapka family at Ogallala.

Winning highs in pinochle this week at the Golden Age Recreation Center were Dorothy Moore, Kelva Dryden, Henry Edgett, Max Carman and Veanna Carman.

Lows went to Doris Fringer, Doris Gilbert, Ardis Roe, Neil Marshall and Ivis Hanson. Winning highs at bridge were Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Cynthia Matson and Shirley Simpson.

Larry and Becky Ayers attended the wedding of Shani Guzan and John Maybrier on Aug. 9, in Shawnee Mission. Among others attending were Holly Lincoln, Wamego; and Angie and Derek Riner, Oberlin.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner, and Claudia Bryant, Fort Meyers, Fla., visited several days with Jeremy and Karen Bryant, Jason and Ethan at Carl Junction, Mo.

The Leitners spent Sunday night with Lyle and Arlene Pummer at Ozark, Mo. Other visitors were Terry and Janice Brown and Rick Pummer.

Clay Center; Roger Krizek, Peg Smalley, and Murlin and Luella Krizek, McCook; Lawrence and Lila Jennings and Brendan, Kenny and Violet Krizek, Jennings; Pat Fringer, Henry Edgett, Alene Scott, Jack and Lelia Benton, Gerold Kolsky, Lee Don, Melanie and Rachelle Scott, Oberlin; Danielle, Teagan and Addison Beiker, Casper, Wyo.; Branson Scott, Colby; Berneda Zoberst, Rexford; and Carolyn Sue Hayes, Colby.

Lincoln, Neb.; Matt Sloan, Jodi Ewold and Bryce, Bertrand, Neb.; Jerry and Ruth Ridge, Donna and Jessica Wedel, Garden City; Daisy Schmidt, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, Achilles; Bud and Helen Rhodes, Jennings; and Dave and Irene Brainard, Mankato.

The Claude Brainard family will be hosts for the reunion on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010, at the center.

Twins baptized Sunday

Cyler Vincent and Camden Allen Luck, 4-month-old twin sons of Mark and Jessica Luck of Hays, were baptized by Pastor Doug Hasty Sunday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. Sponsors were Larry and Judy Bearley of Oakley.

Pastor Hasty married the parents and also baptized big brother Corbin Luck.

A dinner followed in the church basement. Present were great-grandmother Nora Bearley, and great-grandparents, Kieth and Dorothy Alstrom, Oberlin; grandparents, Bob and Lynette Luck, Colby; Jerry and Montine Alstrom, and Larry Long, Oberlin; great-great-uncles



The Road to Wellness in Northwest Kansas

SHERIDAN COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX

The Long Term Care Unit at Sheridan County Health Complex has openings for New Residents

- Private & Semi-Private Rooms
- Beauty Shop & Personal Care Supplies included in Room Rate
- Unique Art Therapy Program & Activities Department

Call us at 785-675-3802

Take advantage now of our highly rated care for you or your loved ones.

Alumni updates needed

A new directory for the Decatur Community High School Alumni Association is being prepared for publication early next year.

Headquarters for sending updated information is the Decatur County Museum. Director Sharleen Wurm, with the assistance of Dick Carman, is compiling the information.

They ask that all classes appoint several members to be sure the correct information is submitted.

Information may be sent by e-mail to alumnidchs@gmail.com or at the website usd294.org, click on the Alumni tab, complete the form and submit.

It includes the following: year graduated; name; maiden name; address; city, state and zip; spouse; spouse maiden name; education; branch of military; occupation; children's names; e-mail address.

For details, call the museum at (785) 475-2712.

Information may also be sent to Decatur County Museum, 258 S. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Sign-up week for Scouting

Girl Scout and Boy Scout representatives will be out in communities across the state next week to share the benefits of Scouting and make registration convenient for parents.

Scout volunteers and staff will be available to answer questions and assist with registration at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Oberlin Elementary School cafeteria.

For more information on Boy Scouts, visit scoutinginkansas.org.

For Girl Scouts, go to www.kansasgirlscouts.org.

