

# People in Our Community

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Harold Berry is recuperating at home after undergoing surgery at the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver. He said that he and his wife, Pat, went to Denver on June 24 for his checkup which included a bronchoscopy and colonoscopy. He underwent emergency surgery after a hole was made in the colon during the procedure. He said at that time he lost all of his strength, so was sent to Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital for physical therapy. The couple returned home on Aug. 13 after spending six weeks in Denver.

Goldie Stapp has moved to an assisted living center in Garden City. She will be near her son, Larry and Marcia Stapp, of Holcomb. She accompanied Larry to Garden City on Sunday. Her address is Garden Valley Retirement Center, Box 54, 1505 East Spruce, Garden City, Kan., 67846.

Word has been received of the death of Wilma (Resch) Luke, 85, on July 28, 2010. She was the daughter of Paul and Elizabeth (Steiner) Resch and was a 1942 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Her husband, Joe Luke, survives and mail will reach him at 918 W. Sir Monte Drive, St. George, Utah, 84779.

Mary Dicke of Bailey, Colo., and Mary Railsback of Fort Collins, Colo., visited from Tuesday to Friday with their mother, Ethel Railsback. They also visited Jeff and Penny Hayward, Alex and Logan.

Brandon Metcalf was hospitalized from Wednesday to Saturday at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., after suffering injuries when he was thrown from a horse while working at Decatur Feed Yard on Wednesday morning. He suffered two breaks in his left leg. His wife, Kori, and his mother, Lolita, were with him in Kearney and others who visited them were their son, Braden; Lizann Miller, Rebecca Eiler and Kari Fortin.

Kade, Kel, Isabel and Reece Grafel spent Saturday with their grandmother, Connie Grafel enjoying a back-to-school picnic along Beaver Creek and a 4-wheel ATV road rally in the alfalfa field. Dan and Melinda Grafel joined them for a taco supper and Kel and Reece were overnight guests.

Guests in the home of their mother, Charlotte Meints, the weekend of the Decatur County Hospital Benefit Golf Tournament were Marcia Stecklein, Hutchinson, and Mark Walinder, Denver, as well as Heather McDougal, Oberlin, and Carl Noyes, Hutchinson. They all played on one of Dewaine Stapp's teams and after a fun day of golf Saturday, they all joined Dewaine and his family for the dinner at the American Legion that evening.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Doris Fringer, Ardis Roe, Kelva Dryden, Veanna Carman and Elden Haas. Lows went to Veanna Carman, Doris Fringer, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Ivis Hanson, Henry Edgett and Doris Gilbert. Pitch highs were won by Kelva Dryden and Henry Edgett with lows going to Elden Haas and Dorothy Moore. Lila Keenan was the chicken-foot domino winner. Bridge highs went to Dorothy Cochran and Cynthia Matson.

Gail and Kay Marcuson accompanied their daughters, Diane Newcom, Denver, and Julie Hubbard, Lakewood, Colo., to Overland Park last weekend, where they attended a party at the home of Rick and Sally Marcuson on Saturday, which honored their son, Grady, on his 18th birthday, and also the wedding of Mollie and Nicolas Schiffer of Paderborn, Germany. They were married on Aug. 18, 2010, in Las Vegas. Grady and Mollie are grandchildren of Gail and Kay Marcuson. Among others present were Ryan and Leslie Nelson, Topeka, and Jared Marcuson, Great Bend, and Ashley Goudey, Junction City.

Pastor Doug Mason will deliver the sermon at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday at the Oberlin City Park for congregations of the Lund, Oberlin and Herndon Covenant churches. Adam and Andrea Spanier will lead the music. A potluck dinner will follow.

Sarah Marcuson of Colby, a student at Colby Community College, spent the weekend with her parents, Brad and Elaine Marcuson, to assist her mother, who is recuperating satisfactorily from injuries received in a recent vehicle accident.

## Families reunite in Nebraska

Michael and Carrie Keith and Howard Kenfield were hosts for the Farber-Keith family reunion on Friday, July 23, at Lake Ogallala near Ogallala, Neb., which included a s'mores feast.

This was followed by a get-together on Friday, July 24, and Sunday, July 25, at the Keiths' home in Ogallala, with a carry-in dinner and barbecue on Saturday and a brunch on Sunday.

