

People in Our Community

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Flora (Boutz) Edwards, a 1942 graduate of Decatur Community High School, and a friend, Charlotte Bennett, of Clarkston, Wash., stopped in Oberlin on Wednesday. They were en route to several Kansas towns to visit Mrs. Edwards' sisters and brother, Frances Mosier, a resident of the Andbe Home at Norton; Darrel and Dorothea Boutz in Manhattan; Freda Morgan in Winchester; and Doreen Boutz in Salina before attending the Boutz-Walkeneyer annual family reunion in Salina over the weekend.

Mary Henzel returned home recently from Gainsville, Ga., where she met her three sons and families for several days. While there, they visited Dillard, Ga., where some of her ancestors settled, spent a day at a lake with friends, visited a winery and both an old German town and a Dutch settlement. She was met in Atlanta where her son Brian flew in from San Diego. Her son Richard drove up from St. Petersburg, Fla., and they stayed with her son, Jim and Connie in Gainsville.

Memorial services were held Saturday at the Harrison Chapel in Colby for Richard Barnett, 58, who died June 28, 2010, at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, Colo. He was owner of Rix Studio in Colby from 1972 through 1985 and was the son of Mildred Green of Colby and the late Vernon Green. His step-father is Jerry Green of Colby, but formerly of Herndon.

Deanna Hanschild and Norma Richards went to Hays on Sunday to attend the baptism for Lila Kay Richards, three-month-old daughter of Brady and Jamie Richards of Hays. They also attended a family dinner which followed at the Brady Richards home.

Justine and Dylan Moore of Manhattan were weekend guests of their grandmother, Dorothy Moore.

Mabel McLaughlin of Sturgeon, Mo., is a houseguest of Laurene Van Otterloo while she is visiting in Oberlin.

—50 % off all spring and summer merchandise at The Dresser.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Norma Anderson, Neil Marshall, Kelva Dryden, Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Doris Gilbert, Dorothy Moore, Ardis Roe, Henry Edgett and Neil Marshall. Pitch highs were won by Dorothy Moore and Ardis Roe with lows going to Norma Anderson and Doris Fringer. Bridge winners were Marty Munson, Cynthia Matson, Charlotte Meints and Dorothy Cochran.

Beverly Keys and her children, Robbie, James, Katherine and Nathan spent from July 10 to July 16

Man injured in accident

Rod Steinmetz of Two Buttes, Colo., is at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo., where he was airlifted following an accident at a grain elevator in Walsh, Colo., on Tuesday morning, July 13.

According to his family, he was rolling the tarp on a semi to unload wheat when a tire blew out, striking him in the face. His wife, the former Patty Shirley, said he suffered facial injuries, including many broken bones. She accompanied him on the plane to Denver.

He underwent surgery on Sunday

with her parents, the Rev. Gene and Helen Gee, while her husband was on a work trip to Columbia, South America. They enjoyed their time in Oberlin swimming at the Oberlin pool with Jacob and Justin Gee of Oberlin. On Tuesday evening Colleen, Justin and Jacob Gee joined them for dinner. On Friday Gene and Helen went to Topeka to spend the night and enjoy a bicycle race attended by Robbie and James. Robbie took first in the 5-7 age group while James took second in that same group. Gene and Helen returned home on Saturday evening.

Nancy Robinson of Bayard, Neb., is visiting Tyler and Tiffany Witt and helping care for her new grandson, Trevor James Witt, who was born July 15 at the Community Hospital in McCook.

Those who enjoyed the Long family reunion at Holdrege, Neb., on Saturday were Odetta and Wayne Marietta, Russell; Wava Williams, Cody Williams and fiancée, Erika De Lashmitt, Hastings; Larry Williams and friend, Jodi Loose, Heather Thaert, Brandon and Emily Williams, Holdrege, Neb.; Mark Williams and daughter Brookee, Aurora, Neb.; Marilou Long, Brad and Linda Wade, Joslyn and Andrew, Oberlin, Linda Bunney, Norcatur, and grandson, David Karasek Aurora, Colo.; LeAnn Tripp, Littleton, Colo.; Alan and Judy Marietta, Bret Marietta, Greg and Mary Long, Jenna Long, Ethan Long and friend Danielle Richards, Oberlin; and Doug Frickey and fiancée Laura Wingham and daughter Kyla, Norton, and Mickala Williams.

