

Couple plans nuptials

Lisa Walter and Cory Mermis are planning the celebration of their wedding on July 21, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Lawrence.

Parents of the couple are Gary and Janelle Walter, Oberlin, and Clyde and Marybeth Mermis, Lawrence.

The bride-elect, a 1995 graduate of Decatur Community High School, received a degree in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program from Penn Valley, Kansas City, Mo. She is a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant at Brandon Woods Retirement Community in Lawrence.

Her fiance, a 1992 graduate of Decatur Community High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Technology Studies from Fort Hays State University. He is currently employed with Butler Manufacturing in Kansas City, Mo.



Cory Mermis and Lisa Walter

Nursing program deadline set

Persons interested in the nursing profession may apply for admission to the Colby Community College program. Deadline for applications for the Licensed Practical Nursing program and the Registered Nursing program is April 1.

The college offers a comprehensive education program in nursing. The satellite campus at Norton offers the entire curriculum for the Licensed Practical Nursing program. It can begin after high school graduation and may be completed in one calendar year.

At the end of the first year, students have the choice of continuing in the program or exiting. Those who stop after the first year will be eligible to write for the Practical Nurse licensing exam. Re-entry into the program can be

sought at a future date.

For students who desire a two-year plan of study, the second year prepares students to take the Registered Nurse licensing exam and receive an Associate Degree in Nursing.

This tiering allows students to practice as a Practical Nurse in an employment setting during their second year of school.

The Colby campus offers both the first and second year of classes. Students who attend the Norton campus the first year and who desire to continue in the Registered Nursing program attend classes at the Colby campus the second year.

For details, contact Tracey A. Stark, Director of Nursing, at (785) 462-3984, extension 322.

Gathering planned in Arizona

The 11th annual gathering of present and former residents of Decatur County will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the home of Max and Marleen Miller, 11124 E. Sugar Creek Drive., Gold Canyon, Ariz., 85219.

Lunch will be provided by the committee and cost of the meal may be paid upon arrival. Those planning to attend are asked to notify the Millers either by mail at the above address or by phone (480) 982-6482.

Bloodmobile coming Jan. 31

The Bloodmobile will be in Oberlin from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The quota has been set for 70 units.

Volunteers may contact Lynn Doeden and Chris Gillespie, co-chairmen, at the hospital, 475-2208.

County disaster sign-up begins

Farmers who have suffered severe crop losses from natural disasters can sign up for federal aid, says Adrian Polansky, state executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

To be eligible, they must have suffered a 35 percent loss in 2000 crops because of natural disasters.

Crops which were insured by crop insurance or are considered non-insurable will earn payments at 65 percent of the established payment rate. Crops which were insurable but not insured will earn 60 percent of the established payment rate.

Farm operators with crops which are insurable which were not insured for 2000 and earn a Crop Disaster Program payment will be required to obtain crop insurance for 2001 and 2002 on that crop, he said.

Farmers should contact a crop insurance agent and make arrangements to

purchase crop insurance if they believe they will earn a payment and do not have insurance.

The final sales closing date for some crops is nearing, so anyone believing they will earn a Crop Disaster Program payment should contact an agent immediately.

For example, the final sales closing date for 2001-crop corn, grain sorghum, and soybeans is March 15.

Earlier information stated that payments would be made as soon as the application is filed.

However, the office has since been notified that payments cannot be issued until regulations for the program are published.

Producers should contact the county Farm Service Center to schedule an appointment to apply for the disaster benefits, said Decatur County Executive Director Diane Barrett.

Piano concert set at Colby college

Julie Rivers, an accomplished pianist and composer, will be in concert at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday at Frahm Theater, in the Cultural Arts Center of Colby Community College. The concert is sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association.

A native of Texas, she made her debut as piano soloist with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. The daughter of

a Swedish immigrant, she began playing the piano at age two.

The concert will be held in conjunction with the Northwest Kansas Piano Teachers League Clinic, which begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. with a multi-piano concert.

The program is presented in part by the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Club News

Club plans birthday party

Aquarius Club members made plans for the January birthday party which they will host at Cedar Living Center when they met on Jan. 18 at the home of Dawn Diederich. Pam Wilson was co-hostess.

Members present were Pam Wilson, Patti Uehlin, Sandy Rush, Deb

Portschy, Mirla Coleman, Cathy Claussen, Judy Brainard and Mrs. Diederich.

Plans were made to provide sandwiches for the Bloodmobile in Oberlin. An informative program on poisons in the home was given by Peggy Roe.

Unit has poinsettia lesson

Hearth and Home Unit met on Jan. 15 with Ruth Laidig as hostess. Roll call was answered with "My goals for 2001."

County Agent Byron Hale presented the lesson on poinsettias. District Recognition Day will be on

May 1 at the Norcatour School. Theme will be, "May Day." Members are collecting scissors for the Good Samaritan Center.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 19 with Grace Cook.

Calico Gals meet for pizza

Calico Gals met at the Pizza Hut on Jan. 17 for lunch, then went to the home of Mary Waldo for their meeting.

Club books were made for the year.

The next meeting will be Feb. 21 with Opal Bryan.

Brownies set cookie goals

By LANEY FLORA
Brownies met on Jan. 16 and talked about selling Girl Scout cookies. We practiced taking orders with our partner. We each set our own

goal of how many boxes of cookies we want to sell.

There were 14 girls at the meeting and Molly brought treats.



LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD will play at area schools.

