

Museum names new assistant director

Lynda Peters has been named assistant director of the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum, replacing Myrna Jones, who retired in December.

Mrs. Peters, a native of Abilene, Texas, spent a big share of her childhood overseas, where she developed a passion for going to museums. Her father worked for Halliburton, an oilfield service company.

She moved to Oberlin with her parents, Arvel and Ruth Wilson, in 1978 and they lived here about a year. She and her husband Randy were married in 1981 and they moved to Oberlin in 1989.

They have six children: C.J., a student at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, who works at the Kearney Rehabilitation Center; Caleb, a junior, and Garrit, a sophomore, at Decatur Community High School; Toby, a seventh grader; Nolan, a sixth grader; and daughter Jillian, who is in kindergarten at Oberlin Elementary. They are members of the Oberlin Covenant Church.

"I've hauled my older boys to most of the museums in the surrounding area," Mrs. Peters said, "so it is a thrill to be given the privilege to work here. Our community is so blessed to have such a wonderful museum, and I am excited to be a part of it."

The museum will reopen Friday for the 2005 season, and activities scheduled include the annual meeting for members at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, at the Bohemian Hall, with entertainment by the Creative

Movements class; the annual rummage sale on April 16-17, with a bake sale on Saturday, April 16; and the 100th anniversary celebration of the ZCJB Bohemian Lodge on Saturday, April 30, when Lodge members hold their yearly meeting during the day at the hall.



Lynda Peters

At 5:30 p.m. April 30, the public is invited to join lodge members for a benefit supper, with proceeds going to restoration of the hall. A free "old-fashioned" dance for the public will follow.

The fourth annual Museum Car Show and Summerfest is scheduled in downtown Oberlin on Saturday, June 4, sponsored by the museum and KFNF Radio.

The museum staff includes Sharleen Wurm, director; Maralyn Courange, Seeds of Creation Gift Shop supervisor; Greg Fidele, board president; Dana Marintzer, vice president; Barbara Dehlinger, secretary-treasurer; and Kem Bryan, Abby Hissong, Megan Carter, Chris Koerperich, and Cheryl Votapka, board members.

People may join for \$10 as a single member or \$20 for a family. This allows free tours of the museum, access to the genealogical and newspaper records on microfilm, a quarterly newsletter, and an invitation to attend other events throughout the year.

"I am looking forward to the opening of the museum and the opportunity of meeting everyone," Mrs. Peters said.

Fun night set at grade school

A reading fun night will be begin at 6:45 p.m. Monday at the Oberlin Elementary School.

It will be the third and final evening for the Bookworm Reading Nights, sponsored by Supporting Our Schools.

All children from preschool through sixth grade are invited to an evening of reading-based fun. There

will be vocabulary challenges, reading games, storytelling and more. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

There is no charge, so the group is encouraging kids to come and get "hooked" on reading.

If you are interested in helping or need details, call Abby Hissong at (785) 475-2696.

Part payments to be issued

The second part payments for 2004 wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats and soybeans under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program are being issued by the Farm Service Agency.

Second payments are not available to wheat participants who received first part payments, said Diane Barrett, county executive director of the agency. However,

those who did not receive the first payment may request a \$0.014 per bushel second payment rate.

Wheat prices have increased since first part payments were made in October, Mrs. Barrett said, and the first payment exceeds the revised second payment rate.

For details, contact the Farm Service county office at 475-3131 or go to www.fsa.usda.gov.

Musical set at Oakley school

Windwood Theatricals will present a live stage performance of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" at 7:30 p.m. Central time Monday at the Oakley High School Auditorium.

The musical comedy, sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association, is about a young bride who tries to

civilize her six rowdy brothers-in-law by marrying them off. Her efforts backfire when the brothers, in their enthusiasm, kidnap six women from a nearby town.

Admission is by season pass or \$15 for adults and \$8 for children at the door.

Agency changes name

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, which has been providing employment services for 30 years, has changed its name to Employment Connection.

The agency said the change was due to the expansion and growth of its employment program and the di-

verse population of people seeking work. The new name will more accurately reflect the services they provide in the 18 northwest counties of Kansas.

For details, call the office at Hays, (785) 625-2018, or Atwood, (785) 626-3688.

Disaster loan deadline set

The expiration date for filing applications for Emergency Disaster loans by farmers and ranchers in Rawlins, Decatur, and Norton counties is April 20, according to John C. Vogt, farm loan manager for the Farm Service Agency.

He said those needing farm credit as a result of hail, wind, tornadoes, rain and flooding that occurred from April 23, 2004 through May 29, 2004, and who think they are eligible for assistance, should make their applications at the Norton Farm Service Agency office.

"Loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at 3.75 percent interest rate, and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay," he said.

The loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock, or buildings (including homes) lost through this disaster.

Those covering production may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to make payments on real estate and chattel debts. "Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses," he said.

To be eligible for an emergency disaster loan, an applicant must be operating a family-size farm or ranch, must be unable to get credit elsewhere, and must have suffered a qualifying physical and/or production loss from the disaster.

Farmers who suffered at least a 30 percent reduction to at least one cropping enterprise, may have a qualifying production loss. Emergency disaster production loss loans cover up to 100 percent of qualifying losses, or \$500,000.



Please join us for
Frances Bader's
80th
Birthday
Celebration
with an Open House
and Card Shower
at 2 - 4 p.m.
on Sunday,
April 10th at the
Jennings Methodist
Church.
Her family

Club News

Club enjoys piano music

Calico Gals met at Wheat Ridge Terrace on March 23 with 10 members and five guests, Irel Lohofener, Alvina Unger, June Harold, Margaret Lund and Doris Gilbert, present. Roll call was answered with a joke.

Phyllis Screen and her granddaughters, Michelle and Nicole

Russ, entertained with piano music after which green finger food and a social time were enjoyed.

The next meeting will be a trip to Colby on April 20 to eat at a Chinese cafe, after which the group will visit a lawn ornament business.

Summer day camps planned

All girls in the first, second and third grade are invited to attend "Linking Girls to the Land of Northwest Kansas," which includes five environmental day camps.

The camps will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Lake View Camp, Webster Lake, Tuesday, May 31; Sappa Park, Oberlin, Thursday, June 2; Bertland Park Owls, Oakley, Friday, June 3; Riverside Golf Course, St. Francis, Tuesday, June 7; and Frontier Park, Hays, Thursday, June 9.

The camps will include fun educational workshops and will only take up one or two days of summer vacation. Girls may pick the camp location and day that is most convenient for them.

The camps are free and participants will receive a T-shirt. A list of items to bring, a health update form and maps to camps will be sent to those who register.

Participants will link to the land through hands-on educational programming, organizers say. Workshops will include "The Weather Around Us," presented by the National Weather Service; "Under Your Feet," by the U.S. Department of Agriculture; "Turtles, Snakes and

More," by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; "Trees, Trees, Trees" by the Kansas Forest Service, or "Spaghetti Gardens," by Kansas State Research and Extension; "History of the Land," by the National Park Service; and two fun activity workshops by the Northwest Kansas Environmental Alliance, the Kansas Natural Resource Foundation and Sternberg Museum of Natural History at Fort Hays State University.

Deadline to register is April 15. Flyers are being distributed to schools throughout Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council's 16-county area.

In August and September, the girls who participate in the June camps will have the opportunity to link to the land in their own communities through service projects hosted by federal agencies and Girl Scout troop leaders.

For information on registration or to see how you can help with this project, contact Monica at the council, 2707 Vine, Suite 8, Hays, (785) 625-5671 or Terri at 2290 Southwind Avenue, Colby, (785) 460-6006.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

Chemotherapy tips offer patients and families help

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that about 1.4 million new cases of cancer were found last year.

The diagnoses vary, but cancer patients, their families and close friends who will support them through the illness and treatment process experience many of the same concerns.

Many will have little if any experience with chemotherapy, chemical treatment formulated to treat a specific cancer.

As treatment is planned, there often is time for a patient to put together a team of helpers and develop a plan to share responsibilities. If the primary caregiver is nervous about traffic on the way to a city medical center, others can be asked to drive.

Help running errands, doing laundry, cooking and housekeeping usually are needed, as are offers to sit with the patient to give the primary caregiver time off.

The treatment process and side effects, including weakness, nausea, loss of appetite, a change in skin, nails and dental health, and hair loss, can be unsettling. Side effects from chemotherapy typically subside when the treatments end.

Following are some additional suggestions for help if you are caring for a chemotherapy patient.

- Learn as much as you can about the kind of cancer being treated. Ask the physician and oncologist for information to take home to read, and check the public library, health department and local chapter of the American Cancer Society for more information about the illness, as well as resources and support groups available.

- If using the Internet for research, look for credible sites that offer factual, research-based information.

Sources to check might be the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov), and American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org), as examples.

- The National Family Caregivers Association (www.nfcares.org) offers tips and resources for caregivers.

- Keep a running list of questions about the illness and caring for the patient and take it, along with paper and pencil, to each medical appointment. Write down the answers to questions and care instructions as they are offered.

