

People in Our Community

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Family members who attended funeral services for Phyllis (Jeffus) Hershman, in Loveland, Colo., on Friday were Eleanor "Ellie" and Cotty Matal, Woodland, Calif.; Barbara Young, Oberlin; Lisa and Kim Eccles, Nick and Ryan, and their exchange student, Nevva of New Zealand, Edmond, Okla.; Allen and Neta Jeffus, Topeka; and JuDee Benton, Merced, Calif. Mrs. Hershman died on March 12 at her home in Loveland. They were all weekend guests of Mrs. Young before returning to their respective homes. Mrs. Benton remained to spend the week and is also visiting her mother, Velma Jeffus, a resident of the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

Dave and Marty Olson spent spring break in Woodridge, Ill., visiting their son and family, Jon and Cindy Olson and Nathan. En route home they visited their daughter, Jenny Olson, a student at University of Nebraska at Kearney.

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Wayne Steinert underwent heart surgery for three by-passes on Monday at Hays Medical Center. Mail will reach him at the hospital 2220 Canterbury Drive, Hays, Kan., 67601.

Marie McKisson returned home last Monday from a trip to Allen, Texas, where she visited her sister, Carol Jean Barkley. She was accompanied there by her brother, Earl Wells of Clay Center, and her sister-in-law and husband, Betty and John McVicker, of Abilene. Joining them for a weekend while they were in Austin, was a brother, Larry Wells and his wife, Cindy, of Austin.

Walt Fortin was flown to Denver on Friday and is a patient in Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital, where he is undergoing heart tests. Mail will reach him at the hospital, 1719 E. 19th Ave., Denver, Colo., 80218.

—KEN SHOBE will be accepting your votes for Oberlin City Councilperson on April 3rd. Paid by Ken Shobe

Janene Kleidosty left Tuesday for her home in Lancaster, Calif., after spending time with her father, Dale Brunk, following the death of her mother, Nila Brunk.

Barbara Young accompanied Allen and Neta Jeffus of Topeka to Washington, D.C., where Neta attended the annual Convention of the American Public Transit Association. She is chairperson of the Topeka Transit Authority.

—Spring Fashion Show, Sun., March 25, 3 p.m. at The Gateway.

Joan Neidental is recuperating at home after undergoing back surgery recently at Good Samaritan Hospital in

Kearney, Neb.

Sandy Meilink attended funeral services for her brother-in-law, Alexander Jadine, 64, in Leavenworth last Monday. He died on March 6. She returned home on Wednesday.

—Ground hog supper, 5-7 p.m., Sat., March 24, Norcat Methodist Educational Bldg. Donations to the church.

Betty Ellis of Garden City visited friends in Oberlin last week. She was a houseguest of Patty Brown.

Steve and Marilyn Horn returned home Friday evening from Killeen, Texas, where they visited Bob and Evelyn Hill, Kristina and KariLynn, and Jason and Jennifer Hill and infant daughter, Emily, during spring break. Mrs. Hill is a sister of Mr. Horn. They all enjoyed a visit to the Alamo.

Winning highs in pinocle last week at the Golden Age Center were Henry Edgett, Kenneth Van Vleet, Aleen Van Vleet, Vada Shaw and Veanna Orr. Lows went to Donna Kent, Ivah Alexander, Myrtle Waldo and Kelva Swindler. Pitch highs were won by Elsie Goodnight, Henry Edgett and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Mrs. Shaw, Ivah Alexander, Eva Vacura and Wilma May. Bridge highs were won by Shirley Hayward and Phyllis Lohofener.

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Ginny Bodemann of Denver and Nancy Brandt of Colorado Springs were Friday overnight guests of their granddaughter and daughter, Kimberly Brandt. They were en route to Omaha to spend the weekend with another granddaughter and daughter, Jeanette Brandt, to celebrate her 26th birthday on Sunday.

Emma Desilet accompanied her daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Steve Haynes, to Oberlin on Saturday. They had gone to Donna, Texas, last week, where Mrs. Desilet had spent the winter. She left Monday to return to her home in Concordia.

— Write-in KEN SHOBE for Oberlin City Councilperson on April 3. Paid by Ken Shobe

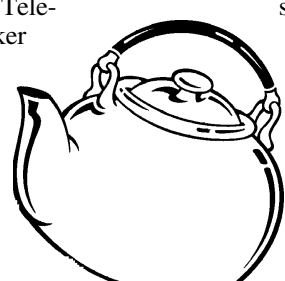
Weekend guests at the home of Kenneth and Henrietta Van Vleet to help them celebrate their 60th anniversary were Don and Pat Franz, and Dav and Therese Riley, Shawnee; Wendi Coffman, Overland Park; Steve and Shirley McGee, Brookville; Larry and Lucinda Van Vleet and girls, Thornton, Colo., and Jerry Rowilson, Almena.

