

# People in Our Community

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Among relatives who attended funeral services in Longmont, Colo., on Friday for Gary Grose were Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, and Pam Van Vleet, Ravyn and Alyssa, Oberlin; Heidi Sidwell, Columbia, Mo.; Shannon and Jaime Metcalf, Danbury; Shad and Jody Metcalf, Colby; Mark and Kim McConville, Brittany and Dylan; and Jeff and Brooke Brooks and Atleigh, Indianapolis. He died on June 17, 2013, at a hospital in Denver.

Visiting Eldon Smith during the past week were Renee Smith, Las Colinas, Texas; Jerry Smith, Plano, Texas, and Barb McGuire, Wichita.

Guests at the home of Herschel and Jody Betts the past week have been their sons, Gene and Jan Betts, Austin, Texas; and Rod Betts and Lisa Kay, La Jolla, Calif.

Kevin and Sue Renk of Plainville visited Sunday with her mother, Elaine Bryan.

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Kaylee Bass of Washington State spent the past two weeks visiting her grandmother, Pastor Nancy Proffitt. Her mother, Loriahn Bass, and Wyatt, and their exchange students, Hege Huso, of Norway, and Pauline Diemling, of Austria, came to get her and they left Monday for Virginia, where their husband and father, Zach Bass, who is presently serving in the U.S. Army in Egypt, will join them in a month. He will be stationed at Fort Eustis.

Doris Sloan accompanied Patrick, Cindy and Judy Shirley to

Dallas, where they attended the wedding of Mrs. Sloan's grandson, Brad Sauder and Ricio Rojas, on June 8. Others at the wedding were his mother, Cindi Sauder, Oberlin, and sister, Jaime Metcalf, Aden and Axel, Danbury.

Rex Olson remains hospitalized in Denver, where he is undergoing follow-up treatment after a recent bone marrow transplant. Mail will reach him at Presbyterian/St. Luke's CBCI, room 3304, 1721 E 19th Avenue, Denver, Colo., 80218. Mary Lou Olson and Mark Olson visited him on Wednesday.

Alyssa Rippe graduated this spring from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. She started working on her master's degree this month at Oklahoma State University. She is the daughter of Lynn and Joyce Rippe.

Candy Rauhut of Garden City visited on Thursday and Friday with her mother, Eunice Martin, and other relatives.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ivis Hanson, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, John Cederberg and Doris Fringer. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, John Cederberg, Norma Anderson, Neil Marshall, Marie McKisson and Henry Edgett. Phyllis Screen, Gail Marcuson and Martha Fringer were winners in Chicken Foot dominoes. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore, with lows going to Ardythe and John Cederberg. Taking highs at bridge were Marty Olson, Cynthia Matson and Shirley Simpson.

## Many attend services here

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral services for Leonard Cochran on June 11, besides his immediate family, were:

Vera and Dean Dack, Walt and LeAnna Schwab, Leota Jordan, Randy and Darla Jordan, Stacy Phillips, Rick and Paris Province, McCook; Jerry Wescot, Dennis Leichter, Norcat; Dave and Sue Rohleder, Morland; John and Phyllis Schwab, Lori Ayers, Kearney, Neb.; Jaden Flower, Jordan Flower, Cawker City; Don and Shirley Smith, Mankato; Katelinn Phillips, Kelly Phillips, Kansas City; Kristen Phillips, Emporia; Delvin and Shirley Bader, Codel; Charlie and Pat Schwab, Scott

City; Donald Lamb, Steve and Jane Lamb, St. George; Jane Van Dange, Ed Carl, Downs; Ron, Connie and John Stritt, Matthew Dack, Indianola, Neb.; Cary Schwab, Pam Turner, Scott City; Robert Area, Mayetta; Brian and Monica Roe, Ed and Rachelle Schwab and Allen, Hays; Linda Lamb, Manhattan; Robert and Carole Bennett, Healy; Linda Burnside, Wichita; Karen Carpenter, Denise Schwab, Norton; Kevin Schwab, Wellsville; Patty and Joe Curry, Oakley; Karen Berkey, Denver; Marcey Lantz, Osborne; Mike Domsch, Logan; Nora Powell, Omaha; Vickie Cook, North Platte, Neb.; Dave and Sheri Sempeck, Omaha; and Steve and Jennifer Christenson, Mankato.

