

People in Our Community

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Ward and Jodi Votapka attended the Class 2A cross country meet in Rapid City, S.D., over the weekend in which her son, Connor McKittrick, competed. He ran in the 5-kilometer competition and had a time of 16.41 minutes. He is a junior at Pierre High School in Pierre, S.D.

Lee Urban of Omaha visited from Saturday evening to Monday with this grandfather, Dale Carlisle.

Bette Bader and daughter, Cheryl Jacobs, San Francisco, and Nola Carlson, Fort Morgan, Colo., visited last week with June Harold. Mrs. Bader and Mrs. Harold are sisters.

Duane Cox, a 1946 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died of cancer on Oct. 20, 2005, at this home in Mesa, Calif. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; five children; nine grandchildren; and a brother, Ron Cox, Chandler, Ariz. Funeral services will be Thursday at Conrad Funeral Home in Lemon Grove, Calif.

Shirley Simpson of Oberlin was honored at a surprise birthday party Saturday night in North Platte, Neb., given by her daughters, Debbie Nuss of Omaha and Kimberlee Nuss of Denver. Her birthday is Oct. 26. Forty-five friends and relatives from North Platte, Gering, Broken Bow, Paxton and Omaha, Neb., attended the party. Her daughter, Debbie, came home with Shirley and her husband, David, to spend a couple days before returning to Omaha.

Jack and Karen Metcalf returned home Sunday from East Grand Forks, Minn., where they visited Doug and Kristy Richards and Cap. On Wednesday evening, they attended the football game, in which Cap played and their team won.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters were Friday callers of Viola Gallentine in Norton after her husband, Jay Gallentine, died on Thursday. They and Becky Peña, Ian and Ella were among those who attended memorial services for Mr. Gallentine at the United Methodist Church in Norton on Oct. 17. Mrs. Wolters was a dinner guest at the Peña home on Tuesday.

Alyce Avery took her sister and her husband, Marylu and Floyd Brown, out for dinner on Friday at the Frontier Restaurant to honor Mrs. Brown on her birthday.

Ron and Linda Rhein arrived Monday from their home in Lakeside, Ariz. They have purchased a home in Oberlin at 205 N. Cass and have also bought the property formerly owned by Jim and Reva Marshall on East Frontier Parkway for storage and an office. He said they have antique cars from 1930 to 1950 and plan to enter them in the Decatur County Museum Car Show in June. Their son and family, Bryan and Danna Rhein, Daisy and Danny, moved to Oberlin earlier from Eagle, Ariz., after purchasing a home at 224 N. Penn. He works at the prison in Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eckhart of

Niantic, Ill., visited Lois Eckhart on Sunday.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at the Atwood United Methodist Church for Patty Elaine Smethers, 35, who died Oct. 9, at Mansfield, Pa. Burial was at the Atwood Fairview Cemetery. She was a daughter of Bill and Mary (Schmoker) Steele of Atwood and her mother is a native of Oberlin.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Wilma May, Barb Solko, Aleen Van Vleet, Donna Kent, Veanna Carman, Dewaine Stapp, Henry Edgett and Max Carman. Lows went to Duane Blodgett, Floyd Edgett, Myrtle Waldo, Lora Zwickle, Dorothy Moore, Wilma May and Estella Waldo. Pitch highs went to Aleen Van Vleet and Barb Solko with lows going to Henry Edgett and Max Carman. Winners at bridge were Leona Purton and Dorothy Cochran. There will be open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Connie Grafel spent Friday and Saturday in Yuma, Colo., and attended funeral services on Saturday for her niece, Casey Jo Unger, 29, daughter of Jim and Carole (Demmer) Unger, who died on Oct. 18. The Dan and Melinda Grafel, and Greg and Amanda Grafel families spent Friday at the Unger home.

Word has been received of the death of Harold "Lefty" Van Pelt of Wellington on May 17, 2004. He was a 1940 graduate of Decatur Community High School. His wife, the former Winifred Wonderly of Wellington, is also a 1940 graduate.

Edla Olson and Arian Arnold had lunch with Margaret Lund in Hays on Friday.

Steve and Anita Hirsch were in Galveston, Texas, from Wednesday to Sunday for the fall conference of the National Volunteer Fire Council. He is a newly-elected director and issues of importance to volunteer firefighters across the United States were discussed.

Gary and Judy Vaughn of Henderson, Colo., visited over the weekend with his mother, Nelda Vaughn.

—Come early and help support Decatur County 4-H Livestock Facilities tailgate party, Thursday at 6 p.m.