The reunion will be held at Estes Park, Colo., next year.

Pam and Cal Samuels, Spring Valley, Calif., were houseguests of her aunt and uncle, Kay and Gail Marcuson on July 16 and 17. Gail and Kay accompanied Sarah Marcuson to Kearney, Neb., on Sunday to visit Brad and Elaine Marcuson at Good Samaritan Hospital.

"Butch" Stanley accompanied his daughter, Kellie Stanley, to Oberlin on Thursday after he was dismissed from the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. He is recuperating from a recent accident at the Decatur County Hospital.

Four Decatur Community High School students spent last week at the Butler Summer Showcase in El Dorado. Samantha Anderson, Miki Dorshorst, Nolan Henningson and Serena Stacy worked on new music and performance skills they will share with next year's DCHS Singers.

Decatur Community High School students who are attending Fort Hays State University band camp this week are Darbi Rouse and Katie Glading.

and doctors expected to do further surgery on Tuesday. He is in the critical care unit. The doctors expect his eyes to be all right.

Mail will reach the couple at the hospital, 501 E. Hampton, Englewood, Colo., 80112; Attn. CCU, Rod Steinmetz. Their phone number is (719) 529-5933.

He is a son of Samme Steinmetz of Oberlin and his wife is a daughter of Doris Fringer of Oberlin. Both are graduates of Decatur Community High School.

Garden and Pond Tour set

The Decatur Professional Women will sponsor a Garden and Pond Tour on Sunday in Oberlin.

The tour will begin at 6 p.m. at the Centennial Park gazebo in downtown Oberlin. This year, the group will be touring the yards of Kurt and Becky Vollertsen, Gary and Marsha Richards, Nancy Vath and Gaylord

Widows and Friends meet

The Widows and Friends group gathered at 8:30 a.m. at the Subway on Wednesday morning, July 14, to enjoy breakfast.

Following the breakfast, coordinator Mary Ann Amack, advised that four volunteers are needed at the fair on Friday evening, Aug. 6, to work the open class building watch. Elaine Bryan and Marian Dempewolf volunteered for the 6 to 8 p.m. shift and Doris Fringer

and Shirley Shields. Everyone will return to the Shields home for refreshments after the tour.

Tickets at \$10 may be purchased at the Dresser, *The Oberlin Herald* or from any club members. Proceeds will go for scholarships.

and Laurene Van Otterloo for the 8 to 10 p.m. shift.

There will be no August meeting. The Sept. 8 meeting will be an 11:30 a.m. lunch at Coffee, Tea and Me.

Others present included Nadean Stoney, Millie Lippelmann, Doris Sloan, Virginia Spratling, Dorothy Jackson, Linda Willey, Phyllis Screen, Ardis Roe and Martha Fringer.



ENJOYING A VISIT in Washington with Rep. Jerry Moran were (from left) Tyler Bruggeman, Sammy Meitl and Greg Shaw, members of the Decatur Community High School FFA Chapter, who attended a week-long Washington Leadership Conference.

FFA members attend leadership conference

Tyler Bruggeman, Sammy Meitl and Greg Shaw represented the Decatur Community High School FFA Chapter at the 2010 Washington Leadership Conference in the nation's capital.

The event sponsored by Monsanto as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

The week-long program helps FFA members improve their leadership skills and prepare for leadership roles in their chapters, communities and future careers. They attended sessions on developing authentic leadership serving their communities and participating in civic engagements. They also participate in service learning events.

