



PI ALPHA CLUB MEMBERS gathered at the Gorman Tarps building to refurbish the red Christmas stars which decorate downtown Oberlin during the holiday season. The club had earlier completed work on the silver holiday stars along U.S. 36. Shown are (from left) Marty Olson, Estella Waldo, and Pat Wright.

Oberlin grad completes law enforcement training

Bryan Miller, a 2001 graduate of Decatur Community High School, was among 41 new law enforcement officers honored at a Nov. 4 graduation ceremony at the University of Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in southern Reno County.



Bryan Miller

He completed a 14-week basic training program. The graduates represent 20 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies from across Kansas. They received certificates for the course and law enforcement certification from the Kansas Enforcement Training Commission, the state's law enforcement licensing authority. The training fulfills the 560-hour state requirement for law enforcement training. Classroom lectures and hands-on applications help train

officers to solve the problems they will face in the line of duty.

The center is a unit on the KU Continuing Education program. Established in 1968 as the central law enforcement training facility for the state, it is west of Yoder at a former naval air station. About 450 officers are trained each year. Money is generated from docket fees from municipal and state courts. No state tax money is used to operate the center.

Officer Miller is now serving with the Atwood Police Department. He will also be head coach for junior high wrestling and assistant high school wrestling coach in Atwood High School. His parents are Carolyn Miller, Oberlin, and Jerry Miller, Gem.

Woman honored on 90th

Veda Pingetzer, a resident of Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, was honored on her 90th birthday on Nov. 18 with a party, hosted by the Oberlin United Methodist Women and Lora Zwickle. Jennifer and Joseph Hirsch played piano selections.

Those present included: Jan and Larry Bock, Lincoln, Neb.; Dean and Myrna Musgrave, Indianola, Neb.; Gary and Donna Lambert, McCook; Hattie Olson, Mary Waldo, Mary Gutchewsky, Tammy Gutchewsky, Shirley Axtell, Steve and Anita Hirsch, Dennis Brown,

Florence Jones, Eileene Grose, Dena Gillespie, Ruby Shuler, Elva Shaughnessy, Margaret Vacura, Ruth Laidig, Ella Peterson, Marilyn Horn, Pat Glenn, Lora Zwickle,

Mamie Unger, Helen Styles, Marilyn St. Clair, Iris Wurm, Marguerite Fullerton, Ivah Alexander, Elfie Brown, Ruby McKenna, Elaine Bryan, Vivian Bishop, Ellen Horn, Paula Corcoran, Laurene Bryan VanOtterloo, Marian Fraker, Fern Moore, Jody Betts, Pat Wright, Montine Alstrom, Linda Hollowell, Pat Fringer, Violet Krizek, Eryline Nichols, Erma Holt and Leo Mooty

Telethon funds distributed

The Seeds of Hope Telethon committee met last week and determined recipient organizations for the 2004 telethon.

Anita Hirsch said, "It was a difficult decision as there were a large number of applicants. The committee made its decision based on financial need and toward organizations which have not received funds in the past several years. A secret ballot determined recipients."

Recipients include: Norcatour Pre-School; American Family Radio; Decatur County Stand Against Violence; AWANA; Kansans for Life; Oberlin Girl Scouts; FROGS Camp; Norcatour City Library; Tripple

Creek Riders; Salvation Army; Relay for Life; Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce; Decatur Area Theater Association; Jennings Community Hall; Oberlin Lions Club and Jennings City Library.

The committee also returned \$800 to the Sunflower Cinema which had been given to the Telethon Committee when the theater was not operating.

Mrs. Hirsch said, "We want to express our thanks to everyone who donated items for the annual bake sale." The Seeds of Hope Telethon Committee will hold a soup supper at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, in downtown Oberlin.

New Arrival

Collin Ashby Mumm

Dan and Anita Mumm of Selden are the parents of a son, Collin Ashby Mumm, born Nov. 11, 2003, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long. He is wel-

comed home by his two big brothers, Mason and Jack. Grandparents are Jack and Donna Fortin, Oberlin, and Fritz and Gail Mumm, Selden. Great-grandfather is Donald Fulk, Cave Junction, Ore.



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Club News

Scouts tour veterinary clinic

The Brownie Girl Scouts met after school on Thursday at Faith Lutheran Church.

After singing grace and eating snacks, the first-grade Brownies went to Countryside Veterinary Clinic for a tour. It was part of the activities for the "Animal" Try-it badge. Later they talked about how to care for different kinds of pets which people have at their home. They also discussed how animals communicate with movement, looks and different sounds.

The second- and third-grade Brownies shared different things they are thankful for. Later they made Thanksgiving cards to give to someone special. They also made a card for Faith Lutheran Church and gave it to their pastor

thanking them for letting us hold Girl Scout meetings at their church.

Jamie and Samantha told about the activities they participated in at the Brownie Day in WaKeeney. They earned the Caring and Sharing Try-it Badge at the scout event.

For the "Ladies Day Out" at The Gateway on Saturday, the Girl Scouts sold desserts by the serving and something to drink with it. The money raised will be donated to the Sunflower Girl Scout Council at Hays, which is our home office.

There will not be a Brownie Girl Scout meeting this week due to the holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

Calico Gals host guests

Calico Gals entertained their husbands and guests at the club's annual Thanksgiving dinner last Wednesday at the United Church.

Guests were Dennis Brown, Lisa Eccles and Alyce Avery. Eleven members answered roll call.

New officers are Barbara Young, president; Shirley Shields, vice president; Marylu Brown, secretary; and Lois Carlson, treasurer. Hostess gifts were won by Shirley Shields and Sandy Couter.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Dec. 22, with Mrs. Young.