Several visited the Petrified Wood Gallery, which also included handmade petrified pictures by Howard Kenfield and his twin brother, Harvey Kenfield, both of Ogallala.

The traveling picture, awarded to Doreen Rauch last year, went to Dan and Jan Jumps, who will return it next year for a new recipient. The traveling elephants were returned by Bradley Stopkotte, and Connie Pazarena was chosen to receive them this year. A white-elephant gift exchange was held following the brunch.

The reunion will be held on June 18 and 19, 2011, in Lexington, Neb., with Janice Cassele and LeArdis Frerichs as hosts.

Those present included Shirley

Calahan and Leslie Richards, Sidney, Neb.; LeArdis Frerichs, Robert and Deb Frerichs, Anna Marie and Ed Yeutter, Jade, Kayne and Marley Gonzalez, Lexington, Neb.; Jan and Joe Jumps, Centennial, Colo.; Shauna, Doug, Jake and Logan Carroll, Conifer, Colo.; Richard Frerichs, Elwood, Neb.; Shelby Yeutter, Cozad, Neb.; Melissa and Ken Kirpatrick, Omaha; Judy and David Weiland, Zackery Armes, Lincoln, Neb.;

Bonnie, Randy and Bradley Stopkotte, Alda, Neb.; LeVerna Petersen and Jackie Miller, Grand Island, Neb.; Nettie Schneider, Howard and Harvey Kenfield, Michael and Carrie Keith, Adam Keith, Andrea and Anna Lucille Keith, Ashley and Ryker Keith, Ogallala, Neb.; Connie, Tony and Brooklyn Pazaena, Columbia, S.C.; Jimmy and Jeanne Keith, Phoenix, Ariz.; Anna and Dylan Hald, Omaha; David, Teresa and Megan Kathka, Elgin, Ill.; Duane Kathka, Arapahoe, Neb.; Flicia Quinn, Paxton, Neb.; Noreen Jumps, Emery and Delores Kathka, McCook; Arnold Petersen, Thornton, Colo.; and Janice Cassele, Marretta, Okla.

## Blood drive set Tuesday

A community blood drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday at The Gateway. Donors are needed, and walk-ins are welcome. All donors will receive a free Red Cross

racings hat. Call (800) 733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

## Area woman finishes camp

Pfc. Amber Mason completed Army Basic Training on Friday at Fort Sill, Okla. She will be stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., for further training.

A 2008 graduate of Decatur Community High School, she is the daughter of Doug and Johanna Mason of Oberlin.



A. Mason



John and Janice Sater

## Oberlin classmates marry in historical family church

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When two former classmates from the Class of 1964 at Decatur Community High School met at their last reunion, a friendship was rekindled which blossomed into their marriage Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010, at the historical Sater's Baptist Church in Lutherville, Md.

Janice (Cochran) Bricker and John R. "Dick" Sater exchanged vows in the church, founded by Henry Sater in 1742 as the first Baptist Church in Maryland. The bridegroom is a seventh-generation descendant.

They were married by the Rev. Jeffrey Blalack. Jen and Helgi Nelson of Dundalle, Md., were witnesses.

Parents of the couple are the late Merlin and Edna Cochran and the late John and Ruth Sater.

The founder of the church, Henry Sater, was born Oct. 7, 1689, in Westborne Parish, Sussex, England, according to genealogy records of the family.

In 1709, during the time of Queen Anne, at the age of 19, Henry took his inheritance and left England as an adventurer and landed in 1710 at Little York, of Smith Port, Va. He later settled in Maryland, where he established a tobacco plantation, Chestnut Ridge, about two miles north of Brooklandville on the Falls Road, now highway Maryland 25, near Lutherville, Md.

He married Mary King Stevenson about 1730 in Stevenson, Baltimore County, and after her death, he married Dorcus Ossage Towson in September 1739. In 1742, he deeded the land to build the first Baptist Church in Maryland, now called Sater's Baptist Church, with bricks brought over from England as ship's ballast. The church was deeded to the Baptist denomination "to the end of the world." The building, a



Sater's Baptist Church



The church sign

historical landmark, still functions as a church.

Mr. Sater served under the jurisdiction of the three Lords Baltimore, Benedict Leonard Calvert, Charles Calvert and Frederick Calvert. Acting as a surveyor for them, he was granted parcels of land to build his Chestnut Ridge Plantation. He died in 1755 and is buried in the churchyard.

