

Herndon alumni observe 93rd year

The 93rd annual Herndon High School alumni supper was held Saturday, May 26, at St. Mary's auditorium. Tom Franke gave the blessing before the potluck. President Bill Adams, Vice President Franke and Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ketterl welcomed 40 alumni. The local 2012 graduating seniors from Rawlins County High School, Micheal Herzog, Marcus Portschy, Kimberly Sagel, Kaela Stoney and Damian Kogel, were inducted into the Herndon Alumni Association.

Don Grafel was recognized as the oldest alumnus present. He graduated in 1943, and was celebrating his 69th anniversary. The business meeting closed with the singing of the school song, led by Mr. Grafel.

Receiving scholarships this year were Sean Jordan, Valentine Solko and Brady Stock. The present of-

ficers will serve next year. Alumni present by class included:

1947: Betty Bobinmeyer Rouselle, Joann Huss Malone.
1950: Dorothy Kogl Reinert.
1952: Janice Hutfles Sattler, Wayne Goltl, Francis Barenberg Jaderborg.
1957: Robert Hafner.
1962: Sharon Marintzer Ecker.
1963: Julie Hutfles Hafner.
1964: Mr. Franke.
1966: Bill Adams, Royce Leitner.
1967: Dave Ketterl, Bruce Wendelin.
1972: Rosalie Malone Wilken-son.
1987: Dan Stoney, Paula Bruning Keffeler.
1991: Troy Ecker.
1992: Mark Beims, Darla Dewey Lovelady.
1997: Rachelle Solko.
1999: Bart Ecker.
2002: David Sattler, Adam Ketterl.

Jennings native retires

Royal Tacha, a 1964 graduate of Jennings High School, retired May 18 after 32 years as postmaster at Hoxie.

He said that his career with the U.S. Postal Service began while he was a student at Colby Community College. Mr. Tacha is the son of Bob and Neoma Tacha of Jennings.

"My father was postmaster in Jennings at the time," he recalled, "and he heard that the Colby Post Office was giving the clerk/carrier exam. He encouraged me to take the test. I passed the exam, was called in for an interview, then was asked if I could show up for work the next day."

He said he began his career sorting outgoing mail on the evening shift while he attended college classes in the morning. He contin-



Royal Tacha

ued to work as a part-time clerk and carrier after graduating.

In the fall of 1977, he was officer in charge for 11 months at the Monument post office, then returned to work at Colby. When the postmaster job opened up in Hoxie, he applied and was sworn in on April 19, 1980.

He married Gayle Wilnerd in 1984 and they have a daughter, Ashley, who lives in Norton with her husband, Michael Brown, and their three children: Ayden, Bryanna and Tyler. Their son Garrett is a student at Colby College.

Mr. Tacha said that he has no immediate plans, adding that he looks forward to spending more time with his children and grandchildren. His wife is secretary at the Hoxie Grade School.

Family gathers for reunion

The biennial Johnson family reunion was held May 26 at the farm home of Doyle and Kay Brown near Jennings.

Arris Johnson was the oldest descendant present and Sydney Ellen Kleidosty, named for her great-great-grandmother, Ellen Johnson Brown, was the youngest.

Those present included: Alvin Johnson, Arris and Virginia Johnson, Ethel Taylor, Jean Lee and Rollie Hallagin, Michele and Josh Ivans, Brooklan and Ailiana, Bill and Janiece Dowell, Lori Schiefen and Katlyn, Ann Rowh, Jodi Inguanza, Chris and Meagan, Sue Long, Brecken and Drake Rowh, Chuck Johnson, Del and Nancy Lar-

son, Marisa Larson and Jake, Tom Votapka, Terri Hanke, Kara Kuntz and Katherine, Ben Kershner, Kurt Brown, Joan Schieferecke, John and Deanell Tacha and Doyle and Kay Brown, all from Kansas;

Phil and Keli Kleidosty and Sydney Ellen of Hawaii; Alex Brown, David Brown, Anita Schuneman, Kent and Robin Brown, Jordan and McKenzie, David and Diana Tacha, Avery and Cole, Colorado; Diannah Neal and granddaughters, Ellie and Zoe, Myron and Elaine McKinley, Oklahoma; Judy Nelson, John and Susan Nelson, Courtney and Andrew, Nebraska; and Raleigh and Elizabeth Dean, Beverly McLinden, Iowa.

Flea market set in Colby

"Agora," a flea market named for the place where ancient Greek merchants displayed their goods in outdoor shops, will fill the parking lot of the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin Ave., from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Homemade crafts and goods, ready-made items, foods and the like will be for sale at more than 50 booths outside. Inside the church, shoppers may browse through a giant rummage sale, choose some of their favorite goodies at a bake sale or just sit and enjoy a morning plate of biscuits, sausage and gravy.

With merchants coming from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska,

organizers believe Agora will be among the largest art and craft shows in western Kansas. All proceeds from indoor sales will be used by the church for local and mission projects.