Elsie Wolters was a Wednesday afternoon caller of Laura Mae Deckert of the Hoxie Nursing Home in Hoxie.

Community Relations Representative Scott Sproul for Rural Telephone will be guest speaker for the annual Spring Tea, set for 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, in the basement of the Oberlin United Methodist Church. He will talk about how to handle telephone problems, including high bills, telephone scams, telemarketers and other technology problems.

Spring tea to be held on April 3

Sponsored by Family and Community Educators of Decatur County, this is a public program and all who are interested are encouraged to attend.



Couple to marry in April

Mandi Lynn Matchett and Jonathon Christopher Fick of Oberlin plan to be married on April 21.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Marvin and Millie Matchett of Oberlin. She graduated from South Mountain High School in Phoenix, Ariz., and Phoenix College and is a paralegal. Her grandparents are Bill and Bertha Matchett of Oberlin. She is employed at Shelton Law Firm in Oberlin.

Her fiancé graduated from Indian River High School in Chesapeake, Va., and Old Dominion University, where he majored in electrical engineering.



Mandi Matchett and Jonathon Fick

His grandparents are Lloyd and Mary Sampson of Saginaw, Mich. He is employed at Decatur County Hospital.

June wedding planned

Abby Pike and Joel Krause plan to be married on July 28 at the United Methodist Church in Ashland.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Losson and Leanne Pike of Ashland. Her grandparents are Gladys Pike, Ashland, and Wesley and Eulaine Benda, Ludell.

She is a graduate of Ashland High School and Kansas State University and is a teacher at Chapman Middle School in Chapman.

Her fiancé is the son of Joe and Janice Krause of Bennington. His grandparents are Calvin and Betty Baldwin, Bennington, and Chappie and Helen Bencivengo, Bortentown, N. J.

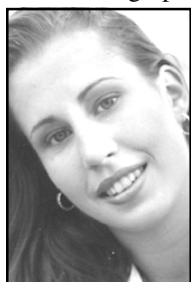
He graduated from Bennington High School and Kansas State University and is employed as a fiber optic engineer with MCI Worldcom on the east coast and Europe.



Joel Krause and Abby Pike

Student competes in finals

Megan Leitner of Herndon is participating in the 2001 Kansas Junior Miss Contestants' public performance, autograph party and social. The preliminary performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening with the Kansas Junior Miss finals to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Belleville High School. The girls will perform to a live band during the program.



Megan Leitner

Theme is "Be the Star You Are." Mistress of ceremonies will be Betty Lou Pardue, formerly of WIBW-TV station in Topeka.

The 18 contestants will compete for more than \$5,000 in cash, awards and college scholarships. They were interviewed on KREP Radio on Monday. Thursday evening will be "Meet the

66935, and messages will reach her there. The girl chosen as Kansas Junior Miss will compete for the national title in Mobile, Ala., on June 24.

New Arrival

Matthew Brian King

Brian and Jennifer King of Cincinnati, Ohio, are the parents of a son, Matthew Brian, born March 5, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces. He was 21 1/2 inches long. He has a brother, Tyler, 2.

Grandparents are Ron and Linda Wenger, Dayton, Tenn., and J. Timothy and Renee King of Cincinnati. Fern Wenger of Oberlin and Peg Temme of Durango, Colo., are his great-grandmothers.

Pre-contest concert planned

The Decatur Community High School vocal and band departments will present a pre-contest concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the music wing of the school.

Included will be solos, ensembles and large groups. Vocal instructor is

Susan Nelson and band instructor is Quentin Breese.

The Regional Music Contest will be held on Saturday, March 31, at the high school in Oberlin.

The public is invited to both presentations.

Denver Brass to perform

The Denver Brass "Bagpipes and Brass" will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, along with the Colorado Isle of Mull Pipes and Drums, at the Colby High School Auditorium.

The Denver Brass is comprised of 12 professional musicians who present

concerts of diverse and dynamic musical styles.

The program is sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association. Admission is by season tickets or at the door for adults, \$12, or students, \$6.

Club News

Club hears guest speaker

Sixteen Monday Evening Club members heard Merlou Robinson share her own personal story as part of the television show, "Inside Edition," when they met on March 12 at the home of Marcia Lohofener. Irel Lohofener was co-hostess.