Jamie Elwood of Oberlin, a member of the Garden City Community College women's rodeo team, placed eighth in the barrel racing long go, and 10th on the average due to problems in the short go, at the Northeastern Oklahoma State University Intercollegiate Rodeo on Oct. 14-16. The team will compete in the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Intercollegiate Rodeo in Alva, Okla., from Thursday through Saturday. Her parents are Danny and Judy Elwood.

Erin Rogers of Selden is among Fort Hays State University students who attended the recent 2005 National Block and Bridle Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Couple in Hurricane Wilma

The home of Scott and Kellie Meier of Tamarac, Fla., was in the direct path of Hurricane Wilma, but they report that their home escaped serious damage.

Mrs. Meier, the former Kellie Stanley, is the daughter of Butch Stanley and a sister of Carrie Morford, both of Oberlin.

When Mrs. Meier called on Monday, she said this was the worst hurricane to strike Tamarac in 50 years.

She said they have some trees down in the street in their area and are without power, but otherwise they have been able to remain in their home. They were not in the mandatory evacuation area.

Mrs. Meier works at a bank there and her husband is employed by Broward County Parks and Recreation. She is a 1994 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Fashion show to be Sunday

A "Spooktacular" Fashion Show, sponsored by the Dresser, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at The Gateway in Oberlin. There will be gifts, entertainment

and treats. Donations will be accepted for the Decatur County Food Pantry.

The store will be open following the show.

Payment enrollment starts

Enrollment for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2006 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment program began Oct. 1 and will continue until June 1.

After that date, farmers may still take part in the 2006 program with late enrollment through Sept. 30, 2006, but must pay a \$100 late fee.

Farmers need to sign contracts each year, and can choose whether or not to participate in the program in any given year.

For details on payments for each crop, visit the Farm Service Agency county office at 408 S. Buffalo in Oberlin, or the agency's website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Oberlin students score high in assessment tests

Students at the elementary, junior high and high school in Oberlin were honored on Friday, Oct. 14, during halftime at the Oberlin-Stockton football game at Smick Memorial Field for exemplary scores on the Kansas State Assessments last spring.

Presentations were made by Superintendent Kelly Glodt, Principals Charles Haag and Duane Dorshorst and school board members.

State assessments in math and science were given last spring to Oberlin fourth, seventh and 10th graders; in reading to fifth, eighth and 11th graders, and in Social Studies to sixth, eighth and 11th graders.

This year, the fourth and 10th grade students earned the state Standard of Excellence in both math and science assessments and for the first time, 100 percent of the fourth grade students earned a score of proficient or above on the math test.

Juniors also earned the Standard of Excellence in reading, based on scores of the entire group of students.

Students cited for exemplary scores included:

Fourth grade math assessment: Tyler Bruggeman, son of Gary and Alvera Bruggeman.

Fourth grade science: Darbi Rouse, daughter of Robert and Robyn Rouse; Mitchell Unger, son of Greg and Jennifer Unger.

Fourth grade math and science: Kade Brown, son of Kevin and Carol Brown; John Carlisle, son of Roger and Jane Carlisle; Mikaela Dorshorst, daughter of Duane and Pat Dorshorst; Matt Glading, son of Darren and Joan Glading; Matthew Helm, son of Mike and Deb Helm; Ryan May, son of Roger and Susan May; Zach May, son of Roland and Pam May; Elizabeth Nedland, daughter of Dan Nedland and Rhonda May; Nicole Russ, daughter of Ed and Vivian Russ.

Fifth grade state reading: Nolan Henningson, son of Robbie and Jeni Henningson; Brent Juenemann, son of Gary and Jennifer Juenemann; Amanda Marshall, daughter of Troy and Deb Marshall; Andrew Russ, son of Ed and Vivian Russ.

Sixth grade social studies: Jacob Helm, son of Mike and Deb Helm; Joseph Hirsch, son of Steve and Anita Hirsch; Jacob Larue, son of Bruce and Marianne Larue; Rachelle Scott, daughter of Lee Don and Melanie Scott; Dakota Soderlund, son of Gene and Cheryl Soderlund.

Seventh grade science: Jaxen Alstrom, son of Rod Alstrom and Lorie Houston; Jessica Fredrickson, daughter of Jim and Tammy Fredrickson; Hunter Nedland, son of Dan Nedland and Rhonda May.

Seventh grade math: Clay Andersen, son of Jim and Gina Andersen; Wade Juenemann, son of Gary and Jennifer Juenemann.

