

People in Our Community

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Greg Unger received a Bachelor of Science in education from Pittsburg State University in May. He had earlier earned an Associate of Arts Degree at Barton County Community College and has taught diesel mechanics at the Northwest Technical College in Goodland for the past five years. He took classes on-line and also did class work in Salina through Pittsburg State. He plans to pursue a master's degree while continuing to teach diesel mechanics at the college. He is a 1988 graduate of Decatur Community High School and the son of Evan and Sheryl Unger of Oberlin.

Word was received from Carol Morford of the death of her brother, Jim Skarphol, 62, on Monday. She had gone to Minnesota to visit relatives on Thursday. Memorial services are pending.

Vada Jensen of Brainard, Minn., is visiting her sister, Roberta Petracek.

Ronald and Linda Rhein of Lakeside, Ariz., left Sunday after coming to Oberlin for the Summerfest Car Show, so he could show one of his cars. They also visited their son and family, Bryan and Donna Rhein, Danna and Daisy.

Guests of Dallas and Becky Johnson, Meghan, Caitlin, A.J. and Gage last Tuesday to honor Gage with a birthday supper and cake on his first birthday were Alvin and Sharon Johnson and Micah Hackney. Alvin and Sharon spent the weekend in Hoisington to help their great-grandson, Kyler Johnson, son of Travis and Vicky Johnson, celebrate his first birthday. Both boys were born the same day.

Pastors John and Charlotte Strecker-Baseler returned June 1 from a week in Pittsburg, Calif., in the East Bay area of San Francisco. They attended the Baseler family reunion hosted by Carlos and Dottie Carvalho over the Memorial Day weekend holiday.

Mary Ann Amack attended the Duncanville High School graduation for her grandson, Trevor Clark, held at the Dallas Convention Center on June 3. Trevor is the son of John and Shelly Ahrens, and Logan Clark, Dallas. Dorothy Shimek accompanied her to Texas and visited her son, Michael, in Irving, Texas.

Eldon Smith returned home Friday after taking his sister, Gladys Schichtel, to her home in Traverse City, Mich. He attended the 35th reunion of the 73rd Bomb Wing Association at the Wichita Merriott which was held from May 26-30. The Saipan-based B-29s flew 30 missions over Tokyo during World War II and only three members are living. James Marshall, Topeka, who was a radio operator, also attended. Joining Eldon for the banquet were Mrs. Schichtel, Kay Schichtel Lesht and daughter, Denna Lesht, and Karen Schichtel, Chicago; Jerry and Tonya Smith, Plano, Texas; and Darren and Barbara McGuire, Shane and Kierra, Wichita. Gladys Schichtel was recognized at the banquet for her 96th birthday, which was June 3. Her family also honored her with a celebration in Wichita.

Billy J. Soderlund, a 1959 graduate of Decatur Community High School, would appreciate hearing from relatives or classmates. His wife, Patty, has cancer. His sisters are Ramona Hornkohl of Danbury and Carolyn Holle of Agra. His address is 902 Talisman, Lane, Natrona Heights, Pa., 15065-1879. His birthday was June 8.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler attended the Central States Synod Assembly from June 3-6, in Wichita. The Assembly gathered under the theme "Changed by Love, Sent in Love, to Serve: Shaping the Church for God's Mission." Pastor

John Strecker-Baseler attended the Nebraska Synod Assembly, June 4-5, in Grand Island. The Assembly gathered under the theme "Joy in the Journey." Both he and his wife, Charlotte, are rostered in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Gary and Cindy Gillespie and Jesse of Watkins, Colo., were weekend visitors of her mother, Violet Schissler, and other relatives. They and Dan Schissler took her to the Herndon Ox Roast on Saturday.

The Sweet Adelines of Colby entertained at Cedar Living Center on Saturday afternoon.

Bob and Kay Gaskill had, as Wednesday dinner and overnight guests, his brother, Dave Gaskill, and son, Craig and Martha Gaskill, Wesley and Staci of Mount Vernon, Colo.

Among area students who were 2010 Northwest Technical College graduates in May and received Associate of Applied Science Degrees included Matthew Unger, Oberlin, Telecommunications Network Analyst; Kylor Campbell, Oberlin, Collision Repair; Nathan Baker, Clayton, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning; John Meitl, Dresden, Welding, Technical Certificate; and Alan Bruggeman, Rexford, Engineering Technology program.