Mrs. Robinson and her family were part of the "Switch Family Robinson" special. She said that 10 days after receiving a letter from the show's producers, she and her family were aboard an airliner en route

to New York City to live in another Robinson family's apartment. That couple spent the same three days in the Robinsons' rural home. The video was aired on national television in August.

Roxie Erickson will request reservations on a club line call for participation at the Rose of Sharon Inn in Norton, scheduled for April 8. The club was informed of the possible dates they would entertain at Cedar Living Center.

Cooking experiences shared

Ten members of Pi Alpha Club were present for the March 12 meeting at the home of Rosella Meitl. Virginia Spratling was co-hostess. Mrs. Meitl read a story, "Why Suffering," for devotions and talked about what families do for Lent.

For roll call, members gave a memory of a favorite cooking experience. A \$15 memorial was given to the Oberlin City Library in memory of Nila Brunk. The hostess prize was won by Elaine Bryan.

The March 26 meeting will be held at the Oberlin Fire Station and Fire Chief Bill Cathcart will present a fire safety program. Hostesses will be Estella Waldo and Joy Russell.

The March 28 meeting will be an 8:30 a.m. breakfast at Janey's Frontier Restaurant.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends enjoyed lunch together at the A&W when they met on March 14, after which they went to the United Methodist Fellowship Hall to socialize and view the tape of their Christmas party, taken by Julie Kennedy of KSNK-TV.

Attending were Doris Sloan, Alice Bobbitt, Eileene Grose, Mae Guy,

Mildred Holmdahl, Dorothy Jackson, Myrna Kelley, Ruth Laidig, Alice Shirley, Veanna Orr, Louise Pollnow, Norma Richards, Bertha Schwisow, Elva Shaughnessy, Ruby Wennihan, Vada Shaw and Nadean Stoney.

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Guild observes St. Pat's Day

Eleven members of the Hospital Guild met at the home of Henrietta Van Vleet for their March meeting.

Doris Sloan conducted the meeting with members giving the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was answered with interesting information about St. Patrick.

The "Pony Express Fundraiser" proved successful. Thelma Spiers presented an interesting program on "Drugs for Health" and Alice Shirley read appropriate poems.

The hostess served refreshments in keeping with St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Star Valley 4-H Club meets

By DENTON BAILEY
Star Valley 4-H Club meeting was held at the Lyle Community building on Feb. 4.

The club decided to give \$100 to the Sappa Park Restoration program. We also heard a presentation

from Leslie Marcuson about KAAs. The club decided to present a model meeting at the county 4-H Days.

Project talks were given by Jacob Helm and Denton Bailey. Recreation was led by Jacob Helm. The Helm family provided refreshments.

All-American scholar named

Kristi Smith of Oberlin has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy. She attends Prairie Heights High School at Jennings and is the daughter of Peg Smith of Oberlin. Her grandparents are Lawrence and Esther Allen of York, Neb.



Kristi Smith

She will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally. "Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Cer-

tainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director.

The academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Once chosen, students may be recognized for other honors by the academy.

Army band to give free concert

The Western Plains Arts Association and *The Colby Free Press* are sponsoring a concert by the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 31, in the Colby Community Building.

There is no admission charge, but a free ticket is needed for admittance, said Pat Ziegelmeier, executive director of the association.

Tickets can be obtained by mailing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Mrs. Ziegelmeier at Colby Community

College, 1255 S. Range, Colby, Kan. 67701.

She advises those wanting to attend not to wait until the last minute. The band is the Army's official touring musical organization. It is a 65-piece group playing marches, overtures, instrumental solos, and patriotic and popular selections.

Doors in Colby will be open between 6:30 and 6:45 the evening of the concert and ticket holders are asked to be seated by 7:15.

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OPEN HOUSE ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON SUNDAY, April 1 - 2 - 4 p.m.
AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING IN HERNDON, KANSAS
CASUAL DRESS No gifts, PLEASE

The family of **Dorothy Jackson** wishes to have a **Card Shower for her 80th Birthday on March 27.**
Cards may reach her at:
304 N. Martin, Oberlin, KS 67749-1996

40TH ANNIVERSARY
Dick and Carol (Bobinmyer) Kompus were married March 25, 1961 at St. Mary's Church, Herndon, Kansas
Their daughters are:
Lauri and JL Fox, Valley Center, Kan.
Chris and Ken Hosaka, Atlanta, Ga.
Stephani and Brian Hawkins, Euless, Tex.
Their grandchildren are:
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