

# Oberlin editor gets promotion

Kimberly Davis, a reporter and editor for *The Oberlin Herald* for the last decade, has been named assistant publisher of the 131-year-old weekly newspaper.

Mrs. Davis will supervise the staff of seven who produce the newspaper, working under owners Steve and Cynthia Haynes. Long-time staff members include Mary Lou Olson, society editor, who first joined the paper in 1954, and Pat Cozad, office manager, with 18 years.

"In her 10 years on the job, Kim has grown and learned as she's matured," Mr. Haynes said. "She has become an active member of the community and adopted Oberlin as her home. And for the past two or three years, she has taken on more and more responsibility."

The Hayneses own Nor'West Newspapers, which publishes community papers in Oberlin, St. Francis, Bird City, Goodland, Colby and Norton, plus two regional publications, *The Country Advocate* and the *Norton Monday Extra*. Mrs. Haynes is chief financial officer for the group, and Mr. Haynes, in addition to supervising the other papers, has been acting as publisher of the *Colby Free Press*.

"While Oberlin is our home," Mr. Haynes said, "we both need more time for other duties. We have a regional operation that, with about 50 employees, is one of the largest private businesses based in Oberlin."

Mrs. Davis graduated from the University of Colorado in May 2000 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and an emphasis in political science. She started as a reporter at *The Herald* the next month.

She and Tim Davis, now the advertising representative at the paper, married in July 2004. They have two daughters and one granddaugh-



Davis

ter who live in Colorado, and twin 7-year-old foster daughters here.

"I have truly enjoyed working at *The Oberlin Herald* and getting to know the Oberlin community over the past 10 years," she said. "In that time, my husband and I have come to call Oberlin home. I look forward to the future and what might be possible here."

Mrs. Davis was a volunteer and committee member for the former Seeds of Hope Telethon for several years, a member of the United Explorers for two, the Pioneer Club for one and the Oberlin Jaycees for three. Today, she's a co-convenor of the Sappa Park Committee under Decatur Tomorrow and a member of the Decatur Professional Women.

Her daughters attend Oberlin Elementary School.

She says she loves photography, growing things, canning, baking, walking at Sappa Park, friends, spending time with her family and scrapbooking, to name a few of her interests.

"I have always wanted to run in a 5K and hope to accomplish that goal in the next few years," she said.



Plotts - Jackson

James Plotts and Charlotte Jackson, both of Norcatour, have set Dec. 11 as their wedding date.

Parents of the couple are Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Tammy and Dick Larson, Sanger, Calif., and Gerald and Judy Jackson of Norcatour. Grandparents are James W. Plotts, Oberlin and Neva and Coy

DeGood, St. Francis.

The outdoor wedding will take place in the downtown gazebo in Oberlin with the reception to follow at The LandMark Inn.

The bride works at the Andbe Home and the groom is employed at Jamboree Foods, Norton.

# Atwood church holds 125th celebration

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood will be celebrating its 125th anniversary beginning with a 4 p.m., Mass, Sunday, Nov. 28 at the church at 508 North Railroad Avenue.

Mass will be followed by a social, supper and entertainment at the Columbian Hall on Lake Road. Columbian Hall events begin at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is no fee to attend.

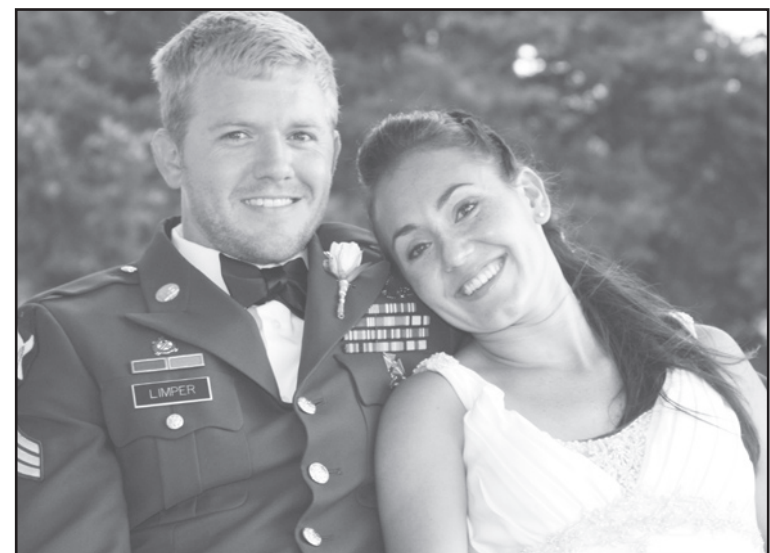
In addition to the Most Reverend Bishop Paul Coakley, several priests, who formerly shepherded the Sacred Heart congregation, plan to attend. Srs. Christine Elias ND, Josita Hanus ND and Ernestine Havlovic ND, former teach-

