

THE OBERLIN HERALD —  
**People in  
 Our Community**  
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Those from out-of-town who attended the 25th anniversary open house which honored Harold and Glenva Nichols on Sept. 6 were Fausta Walker, Eldon Laidig, Arvada Colo.; Greg and Kim Hall, Warrensburg, Mo.; Debra Farr, Brenna Nichols, Winnie Dolph, Janice and Ernie Mehl, Eric Mehl, North Platte, Neb.; Joe Unger, Culbertson, Neb.; Craig Smith, Augusta; Chuck and Kari Husted, Kearney, Neb.; Sharon Tally, Roxie Erickson, Manhattan; Levi and Donna Nichols, Adam Vaughn Nichols, Danbury; Beverly Eiler, McCook; Rick and Pamela Nichols, Lebanon, Neb.; Carroll and Ruth Smith, Park Forest, Ill.; along with many friends and neighbors.

Larry Screen of Salina and Vivian Russ of WaKeeney and their mother, Phyllis Screen, returned home last Tuesday from San Carlos, Calif., where they visited a week with their sister and daughter, Susan Screen.

Houseguests from out-of-town at the home of Pam Van Vleet for funeral services for her husband, Merald Van Vleet, were Dan and Heidi Sidwell, Booneville, Mo.; Pastor Mike Walker, Waverly, Mo.; Bernice Van Vleet, McCook; Alva Lee Van Vleet and Dessie, Trenton, Neb.; Karen Carter, Scott and Kelli, Wichita; Gary and Dee Grose, Longmont, Colo.; Shannon Metcalf, and Becky, Danbury; Mark, Kim, Brittany and Dylan McConville, Indianola, Neb.; and Charles and Twila Montgomery, Enid, Okla.

Kay Matheny and Luetta Pollnow spent from Friday to Sunday in Dodge City caring for Judson and Jackson Johnson while their parents were out of town.

Tim and Kimberly Davis spent from Sept. 2 to Sept. 8 in St. Louis visiting his family. They toured the Arch, Cathedral Basilica, enjoyed a dinner cruise on the Mississippi and helped his parents, Tim and Brenda Davis, celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. En route, they spent a night with Shadon and Kristi Satter in Topeka.

Jerry Alstrom is hospitalized in Denver and expects to undergo surgery today. Mail will reach him at Littleton Adventist Hospital, 7700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo., 80122.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center were Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe, Elden Haas and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Neil Marshall, Doris Fringer, Henry Edgett and Elden Haas. Winning highs at bridge were Sally Henningson and Shirley Simpson. Senior

**Group buys theater bricks**

Chapter BH of the PEO Sisterhood met Thursday at Sappa Valley Manor for a salad supper as the kickoff for the new year. The chapter voted to purchase 140 bricks for the new Senior Center. This year is the 140th birthday of PEO International and Chapter BH chose this way to honor the occasion.

**Widows and Friends meet**

Widows and Friends met at the Frontier Cafe for breakfast on Sept. 9 with 11 present. "Heaven is Your Real Home" was read by Doris Sloan as a devotional greeting. She said the next meeting on Oct. 14 will be an 11:30 a.m. brunch at Coffee, Tea and Me. A notice will be printed in the Town Crier of *The Oberlin Herald* the week before since Channel 7 has changed its format.

**Chapter delivers meal**

The Oberlin Chapter of the Royal Neighbors of American delivered a meal to John and Gloria Schultz as a club project, including meat loaf, baked potatoes, carrot salad and assorted fruit. At the August business meeting, the group collected nonperishable canned vegetables and fruits for the Decatur County Food Pantry. Helping with the projects were Lois Lamb, Edna Mott, Phyllis Screen, Audra Duncan and Nadean Stoney.

potluck at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

The family of Wilma LaSalle met at Cedar Living Center on Sunday, Sept. 13, to help her celebrate her 95th birthday. Those attending were Ralph and Phyllis LaSalle, Oberlin; Kim and Ken Carter, and Justin and Karen Carter, Olivia, Ella, Jack and Max, Norton; Roger and Jennifer LaSalle, Blake and Tyler, Garden City; Lisa and Jamie Fortin, Lindsay, Lauren and Logan, Oberlin; and Lance Fortin, McCook.

Gus and Elsie Wolters were in Hays on business Thursday and enjoyed dinner with their granddaughters, Lacy and Ashley Wolters.

Tim and Brenda Davis of Dacono, Colo., spent Saturday with Tim and Kim Davis, en route home from St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Montgomery of Enid, Okla., and Junior and Ann Schalack of Hoxie attended funeral services for Merald Van Vleet.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at Glidden-Ediger Chapel in McPherson for Kathleen "Kay" Frickey, 72, of McPherson, who died on Sunday. Survivors include her husband, James Frickey, five children; a brother, Joseph Kelly; two sisters, Anna Mae Painter and Penny Kelly; 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Her husband, James, is a native of Oberlin and a son of the late Harold and Fiona Frickey.