## Retirees meet in Atwood

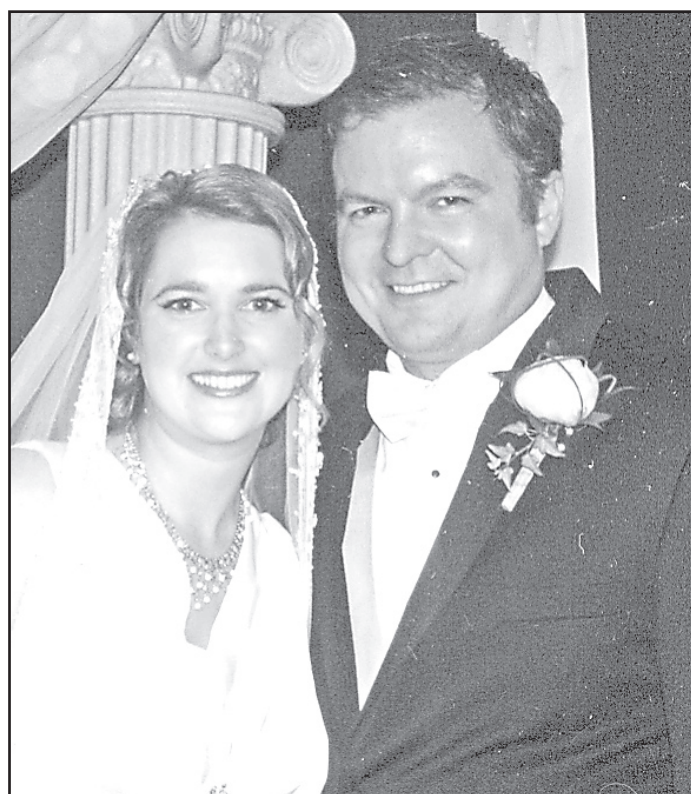
The Oberlin Chapter of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees met June 9 at the Midwest Energy meeting room in Atwood with 10 members and guests present.

President Rob McFee conducted the business meeting, reading a list of highlights from the Kansas state convention in Overland Park in April. It included a Distinguished Service Award to the Oberlin chapter for exceeding a state goal of \$5.50 per member contribution to the Alzheimer's research program for last year. The chapter also re-

ceived a national award for the highest dollar-per-member contribution from Kansas in 2012 of \$33.86.

David Swank reported that this year's Alzheimer's garage sale revenue last month exceeded the amount from the previous year. Mike Gawith led a discussion about the health benefits plan's prescription plan.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, Aug. 24, in Norton. Members include active and retired federal employees from Norton, Decatur and Rawlins counties.



Grant and Ruth Anne Reynolds

## Couple exchange vows in Ames, Iowa

Ruth Anne Crouse and Grant Allyn Reynolds were married on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at Life Pointe Church in Ames, Iowa.

Pastor Gary Pilcher officiated. Lyn Reynolds, Cedar Bluffs, father of the bridegroom, gave the welcome and opening prayer. Stan Reynolds, McCook, grandfather of the bridegroom, gave a blessing over the couple.

Parents of the couple are Lyn and Marci Reynolds, Cedar Bluffs, and J.F. and Kathleen Crouse, Cambridge, Iowa. Grandparents of the couple are Stan and Jeannine Reynolds, McCook, and Connie Briggs, Clinton, Mo.

The front of the sanctuary was decorated with white Corinthian columns. Black lampstands and vases of peonies and greenery completed the setting.

Pianist and vocalist was Amber Lorentz, sister of the bridegroom. She sang, "Your Grace Still Amazes Me." Other vocalists were John and Lyndsi Smith, McCook, sister and brother-in-law of the bridegroom, who sang, "You are My Hiding Place."

The bride wore a white satin chiffon, floor-length Grecian gown with a V-neckline. The empire waist was adorned with Austrian crystals. A lace-covered headpiece cascaded down to a cathedral-length veil tipped with pearl beaded Schiffli lace. Her bouquet was light pink peonies with green ivy entwined. She wore a rhinestone-and-pearl necklace.

