

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
**People in
 Our Community**
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Pastors Charlotte and John Strecker-Baseler returned home to Oberlin on Wednesday evening from two weeks traveling in Alaska. They visited Anchorage, took a three-day small-ship cruise of the Prince William Sound and the glaciers, drove along the Kenai Peninsula to Homer, back to Anchorage and traveled the Glenn and Richardson highways to Fairbanks, on to Denail National Park and back to Anchorage. They traveled in a pickup camper in the southcentral and interior regions of Alaska.

Andy and Sandy Matson of White Hall, Ark., visited from Wednesday to Sunday with his parents, Buzz and Cynthia Matson.

Steve, JoAnn and Michael Class, and Jon and Susan Jackson, all of Englewood, Colo.; and Ronnie Goss, Denver, were Labor Day weekend guests of Bill and Donna Goss and Jim Goss.

Alice Shirley was honored with an open house on Sunday afternoon at the new Golden Age Center in Oberlin. Hosts were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Those able to attend included: Herb and Carol Shirley, Oberlin; Jeni and Robbie Henningson, Nolan and Ganon, Norcatur; Tiffani and Sam O'Toole, Peyton and Parker, McCook; Mandi Moran, Sage and Erica, St. Joseph, Mo.; John and Joan Shirley, Shawn and Kelly, Scott City; Steve and Michelle Miers, Pueblo, Colo.; Chad, Barbara and Brooke Shirley, Salina; Tom and Terri Shirley, Coconut Grove, Calif.; Heather and Gene Bertman, Joshua and Audrey, Norman, Okla.; and Jessie and Caleb and Lauren, Oklahoma City. Over 175 relatives and friends attended.

Dean and Peggy Groneweg accompanied their daughter, Joyce and Jim Jones, of Cambridge, Neb., to Oberlin on Saturday after Dean was dismissed from the hospital in Salina. Lynn Groneweg, Enid, Okla., and Robert and Judy Groneweg, Oberlin, had also visited him.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson and Jared attended the football game in Manhattan on Saturday, then were weekend guests of Ryan and Leslie Nelson of Topeka.

Cathcarts gather for reunion

About 100 common descendants of Robert and Jane (Thom) Cathcart, who moved to this area from Pennsylvania in the 1800s, held a reunion at the Bohemian Hall on Sunday.

Descendants attending by families included:

Clark Cathcart: Richard and Sharon Glenn, Waukeo, Iowa; Eileen Grose and Cheryl Metcalf, Ralph and Violet Shaw, Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante, Oberlin.

Grant Cathcart: Amy Fowler-Wesley and children, Omaha; Connie Rodina and boys, Joan Fowler, Ottawa; Bart and Melissa Taplin and children, Abilene; Lori Kaczmarek, Lamar, Colo.; Charlie and Gina Votapka, Ogallala, Neb.; Tom and Patti Purvis, J.D. and Emily Purvis, Tracy and Jennett Purvis and children, Goodland; Stacey Miller, Pleasant View, Utah; Terry Cathcart, Farm-

Women meet at Good Sam

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met on Sept. 2 at the Good Samaritan Center. President Cheryl Metcalf opened the meeting with a group song, "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

Roll call was answered by eight members telling in what state they were born. The president read items of interest from the District Newsletter. The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, and reservations are due by Oct. 8. Names of those completing one or more phases of the reading program will be sent to the district

Rotarians update members

Gary Anderson spoke about Decatur Tomorrow and the Public Square committees at the Sept. 1 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He said that an accreditation team had toured Oberlin and Sappa Park and spoke of the many possibilities the park offers. The team also visited students during the high school's government day. They were impressed with the new community center under construction and with what Oberlin has to offer.

Recent visitors of Marie Zimmerman were her daughters, Linda Marintzer, Westminster, Colo.; Karen Buxton, Brighton, Colo., and Debra Scheusler, Tempe, Ariz.

Dan and Jackie Mayberry returned home Monday after spending a week in the Colorado mountains, visiting Manitou Springs, Lake George and other points of interest.

Marj Law of Lakewood, Colo., and Clayton Jording of Medford, Ore., came on Sept. 1 and are visiting their mother, Fern Jording. Other visitors have been Esther Jording, and Joyce and Richard Colvin and Tanner, Salina.