Seventh grade math and science: Mary Olson, son of Mark and Barbara Olson; Steven Overmiller, son of Lynn Overmiller and Sherri Stouffer.

Eighth grade social studies: Nathan Simonsson, son of Brian and Pam Simonsson.

Eighth grade reading and social studies: Christopher Larson, son of David and Belinda Larson; Alyssa Rippe, daughter of Lynn and Joyce Rippe.

10th grade science: Jennifer Hirsch, daughter of Steve and Anita Hirsch; Jace Robinson, son of Mike Robinson and Merlou Robinson; Tyler Sauvage, son of Mike and Cheryl Sauvage.

10th grade math: Riley Cochran, son of Roger and Judy Cochran; Tricia Dorshorst, daughter of Duane and Pat Dorshorst; Lauren Fortin, daughter of Jamie and Lisa Fortin; Karli Fredrickson, daughter of Gary and Sarah Fredrickson; Andy Gilliam, son of Lee and Jane Gilliam; Kurt Olson, son of Mark and Barbara Olson; Seth Ritter, son of Phillip Ritter and Sharla Ritter; Katrina Wentz, daughter of Dwight and Mary Wentz; Kim Wessel, daughter of Bill and Carol Wessel; Heather Williams, daughter of Trevor and Tina Williams.

10th grade science and math: Whitnee Ashley, daughter of Kent and Tenna Ashley; Regan Badsy, son of Ken and Jan Badsy; Aaron Helm, son of Mike and Deb Helm; Cameron Nedland, son of Dan Nedland and Rhonda May; Emmie Pauls, daughter of Rick and Dori Pauls; Josiah Russ, son of Ed and Vivian Russ; Breck Simonsson, son of Brian and Pam Simonsson; Thomas Vilar, son of Leslie Nolette.

11th grade reading: Denton Bailey, son of Chris and Karen Bailey; Drew Martin, son of Lee Martin and Jeanie Martin; Joe Mondero, son of John and Karen Mondero.

11th grade social studies: Rhys Davies, son of Gareth and Lisa Davies; Zeke Ruzicka, son of Nancy Vath.

11th grade reading and social studies: Destry Jackson, son of Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson; Lydia Kamopp, daughter of Richard and Helen Karnopp; Lora Marietta, daughter of Alan and Judy Marietta; Danica May, daughter of Richard and Delayne May.

All of the students were congratulated, along with their teachers and parents, for helping achieve these high standards.

Rotary hears school issues

Superintendents Kelly Glodt of Oberlin and Roger Baskerville of Golden Plains schools presented a program on education issues at the Oct. 18 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club.

Mr. Glodt said he is concerned about the state's new commissioner of education, since the position concerns all of the school districts in Kansas. He said having the wrong

people elected to the state school board can really hurt the school and affect both students and teachers. Both men agreed that school districts in rural areas should share equipment, teachers and expertise.

Guests included Junior Rotarians Sunny Fredrickson and Josh Fortin, seniors at Decatur Community High School.

Jazz band to perform Sunday

The Queen City Jazz Band will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Cheyenne Theater in St. Francis, sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association.

The band plays authentic New

Orleans-style traditional jazz from the 1920s and '30s and recreates the memorable Dixieland sound.

Admission is by season pass or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children.

Foster parent class at Colby

An open house is planned from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at 180 W. Fifth in Colby for anyone interested in becoming resource parents, or foster parents, sponsored by the St. Francis Academy of Colby.

Those attending will be able to

talk with current foster parents. The staff will be on hand to answer questions.

For details, call (785) 462-6679 or to receive information, call (866) 999-1599 or visit their Web site www.st-francis.org.

Club News

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met Oct. 12 for breakfast at the Frontier Restaurant. Doris Sloan read, "What is it like to be a Christian," for devotions.

Those attending included: Evelyn Olson, Mildred Holmdahl, Eileene Grose, Doris Sloan, Cecil Hess, Doris Fringer, Alice Shirley, Martha Fringer, Helena Bruggeman, Nadean Stoney, Esther Carlson, Dorothy Jackson, Bernie Fred, Lora Zwickle, Goldie Raulston, Millie Lippel-

mann, Bertha Schwisow, Phyllis Screen, Virginia Spratling, Mary Ann Amack, Norma Richards, and Deanna Wachendorfer; also Betty Carlton of Klamath Falls, Ore.

The group will travel to the Cardinal Bar and Grill in Norcutar on Nov. 9 for an 11:30 a.m. lunch. They will meet at the United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Arrangements for cars and rides may be made by calling Doris Sloan at 475-2445.