The bridegroom wore a black, three-button, single-breasted tuxedo with a brocaded, white vest and white bow tie. His boutonniere was a light pink peony. Matron of honor was Rachel

Ward, sister of the bride. Maid of honor was Amber Hoyt. They wore mint green satin skirts fashioned with cream-colored blouses and carried a darker shade of pink peonies similar to the bride's bouquet.

Naphtali Crouse, sister-in-law of the bride, was her personal attendant.

Groomsmen were Derick Lorentz, Oberlin, and John Smith, McCook, brothers-in-law of the bridegroom. They wore black suits with mint green ties.

Flower girl was Raegan Smith, McCook, niece of the bridegroom. Cadyn Smith, nephew of the bridegroom, was the ring-bearer. Miniature ringbearers and flower girls were Caleb and Levi Crouse and Escher Ward, nephews of the bride, and Madelyn and Tryston Welker.

Ushers were Michael Crouse, brother of the bride, and Aaron Ward, brother-in-law of the bride.

Guest book attendant was Ashley Hendrickson, cousin of the bride. Kayley Jones, Janee Jones and Nondi passed out programs. Gift attendants were Anna Jones and Anna Olson.

Host and hostesses were Brad and SherRee Allen and Ray and Anita LeMaster. Decorations for the reception were Grecian urns filled with pink geraniums placed on columns and special lighting throughout. J.F. Crouse, father of the bride, gave the opening prayer.

After their wedding trip to Estes Park, Colo., they are living in Stella, Neb., where the bridegroom is a nuclear reactor engineer at Cooper Nuclear Station.

## Student sees Washington

Sierra Lohofener, a junior at Decatur Community High School, was among students selected by the Midwest Energy to attend a Youth Tour to Washington. She is the daughter of Seth and Mardi Lohofener.



Lohofener

The trip was established by rural electric cooperatives in the late 1950s and has been awarded to nearly 50,000 students from rural areas and small towns across America.

Sierra met up with 34 other Kansas students, as well as four students representing Hawaii, in Topeka on June 13. After a banquet that evening, they proceeded the next day to tour the Brown V. Board of Education Museum and the Kansas Capitol.

They arrived in Washington that evening to start a six-day push to see as much as they could. Some of the highlights were visiting with U.S. senators and representatives on Capitol Hill, touring the Smithsonian museums, visiting many memorials, a moonlight dance cruise down the Potomac and a tour of Ravens Stadium in Baltimore. On Thursday, the bus returned the students to Topeka. Parents waiting for their kids found them

very sad to see the trip end. Midwest sends youths who are 16 to 17, going into their junior year of high school, on the annual trip. Representatives encourage all youths in the area to apply.

## Couple plans August vows

Lindsey Jo Niermeier of Hoxie and Tyler Joseph Sauvage of Oberlin plan to marry Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

Parents of the bride-to-be are Fred and Nancy Niermeier, Hoxie. Her grandparents are Edna Niermeier, Hoxie, and Louella Heier, Oakley.

Her fiance's parents are Michael and Cheryl Sauvage, Oberlin. His grandparents are Maxine Sauvage, Oberlin, and Mary Arehart, Norton.

She is a 2008 graduate of Hoxie High School and a 2012 graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in family studies and human services with a concentration in gerontology. She works at Hoxie Implement Co.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Decatur Commu-



Lindsey Jo Niermeier and Tyler Joseph Sauvage

nity High School in 2007 and from Fort Hays State University in 2012 with a degree in agronomy. He works at Crop Production Services in Hoxie.

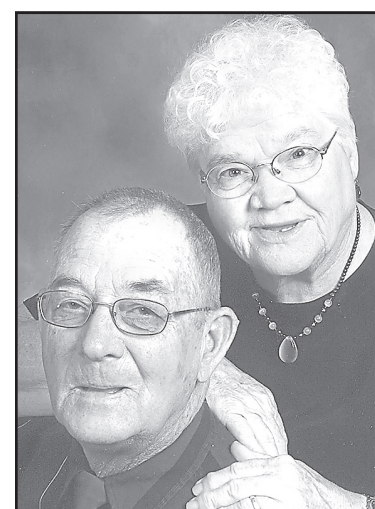
They plan to live in Hoxie.