Elaine Bryan, Mary Ann Amack and Cecil Hess took Laurene Van Otterloo out for supper Saturday at the Frontier Restaurant to help her celebrate her birthday.

Word was received by Betty and Dwayne Jones of the death of her cousin, Marilyn (Leitner) Dickert, 71, of Mount Vernon, Wash., on Aug. 22. She was the daughter of the late George and Mary (Wurm) Leitner, formerly of Oberlin. Survivors include her husband, Daryl; four children; a sister, Donna and Glenn Laison, and Ron and Skit Leitner, all of Mount Vernon. Funeral services were held at Mount Vernon on Aug. 29.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Recreation Center were Max Carman, Dorothy Moore, Henry Edgett, Ivis Hanson and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Neil Marshall, Ardis Roe, Max Carman, Dorothy Moore, Elden Haas and Doris Gilbert. Pitch highs were won by Elden Haas and Dorothy Moore, with low going to Dorothy Moore. Winning highs at bridge were Cynthia Matson, Marty Munson, Alice Shirley, Marie McKisson and Dorothy Cochran.

Among weekend visitors of Goldie Stapp were Rod and Delores Stapp and Janelle Morell, Norton; Larry and Marcia Stapp, Garden City; and Garry and Barbara Stapp, Ord, Neb. They all came to attend the 90th birthday open house which honored their aunt, Alice Shirley, on Sunday.

ington, Utah; Tom Railsback, Great Falls, Mont.; Richard and Joyce Colvin and Tanner, Salina; Jeanne, Jennifer and Jacinda Bell, Pearland, Texas; Nancy Ellis, Al, Marilyn and Kevin Cathcart, Topeka; Vera Durr, Hutchinson; Susan Diamantes, William E. Cathcart, Winchester, Va.; Luther and Elaine Morton, Dodge City; Joe Kyte, Wichita; Sarah, Haleanna and Kohen Cathcart, Kearney, Neb.; Krista Fowler, McCook; Marian Railsback, Fort Collins, Colo.; Julie Plotts, McCook; Robert Cathcart, Woolforth, Texas; and Leslie Plotts, Joan and Darrin Glading, Jeff, Penny, Alex and Logan Hayward, Phil and Sharleen Wurm, Millard, Sara and Austin Kyte, Lynn, Joyce and Alyssa Rippe, Ron and Sondra Fowler, Lisa and Dan Votapka, Bill, Gail, Baron and Emma Cathcart, and Joy Votapka, all of Oberlin.

vice president. Officers will remain the same.

The Connecting Link will not be present until November. The October meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the LandMark Inn. Lucille Townsend will have the program, "World Thank Offering."

Angie Wilson gave an interesting program, "Food and Faith," and stressed that there are many who just have crumbs to eat while others have the whole loaf of bread. Members joined residents for cookies and beverages, which the women furnished.

he said. Other Rotarians involved with the group are Mark Olson and Jesse Carter.

Principal Charlie Haag told about budget cuts which forced the high school to cut a football coach and a custodian and discontinue washing athletic towels, and about movement of staff members between schools. He encouraged everyone to visit the newly remodeled library, made possible by the family of the late Lorraine Love.

**Gospel
 choir
 to perform**

Crossroads Gospel Choir will perform at 7:30 p.m. at The Gateway in Oberlin on Saturday.

The group, from Hays, started in August of 1997 as a small group of friends and family singing hymns and southern gospel pieces at area churches. Twelve years later, they are still singing southern gospel, but do other styles as well.

The 17-member group considers themselves more of a music ministry instead of just a singing group. The highlights of their singing career included a concert at Carnegie Hall.

Admission is by Oberlin Arts and Humanities season ticket or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students (through high school) at the door.

For details, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557, or Mary Henzel, (785) 470-0218.

**Worship set
 at city park**

The Decatur County Ministerial Association will sponsor a community worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the City Park band shell. A potluck picnic will follow.

The theme for the worship service will be "The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." *Psalm 24:11.*

A brass ensemble will play and provide the accompaniment for singing. Messages will be provided by Pastors Doug Mason, Charlotte Strecker-Baseler and Pastor Sharon Nelson. An offering will be received at the picnic for the association, along with donations for the food pantry.

In case of inclement weather, both will be held in the high school cafeteria. Everyone is invited. Bring a lawn chair, table service and a picnic dish to share.