The newlyweds join together a family of Carey, Patrick, Joe and Maria Kennedy, Topeka; Mark and Sarah Bricker, Oberlin; Joanne, Henry, Joe, Will and Kerstin Wright, and John, Michelle and Meaghan Gray, Aiken, S.C.; Nathan, Marie, Liam, Naomi, Sater and Lloyd Ablen, Misanea Air Base, Japan; and Richard Sater and Brynn Coplan, Denver.

The newlyweds are living at 208 E. Frontier Parkway in Oberlin.

## Teacher speaks to Rotarians

Matt Taylor, a 1999 graduate of Decatur Community High School, gave the program at the Aug. 17 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. He was introduced by Neal Russell, program chair for the day.

A graduate of Fort Hays State University with a degree in education, Taylor spoke about his journeys to Inner Mongolia and China, where he taught several summers. He taught at SIAS University, a private college with 20,000 students and 125 teachers from all over the world. He said it is unique in that many cultures are represented and the East meets the West.

He lived and taught in a small city of 600,000 people. The teachers live in dorms with all the comforts

of home, including western food. The people have poor living conditions with no modern appliances or toilet facilities, he said, even though China has changed much in the past 30 years.

Communism is still present, he said, but with a more capitalistic atmosphere. China has become more open to outside religions as well as international relations. The government is suspicious and e-mail and Facebook and some other Internet communications are blocked out or monitored.

Taylor said that if you have a college degree and speak English, you could teach in China. He said he is looking for a job here as a student advisor at a college or university.

Jessica Bremer was a guest.

## Brainards meet at Selden

The families of William and Daisy (Blythe) Brainard met for their annual reunion at the Selden Senior Center on Sunday, Aug. 15, with the Edith (Brainard) Carman families as hosts.

Those attending were: **Claude Brainard descendants:** David and Irene Brainard, Mankato; Eldred and Lorraine Wurm, Atwood.

**Dolly (Brainard) Wasson descendants:** Doris Sloan, Cindi Sloan-Sauder, Daisy Schmidt, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, Oberlin.

**Bill Brainard descendants:** Terry Budig, Bridgett Blumenthal, Lincoln, Neb.; Bud and Helen Rhodes, Jennings.

**Edith (Brainard) Carman descendants:** Steve and Helen Carman, Lindsay and Carson, Oakley; Mark and Susanne Hill, Carol Hill, Ellis and Gloria Walker, Selden; Rhonda Miller, Parker and Brady Jones, Fred and Theda McKee, Hoxie.

The next reunion will be held Aug. 21 at the center in Selden.

## Girl Scout sign-up planned

The Oberlin Girl Scouts plan a tailgate party from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday outside the football stadium during the annual Sports Drink Scrimmage by Decatur Community High teams.

A sign-up table girls who want to join Girl Scouts will be available at the volleyball scrimmage earlier that day.

New members who sign up will receive a red-and-white pompon, which they can use to support the Red Devil teams. Present members may also register

Girl Scout representatives Becky Ayers and Terese Vontz of Oberlin will be there to talk about the benefits of Scouting and make registration convenient for parents.

"We think this will be a good way to kick off our Girl Scout year," said Mrs. Ayers.

For questions, call her at (785) 259-6743 or Mrs. Vontz at (785) 475-7128.

## Parade entries needed for 125th celebration

Entries are needed for Oberlin's 125th anniversary parade during the Mini Sapa celebration at the beginning of October at the Last Indian Museum.

Connie Grafel, a member of the parade committee, said they have 20 entries so far, but hope to have 100 or more.

She said they will be sending out letters to people and organizations about the parade.

There are several categories, including business/commercial, band/musical, antique cars/machinery, children/youth/student groups, civic organizations, motorized vehicles/all-terrain vehicles/golf carts, horses and horse-drawn units, professional/services, churches, political, social clubs, senior citizens, miscellaneous/individuals and the curator's cup, which includes city, county and governmental boards.

It costs \$10 to enter the parade. Trophies, said Ms. Grafel, will be awarded for first place in each category, while ribbons will be given for second and third place.

Entry forms can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office,

the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. and the museum. The forms are also on the web at oberlinks.com.

The committee includes Ms. Grafel, Sid Metcalf, Carrie Morford, Judy Scott and Gary Walter. Entry forms need to be mailed to the Chamber at 104 S. Penn, Suite 8, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

Staging will be at City Park. The parade will go north up Main Street. Judging will take place at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, and the parade will start at 10 a.m.