Herschel and Jody Betts returned Sept. 10 from Sisters, Ore., where they spent the Labor Day weekend with their daughter and family, Susan and Charlie McMonagle of Poway, Calif.; their daughter, Christine of Seattle and her friend, Adam Ohlsen of Portland; and their son, Wes, a student at California State University Stanislaus at Turlock. En route to Oregon they visited the Chief Crazy Horse monument near Custer, S.D., and the Little Big Horn Battlefield national monument near Hardin, Mont.

Landen Richards, 8-year-old son of Cody and LaDawna Richards of Kearney, Neb., but formerly of Oberlin, participated in the Nebraska Special Olympics in Grand Island on Sept. 12. He took home a gold medal in leisure riding and a silver medal in trail riding. He received his training at the I Believe in Me Ranch at Kearney. He is a grandson of Bob and Lynn Boyd, and Gary and Marsha Richards, Oberlin; and Mary Henke, Manhattan. Norma Richards, Oberlin, is his great-grandmother.

Linda Glaze presented the international program, "Conflict Resolution." The Oberlin chapter is one of 50 chapters nationwide chosen to participate in these programs. The next regular meeting will be on Oct. 8 at Sappa Valley Manor. Karen Thompson will present the program, "Women as Leaders."

Others present were Mildred Holmdahl, Norma Richards, Mabel Zimmerman, Cecil Hess, Elaine Bryan, Esther Carlson, Doris Fringer, Dorothy Jackson, Eula Juenemann and Martha Fringer.



**Happy 60th Anniversary**



LeRoy and Betty (Bowman) Brown will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married September 18, 1949 at Norton, Kansas.

Both Leroy and Betty were born and raised in the Norton area. They started their family and moved to Jennings where they have lived for about 55 years.

Celebrating with them are their children, Gordon & Patty Brown, Kearney, Neb., Ron Brown, Holbrook, Neb., John & Tina Walker, Scott City, Kan., 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to them at P.O. Box 9, Jennings, KS 67643

**Veterans meeting scheduled**

The Oberlin American Legion Post will hold a meeting from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday at the Legion hall for all veterans and their families who would like to learn more about their earned veterans benefits.

Veterans and their family members who have specific questions are urged to attend. State and district officers will be present to answer questions.

The meeting is part of the Legion's annual American Veterans Affairs Tour, when state and district officers visit each of the over 325 American Legion Posts throughout Kansas.

**Pizza Hut benefit to be today**

The Oberlin Pizza Hut will hold a benefit from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today for the new theater, bowling alley and senior center downtown.

Donations will be accepted for the building and the restaurant will also give a percentage of sales for the project. Carry-outs and dine-ins are also welcome, said Manager Deb Bryan.

**Church offers kids classes**

St. John's Lutheran Church will begin its Kids in Christ's Kingdom (KICK) fall session beginning Wednesday, Oct. 7, for children in grades 1 to 6.

The sessions will be held from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. on Wednesdays for seven weeks, through Nov. 18. Another session is planned in the spring. A fee of \$20 will cover books, snacks and other expenses for both sessions.

Registration forms, available at Raye's Grocery or at the Oberlin City Library, are due Friday, Sept. 25. Send forms and the fee to the church, 510 N. Wilson, Oberlin, Kan., 67749. For details, call Denise Abbey at (785) 475-2698.

**Craft fair set at Logan**

The 36th Annual Hansen Arts and Crafts Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Hansen Plaza Square in Logan.

There will be booths all round the plaza offering crafts of all kinds. Chain saw artist Gary Keenan of Iowa will be on the grounds for demonstrations. Admission is free.

For details, go the www.hansen-museum.org.

**Program set at school**

Parents and others are invited to a program called "Reading, Writing and Worthwhile Education" at the high school library next Wednesday.

The program was put together by the Kansas Learning First Alliance and KTUW 11 TV, a public broadcasting station out of Topeka.

It is split into two parts, a live television feed featuring educators, parents and business people talking about what they think should be the state's educational priorities, then a discussion among the audience.

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said it should be a good chance for people to talk about the future of education in the state.

The library will open at 6:30 p.m., he said, with the program lasting no longer than two hours. It will start at 7 p.m., he said, and should be done by 9 p.m.



**KAYAKING FOR 35 MILES** in the Apostle Islands was one project completed by Derek David Marcuson, son of Kirk and Sherry Marcuson of Nixa, Mo., to become an Eagle Scout.

**Youth to receive Eagle Scout award**

Derek David Marcuson, son of Kirk and Sherry Marcuson of Nixa, Mo., will receive his Eagle Scout Award in a Court of Honor at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Nixa Christian Church.

A former resident of the Lund area, he is a grandson of Ralph and Linda Marcuson, Centennial, Colo., and John and Sharon Yokimishyn, Atlantic, Iowa.