Cosmetologist joins beauty shop's staff

Three generations of cosmetologists will be working together since Timmarie Walters joined her mother, Jan Walters, and her grandmother, Marie McKisson, at Beauty Boutique this week.

All three women graduated from the nine-month cosmetology course at Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland. Timmarie is a 2002 graduate of Decatur Community High School and completed the course on Nov. 1. She has passed her written exam and will be taking the practical test in Topeka. Her father is Randy Walters of Oberlin.

Her mother graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1972 and completed school at Goodland in 1973. Mrs. McKisson purchased the beauty shop from Des

Moines "Jiggs" Schroeder at 102 S. Elk in December 1976, then joined her daughter, Jan, who had already opened Beauty Boutique. Mrs. McKisson graduated in January 1977.



T. Walters

The women are offering specials through Dec. 13, which include: \$1 off haircuts; \$2 off cut and style; \$3 off manicures and pedicures; \$5 off "Perm and Color with Timmarie," which includes 3-dimensional color.

Mrs. McKisson is a native of Longford and she and her husband, Carol Ferguson, and their family moved to Oberlin in 1956. He later died while fighting a fire at a rural farmstead northeast of Oberlin. Mrs. McKisson's other children are Linda Huss, rural Herndon, and Darrel and Jim Ferguson, Oberlin.

Thanksgiving services set

Several churches will be having Thanksgiving services this week.

St. John's Lutheran Church and the Herndon Covenant Church plan Thanksgiving Eve services at 7 p.m. tonight.

Catholic Mass is scheduled to-

night a 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden, and at 7:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville. It will begin at 8 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin.

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Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

Ron and Jerry Temple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 12.

Ron Temple and Geraldine Peters met while both were students at Fort Hays State Teachers College.

Ron was studying agriculture and Jerry was a physical education major. Standing 6-foot, 7-inches, Ron made a big impression and the pair were married Nov. 12, 1953, in the vestibule of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hays.

It turned out that this day had special significance when they realized it was Ron's mother's birthday and it later became the wedding day of their oldest daughter.

Following their wedding, Ron worked for his father-in-law and, according to Ron, after two weeks, Jerry's dad decided his daughter had made a mistake.

In 1954, the Temples moved back to the farm in the Norcatour area. Their first daughter, Marcy, was born in 1956. They farmed until 1957, when Ron decided to return to college and the family moved to Hays. Their second daughter, Suzanne, was born in 1959, coinciding with her father's college graduation.

Ron's first teaching position was in Junction City, where he taught history and coached basketball.

From Junction City the Temples moved back home when Ronald accepted the head coaching position with Norcatour Rural High School in 1960. He also taught history, physical education, government, sociology and driver's education.

Daughter number three, Lisa, was born in 1960 and Tracy arrived in 1962.

Ron stayed with the Norcatour school system until 1965, took off a year to farm, then took a coaching position with the Selden schools for two years until consolidation. In 1968, Ron had back surgery and took most of that year to recuperate. But, in the fall of that year, he agreed to coach in Leoville at St. Joseph's Catholic School.

Finally, retiring from coaching in 1969, Ron began full-time farming. During her husband's teaching and coaching career, Jerry preferred to be a stay-at-home mother and support system. She took care of the family and farm.

She plants a huge garden every year and spends a lot of time canning and freezing. Her hobbies include embroidery and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

When the Temples built a new home 25 years ago, Jerry re-designed the plans and after the lumber was milled from red elms cut off Ron's father's property, Harold Dick, Norman Gallentine and Ron built their home.

The year before the U.S. bicentennial, Ron and several others began putting together a history book of the Norcatour community. In 1986 the committee developed a hard-cover book that chronicled every family, school, church, organization and industry in the community since it was founded.



Ron and Jerry Temple

Ron spearheaded these committees but recognizes the work of everyone.

"The community was just great," he said. "People contributed pictures and stories. The generosity of people with their time was unreal. It just shows what a small community can do."

In 1986 two Harvard graduates created a traveling thespian troupe, "CornerStone". They had been looking for a Midwest community to host one of their productions, when through a contact in Oberlin, they learned of Norcatour.

This turned into a segment of the Today Show and a feature on Ron in "People Magazine".

He auditioned and was given the starring role of Orgon in an adaptation of Moliere's "Tartooft". He was asked to be on the board of directors of CornerStone and made numerous trips to New York and to California to speak at fund-raisers on behalf of the group. He also testified before the Kansas Legislature regarding the arts.

Ron treasures the memory of a reunion tour with CornerStone when his granddaughter Corey Rhodes accompanied him.

In recognition of his work, CornerStone presented Ron with the Bridge Award in Los Angeles in 2000.

He helped form the Norcatour Arts Council and helped put together several major productions.

Ron and Jerry are still farming. Their son-in-law Jerry Rhodes, helps, focusing on heifer development.

The Temples are members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Norton where Ron is on the Bishop's Committee. He is vice-president of the Norton Genealogy Society, served on the Decatur County School Board from 1978-'90 and was a former president of the Decatur County Museum Board.

"We want to share this day with our friends, and say 'thanks' to the many people who have been part of our lives," he said. "We appreciate everyone we have called on over the years to help with these community projects."

Ron and Jerry's four daughters and their families hosted an informal open house to honor their parents on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Norcatour schoolhouse. Entertainment was provided by friends.

50th Anniversary

Bill and Delores (Kunkee) Deines will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house hosted by their children on Sat., Nov. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Burlington, CO. The couple was married Dec. 6, 1953 at McCook, NE.

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