

People in Our Community

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Betty Ellis, formerly of Oberlin, fell and broke her hip and is recuperating at Garden Valley Retirement Village. Mail will reach her at 1501 E. Spruce, Garden City, Kan., 67846.

Twila Scott of Wathena spent last week in Oberlin to be with her mother, Mabel Kennedy, who was hospitalized. Her other daughter, Linda Chaffin, of Goodland, spent the past two weekends with them.

Houseguests of Gail and Kay Marcuson the weekend of Jan. 17-19 included: Rick, Sally, Grady and Mollie Marcuson, and Mollie's fiancé, Ryon McDermott, Overland Park; and Mark, Julie and Brandon Hubbard, Lakewood, Colo. They came for the program presented by Mollie on her harp, which was held at The Gateway. The Gail Marcusons spent the week of Jan. 19-24 in Denver for a medical check-up.

—Waddell & Reed Open House, Fri., Jan. 30, 1-4 p.m., 1 1/2 miles east on U.S. 36 in Creative Dimensions building.

Among area students who were named to the Kansas State University fall semester honors list were: Grant Reichert, Dresden; Sarah Olson and Orrin Holle, Oberlin; Jennifer Beims, Nikolaus Martin, and

James Riener, Herndon; and Melissa Ann Broeckelman, Selden.

The Western Fraternal Lodge met on Jan. 18 at Cedar Living Center after having dinner at the Frontier Restaurant. Those present were Roberta Petracek, Donald Shaw, Vivian Bishop, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Eva Marie Vacura, and Charley Vavroch.

Dick and Donna Kelley attended the Well Drillers Association meeting in Great Bend from Wednesday to Friday.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Barb Solko, Myrtle Waldo, Elden Haas, Floyd Edgett and Doris Miller. Lows were won by Veanna Orr, Floyd Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet, Henry Edgett and Merle Shirley. Pitch highs were won by Wilma May, Dorothy Moore, Aleen Van Vleet and Henry Edgett with lows going to Doris Miller, Floyd Edgett, Wilma May and Kenneth Van Vleet. Bridge winners were Marie McKisson and Phyllis Berry. Open bridge will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Vivian Bishop was honored with a birthday party on Monday at Golden Age Center and she furnished refreshments for the card players.



THIS FIVE-GENERATION PICTURE includes: Malia Nellie Bishop, six weeks, who is being held by her mother, Erin Bishop, Oberlin. She is the newest great-great-granddaughter of Nellie Guthrie, left, 98, a resident of the Andbe Home in Norton. Standing, from left, behind Mrs. Guthrie, is her granddaughter, Tracy Orr, Oberlin, and her daughter, Marilyn Johnson, Plainville.

Laughing Matters to perform

Jay and Leslie Cady will bring their gift of laughter to Oberlin when they present Laughing Matters at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday at The Gateway in Oberlin.

The Kansas City-based husband and wife team have performed their special blend of juggling, mime, magic, and humorous dialogues for over 5,000 audiences in 31 states and seven foreign countries.

He plays the straight man, whose

plans for the show are derailed by his wife's spontaneous and innocent reactions. The couple met in 1980 in Kansas City as members of a variety arts performing group and were married in 1984.

The program is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. Admission is by season ticket or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at the door.

Book donated to city library

The newly revised "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding" has been donated to the Oberlin City Library by La Leche League of Kansas.

The book has helped thousands of women who want to give their babies the best start in life through breastfeeding and this seventh edi-

tion has been revised for the next generation.

For information about the benefits of breastfeeding or to contact a local La Leche League group, call (847)-519-7730 or visit their website at www.lalecheleague.org

Club News

Auxiliary plans potluck

Plans were made to entertain the Girl Staters at 6:30 p.m. at a potluck supper on Feb. 11, when members met on Jan. 14 at the Legion. Hostesses were Nadean Stoney and Alice Bobbitt.

President Phyllis Metcalf conducted the meeting and asked members to remember our community with thoughts and prayers. The flag salute and preamble were recited and Laurene Dempewolf led in prayer. Twelve members

and officers answered roll call and Dolores Koerperich gave the treasurer's report.

Correspondence included a state letter and several thank you notes. A discussion was held on the Angel Tree and the possibility of including the mothers and fathers.

Carol Morford gave an informative program on education and the school system.

Lutheran women meet

St. John's Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Guild met on Jan. 14 with Kelly Shields as hostess.

New officers include: Dorothy Moore, president, and Teresa Diederich, secretary. Connie

Olson had devotions and Karen Eskew led the topic, "Fruit of the Spirit."

The group will sponsor a potluck dinner on Feb. 8 to honor those over 80 in the congregation.

Calico Gals enjoy pizza

Calico Gals Club met at the Pizza Hut for lunch on Jan. 21 with 10 members and a guest, Sage Lohofener, present.

A business meeting followed at the home of Mary Waldo, during which meetings for the coming year were planned.

The next meeting will be a trip

to Logan to view the quilt display at the Dane G. Hansen Museum.

Golden Plains students honored for achievements

Twenty-one students from Golden Plains school district were recognized recently for attaining the Standard of Excellence on the 2003 state assessments. Each student received a certificate of recognition from the State Board of Education.

Those recognized include six elementary students: Lucas Phillips and Avery Spresser, fourth-grade math and science; Brandy Gilbert and Jacy Moss, fourth-grade science; and Jonathan Broeckelman and Michael Roehl, fifth-grade reading.