He started his Boy Scout involvement as a Bobcat with a troop in Rose Hill, N.C., and received the

Arrow of Light Award in 2003. He continued his involvement in scouting after moving to Nixa. He attended summer camp in North Carolina and Missouri, and spent many nights in the woods and on the trails backpacking, hiking and camping. He joined the Order of the Arrow in 2005.

Attending Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, Derek completed an 85-mile backpacking trip. He spent a week in the Apostle Islands, kayaking for 35 miles and visiting

several islands.

He is involved with the youth group at the First Evangelical Free Church in Springfield, Mo.; is a member of the National Honor Society and the French Club at school; and has received his first-degree black belt in Tae Kwan Do.

A senior at Nixa High School, he plans to pursue a degree in aviation mechanics at Kansas State University, Salina.

**Oberlin woman graduates from hospital class**

Lisa Votapka of Oberlin was among 32 students from across the state who graduated from the Kansas Hospital Association Leadership Institute's Critical Issues Summit in Wichita on Aug. 25.



L. Votapka

These students, potential future leaders of Kansas hospitals, were nominated by their administrators.

The institute was established to help hospitals provide professional development

opportunities that accentuate the skills and abilities needed to facilitate change and innovation. The curriculum is structured into six courses to enhance each student's leadership abilities.

Courses are focused on the difference between leadership and management, organizational values, positive organizational climate, enhancing communication skills, ethics, team building, management of conflict, gover-

nance and the challenges facing health care in the future.

Mrs. Votapka, who has worked at the Decatur County Hospital 23 years, now is support services manager for Decatur Health Systems. She has been the certified dietary manager since 2001 and has also worked in the housekeeping and laundry departments. She is active in the Kansas Healthcare Environmental Service and Dietary Managers Association.

She and her husband Dan have a son, Travis, and a daughter, Tara.

**Wurm family reunion held at Gateway**

The 61st annual Wurm family reunion was held at The Gateway in Oberlin on Sept. 6 with the John Wurm family as hosts. There were 60 members present.

A potluck dinner was held after Ed Witt gave the blessing. Keane Wurm conducted the meeting, with name tags still a hit. Beverly Witt was recognized for attending for 53 years. Oldest member present was Mabel Zimmerman, 90, Oberlin, and Derek Wilson, 7-month-old son of Keely and Chris Wilson of Kearney, Neb., was the youngest. Micheal and Darrel Witt, Strasburg, Colo., and Kiefer Wurm, Lincoln, Neb., came about the same distance.

Three cousins died since last year: Helene Fisher, Bob Wurm and Arlo Wurm; also second cousins Peggy

Wurm and Marilyn Dickerhoof, daughter of the late Mary (Wurm) Leitner.

The next reunion will be Sept. 5 at The Gateway with the Matt Wurm family as hosts. A raffle is planned with Carolyn Wurm in charge.

Those attending by families: **George Wurm:** Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Oberlin; Beverly and Eugene Witt, Danbury; Dennis and Pat Wurm, Oberlin; Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Chad, Malorie, Savannah and Jackson Gregory, Kiefer Wurm, Lincoln, Neb.; Ben and Shannon Richardson, Salina; Tyler Richardson, and Alissa Herron, McCook; Dave and Patty Chambers, Culbertson; Avery Witt and Myligh Hayes,

Oberlin; Doyle and Clay Richardson, McCook; Ed and Melba Witt, Norton; Darrel and Micheal Witt, Strasburg, Colo.; James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney, Oberlin; Bruce and Cindy Howe, Wood River, Neb.; Chris and Keely Wilson, Julie Beth, Harmony and Derek, Kearney, Neb.; Gary and Thelma Witt, Culbertson, and Paige and McKenzie, McCook.

**Andy Wurm:** Mabel Zimmerman, Oberlin.

**John Wurm:** Keane Wurm, Hays; Shane Wurm, St. Francis.

**Bill Wurm:** Eldred and Lorraine Wurm, Atwood.

**Elizabeth Wurm Haas:** Eldon Haas, Oberlin.

**Bolderdash! It can't be – 85? Happy Birthday Dottie**

September 20  
 Help celebrate with a card or e-mail  
 Dottie Lotker  
 903 Hwy 36  
 Oberlin, Kansas 67749  
 or  
 dottielotker@yahoo.com



1959 2009  
**50th Anniversary**



Please join our family on this joyous occasion when our parents Lynn and Roberta Johnson celebrate 50 years of marriage at a reception in their honor on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 2 to 4 in the afternoon at Bohemian Hall 258 S. Penn Oberlin, Kansas



Cards can be mailed to 122 South Penn Oberlin, KS 67749



Your love is a treasured gift, we request no other.

Terry, Sherri, Bryson & Bryanna Ramsey Jay, Shelli, Josh & Jacob Fortin