**String band
 to perform**

Western Plains Arts Association will open its 40th season at 3 p.m. Sunday at The Gateway in Oberlin with the Boulder Acoustic Society.

The group is known as one of the most youthful and adventurous string bands working on the Colorado folk and bluegrass circuits. At its core are four multi-instrumentalists who don't call a single member their leader.

Aaron Keim plays string bass and ukelele; Kailin Yong, violin; Scott McCormick, accordion; and drummer Scott Aller plays junkyard percussion.

Admission is by season ticket or at the door, \$10 for adults and \$5 for students through high school.

**Christian
 concert set
 for October**

The McCook Evangelical Free Church will sponsor the Christian musical groups Selah and Avalon in a concert to celebrate the church's 30th anniversary at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the McCook City Auditorium.

Tickets, on sale beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1, are \$15 each for general seating only. Group ticket packages of 10 tickets for \$120 will be offered through Sept. 30.

Selah, pronounced Say'-la, and Avalon are touring together to promote new albums. Selah's album, "You Deliver Me," will hit stores Aug. 25. Avalon is releasing its album, "Reborn," in September. The Selah threesome of Allan Hall, Amy Perry and Todd Smith, have won four Dove awards for Inspirational Album of the Year, including "Hiding Place" and "Bless the Broken Road."

Avalon, formed in 1998, comprises Janna and Greg Long and Jeremi and Amy Richardson. In 1998, the group received a Dove Award for New Artist of the Year and have also received Dove Song of the Year awards for "Everything to Me," "Adonai" and "Testify to Love."

For details, go to www.mccookefc.org.



FIRE CHIEF KERRY GREEN showed off the 1994 International 5,200-gallon truck as the last entry in the 18th Annual Jennings Firemen's Fun Day parade. The truck was purchased with money from fund raisers held during the event last year. — Photo by Marge Hartzog

Jennings Fun Day draws big crowd

The 18th Annual Firemen's Fun Day on Aug. 22 drew an enthusiastic crowd for a day filled with fun, games, a health fair, sale of over 80 dozen kolaches, pony rides, a giant slide sponsored by the Jennings Lions Club, garage and bake sales, a new queen, an auction dance and more.

Fire Chief Kerry Green estimated the event would clear about \$7,000 after expenses. The money will be used to remodel the fire house for a new truck.

More than 60 people participated in the health fair and also made the acquaintance of the new United Methodist minister, Barbara Patterson, and her husband Glenn, of Hoxie. The treasure hunt was won by Ara Marine of Oberlin.

More than 100 people visited the Czech Museum from Texas, Colorado, Oregon, New Jersey, Nebraska, California, North Carolina and many parts of Kansas.

Winners in the mini-tractor pull were Sidney Taylor, Jayden Fenner, age 4; Nolan Juenemann, Dylan Green, Christopher Isbell, 5; Andrew Meitl, Calista Isbell, Kennedy Yeager, 6; Brandon Vacura, Taryn Fleckenstein, Zach Vacura, 7; Dylan

Sprester, Alex Howe, Cori Isbell, 8; Seth Otter, Austin Brown, Ashley Vacura, 9; Matt Vacura, Dawson Sprester, 10; and Drake Row and Dante Shaw, 11. It was sponsored by the Great Northwest Insurance Agency of Oberlin; the first and second place winners in each age category are eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair.

Boys and girls bikes and helmets, won by Clayton Carter and Dawson Sprester, were donated by the fire department and the Jennings emergency medical technicians. Proceeds from bingo will be used for improvements to the Jennings Opera House and Masonic Hall.

A wobble trap shoot at the Bill Heilman farm raised \$775 and drew about 40 shooters from Washington, Colorado and Kansas, and two girls who recently returned from Afghanistan.

The parade boasted 48 entries and was led by Jennings American Legion Post members, riding in a 1950 Willys U.S. Army Jeep, driven by retired Col. Gary Allen of Oberlin.

The highlight, as the final entry, was the fire department's newly acquired 1996 International 9400

tanker with a 5,200-gallon tank, driven by Chief Green. He expressed thanks to everyone for their support of Firemen's Fun Day, which made purchase of the new truck possible.

The reigning queen, Jazzmine Wahlmeier, was introduced by Stacy Hartzog, and later, she and her parents, Dan and Shelly Wahlmeier, crowned the 2009-2010 queen, Allison Hartzog, daughter of Stacy and Jocelyn Hartzog.