Doug and Kristy Richards of Rochester, Minn., completed their 100-mile bike ride at Lake Tahoe for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on Sunday, June 6. He said that it was exhausting, but exhilarating at the same time. The couple raised \$8,974.34. They left at 6:15 a.m. and crossed the finish line at 4 p.m.

Winning highs in pinocle at the Golden Age Center last week were Doris Gilbert, Max Carman, Dewaine Stapp, Ardis Roe, Kelva Dryden and Norma Anderson. Lows went to Veanna Carman, Dorothy Moore, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe and Dewaine Stapp. Pitch highs were won by Dewaine Stapp and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Henry Edgett and Kelva Dryden. Bridge winners were Marty Munson and Beth Sebaugh. There will be Senior potluck at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Guests at the home of Gene and Marcella Lenter to attend the Herndon Ox Roast were Dave and Patricia Tongish, John and Jarrett, Newton; Leslie Tongish, and Britt and Ashley Houser, Overland Park; and Donna and Desiree Wilson, Wichita. They returned to their homes Sunday after an enjoyable weekend at the LandMark Inn.

Chris and Keely Wilson, Julie, Harmony and Derek of Kearney, Neb., were weekend guests of her parents, James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney. They and Tyler and Tiffany Witt, Gene and Beverly Witt and Keith and Mary Lou Olson enjoyed the Herndon Ox Roast on Saturday.

Hazel Rippetoe of Del City, Okla., came on Friday to visit her sister, Dorothy and Kieth Alstrom. They joined their brothers, Clarence and Evelyn Lorentz of Herndon and Marvin and Dixie Lorentz of McCook at the Herndon Ox Roast. She plans to visit another sister, Eleanor and Eldon Odle at Prairie View before returning home.

Randy and Bonnie Weber, Gilbert, Ariz.; Jeff Weber, Denver; John and Phyllis Grafel and Jackson, Herndon; Wayne and Betty Grafel, Culbertson; Bill and Shirley Jones, Quinter; Gary and Elaine Sallans, Aurora, Neb.; and Elaine Bryan, Oberlin, met for lunch in McCook on Sunday, then spent the afternoon at the home of the late John and Mildred Grafel at Herndon. They all attended the Herndon Ox Roast.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends group met June 9 at Coffee, Tea and Me for a 10 a.m. brunch with 14 present. Coordinator Doris Sloan read an interesting article on snorkeling, which ended with the writer's advice to "Always swim with a friend." Others present were Marty Munson, Nadean Stoney, Elaine Bryan,

Virginia Spratling, Millie Lippelmann, Cecil Hess, Doris Fringer, Eula Juenemann, Mary Ann Amack, Esther Carlson, Martha Fringer, Laurene Van Otterloo and Phyllis Screen. For the July 14 meeting, it was decided to have an 8:30 a.m. breakfast at Subway.



OBERLIN IS THE SETTING for "A Summer of Hope," a play about a young woman's trials. Reading *The Oberlin Herald* were Will Fairchild (Jim Lindsey) and Abby Fairchild (Edda Prater) as their daughter Hope (playwright Crystal Kiser) watches.

'A Summer of Hope' play set in Oberlin

A new play set in Oberlin, "A Summer of Hope," written by Crystal Kiser, a great-granddaughter of former Dresden resident Virginia (Fortin) Bucklinger, opened recently at the Stained Glass Theater in Ozark, Mo.

Ms. Kiser said that she was inspired by her great-grandmother, who was born and reared at Dresden and is a sister-in-law of Walt Fortin and June Fortin of Oberlin.

"She is and will always be the perfect example of being positive and always finding hope in this journey of life," Ms. Kiser said. "I am blessed to be her great-granddaughter."

In the play, Hope Fairchild, an 18-year-old high school graduate, has beaten childhood cancer and is now making big plans when life throws her a curve. Though her world is falling apart around her, she refuses to let it get the best of her. Instead, she chooses to let the love of Jesus Christ manifest itself in her life and impact the lives of those around her.

Challenged by her father to write a play as a homeschool project when she was 16, Crystal said that God

gave her the vision and the overall message of the story. Having role models like her great-grandmother and her parents gave her insights on healthy relationships and how to focus on the important things of life. Now, at age 19, she gets to see a dream come true.

"As an actor in the play, I am greatly honored to be allowed to play the part of Will Fairchild, Hope's father," said Jim Lindley. "I have been very impressed with not only the technical aspects of the play, but even more so by the realities of life faced by the various characters."