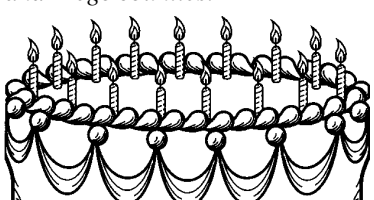
- Make healthful foods available. Cancer patients can lose their interest in food, their appetite. or both. Continue to offer a variety of health-promoting foods such as fruits, vegetables, lean meat and whole grains.

- Keep the living area as clean as possible.

- Ask family and friends to postpone visits until they have recovered from a cold or flu. Cancer treatment weakens the immune system and can make patients more susceptible to other illnesses.

- Think positive and take one day at a time.

Tranda Watts is Kansas State University extension specialist in food, nutrition, health and safety for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties.



The Family of
Lucille
Stackhouse

Would like to invite Lucille's friends and relatives to her 90th Birthday Party on April 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Whispering Pines in Norton, KS. If you can't attend please send her a birthday greeting at 113 Whispering Pines, Norton, KS 67654

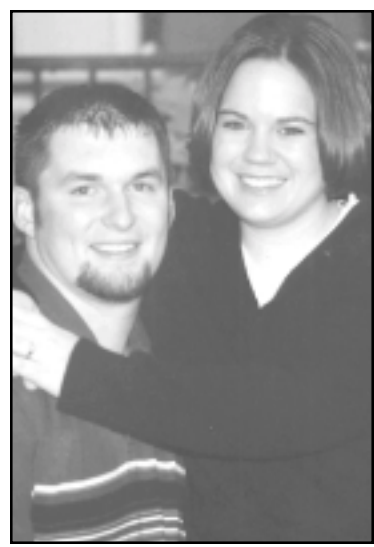
Couple plan June wedding

Bethany Evans and Jeremy Samson plan to be married on June 11 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clay Center.

Parents of the couple are Ed and Sharon Evans, Clay Center; Joe and Kayla Samson, Ludell, and Dan and Gail Lewis, Dresden. Grandparents are Joe and Jill Samson, Ludell; Roy Unger, and Doyle and Karol Styles, Oberlin.

The bride-to-be is a student in the nursing program at Fort Hays State University and will graduate in December. She is employed at the Hays Orthopedic Center.

Her fiance graduated from Atwood High School and will



J. Samson and B. Evans

graduate from Fort Hays State University in May with a degree in elementary education. He is student teaching at Trego Grade School and is assistant junior high wrestling coach.

Orr, Carman exchange vows

Veanna Orr and Max Carman of Oberlin were married at noon on Sunday, March 20, 2005, at the United Church in Oberlin.

Officiating was the Rev. Mike McVay.

The bride is the daughter of Aleen Van Vleet of Oberlin and her husband is the son of Myrtle Waldo of Oberlin.

Attendants were her daughter, Susan Orr, Colby; and his son, Mark

Carman, McCook.

Attending the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Herbic, Jessica and Jeremy, Salina; Kyle Davis, Colby; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Carman, and Ashley Carman, McCook; Matt Brooks, Goodland; Patti Rutherford, Tucson, Ariz.; Susan Orr, Colby; Wayne and Sandy Orr, El Dorado; and Myrtle Waldo and Aleen VanVleet, Oberlin.

Bridal shower held March 19

A bridal shower honored Lindsay Martin at the home of Delayne May on March 19. Other hostesses were Danica May and Jeannie Gawith.

She will be married on April 23 to Wyatt Wendelin at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Those present were Jeannie and Erica Martin, Bernice Martin, Roxie Erickson, Stacia Erickson, Dianne

and Jessica Bremer, Vivian Bishop, Edie Tate, Lois Carlson, Elvera Wendelin, Becky Vollertsen, Mary Jo Lohofener, Sondra Fowler and Krista, Melissa Taplin, Becky Smith, Heather Cunningham, Valisha Castle, Erica Fortin, Sharon Addleman, Connie Noren, Esther Noren, Marlene Baird and Suzanne Ahlberg.

Colby College to present play

The Colby Community College drama and music departments will present the comic melodrama "The Face on the Barroom Floor" by Tim Kelly at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, April 14 and 15.

The musical will be in the Frahm Theater in the Cultural Arts Center on campus. A matinee performance will begin at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 16.

The play is loosely based on the poem of the same name. The action takes place in Central City and Denver, Colo. The play is full of outrageous characters, including the bar

owners, a couple of stupid miners and a stagecoach driver, an Arabian wannabe performer, a spoiled brat and her overbearing mother, an easily-influenced judge, a distraught singing teacher, and the Strange Lady. Additional performers include a piano player and "olio" singers.

Dr. Phillip Shuman is accompanist and provides mood music on the piano. Olio singers are Kelli Burrus, Millie LeFlore, Michelle McCulloch and Jenna Wilson.

For details, call director Deb Bickner at 460-4783.



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April 7th

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