After 5 Club plans fete

"Honoring our Grandmothers" will be the theme for the After 5 Club meeting to be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Colonial Steakhouse in Oakley.

Featured speaker will be Cynthia Leibrock, whose mission is to improve the lives of older and disabled people through interior design. Her topic will be "Find-

ing Your Purpose." Entertainment will be provided by Jackie Morgan.

All reservations and cancellations for the dinner event must be made by Sunday, Nov. 12. For a reservation or nursery service, call Gloria Mattix at (785) 460-2705.

Club enjoys luncheon

Seven members of Calico Gals met on Oct. 19 at the LandMark Inn to work on decorations for the Christmas tree they plan to decorate at the Last Indian Raid Museum. The club is 61 years old this year and decorations will represent the club over the years.

A dessert luncheon and meeting followed.

The next meeting will be Thanksgiving dinner for families and guests on Nov. 16 at Sappa Manor. Officers will also be elected.

Woman gets party for 89th

Nettie Britton, a resident of Cedar Living Center, was honored Sunday with a surprise 89th birthday party by her family.

The patio was decorated with balloons, and three cakes, ice cream, punch and tea were served. She received a new cabinet for her quilting supplies, some sewing supplies, a wind chime and many cards.

Mrs. Britton, a longtime resident of Jennings, has eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Relatives who attended included

her daughter, Betty and Robert Maske, Natoma; Jimmy Maske and Amy Emmons, Russell; Laura and Roland Washburn, Norton; Jeremy Green and Sarah Worley, Kindra Green and Donald Rowe, Jodi Brooks, Hays; Eric and Chris Green, Malilah and Mason Green, Jennings; Ron Britton, Seward; Mary Likes, Salina; Melanie and Gary Schulze, James, Kade, Sean, John and Kamber, Clay Center; Shanna and Jim Brooks, Clayton; and Jake Brooks, Kearney, Neb.

College to present comedy

The Colby Community College drama department will present the comedy "Love Thy Neighbor" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3, 4 and 5, at the Cultural Arts Center on the college campus.

Written by Colby Community College alumnus Gary Ray Stapp (class of 1981), it has a cast of 11.

The comedy revolves around Leona Crump, who is concerned about who will buy the house across the street and is determined to keep out the "riff-raff." Still, a family of hillbillies moves in; obnoxious Gafina and her Maw, Gafina's trumpy sister Bambi, and her amorous boyfriend, Turner, make life unbearable for Leona. She vows to remove them from her neighborhood with or without the help of her

couch-potato husband and closest neighbors.

The drama was directed and designed by the college drama instructor, Deb Bickner. Cast members include Kristi Khan (Colby) as Leona; Daniel Blake (Goodland) as Albert Crump; Jonathan Miller (Burlington, Colo.) as Paul Harrison; Regina Heier (Colby) as Judy Harrison; Tina Schmid (Colby) as Rose Bush; Challis Horinek (Gem) as Ava/Maw; Megan Ford (St. Francis) as Gafina; Josh Kenney (Seward, Neb.) as Turner; James Mason (Winston-Salem, N.C.) as George; and Wendy Bugbee (Ulysses) as Officer Doonan.

Tickets are available at the Campus Bookstore or at the door.

Halloween event Friday

A Monster Moonlight Madness event will take place Friday evening when participating stores will remain open until 8 p.m. in Atwood.

The evening will include "Spooktacular" sales, a free movie, a haunted house and kids' games.

Kastens Photography and Graphic Design will host a haunted house and serve refreshments. Cur-

rier Drug plans kids' carnival games in its west parking lot.

There will be a costume contest at 7 p.m. at the Jayhawk Theater and a pumpkin painting contest all day. The theater will show a free movie, "Valiant," an animated children's film, at 4 and 8 p.m.


For details, call Jennifer Kastens at (785) 626-3660.

Head Start forms partnership

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center Head Start program and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation have formed a partnership for the 2005-06 school year which provides books and activities for "literacy bags" for each child to use throughout the school year.


Decatur County Head Start received 20 of the bags for 19 children enrolled.

Head Start is a federal program for 3- and 4-year-old children. The service center operates in 12 northwest Kansas counties, with 15 classrooms serving some 250 children.



Happy Sixtieth Birthday

to my motorcycle man.




Love,
Your biker chick

Happy 90th Birthday!

Goldie (Hanson) Dorson

Nov. 9

From your family



Cards will reach her at:
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Green Cove Springs, FL 32043