"Crystal's skill as a writer and her desire to use her talent to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ has me looking forward to more of her works in the future."

"A Summer of Hope" is playing at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through July 3, except Saturday, July 3, when the performance will be at 2:30 p.m. It is directed by Sharon Smith with Deanna Caringer assisting.

For ticket information, go to www.sgtheatre.com or call (417) 581-9192.

Veterinarian joins practice

Dr. Trent Glick has joined Dr. Mark Olson and Dr. Travis Hissong as a veterinarian at the Countryside Veterinary Clinics of Oberlin and Hoxie.

A native of Pittsburg, he graduated from Pittsburg High School in 2002 and received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Kansas State University in May. He was an intern at both clinics in December and April.

He said he grew up on a small acreage owned by his parents, Tom and Jody Glick, near Pittsburg and the family had a small cow herd.

"It was then that I decided I would

enjoy working with animals," he said.

His sister Carena is an obstetrics nurse in Abilene, Texas. He is single, but said he has a Black Lab named Cus.

He is living on a farmstead near Oberlin and will be working with both small and large animals at both clinics.



Trent Glick

Lodge honors nine members

The Oberlin Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Mountain Slope Lodge honored nine members at a luncheon in the dining room of the Masonic Temple on Sunday, June 6. An audience of 50 witnessed the presentation of the certificates.

Virginia Johnson of Hays, past grand matron of Kansas, presented a 50-year pin to Janice (Laidig) Mehl of North Platte, Neb. Unable to attend were Boyd Bainter and Betty Leichty, who had earned 60-year certificates; Phyllis McCartney, 65-year certificate; and Lorene Ander-

son, Geraldine Robertson and Elsie Hayes, 70-year certificates.

Arris Johnson, a past grand master of Kansas, presided over the presentation of Masonic honors. Oran Milner received his 50-year pin at the Norton County Hospital. Darrell Landau was presented a 60-year pin.

Out-of-town guests were from Colby, Atwood, Rexford, North Platte and Garden Grove, Calif. Anita Hirsch provided entertainment.

Rotarians hear about missiles

Darrell Landau presented the program on various aircraft, missiles and navigational systems from the industry at the June 8 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He worked for the aerospace industry for many years, and demonstrated and explained the many controls and gadgets that were used. He said he helped design a heat exchange system for a hydraulic pump. He also spoke about the X-10

test planes, the "Hound Dog," and the B-70 aircraft built to deliver various missiles. The first United States-built rocket engine was built by Rocketdyne, he said.

Rotarian Mark Olson gave a report on the After Prom Party, which lasted from midnight to 5 a.m. and was sponsored by the club.

Guests were Rotarian Marty Milea of Goodland, Wesley McMonagle and Mary Olson.

Herndon alumni gather for reunion

The Herndon High School Alumni met Friday evening at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon for their 91st annual banquet. The meal was served by Gerry Neff and Dorothy Alstrom of Oberlin.

President Don Grafel gave the welcome. Anniversary classes were recognized and several shared high school memories. Royce Leitner was elected president.

Those making reservations included:

- 1942: Elaine Grafel Bryan.
- 1943: Donald Grafel.
- 1944: Wayne Grafel, Elaine Leinwetter Fikan.
- 1945: Jean Wolkenstorfer Pochop.
- 1946: Harriet Koeplinger Brin, Gene Wurm.
- 1947: Shirley Grafel Jones, Marvin Lorentz.
- 1948: Don Pettera.
- 1949: Ada Koeplinger Lieker.
- 1950: Roger Franke, Ralph Goltl, Celene Huss Dunker, Wally Hafner, Bridget Kaiser Barenberg, Dorothy Kogl Reinert.
- 1951: Betty Lippold Pickett.
- 1952: Frances Barenberg Jaderborg; Janice Hutfles Sattler.
- 1953: Lester Pettera, Delphine Lippold Dozbaba.
- 1955: Myrna Hartner Pettera, Dick Franke, Margaret Sattler McLaren, Marlene Hutfles Cook, Theresa Leitner Chvatal, Henry Greeb, Dale Allacher, Madonna Huss Anderson.
- 1956: Eileen Kogl Unger.
- 1957: Robert Hafner.