Ten middle school students honored were: Candee VonLehe, sixth-grade social studies; Andrew Broeckelman, seventh-grade math and science; Danny Rogers and Levi VonLehe, seventh-grade math; Stephanie Juenemann, eighth-grade reading and social studies; Megan Juenemann, Clay Phillips, Brett Spresser, Katelyn Spresser, and Drew Stevenson, eighth-grade social studies.

High school students included: Jesse Miller, Nichole Spresser, 10th-grade math and science;

Darcie Spresser, 10th-grade math; Kristin Wark, 10th-grade science; and Dana Broeckelman, 11th-grade reading and social studies.

"These students can take pride in meeting such a high standard of academic performance," said State Board of Education Chair Janet Waugh. "Their accomplishment also reflects well on the efforts of teachers and their school."

"I appreciate the state recognizing our Standard of Excellence students," said Dr. Roger Baskerville, Superintendent/Principal of Golden Plains Schools. "So often the academic success small schools achieve goes unrecognized."

"Our unified district is proud of its curricular and extra-curricular accomplishments. I'm proud of the timeless work the vast majority of our faculty and staff put into the process by making Golden Plains the very best it can be. We're working hard to reach and teach all students in our systems. Perhaps some day, we can proudly say the entire student body achieved the state's Standard of Excellence benchmark."

Kindergarten registration set

Parents of children who will be attending kindergarten at Oberlin Elementary School in 2004-2005 should register their children from Monday, Feb. 2 through Friday, Feb. 6 at the school office.

A child must be five years of age

on or before Aug. 31, 2004, to be eligible for kindergarten.

Parents who are unable to come to the school office to provide the necessary information may contact the school by calling (785) 475-2122, said Principal Duane Dorshorst.

New Arrival

Kennedy G. Wenger

Jason and Sallie Wenger of Evanston, Ind., are the parents of a daughter, Kennedy Grace, born Jan. 20, 2004. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Ron and Linda Wenger, Dayton, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. Ellison, Evansville, Ind. Fern Wenger of Oberlin is her great-grandmother.

Support group meets

The early stage Alzheimer's support group met in McCook on Jan. 10 with seven members present.

A video was shown and the group discussed the identification of early stages of Alzheimer's Disease. Some members brought pictures of family members that may be added to albums for people to remember in

later stages of the disease.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 502 Missouri Avenue Circle in McCook. Families, friends and caregivers are welcome. For details call Chuck Beebe at (308) 345-6221 or Marjorie Grimm, (308) 345-5041.

Volunteer program sought

Several area residents are considering the possibility of starting an Oberlin Cares (Citizens Aid Residents with Essential Services) volunteer program.

A similar program, Norton Cares, was launched in January 1997 by Enid Roe with a group of interested citizens. Their goal was to provide assistance to residents of the Norton area who need help in order to enable them to enjoy their independence in the environment of their choice.

They have volunteers who assist recipients with their needs and since it was started, volunteers have driven over 9,000 out-of-town miles and helped with over 1,500 hours of assistance. Their main service is transportation. Volunteers take people out of town to doctor appointments, for chemo or radiation, and dialysis. Some take residents to church, the grocery store, doctor, beauty shop, etc. They also assist caregivers of those suffering with Alzheimer's disease.

Norton Cares was funded with a

grant to help get it started, but now they receive help from churches, businesses and organizations, as well as community fund-raising events. They pay out-of-town volunteers 10 cents a mile for gas and also have a project director who takes the calls and matches the volunteer with the recipient.

There is no required commitment of time for volunteers, but the program has been very successful, according to Ramona Pabian, present director. Several churches and organizations in Norton have held benefit suppers, etc., to assist, along with matching funds from Lutheran churches through Thrivent.

At the present time, Dwight Wood of Norcatur is receiving kidney dialysis in McCook Monday, Wednesday and Friday and could use help with the trips. Volunteers who may be willing to help with the program or are interested in receiving more information are asked to contact Mary Lou Olson at *The Oberlin Herald* or Teresa Reves at Norcatur, (785) 693-4310.

Business loans extended

Businesses in some states had until Jan. 14 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. However, based on new data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, moderate to extreme drought conditions still exist in these areas and as a result the deadline for filing an application has been extended until March 15.

The Economic Injury Disaster loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to drought, extreme heat, grasshopper infestation, and high winds that occurred from July 1, 2002, and con-

tinuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these loans.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.

Kansas counties which are eligible to apply include: Cheyenne, Decatur, Jewell, Norton, Phillips, Rawlins, Republic and Smith.

For applications or further information, call (800) 366-6303.

Fundraising workshop set

The Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development will hold a fundraising and marketing workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Colby Community Building in Colby.

Presenter will be Shannon Thom of Professional Grant Services, Pratt. Her experience as a grant writer, coupled with a background in marketing and fundraising, allows her to assist those who represent schools, non-profit organiza-

tions, government officials and others who need to raise funds and/or learn marketing techniques to help their organizations.

Workshop topics will include fundraising 101; long-range planning; special event planning; grant writing basics; and publicity and marketing techniques.

Registration fee is \$100, which includes the cost of a resource packet. To register or for details, call (785) 462-2602. Deadline for registrations is today.

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