Schools host children's group

The Wichita Children's Theater Professional Touring Company will present "Little Red Riding Hood" in four area schools, including Oberlin. Sponsor is the Western Plains Arts Association.

It will be presented at 9:30 a.m. at Colby Elementary School, and Hoxie schools at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1.

A public performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. that evening at the Atwood High School with all elementary school students admitted free. Tickets will be \$6 for adults at the door or by season ticket.

School performances will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, at the Winona School and at 1:30 p.m. at the Oberlin Elementary School.

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*The children of
Florence Jones
would like to have a Card Shower
for her 98th Birthday on Jan. 27.*

Her address is: 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, KS 67749 04*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO ALL OF THE ERICKSONS
who will be 60 THIS YEAR...

ROXIE - FEBRUARY 17 MARY ANN - AUGUST 19
GARY - OCTOBER 23 DELBERT - DECEMBER 21

The following members of the
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on Friday & Saturday, Jan. 26-27!
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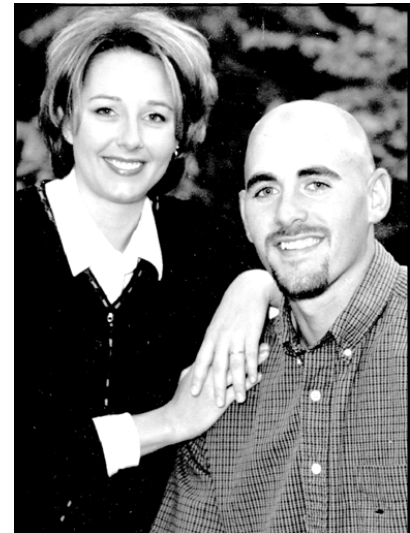
Wedding set for March in Manhattan

Micki Barth and Douglas Hodgens, both of Manhattan, plan to be married on March 24 in Manhattan.

Parents of the couple are Mick and Rhonda Barth, Oberlin, and Arlene Morgan, Wichita, and Lynn and Debi Butler, and Alan Hodgens, Eldorado.

The bride-elect graduated from Gateway High School, Kissimmee, Fla., in 1993, and is a 1999 graduate of Colby Community College. She is a Registered Intensive Care Nurse at Mercy Health Center in Manhattan.

Her fiance graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Bakery Science Management. He is em-



Micki Barth and Doug Hodgens

ployed by the Earth Grains Company, Sacramento, Calif., as operations supervisor.

They plan to move to Sacramento, Calif., in June.

Girl Scout cookies available

The Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council are taking orders for Girl Scout cookies through Feb. 2.

They will have eight varieties to choose from: Animal Treasures, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Caramel deLites, Lemon Pastry Cremes, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread and Upside-Downs.

Girls are the ultimate beneficiaries of all cookie sale proceeds — either di-

rectly or indirectly. Girls benefit directly by receiving 21% back to their troops.

The rest of the money benefits all girls in this council by providing services such as scholarships, program resources, camping equipment, and training materials.

For details or to place an order, contact Sandy Rush, 475-2628, or Kala Bose, 475-2394.

Energy assistance available

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program is now available to Kansas households that qualify, through March 30, 2001.

Households with income under the following three-month limits are eligible: Household size, 1 — \$2,714; 2 — \$3,656; 3 — \$4,599; 4 — \$5,541;

5 — \$6,484; 6 — \$7,426; 7 — \$8,369; 8 — \$9,311.

Households must demonstrate recent self-payments.

To request an application, call the Social and Rehabilitation Services office at (785) 475-2171, or 1-800-432-0043.

New Arrivals

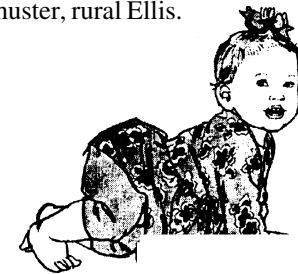
Landen Allen Richards

Cody and LaDawna Richards of Oberlin welcome their adopted son, Landen Allen Richards. He was born Jan. 22, 2001, and weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. He joins a sister, Elizabeth Boyd, 13. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Lynn Boyd, Oberlin, and paternal grandparents are Gary and Marsha Richards, Oberlin, and Marilyn Henke, Junction City. He has two great-grandmothers, Norma Richards and Edna Cochran, Oberlin, and one great-grandmother, Edith Richards, Oberlin.

and Ardis Roe, Oberlin, and Elsa Falk, Wheaton.

John L. Aschenbrenner

Donnie and Christine Aschenbrenner of Colwich are the parents of a son, John Lucas, born Jan. 15, 2001. He weighed 8 pounds, 4.4 ounces and measured 19 inches in length. He has a brother, James Ryan, to welcome him home. Maternal grandparents are Marie and Mike McVay of Colby and paternal grandparents are Lois and Leroy Aschenbrenner, Ogallah. Maternal great-grandparents are Axie and Paul Sass of Oberlin. Paternal great-grandparents are Mary Aschenbrenner, WaKeeny, and Regina and Jake Schuster, rural Ellis.



Jessie Elise Fortin

Kevin and Lori Fortin of Wamego are the parents of a daughter, Jessie Elise, born Jan. 9, 2001, at Mercy Health Center in Manhattan. She weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Kenny and Gloria Falk, Onaga, and Jerry and Jolene Fortin, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are June Fortin, and Don

The family of
**"Josie" Bosler is celebrating her
100th Birthday on February 12, 2001.**

We would love to have you share this
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