Grafels hold reunion at Herndon

The descendants of Henry and Mertie (Bobinmyer) Grafel gathered at the homestead/home of the Kyle Grafel family on Saturday, Aug. 8, for a potluck lunch and supper, games, swimming and horseback riding.

Four generations attended, from Don Grafel, 84, down to Lauren Sattler, 2 1/2 months.

Attending were Tyler and Alicia Smith, Jeff, Danielle and Isabelle Leitner, Colorado Springs; Bryan,



RELEASING A BALLOON in memory of his daughter, Linda New, was Joe Sumlin of Apopka, Fla. Over 100 people attended a memorial service honoring her on the rocky bluffs west of Jennings on Saturday evening.

—Photo by Marjorie Hartzog

Many honor Jennings woman

Over 100 friends, relatives and neighbors gathered Saturday evening at the Broken Wheel Bar and Grill in Jennings for a potluck supper, followed by a tribute to the life of Linda New, who died on Aug. 7, at the Sheridan County Health Complex in Hoxie.

Mrs. New had worked at the business for several years before she and her husband became co-owners in January 2008. A month later, she was diagnosed with cancer.

The former Linda Lahr, she and David New married on Nov. 11, 1999, at the Decatur County Hospital courtyard in Oberlin, so his mother, Louise New, a patient at the time, could attend. Judge John Bremer officiated; a friend, Doc

Mather, was best man; and Janice Kruse, a certified nurse aide at the hospital, was bridesmaid. The bride's daughter, Tara Lahr, attended school at Jennings, graduating with the class of 2003, and now helps Mr. New at the bar and grill.

At sundown, over 100 people gathered on the rocky bluffs west of Jennings for a memorial service. Pastor Barbara Patterson led a brief devotion, which included Mrs. New's favorite Bible passage, the 23rd Psalm, and a poem, "The Tapestry of My Life."

Many helium balloons were released in a moving ceremony. Fifty-three mylar balloons with laminated notes attached giving information about her life and an



Linda New

Roma, Sydney and Saeger Grafel, Council Grove; Rusty Grafel, Teryn Grafel, Hays; David, April and Lauren Sattler, Norton; Kurt, Kris, Kayla and Kourtney Grafel, Utica; Charlotte Smith, Troy, Greta and Tate Smith, Buhler; Jennifer Leitner, Wichita; Brad and Cindy Brenning, Olathe; Susan and Makenzie Nelson and friend, Brady, Keaston and Danielle Grafel, Oberlin; and Don and Joan Grafel, Todd Nelson, Leon and Marita Portschy, Danny and Jean Ann Leitner; and Kyle, Cindi, Benjamin, Sarah and Rachel Grafel, all of Herndon.

Men help in Alaskan project

Kyle Grafel and son Benjamin of Herndon, returned home Aug. 1 from Alaska, where they joined three other men and a woman on a mission-building trip to the town of Mountain Village sponsored by the Midwest Conference of the Covenant Church.

They put up a building for repairing snow machines and four-wheelers. Two teams worked on the project for one week each. The Grafels were on the second team and worked on enclosing, roofing and finishing the building inside and out.

While there, they enjoyed a trip on a small fishing boat on the Yukon River and went out onto the tundra.

They also tried out some of the local foods, including moose, salmon, pike and king crab.

"The people were very friendly," said Mr. Grafel, "and appreciated us coming to help the local pastor by constructing the building and doing some repairs on the church."

After returning to Anchorage, they took a short sightseeing tour to look at wildlife, salmon swimming upstream and several large glaciers.

Both agreed they had a great experience, including flying and working in the Alaska village. They are members of the Herndon Covenant Church.

Bankers Life and Casualty Company
We specialize in seniors

Long Term Care —
Medicare Supplements
Life — Annuities — IRA's

785-874-8500
Norton, Kansas

04-B025



Len Coady
Licensed Agent

Kansas State Treasurer
Dennis McKinney

Wants to return your
Unclaimed Cash....



Able, Grace
Able, Harold
Able, John
"
"

Zynder Norbert
Zysk, Donald
Zyskowski, Goldie M.