Ms. Grafel said bleachers will be set up on the southwest corner of the courthouse, which is where the Koshare Indian Dancers will perform.

The committee hopes elementary students will decorate their bikes and ride them or do something, she said, and they hope to have the high school band and have been in contact with Fort Riley about a wagon and mule team.

Ms. Grafel said Rusty and Sharon Addleman will lead the parade, which has the theme "Generations Past, Present, Future."

## Plans nearly complete for anniversary celebration

Plans are just about finished for the 125th anniversary celebration for the City of Oberlin, with a vintage baseball game in September and events at the museum's Mini Sapa Day in October.

Museum Director Sharleen Wurm said everything is still tentative, but final plans will be made during a meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, the Hodgeman 9 from Jetmore will be here to play two vintage baseball games. The team will play people from Oberlin at the county baseball diamond.

It's Grandparents Day, said Mrs. Wurm, so the game should be a fun thing to do.

There are several events tentatively scheduled for Mini Sapa Day on Saturday, Oct. 2, including:

- 7 to 9 a.m., pancake feed at the Bohemian Hall with entertainment.
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., quilt show at the Golden Age Center. (The show will also be open on Friday.)

- 10 a.m., parade downtown, followed by the Koshare Indian Dancers downtown.
- Noon to 1 p.m., lunch in the Bohemian Hall.
- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., McCook Area Barber Shop Quartet, in the Bohemian Hall.
- 1:30 to 2 p.m., Decatur Community High School drama club play.
- 2 to 2:45 p.m., community band plays on the south courthouse lawn.
- 2:45 p.m., opening the time capsule on the west courthouse lawn.
- 3:15 p.m., Koshare Indian Dancers performance on the south courthouse lawn.
- 3 to 5 p.m., Last Indian Raid Museum open, free admission.
- 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., supper and dance at the Oberlin American Legion.
- 7:30 p.m., Indian Dancers perform at The Gateway.

Anyone interested in helping with the celebration or helping finish the plans is invited to the meeting, Mrs. Wurm said.

## College offers respiratory class

The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care has awarded initial accreditation to the respiratory care program at Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland.

The group's review recognizes the program's compliance with established accreditation standards.

"Leona Evans and Scott Hubbell, faculty for the program, have made a commitment to continuous quality

improvement in respiratory therapy education, and building a top-notch program," said Dr. Ed Mills, president of Northwest Tech.

The program has 16 new students this year. Northwest Tech will also be offering a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) program beginning Sept. 8.

For details, call (800) 316-4127 or go to www.nwktc.edu.

## Club gives money to center

Members of the Oberlin Camp of the Modern Woodmen and Oberlin residents raised \$1,600 recently, and with the Modern Woodmen's Matching Fund Program, \$3,200 was presented last week to the Oberlin Economic Development Corp. for the new bowling alley.

Marie McKisson, secretary of the Oberlin camp, presented the check to board members Greg Lohoefer, Connie Grafel, Jim Wesch and

Kevin Rippe.

The first \$1,600 was raised through a raffle. Winners were Sara Hasty, \$100; Louise Pollnow, \$50; and Kay Gaskill, \$25.

"With the matching fund program," said Mrs. McKisson, "we are able to carry out Modern Woodmen's mission to improve quality of life for members and their communities."

## New Arrivals

### Francie Jude Hess

Steven and Christen Hess of Overland Park are the parents of a daughter, Francie Jude, born Aug. 22, 2010, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces. She has two sisters, Norah, 4 1/2, and Lola, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Cecil Hess, Oberlin, and the late Dan Hess; Carol Mois, Stacy, Minn., and David Mois, Detroit Lakes, Minn. Great-grandparents are William and Nora Mois, Detroit Lakes, Minn.; and James and Virginia Richter, Wadena, Minn.



Francie

### Jeremy Allen Janssen

Kelsey and Jesse Janssen are the parents of a baby boy born July 20, 2010. He has been named Jeremy Allen, weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 21 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson, Norcatur; and Donna and Chuck Czeschin Rosebud, Mo. Great-grandparents are Forrest and Inez Jackson, Norcatur; Warren Smith, McClave, Colo.; and Kenneth and Evelyn Bohl, Rosebud, Mo.



Jeremy