ers at Sacred Heart School, will also be attending weather permitting. Sr. Joan Polak ND will accompany them.

Entertainment will begin with a musical session by the Clerical Hum, whose members include Fr. Nick Parker, current pastor of Sacred Heart, Fr. Jarett Konrade and Fr. Randall Weber.

Following the "Hum," D.J. Joe Vyzourek will be spinning the tunes for a family-filled, old-fashioned celebration dance, complete with a grand march, to kick off the fun.

Sacred Heart was founded Nov. 25, 1895, five years after the founding of Atwood.



Mr. and Mrs. Limper

# Couple renews vows

Sarah D. Morris and Sgt. Neil A Limper were united in marriage on April 10, 2009, before he was deployed to Afghanistan for a one-year tour of duty. On June 20, 2010, they renewed their wedding vows before family and friends at the geographical center of the continental United States near Lebanon.

Sarah is the daughter of Ronny and Marcella Morris of Arvada, Colo., and the granddaughter of Della Morris of Arvada and St. Francis, and the late George Morris, and Emma Threlkel of Atwood and the late Donald E Threlkel. Sgt. Limper is the son of Stuart and Margaret Limper of Smithton, Ill.

Attendance for Sarah were her siblings, Veronica, Lisa and David Morris of Arvada and friend Aundra Nolting of Denver.

Attendance for Neil were his siblings, Heather, Elizabeth, Nathan Limper of Smithton and friend Ryan Morris of Chicago, Ill.

Flower girls were Montana Morris and Maddy.

The couple rode in a horse-drawn carriage driven by Sarah's uncle, Don L. Threlkel, to the chapel. The ceremony was performed by Sarah's dad, Ronny Morris.

After the wedding-vow renewal, everyone enjoyed supper in the farm yard of Don and Shelly Threlkel with a dance and fireworks following.

The wedding cake was made by Sarah's aunt, Shelly Threlkel.

They are making their home in Colorado Springs, Colo., until summer 2011 when Neil is out of the Army.

# Young basketball team plays Oakley

The Oakley A and B junior high basketball teams were too strong for the young Indians on Thursday on the Oakley court. The final score of the A-team game saw Oakley win 31-16 and the B-team game gave Oakley a 28-17 victory. The C-team lost by the score of 12-4.

In the third game of the season St. Francis lost to Oakley 28-17.

"From the opening jump, this game was a contest of who could make the most mistakes and score the least; we won that battle," Coach David Morrow said. "We had a difficult night shooting the ball and made numerous turnovers. Our first points of the game came a few minutes before half time.

"On the bright side, these guys rebounded from a very tough loss to Rawlins County to play some very good defense against Oakley. We were able to get a lot of steals throughout the game, and turned some of those into points in the second half."

As the game progressed, Coach Morrow said we were able to close the gap and make it exciting in the end. In fact, as low scoring as this contest was, we were always within striking distance.

"The last few minutes afforded us opportunities to hit some shots and tie or win the game, but we simply couldn't make those shots fall," said Coach Morrow. "We continue to get better, but each night we're reminded of an element or two of the game that we need to improve in. Though we're disappointed with the results of the evening, I can't fault our effort. We simply have to dedicate ourselves to improving."

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Scoring: Cade Bracelin, 7; Kyle Zwegardt, 10.

**B-team**  
St. Francis B-team was defeated 31-16.

"Generally speaking, we did not play a good game at all," Coach Morrow said. "For whatever reason, the hard work we've done in practice did not translate into a good effort against the Plainsmen. We had a difficult time scoring and handling the ball. Combined with a poor defensive effort, we didn't have what it takes to compete.