More than 2,000 FFA members will attend one of the conference's seven week-long sessions. Students increase their understanding of

the nation's heritage with visits to Arlington National Cemetery, the Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt Memorials and other historic sites in Washington. A highlight was a visit to the office of U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran.

FFA, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 506,199 student members, all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture, as part of the 7,429 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The group says its mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Two teachers bring ag to the classroom

Jason Ketterl, vocational agriculture teacher at Decatur Community High School, and Jeanette (Gawith) Bosch, originally from Dresden and a teacher at Christ the King Catholic School in Wichita, recently learned how to integrate agriculture into their classrooms.

Both completed the course, "Connecting Your Classroom to Kansas Agriculture," sponsored by Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, at Kansas State University June 7 to 11. The course is designed to provide teachers an understanding of the state's No. 1 industry.

"With one in five students going into a career related to agriculture," said Cathy Musick, foundation executive director, "the foundation believes it is important to expose teachers to the possibilities by help-

ing them discover agriculture and its exciting outreach."

Using a hands-on approach to teach agriculture, agricultural professionals gave them a chance to experience agriculture first hand.

"We were able to tour many different agricultural entities, from horticulture to beef science to grain science," said Mr. Ketterl.

Added Ms. Bosch, "Even inner-city students can benefit from the knowledge of how agriculture is integrated into their lives."

Both teachers received a full-tuition scholarship. Mr. Ketterl's was provided by the Decatur County Farm Bureau, the Decatur County Conservation District and the Midwest Dairy Association. Ms. Bosch's scholarship was provided by the Cheyenne County Conservation District and the dairy group.

Rotary welcomes president

Lynn Doeden was welcomed as the new president of the Oberlin Rotary Club when members met on July 6 at The Gateway. She presented a plaque to outgoing president Rhonda May and thanked her for her service.

Program Chair Dan Nedland presented a program on Azerbaijan at the July 13 meeting.

He worked there for an oil company getting oil and gas leases. He said the area is rich in oil and gas, with many areas left for exploration.

He said the first railroad was developed to haul the crude. The area was the largest oil producer in the world in the 1850s. The Soviets took over the oil fields in 1917, operating them for many years.

The capital of Baku is built on a harbor, and it was once compared to Paris for its beauty as a city. There are many ancient buildings, religious towers and temples. Azerbaijan is known for its eternal flames and mud volcanoes, he said.

Bremer cousins hold reunion at Estes Park

A reunion of the cousins of the descendants of Frederick and Marion Barr (Muirhead) Bremer, who came to Decatur County in 1885, was held from July 9-12 at the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park, Colo.

Arrangements were made by Jeanne (Petracek) Hoskins of Fort Collins, Colo., and the directory of family members was updated by Joan (Bremer) Betts of Oberlin. A service of remembrance on Sunday morning was planned by Linda (Bremer) Tomasch of Olathe.

The oldest attending was Marie Wickersham, 94, and the youngest was Colten Irvin, infant son of Dawn Irvin and great-grandson of Helen Derby.

Families represented included: **Kathryn Bremer Wickersham:** Mrs. Earl (Marie) Wickersham, Keith and Marcia Wickersham Weeks, Keenesburg, Colo.

Christine Bremer Lord: Nelda Wojsznarowicz, Denver; John Wojsznarowicz, Las Vegas, Nev.

Belle Bremer Starlin: Suzanne Peacock Terrey and George Pandoff, Burleson, Texas.

Kyttee Bremer Nelson: Elmer Jr. and Betty Jean Derby Baus, Leigh Baus, Pratt; Dawn Baus Irvin and infant son, Colton Blaine, Wichita.

Fred Aubrey Bremer: Patricia Bremer Compton and Roc Trout,

Pebble Beach, Calif.

Marion Bremer: Herschel and Marion Joan Bremer Betts, Oberlin; Susan Betts McMonagle, Poway, Calif.