## Couple honored on 50th

The Calico Gals Club held a potluck supper on Wednesday, June 19, to honor Frank and Margaret McEvoy on their 50th wedding anniversary at the Golden Age Center. There were 38 in attendance.

Donna Kelley, master of ceremonies, asked the honored guests to come forward and sit in rocking chairs in front of the group for a question-and-answer session. Mrs. McEvoy was known as Red Hot Margaret and her husband, Dashing Frank. They were asked to answer questions including where they met, where they went on their first date, what was the first thing you would save if your house was on fire, their favorite song, favorite food, and first letter exchanged, etc. Some of the answers were hilarious.

They said they never had wedding pictures. Their son, Lonnie McEvoy played, "The Mama and Daddy Waltz" on his harmonica. "Happy Anniversary" was sung



Frank and Margaret McEvoy

to the couple, after which an anniversary cake and punch were served from a table decorated with a pink rose bouquet, compliments of Shirley Shields.

There will be no meeting in July and August for the club.

## Club hears of homesteads

Program Chair Rhonda May spoke about "The Homestead Act of 1862" and its effect on her family, today's population and Kansas history under the act at the June 18 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

She said the law was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Abraham Lincoln on May 20, 1862. It granted 160 acres of unoccupied public land to each homesteader for a nominal fee after five years of residency.

Qualifications included being at least 21 years of age and head of a household. Homesteaders had

to build a home, live on the land, make improvements and farm for five years to earn ownership. She said that the town of Oberlin is associated with that act. Many single women, eastern farmers and freed slaves homesteaded.

She told of her great-grandfather, Henry May, who homesteaded in 1886 in Washington County. A total of 25 percent of Kansas, one-third of Colorado and 45 percent of Nebraska were settled by homesteading.

Many small Kansas towns resulted from homesteading as railroads spread throughout the area, including Jennings and Traer.

## Stick-To-It 4-H Club meets

By ANNA CARTER and ISABEL GRAFEL

The monthly meeting of the Stick-To-It 4-H Club was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin on June 9. Roll call was answered by 14 members and two leaders with their summer plans.

Jenna Juenemann and Jacie Fortin did a project talk. Erin May led us in singing and Maddie Johnson and Clayton Carter led us in a relay for recreation. Announcements were read and the meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were provided by the Juenemann family.

## Happy Anniversary

Dennis Vernon and Jerridee Manning were united in marriage on July 3rd, 1952 in Oberlin. With this union they later had three children. First born was Rykel Gengler, next came Kirby Vernon, and last was Sue Ann Vernon. They lived in Oberlin until 1969 moving to Salina where they are still living today. They are proud grandparents of eight grandchildren and great-grandparents of four children. Their children would like you to join them in celebrating this 60 years of marriage by sending them an anniversary card mailed to: Dennis and Jerry Vernon, Johnstown Towers, 623 Johnstown, Apt E6B, Salina, Kan., 67401.

Happy Anniversary, Mom and Dad!  
Love, Your children, Rykel, Kirby and Sue Ann.

## New Arrival

### Georgia Rose Olson

Stean Olson and Colleen Pennington of Russell have a new daughter, Georgia Rose Olson, born on May 29, 2013. She weighed 7 pounds, 1.2 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are Connie and Jerry Olson, Oberlin, and June and John Pennington, Hays. Great-grandparents are Wilma May, Oberlin, and Jake and Janice Arnold, Hays.



Georgia O.

## Decatur County 4th of July Festival

### Schedule of Events

9 a.m. - Parade  
• Bike Races • Sidewalk Chalk Art  
• Root Beer Floats and Cherry Limeades sales 9-11:30

Afternoon - Pool Activities

Bring Lawn Chairs

6:00 Free will Donation - Hamburger, Hot Dog meal  
• Dunking Booth • Pie and Ice Cream  
• Kids Games and Face Painting • Pie Eating Contest  
7-8 Community Band Performing at Band Shell  
8 p.m. Guest Artist • 8:30 Dancing with the D.J.  
9 p.m. Legion Riders Color Guard  
9:15 Oberlin American Legion Presentation-Grandstand  
9:45 Crowd Mixers (Chicken Dance, Hokey Pokey)

10 p.m. Laser Light Show

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