There were some kids who did some good things throughout the game, to be sure, said Coach Morrow. In the second half, we played much better defense to start out with, but across the board, it was a lackluster night for our young men on this team.

"Unfortunately, I didn't receive a copy of the game book for this game and can't say for certain who scored how many points."

**C-team**  
Oakley won the C-team game something like 12-4, said Coach Morrow.

"This game was identical to the preceding B-Team game," Coach Morrow said. "It was something of a step backwards in terms of our development as basketball players. We need to continue working to improve our game. These guys don't get quite the amount of time they need in practice to focus on development, but I've been fortunate to have a lot of help from students and colleagues most days in practice."

# VILLAGE

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Throughout the discussion, there were negative as well as positive comments. Kevin Berens, member of the Village advisory board, took the floor. He said he had talked to Mr. Fitzgerald before the meeting. We need to get rid of our assumptions, he said.

Mr. Fitzgerald had told him that he is willing to work with anyone of the entities (cities and county). We don't want to cut out the Society who has been working in the county for many years, Mr. Berens said. Some people have invested their lives with the Society.

Overall, it is important to keep the people in the community. Be active, be smart and temper with some patience.

We don't want to see Good Samaritan leave, said Dr. Mary Beth Miller. She added that she would like to see the committee to research the options. There is merit, she said, in owning the facility and having Good Samaritan manage it.

Scott Schultz, St. Francis mayor, suggested that there needed to be communication with Mr. Fitzgerald and the Society. He would like to see if their insurance would replace the burned area, then talk about bigger and better. In the southeast corner of the lot, he said, there is room for an assisted living facility. The bottom line for the present is to get the facility up and running, get the residents back and get the staff back to work.

Mr. Lacy suggested that the committee be a transparent group, bringing accurate information and options. For-profit groups, he said, are going to see the same demographics that Good Sam did. We need to work together with Good Sam for the best solutions to get the facility operating.

Roger Jensen, St. Francis City Councilman, cautioned that the group needed to be patient. This is

an opportunity to do something really right but it can't be done overnight.

It was noted that Sharon Springs/Wallace County had just passed a bond to build a nursing home but it took two years. Did Cheyenne County have two years?

Mr. Berens said Mr. Fitzgerald was already exploring the options, looking into state regulations, serving meals.... there are just a whole lot of regulations. Then there is the Kansas Department of Health and Environment that will need to determine what can be used for the nursing home.

It appeared that the majority of those at the meeting agreed that the commissioners should take the lead. We need something, Hal Sager, Bird City Councilman, said, something that will work for the whole county. Good Samaritan, he said, may be located in St. Francis, but it takes care of everyone in this county - we are all part of the county.

It will be three weeks until the investigation team meets and the Society has more facts, said Andy Beikman, commissioner. And, we have three weeks to gather information. We need to give Good Samaritan the first chance, then go from there.

Mr. Lacy said he would be going to Topeka and would make contacts in the Department of Health and Environment. He said he will gather as much information as possible.

Everyone was encouraged to talk to people who might have information on nursing homes, including talking or going to Sharon Springs to visit with those commissioners.

As the discussion ended, it was agreed that each of the entities should appoint a person to work on the committee and report the name to Terry Miller, county clerk, before the next commissioners' meeting on Nov. 29. If anyone has ideas, they were asked to share it with the committee.



By Marty Fear

County Extension Agent

# Across the County

Fall cow care is vital

or conditions dictate.

If weaning late in the season, producers need to be particularly sure they are meeting cattle's nutritional needs through grazing and supplementation. Typically, pastures after mid-October lack adequate protein for the lactating cow. Forage availability and digestibility also may be low, resulting in cow weight and condition loss.

Even the dry cows' energy and protein needs may not be met in late-fall grazing. This also is true for young cows that need to gain 50 to 100 pounds of body weight at this time to improve their body condition score.

Producers need to assess the availability and quality of forage to determine whether they need to provide supplemental hay feeding or a

self-fed protein supplement.

Sorting the herd for higher-need and special-needs cows also may be warranted in the fall. Grouping and giving thin and lame or injured cows some extra care and feed can maximize their cull value.