- 1960: David Franke, Charles Adams.
- 1963: Julie Hutfles Hafner, Charlene Brown Sharp.
- 1964: Tom Franke.
- 1966: Bill Adams.
- 1967: David Ketterl.
- 1968: Ron Solko.
- 1970: Pat Solko Marrs, Pat Sattler Sloan, Marie Wahrman Wilson, Jean Ann Portschy Leitner, Randy Lippold.
- 1972: Diana Yost Solko.
- 1974: Kent Grafel.
- 1976: Jim Tongish, Kyle Grafel, George Cox, Beverly Unger Zippfel, Mary Leitner Carlson, Brenna Crandall Dill, Kara Kuntz.
- 1984: Kurt Grafel.
- 1988: Dean Franke.
- 1989: Dietrich Kastens.
- 1990: Kristin Bruning Grafel.
- 1991: Brian Franke, Jude Kastens.

1996: Brenda Franke Van Horn. 2000: Jason Bergling. 2005: Jeremy Wahrman.

Other guests included Betty Grafel, Kathy Meysman, Dixie Lorentz, Bill Jones, JoAnn Franke, Delores Tierson, Harold Dunker, Frank Jaderborg, Thomas McLaren, Frank Chvatal, Jeanette Greeb, Bonnie Franke, Judy Ketterl, Doug Marrs, Gary Sloan, Donna Lippold, Don Wilson, Amy Tongish, Cindi Grafel, Cheryl Cox, Jennifer Kastens, Tracey Kastens, Kay Franke, Joan Grafel, Olive Sharp, Sharon Adams and Bette Wurm.

Oberlin grad receives state champion award

Dr. Robert Morton, a 1973 graduate of Decatur Community High School, was among three educators who received State Champion awards as part of the opening session of the Region VII Head Start Association Leadership Conference.

The three are administrators with the three school districts involved in the Demonstration Learning Communities project funded by the Kansas Early Childhood Block Grant. Mary Baskett, executive director of the Kansas Head Start Association, introduced them and presented the awards.

The award recognizes leadership

on issues that affect preschoolers.

The state of Kansas chose Laura Cano, Liberal; Jim McDaniel, St. Mary's; and Dr. Morton, Coffeyville.

Dr. Morton, superintendent in Coffeyville, taught science, coached and sponsored many activities before moving into administration. Teaching continues to be a passion and he began a superintendent's leadership class which meets every

other day. His wife is the former Dana Euhus, a 1975 graduate of Decatur Community High School. They have a daughter, Sheena, and a son, Shad.

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Three confirmed Sunday

Faith Lutheran Church celebrated confirmation on Sunday as three youths affirmed their baptismal covenant by public confession of faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

They are now prepared to assume greater responsibility in the life of the Christian community and for the mission of the church, said Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, who officiated.

Those confirmed were Kyle Breth, son of Tim and Brenda Breth; Alexis Hissong, daughter of Dr. Travis and Abby Hissong; and Joslyn Wade, daughter of Brad and Linda Wade. A reception was held in their honor, followed by a dinner for the three families and their guests.

Relatives attending for Alexis

were Chris and Doug Smith, Carleton, Neb.; Kevin and Paula McCall and Riley, Lincoln, Neb.; and Al and Frances Hissong, and Lindsey Escritt, Sidney and Isabella, Hebron, Neb.

Guests of Kyle were Bob and Dorie Sand, and Vonda Hynek, Hanover; Jenna Stedmeier, Emporia; and Kyla Jensen, Crete, Neb.

Attending with Joslyn were Greg and Mary Long, Ethan and Jenna and friends Danne and David; Doug Frickey and friend Laura and daughter Kyla; Brad, Shanna and Miranda Long, Marilou Long, Linda Bunney, Terri McDonald and family and friend Kegan; Ken and Jan Badsky and granddaughter; and Katlyn Klima and Kariah Castle.

Club members plan 4-H tour

The club will mow at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 19. The Carter family has stepped up to the plate and will be working at the movies this Saturday night.

The club voted to have a video tour set at 3:30 p.m. on July 25. And yes, we needed to have song to wrap up the meeting. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Cassidy Shields, led by Erin May and Samantha Anderson. Some boys asked her age, and she said she just turned 12. She must be pulling our legs.

Luminaries for Relay for Life will be at 3 p.m. and helping serve the dinner will be at 5:30, on Friday.

The children of
Karen and Dalbert Bruning
are requesting a card shower
for their 50th Wedding
Anniversary on June 17th.

Cards will reach them at:
121 S. Cass Ave.
Oberlin, KS 67749

Thank You

Thanks to Dan Castle and Robert Groneweg for getting our air conditioner up and running Saturday afternoon, the weekend of the Car Show. It was a life saver.

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