Anyone who has rummage-sale items may bring them to the church before Friday. Organizers ask that items be pre-priced and request no large electronic items.

Agora has 14 vendors committed for next year. Anyone who wants to participate in this year's market or the next should call (785) 462-9050, (785) 443-0657 or (785) 443-3025 or e-mail agora_cumc@hotmail.com for an application.

People in Our Community

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Jim and Jan Gilbert of Vero Beach, Fla., have visited the past week with his mother, Doris Gilbert. He was the man pictured in *The Oberlin Herald* last week at the Oberlin Cemetery on Memorial Day with John Otis, a Navy veteran who is now a custodian at the Oberlin Elementary School.

Kathy Fraker of Falun, Nev., was a Saturday overnight guest of Bob and Marian Fraker. She was en route home after visiting her parents, Lloyd and Catherine Wade, of Russell, and attending a Wade family reunion over Memorial weekend in Eureka.

Eduardo Ferrada of Denver was a weekend guest of his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bob and Deanna Castle.

Norman and Lorraine Close of Ogallala, Neb., visited her sister, Lois Lamb, on Memorial weekend Sunday and took her out for dinner to help her celebrate her 86th birthday, which will be Thursday.

Betty Miller and her granddaughter, Emily Miller, of Salina are spending two weeks visiting her brother, Bobby Hill.

Cecil Hess was a Friday supper guest of Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica of St. Francis to honor Jenna on her 13th birthday. Other guests were Melvin and Pat Confer, Bud Houtman and Gladys Cullum, St. Francis, and Curt Confer, Westminster, Colo.

Doris Sloan accompanied her daughter, Cindi Sauder, to Manhattan on Thursday and they attended the wedding of Anne Marie Wasson and John Emert on Friday evening. Among others attending were Jaime Metcalf and Aiden, and Patrick and Cindy Shirley and Shelby.

Winning highs in pinocle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Ardis Roe, Max Carman, Dewaine Stapp and Neil Marshall. Lows went to Marie McKisson, Jack O'Toole, Neil Marshall and Max Carman. There was no pitch. Bridge highs were won by Annette Miller and Beth Sebaugh.

Several area students were among 3,200 Kansas State University students who earned honors for their academic performance during the spring semester. They must earn a grade point average of 3.75 or above to qualify. They include: Nathan Simonsson, Oberlin; Jill Bergling Ludell; Kendra Spresser, Selden, and Andrew Broeckelman and Jonathan Broeckelman.

Cynthia Murray of Oberlin was named to the Dean's honor list for the 2012 spring semester at Central Community College in Grand Island, Neb. Students on this list earned a grade average between 3.5 and 3.99. She is the daughter of David and Nikki Murray of Oberlin.

Rotary scholars named

Rotary welcomed the recipients of this year's Rotary Scholarships, Tyler Shields and Nolan Henningson, when the club met May 22.

Amanda Marshall and Dalton Jones, who received the Charles Corcoran Rotary Scholarships, were not present.

Program Chair Doyle Brown introduced his daughter, Keli Kleidosty, a wildlife biologist in Hawaii. She talked about endangered sea birds and how officials are trying to protect these species. She said surveys showed the effect of windmills that may endanger these birds. Most found that towers are not the main cause of deaths in Hawaii. Most were due to other causes, including taken by other animals, including dogs, cats or pigs. She added that Hawaii has thousands of species of birds.

Past District District Gov. Herschel Betts delivered a certificate from the Rotary District to the Oberlin club for its contributions

in fighting polio.

Other guests were Kara Kuntz and Jody Betts.

Program Chair Ken Shobe spoke about Memorial Day and its origin at the May 29 meeting. He said it was originally designated Decoration Day in 1865 in honor of the falling soldiers of the Civil War. The name was changed to Memorial Day in 1967 when it was made a federal holiday.

He also talked about Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. It was established as a military cemetery during the Civil War and more than 260,000 military personnel are buried there, as well as two U.S. presidents, Taft and Kennedy.

He said more than 3,800 former slaves are buried in Section 27 with their headstones designated with the word civilian or citizen. Mr. Shobe showed a video tribute to all veterans entitled, "Have You Forgotten?"

Norma Unger was a guest.

Jennings native earns honors in Oklahoma

Terry L. Mader, son of Jim and Wilma Mader of Jennings, received the Advanced Degree Graduate of Distinction Award from the Department of Animal Science at Oklahoma State University.

The award, for outstanding career achievement, was presented at the department's annual banquet in Stillwater. He received a master's and a doctorate degree.

He moved to Wayne, Neb., and began his professional career in 1981 as a beef cattle specialist at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and the Haskell Ag Laboratory in Concord, Neb.

His research focused on animal welfare and productivity, as well as methods to minimize the impact of environmental stress on livestock performance and mortality. These efforts have led to management strategies to minimize the effects of cold and heat on beef cattle.