Competing in the double-elimination firemen's barrel competition were firefighters from Stratton and Elbert County in Colorado and Norcatur, Oberlin, Hays and Jennings. First-place winner was the Jennings team of Eric and Jeremy Green.

Raffle winners included Lynn Ward, a nativity set from the Holy Land; Tiffany Farr, television; Paul Nauer, surround-sound system; and Abby Carter, digital disk video player.

Four hogs were roasted by the firemen for the evening meal. An auction and a street dance by Mobile Music Express of Oberlin climaxed the day's activities.

The 2010 Fun Day will be Saturday, Aug. 28.

Farm Bureau honors area family

Gayle and Linda (Foster) Dible, Patty and Jerry Foster and Rick Foster were honored for their farming operation as a Century Farm at the annual meeting of the Decatur County Farm Bureau held at the American Legion on Aug. 13.

President Brad Marcuson welcomed the guests, who farm south of Jennings in Sheridan County, and presented a sign and license plate signifying their membership.

Century Farms include those which have been within the same

family for 100 or more years, with at least 80 acres of original Kansas farmland. Several in the family are members of the Decatur County bureau.

The original owner was "Tack" Foster, great-grandfather of Andrew J. Foster, whose wife Edith now has the land listed as the Foster Family Trust. Andrew Foster's father was Walter Ray Foster. The ground was homesteaded in 1880 with 160 acres in the original parcel.

Key speaker was Mike Irvin,

director of the Kansas Farm Bureau Legal Foundation, who spoke on the prospects of wind generation in the area. Other guests were Debbie Pugh, representing Sen. Pat Roberts, and Dennis Mesa, who represented Sen. Sam Brownback.

Other officers of Decatur County Farm Bureau include Natasha Carman, vice president; Denise Abbey, secretary; Kyle Carman, Jason Ketterl, Megan Ketterl and Brandon Bryan, directors; and Tamara Sporn, coordinator.

Oberlin band will play at McCook

The classic sights and sounds of 1930s radio will share the spotlight with the Oberlin Area Concert Band at the historic Fox Theatre during the annual Heritage Days celebration in McCook later this month.

Through the efforts of singers and musicians from southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas, the theatre will sponsor "Saturday Night at the Fox" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26.

**Church
 to welcome
 all visitors**

The Lund Covenant Church will be participating with hundreds of other churches across the country in National Back to Church Sunday this week.

"It is a service dedicated to helping people try church again," said Pastor Doug Mason. "The Lund congregation is inviting the community to services, which begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., worship service at 1 p.m. and a potluck to follow.

"You don't have to come to our church on that day, but try to attend church somewhere."

The church is 15 miles southwest of Oberlin. Take U.S. 83 south 10 miles to the church sign, then go four miles west and one south.

Donations for theater renovation will be accepted for admission.

The first half of the show, billed as "The KFOX Revue," will be a live performance patterned after radio programs in the 1930s.

"The dialogue will be just as if it happened in the 1930s," said Walt Sehnert. "We will talk about the things that were happening during the 'Dirty Thirties,' and compare the things they were going through then with what's going on in America today."

The radio announcers will be backed up by a contingent of singers and musicians. The band will include Jean Sehnert, piano; Lonnie Weyeneth, trombone and mouth harp; Mike Ford, drums; and Darrin Karr, bass.

Singers will be Russ Ankersen, Sue Ankersen, Merlin Brown, Charles Coleman, Wade Forlander, Duane Franzen, Marie Franzen, Jeri Lynn Karr, Angie Reiners and

Walt Sehnert. Coleman will join the Sehnerts to provide the "live" radio commentary.

The second half of the program will feature the Oberlin band, a 27-member group of musicians from Oberlin, McCook and nearby towns.

Directed by Neal Russell, the band features a variety of music, including marches and '60s and '70s pop tunes. In addition to the standard repertoire, the band plays music from Spain and Russia. A clarinet solo and trumpet trio enhance the program.

"The show will take us back in time," said Mr. Coleman, chairman of the Fox Operations and Events Committee. "It will be a reminder of the time when Saturday night shows were a big thing in McCook and other midwestern communities. It will be an enjoyable evening, and as a bonus, we will be raising funds for the Fox renovation project."

**Planning
 a Wedding?**
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