Mineral deficiencies are another issue in the fall. While cows grazed green and actively growing pasture in the summer months, their consumption of mineral supplements may have been low.

As their diet changes to mature and weathered forage, mineral concentrations, particularly phosphorous levels, decrease. To prevent deficiencies and cravings, producers must provide supplemental minerals.

These minerals might be included with other supplements or offered

free-choice as a salt and mineral mix.

Fall is also the time for booster vaccinations, de-worming and pregnancy testing. Going through the herd one cow at a time allows for identifying problems, recording the inventory and making management and marketing decisions for late-bred and open cows.

Spending some extra time on the cowherd during the fall gives cattle-men the opportunity to set the stage for a good winter, and successful new production year. For questions or comments contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu.

Till next week - Marty

# Haigler News

By **Floy Fisher**  
**Caden Everett Mayo**

Karen Harford left from Denver International Airport on Oct. 25 for Atlanta, Ga. to make the acquaintance of her latest grandchild, Caden (Cade) Everett Mayo, who was born on Oct. 29, 2010. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 22 inches long. This is Galen and Ashleigh Mayo's first child. Karen returned home on Nov. 9, after having a wonderful visit.

**Haigler Red Hatters**

On Friday, Nov. 12, the Haigler Red Hatters met on main street and car pooled to Wray to tour the Wray Museum. Everyone really enjoyed all of the displays, stories and period furnishings. The Wray community has done a wonderful job of preserving their history.

Those members attending were: Iona Maupin, Veda Douglass, Belva Olson, Ilene Erdman, Esther Erdman, Myrna Mulligan, Galena Webster, LaNeta Carlock, Joann Webster, Delores Zuege, and guest, Nancy Freehling. Following the museum tour, the group treated themselves to ice cream.

**Lyle W. Kruse**

Lillian Zuege, Kruse of 1048 New Hampshire Street, Lincoln, Neb. 68508-1155, formerly of the Haigler community sends an obituary clipping of her son, Lyle W. Kruse. A part of it is given here: He was born 1944 in Lincoln, Neb., a graduate of Lincoln Northeast, attended The University of Nebraska, Central Technical Institute, and the University of New Mexico, earning degrees in electrical and nuclear engineering. He held two patents for nuclear detection, led some of the early U.S./Russian cooperative programs for nuclear security including the project to upgrade security for Russian Railcars used in transport of nuclear weapons for dismantlement. He managed programs for nuclear security upgrades for Department of Energy facilities, The U.S. Air Force Homeland Security and security upgrades for the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia. Lyle was also an on-site consultant for security systems upgrades in Oak Ridge, Tenn., for five years. He was

65 at the time of his death.

Lillian was born and lived in the Haigler area until her marriage to Mr. Kruse, who is now deceased.

**Deaths**

**Mercil Tiff**

Lois Zuege returned to Colorado on Saturday from accompanying her granddaughter, Rikki, back to her home and spending some time with her daughter. On Sunday night Lois' mother, Mercil Tiff, died. No funeral arrangements have been made at this time.

**Leroy Rathbun**

Dode Faylor's brother, Leroy Rathbun, died Sunday night at the age of 78. Memorial services will be held in Denver and graveside services will be held in Haigler. No dates or other details have been set at this time. Leroy was a brother-in-law to Richard Wall.

**Haigler description**

Last week's description of Haigler left out an important place. The legion hall on main street, a place with lots of space. It is used for many occasions, from voting to wedding receptions, alumni and family reunions, don't know of any exceptions.

Sophia Zuege's son, Albert, Jr., attended the Smoker in Haigler on Saturday and stayed with his mother Saturday night.

Laura Pearl Wall visited last Monday, Nov. 8, at the Bob and MerryLu Simmons home near Beecher Island. Young Taya Simmons was there also.

Saturday Jim and Jerrie Wheaton and Brent drove to Lincoln to attend a tailgate party at the governor's mansion. It was a very nice afternoon. That evening they met Adam and Stephanie Wheaton in Kearney for dinner and game playing. Sunday Jim and Jerrie went on to tour some of the great state of Nebraska. One of the stops on the mini-tour was the Golden Spike Observation Tower in North Platte. It's the observatory for the largest railroad switching yard in the United States.

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