Dr. Mader's beef cattle man-

agement research and extension programs have achieved national and international recognition. His international experience includes work with experts in Canada, South America and Australia, where he is an honorary professor of animal production at the University of Queensland.

He is a past chair of the Federation of Animal Science Societies Beef Cattle subcommittee on the Guide for Agricultural Animals, a current member of the Professional Animal Auditors Certification Organization and American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists governing council, and a recipient of the American Society of Animal Science Animal Management Award and the University of Nebraska Distinguished Specialist Award.

Dr. Mader, a 1969 graduate of Jennings High School, recently retired after 30 years with the university.



Terry Mader

African visits church

Rudo Dozva, a college student from Africa, was a guest in the home of Paul and Kathy Nauer of Jennings while visiting with a group from Zimbabwe who came to attend the United Methodist General Conference in Tampa, Fla.

"This was an exciting event," said Barbara Patterson, pastor of the Jennings and Dresden United Methodist churches, "because for several years there have been several laity and pastors who have been involved on mission trips to Zimbabwe through the United Methodist Church."

From May 11 to 16, Methodist churches of the Hays District of the Kansas West Conference played host to several of these visitors. Others in the group were Duncan Charwadza, Alan Gurupira and Annie Grace Chingonzo, all district superintendents of the church in Zimbabwe. Miss Dozva, who is from the town of Old Mutare, is a pre-pharmacy student at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. She spoke at the Jennings church May 13.

Her visit to several churches in the district was the result of a covenant between the Kansas West and Zimbabwe Annual Conferences. In May 2010, the Bishop of the Zimbabwe Conference was a guest at the Kansas West Annual Conference in Hutchinson. At that time, the conferences signed a covenant binding them together.

Many mission volunteers from Kansas West have worked on projects in Zimbabwe. In February 2011, a delegation of Methodist clergy and volunteers spent nearly two weeks in Zimbabwe learning the culture and helping with mission projects. Mrs. Patterson and her husband, Glenn, of Glen Elder, attended.

Miss Dozva, the daughter of a farmer, spoke of the differences in farming between the two countries. The Nauers took her to their farm, where she drove a tractor and a sprayer.

She said that after she becomes a pharmacist, she plans to return to her country.



Rudo Dozva

Story time at Norcatcur library

The Norcatcur Children's Library has Story Time at 10 a.m. every Wednesday, and children of the whole area are welcome, says librarian Betsy Jakowski.

From Wednesday, June 13, through Wednesday, July 18, a children's summer reading program will begin at the same time. Crafts and projects will be offered.

A recent gift of \$200 from the Bargain Box Plus in Oberlin made it possible to buy new children's

books, Mrs. Jakowski said, and people appreciate the donation.

All area children are welcome, she said, not just those who live in Norcatcur. Everyone is welcome at the library, in the city building (the former schoolhouse on the southeast edge of town). She invites people to stop by to see the new children's library.

Library hours are from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

College offering drawing class

Artist David Ketchum will once again be teaching a life drawing class at Colby Community College this summer, using a live model.

The eight-week class began Tuesday in Ferguson Hall in room 502 and will run through Friday, July 27. It meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Each session will cost \$5. However, artists may buy an eight-week package (16 sessions) for \$50. The

money will go to pay the models. No registration is required, but college credit can be arranged for those who plan to take more art courses.

Materials required for each session include a large pad of newsprint (18 inches by 24 inches), a clipboard to support the pad, charcoal sticks and a charcoal pencil, a gum eraser, a sheet of archival paper or vellum (18 inches by 24 inches) and something to drink.

New Arrivals

Remi Ellen Johnson

Mat and Nikki Johnson of Thornton, Colo., are the parents of a daughter, Remi Ellen Johnson, born May 18, 2012. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. She has a brother, Maceo, 2. Her grandparents are Robert and Judy Groneweg, Oberlin; Mary Groneweg, Lakewood, Colo.; and Jim and Marilyn Johnson, DeKalb, Ill. Peggy Groneweg, Oberlin, is her great-grandmother.



Remi



Rivers

Rivers Graham May

Rivers Graham May was born May 16, 2012, to Leslie Myers and Brandon May of Odessa, Neb. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Elwood and Jeanie May, Oberlin, and the late Linda and Wesley Myers, Cozad, Neb. Wilma May, of Oberlin, is his great-grandmother

The family of **Catherine (Shields) Neal** requests a card shower for her **85th Birthday** on June 16. Cards may be sent to: 106 S. East Ave., Oberlin Kan., 67749

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Floyd T. Badsky is turning 80 Drop by the Golden Age Center Saturday, June 16th 2-4 p.m. to wish him a Happy Birthday!

If unable to attend, cards may be sent to 207 E. Frontier Parkway, Oberlin, KS 67749

Happy Birthday Nadene (Welsh) Lafferty



The family of Nadene is hosting an open house on Sunday, June 10th from 2-4 at the McCook Fair Grounds Community Building.

Cards of congratulations will reach her at 511 East I Street, McCook, Neb. 69001