Lucille Bremer Petracek: Herb and Jeanne Petracek Hoskins, Fort Collins, Colo.; Richard and Karen Hoskins, Sparks, Nev.; Ron and Michelle Hoskins, Ryan and Emily, Denver; Sheryl Petracek, Olathe; Richard and Marcia Petracek Wilfong, Norton; Greg and Susan Wilfong Cesimal and daughter Kathryn, Rochester Hills, Mich.; Dr. David and Cindy Wilfong, Ellie, Anne and Jenna, Lincoln, Neb.; Bobbie and Julie Wilfong Bolander, Kingwood, Texas.

John Bremer: Lyn and Linda Bremer Tomasch, Larry and Lisa Tomasch Sonsthagen, Matthew, Emily and Zachary, Dwayne and Lori Tomasch Smith, Marisa and Riley, Olathe; John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica, Oberlin; Kristen Bremer, Colby; David Bremer, Newton.

There were no descendants present for the families of **Dora (Bremer) Chapman, Edna (Bremer) Montgomery, George Dewey Bremer, or Robert Bremer.** A brother, **Bryan Bremer,** died at the age of 3 months.

Shower honors new baby

A baby shower was held on Saturday, July 17, at the country home of Dianne Bremer, in honor of Liam Evan Davies-Nedland, newborn son of Hunter Nedland and Rhiannon Davies. Hostesses were Dianne Bremer and Jessica Bremer.

Guests present included Rhonda May, Betty May, Wilma May, Con-

nie Olson, Peggy Groneweg, Shirley Shields, Karen Larson, Wendy Scott, Carol Wasson, Fern Moore, Mirla Coleman, Gisela Fisher, Karen Bailey, Pam May, Hannah May, Sally May, Jody Betts, Joy Russell, Roberta Johnson, Dori Pauls, Cynthia Haynes, Ruth Miesner and Rory Wendelin.

New Arrivals

June Lilian Williams



J. Williams

Rob and Lenna (Guinn) Williams of Yorktown, Va., are the parents of a daughter, June Lilian Williams, born at 4:10 p.m. on May 15, 2010, at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, Va. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 inches long. Following her birth, she was consecrated and dedicated to the Lord, Jesus Christ, by the attending obstetrician, Dr. Robert Shwayder. She was welcomed by a sister, Trinity Rain Williams. Grandparents are Shawn and Hope Guinn, Toano, Va.; and the late Anna Venskuna. Great-grandparents are Bruce Guinn Jr., Oberlin, and the late Hazel Guinn; Ruth Green, Prince Frederick, Md., and the late Noran Green; Elizabeth Williams, and the late William Williams; and the late Frank and Bessie Hewitt Venskunas.

Carsyn Joelle Long

Kendall Long has a new baby sister, Carsyn Joelle, born May 24, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Parents of the girls are Bryan and Angie (Alstrom) Long, Wichita. Grandparents are Larry and Diana Alstrom, Hoxie, and David and Maribeth Long, Cimarron. Great-grandparents are Peggy Carman, Hoxie, and the late Willis Carman; and the late Max and Jackie Alstrom. Myrtle Waldo, Oberlin, is their great-great-grandmother.



Carsyn Long

Liam Evan Davies-Nedland



L. Nedland

Liam Evan Davies-Nedland was born at 10:19 p.m. on July 17, 2010, at Community Hospital in McCook, Neb. He weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Rhiannon Davies and Hunter Nedland of Oberlin. Grandparents are Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, and Gareth and Lisa Davies, all of Oberlin. His great-grandparents are Walter and Betty May of Oberlin, Doris Auker of Norcatur, Elizabeth McConnell of Minong, Wis., and Mary and Harold Davies of Ponty Pool, South Wales.

Rodeo set at Phillipsburg

The 81st annual Phillipsburg Rodeo will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5, 6 and 7.

Kim Ellenbarger is in charge of advance tickets, which are \$13 for reserved adult seats and \$9 for

children. General admission ticket prices are \$11 for adults and \$8 for kids. Children 2 and under are free. Parking for the rodeo is also free.

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