To find your name between A and Z please visit:

www.KansasCash.Com

or
1-800-432-0386



**JENNINGS 18th ANNUAL
FIREMEN'S FUN DAY**
Saturday, August 22, 2009

(ALWAYS THE 4TH SATURDAY OF AUGUST)
Parade Theme: "Celebrate the Harvest"

8:00-10:00 - Health Fair. Sr. Center, sponsored by Decatur Health Systems, Oberlin Clinic, and Decatur Co. EMS; Health Fair Profile-\$35 (must be fasting), includes thyroid, lipid profile, CBS, ChemProfile. New this year - C-reactive Protein and Hemoglobin A1C-both very sophisticated screening tests; Prostate Cancer Screening \$20; Free BP, Blood Sugar, Diabetic Education, Dr. Sliter-Swine Flu Education
8:00-10:00 - Kolache Coffee, Sr. Center, Greet the new UM Pastor Barbara Patterson. Kolaches sold all day, as long as they last-\$1.00 each or \$11.00/dozen
8:00 - Community Garage Sale and Bake Sale, American Legion Hall, 1/2 block East of City Hall
Nativity Set Raffle Tickets - from Holy Land, \$300 value, sold all day, proceeds to Fire Dept. Need not be present to win.
10:00-1:30 - Frequent Safety Demonstrations, Main St., KS State Trooper, Norton
10:00-5:00 - Wobble-Trap Shoot, Heilman's, 5 1/2 miles North of Jennings on county RD #385 (Bill Heilman farm, follow signs, bring your own shotgun and plenty of shells)
10:00 - Train Rides for Kids - Main Street, Courtesy of Greg Otter, Lenora
10:00 - Cake Walk, City Hall, sponsored by Mary Wahlmeier
10:00-5:00 - Czech Museum Open, Free Admission, donations welcome
10:30 - Treasure Hunt, Meet at Legion Hall, Prize-\$50 script to be spent at auction
10:30 - Children's Games, closed during parade. Dunk Tank, Jennings Fire Department; Nex-tech Wii; Coin Search, the Bank, Pony Rides-50¢, Peggy Westmoreland, Oakley; Giant Slide, 75¢, Heritage Park
11:00 - Old Time Band from Hoxie, Main Street
11:00-5:00 - Bingo, Sr. Center, Tickets 3/\$1 or 50¢ each.
11:30 - Lunch Counter Opens, Fire Station
12:00-12:30 - Line up for Parade, South end of Pennsylvania Ave. Please be prompt, all entries appreciated. No pre-registration. No entry fee, 12:30 - All females competing for the title of Jennings Firemen's FunDay Queen need to register at parade site. No age limit.
1:30 - Parade, Main Street. Parade will conclude with introduction of queen candidates. Jasmine Wahlmeier reigning queen. Vote for queen, Main St., 1 vote per person, voting concludes at 4 p.m.
2:30 - Children's Games Resume, Sno cones, funnel cakes available
3:00 - Children's Tractor Pull, City Hall Yard, Ages 4-12, Registration at 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Great Northwest Insurance Agency, sanctioned for State Fair
4:00 - Free Bike Give Away-with Helmet. 1 Boy's and 1 Girl's, Courtesy of Jennings Fire Dept./EMS. Must be 12 years old or under. Must be present to win. Sign up at Kolache Stand or speaker's stand
4:00 - Firemen's Team Barrel Competition
6:00 - Hog Roast, Fire Station, BBQ pulled pork, beans, chips
7:00 - Crowning of FunDay Queen
Firemen's Raffle - TV, Surround Sound System, Portable DVD Player. Winners announced at auction, need not be present to win
7:00 - Auction, donated items from area businesses and individuals. Raffle winners announced. Street Dance with Mobile Music Express DJs, Oberlin, to follow the auction.
FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: KERRY GREEN, 678-2647, STANN HARTZOG, 678-3020, OR MARGE HARTZOG, 678-3010 OR ANY MEMBER OF THE JENNINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT