

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Amy Rehm returned home Thursday after spending a month with her family. She accompanied Luanne and Mike Laird to their home in Celina, Texas, then visited Becky and Ron Hunzicker and family in Houston. While there, she enjoyed viewing the Princess Di exhibit. She then visited Lora and Donovan Randolph in Hutchinson and Mrs. Randolph brought her home.

Richard Thoren of Waianai, Hawaii; his daughter, Shari Martin of Colwich; and his son, Terry Thoren of Hoisington, spent Monday and Tuesday with Richard's sister, Margaret McEvoy and husband Frank, and family.

Arlo and Bonnie Wurm visited over the weekend with their daughter, Shawna and Mike Karl, and family in Denver. Mrs. Karl is hospitalized at Rose Medical Center. Mail will reach her at the hospital, 4567 East 9th, Denver, Colo., 80220. Her phone number is (303) 320-2396. Shawna is a 1981 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Earl and Char Barber of Hays were Friday overnight guests of Duane and Pat Dorshorst and family. They came especially to see Tricia Dorshorst perform in the high school musical, "Once Upon a Mattress."

Ceanna Kay Metcalf, two-year-old daughter of Shad and Jody Metcalf of Colby, was baptized during morning worship services on Sunday at the Colby United Methodist Church. Among those who joined the family for a party to honor Ceanna on her second birthday at the Metcalf home were her grandparents, Bob and Kay Gaskill, and Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Oberlin; also Jack and Karen Metcalf, Shannon Metcalf, and Margaret McEvoy, Oberlin; Guy Gaskill, Winona; Lori Gaskill and husband, Ray Kriegbaum, Denver; Brian and Dawn Beckman, Ethan and Jordyn, Grinnell; and Robbie and Jeni Henningson, Nolan and Ganon, Norcatar.

Donna Wilson of Wichita spent last week visiting her parents, Gene and Marcella Leitner.

The family of Martha Fringer gathered at the United Church on Saturday for their pre-Thanksgiving dinner. Those present were Ron and Sharon Cline, R.C. Cline, Alaina McDonald and baby Hayden, Scott City; Charlene Mowrey, Park; Lori Rogers, Mary Gilbert, Bradley and Jaylinn, Jamie Hutton, Mandy Summers, LaDonna Moss, and Josh Brown, all of Colby; and Kurt and Paulette Newman, Sabrina, Alyssa and Sebastian, Woodward, Okla.

Homes tour will be Dec. 4

The Decatur Professional Women will sponsor their annual holiday home tour on Sunday, Dec. 4. Those attending will meet at the United Church at 3 p.m., then go to the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, and the homes of Marsha Richards, Jeanie Unger and Peggy Pratt. The final stop will be to view the decorated Christmas trees at the Last Indian Raid Museum.

Rotary has musical program

Joe Stanley introduced director Susan Nelson and pianist Cheryl Metcalf, along with several cast members of the musical "Once Upon a Mattress," at the Nov. 15 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. The kids gave excerpts from the play, based on the fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea." Cast members included Tricia Dorshorst, Kellen Doeden, Jeremy Tally,

Guests were Melanie Anderson and Pastor Judi Stricker.

Nancy Fidele and her daughter, Melanie Conant, Dodge City, came Friday to spend the weekend with their son and brother, Greg Fidele.

Larry and Karen Smith attended the Emporia State Renaissance Madrigal Dinner Theater on Saturday on the campus of Emporia State University. Both Theresa and Brent Smith were members of the cast. In addition, Theresa, a senior music major, was the director and producer of the production.

David Morris, a student at Hastings College, has been selected for the Men's Chorus. The chorus performs a repertoire including sea chanteys, folk music, Broadway and barbershop. He is also a member of the Hastings College Choir, the college's premier choral performance ensemble, which presents a wide range of literature from Renaissance to contemporary works. Dr. Robin Koozer, professor of music and chair of the music department, is director of the chorus, and Dr. Fritz Mountford, associate professor of music and director of choral activities, is director of the choir. David's parents are Ken and Christie Morris of Oberlin.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Wilma May, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett, Floyd Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet and Merle Shirley. Lows went to Barb Solko, Aleen Van Vleet, Donna Kent, Henry Edgett, Doris Gilbert and Floyd Edgett. Pitch highs went to Juanita Eckhart and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Henry Edgett and Dale Votapka. Winners at bridge were Charlotte Meints and Leone Purton.

Helen Riepl of Cimarron and her son, Jim Riepl, of Katy, Texas, visited in Oberlin on Wednesday with Marianna Bendon, Karla Jones, Cecil Hess, and Ivis Hanson.

Melanie Anderson is recuperating from a brown spider bite, which she suffered in early October. She was hospitalized for a week.

Dwayne and Betty Jones of Green Valley, Ariz., came last week to visit his mother, Florence Jones, and their daughter and family, Tonya and Gene Tally and family.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson returned home Thursday night from a three-week trip. They visited their daughter and family, Debbie and Dale Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe in Chitopa and attended a vocal recital given by Hana in Joplin, Mo. They also vacationed at Eureka Springs, Ark.

The group will then return to the church for supper. Cost is \$12 per person, and proceeds will go for scholarships. Tickets can be purchased at Flowers by Lee, The Dresser and *The Oberlin Herald*. To make reservations, call Jan Badsky at (785) 475-2689, Dori Pauls at 475-3313, or Deanna Castle at 475-3227, or see any club member.

Danica May, Anne Wasson, Karli Fredrickson, Destry Jackson and Karyn Jordan. Kellen's father, Rick Doeden, a visitor, won two tickets to the musical. Other guests were Sarah Fredrickson, Kay Brown and Dr. Mark Rulisson. Jesse Juenemann and Bruce King were Junior Rotarians from Decatur Community High School.

Lund church plans study

The Lund Covenant Church will begin a 13-week series entitled "Answers Academy" at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4. Pastor Doug Mason said, "With all the attention in Kansas and the nation over the Kansas Board of Education's vote on including discussion on Intelligent Design in the

science curriculum, Lund Covenant Church has decided to explore the subject: 'Are science and religion compatible? Does the Genesis account of creation have any scientific basis or is it simply religious rhetoric?'" Everyone from junior high on up is invited to attend, he said.

Seminar set for farmers

The Kansas Farm Bureau Legal Foundation and Farm Credit of Western Kansas are offering a free seminar for members from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday at The Gateway. The session will answer questions for young farmers and ranchers, par-

ents and grandparents who want to secure the future of their family operations. Lunch will be provided by Farm Credit of Western Kansas. To register, call the Decatur County Farm Bureau office by today at (785) 475-2238.

Couple sets December wedding

Rebekka Martin and Jeffrey Dudensing plan to be married on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon.

Parents of the couple are Robert and Liane Martin, Herndon, and Kenneth and Rebecca Dudensing, Sweetwater, Texas.

Grandparents are Ann Martin, Herndon, and the late August Martin; Ray Kircher, Oberlin, and the late Eleanor Kircher, and Helen Dudensing, Stamford, Texas; and the late Clement Dudensing, and the late A.F. and Sylvia Jobe.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Herndon High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Kansas State University.



J. Dudensing and R. Martin

Her fiance graduated in 1999 from Sweetwater High School. He earned a bachelor's in agricultural economics from Texas Tech, Lubbock.

The couple will graduate from Texas Tech in December with master's degrees in agricultural economics.

Club News

Auxiliary adopts Army unit

Plans were made to adopt the Army unit in which Crystal (Corcoran) Mahan is serving when members of the Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary met on Nov. 9 at the post home. Her unit is being deployed to the Middle East and the auxiliary plans to remember them throughout the year. Carol Morford and Nadean Stoney were hostesses.

President Angela Corcoran conducted the meeting. Prayer was given by Chaplain Fran Nothdurft, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by four officers and four members.

It was reported that membership is over 100 with memberships still coming in. A thank you

was read from Smoky Hill Television for the donation, along with an invitation to members to attend the Veterans Day program at the Oberlin Elementary School on Nov. 11. Members made plans to decorate a Christmas tree at the military display at the museum.

An appreciation supper was planned for Nov. 14 for all bingo players with the unit furnishing salads and cakes.

The Dec. 14 meeting will be a 6:30 p.m. soup supper and members are to bring something to go with soup. A donation for the amount of a gift will be taken and matched by the unit to be given to the Angel Tree. Members are asked to bring something to share about Christmas.

Club members name books

Members of Monday Evening Club named a favorite book for roll call at the Nov. 14 meeting, held at the home of Peggy Pratt with Judy Shirley as co-hostess.

Guests were Jennifer Auxier and Gisela Humes Fisher. Mrs. Fisher was guest speaker and told of the experiences in her life which shaped her personality and later became the material for an autobiography entitled "It is well..." which was published in 2004. It included growing up in the lean years of post-World War II in Germany, marrying an American soldier and moving to the west-

ern plains of Kansas. President Carol Morford named the committee who will decorate a Christmas tree at the museum: Kay Moon, Laurie Wasson and Kelly Wasson.

At the Dec. 12 meeting to be held at the home of Mary Ann Erickson with Peggy Pratt as co-hostess, roll call will be to name a favorite holiday food. There will be an exchange of holiday cookies and candy. Each member is to bring a bagged, unwrapped Christmas gift for a child to be given to a community children's project.

Club plans annual taste tea

Pi Alpha Club met Nov. 14 at the Golden Age Center with Joan and Kristy Evans as hostesses. "Ode to a Turkey" and "Thanksgiving Blessings" were given for devotions by Mrs. Evans.

Ten members were present and Fern Wenger won the hostess gift drawing, a beautiful assortment of candles. It was reported that the Good Samaritan Center and Oberlin Police Department are in need of more stuffed animals, which is a club project. Marty Olson read "The

Thanksgiving Story" followed by a Thanksgiving quiz and puzzle. The hostesses also presented votive candles in fall colors to all members and provided a festive lunch from a decorated Thanksgiving table.

The annual Christmas taste tea will be hosted by Pat Wright on Dec. 12, assisted by Eris Young. The gift exchange will carry a tree/wood theme with the second half of the club roster furnishing the Christmas goodies.

Club elects new officers

Six members of Calico Gals Club and their guests met at the United Church for their annual Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 17. Millie Lippelmann won the hostess gift.

Officers elected include: Detta Anderson, president; Mary Wal-

do, vice president; Marylu Brown, secretary; Phyllis Screen, treasurer; and Sandy Counter, courtesy.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Dec. 21 at the LandMark Inn.

County elections set

Farmers and rural landowners in Decatur County have until Dec. 5 to vote in elections for U.S. Farm Service Agency county committee members.

Present members are Elden Long, Mike Coleman and David Meitl. Mr. Meitl's term is up for re-election.

"Electing county committee members is an exercise in democracy," said Diane Barrett, county executive director. "The locally elected committee has primary responsibility for making national farm programs fit the needs and situations faced by local farmers. The members bring local expertise and knowledge to the Agriculture Department's daily delivery of programs and services."

Ballots have been mailed to all

eligible voters in Mr. Meitl's part of the county, as his term will expire Dec. 31. Mrs. Barrett said ballots must be filled out, signed and returned to the county office by Dec. 5.

"It is important that producers sign their ballots," she said. "Without a valid signature, the ballot doesn't count."

Ballots will be counted publicly by Dec. 12. Elections may be challenged by nominees within 15 days. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1.

Eligible voters who have not received ballots can get them from the county office. To be eligible, voters must qualify for Farm Service Agency programs.

For details, stop by the office at 410 S. Buffalo or call 475-3131.

Advent luncheon planned

The Decatur County Ministerial Association plans Advent Luncheons to help keep the spirit of Christ in Christmas.

"We hope that gathering ecumenically will help strengthen the fellowship and unity among our community," said Pastor Doug Hasty of the Oberlin United Methodist Church, "and add to this Advent season a deeper spirituality."

The luncheons will be held at 12:10 p.m. on four Wednesdays

leading up to Christmas, beginning Nov. 30. Each host church will provide a meal of soup and/or sandwiches, followed by a brief program.

The schedule includes: Nov. 30, Oberlin United Methodist; Dec. 7, Faith Lutheran; Dec. 14, Oberlin Covenant; and Dec. 21, still open.

The public is invited and there will be an offering for the Ministerial Association's Samaritan Fund.

Emergency loans available

Farmers in Decatur, Phillips, Norton and Rawlins counties who suffered losses due to freeze, hail, disease and drought since Jan. 1 may apply for Farm Service Agency emergency loans.

John C. Vogt, loan manager in Norton, said these counties became eligible under a law which provides that farmers in counties bordering those which have been designated for disaster assistance may also qualify for assistance. Applications will be accepted until July 3, 2006.

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

The loans may be used to replace

installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes) lost through this disaster.

Loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer or livestock, or to make payments on real estate and chattel debts.

"Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses," Mr. Vogt said.

To be eligible, an applicant must be operating a family-size farm or ranch and be unable to get credit elsewhere. Farmers should apply at the Norton County Farm Service Agency office, 11640 Pineview Drive, Norton, Kan., 67654, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

New Arrivals

Norah E. Mae Hess

Steven and Christen Hess, 12816 Century, Overland Park, Kan., 66213, are the parents of a daughter, Norah Elizabeth Mae Hess, born Nov. 20, 2005, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Overland Park. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Grandparents are David Mois, Detroit Lakes, Minn.; Carol Baron, Blaine, Minn.; and Cecil Hess, Oberlin, and the late Daniel J. Hess. Great-grandparents are William and Nora Mois, Detroit Lakes, and James and Virginia Richter, Wadena, Minn.

Larry and Georganne (Mines) Ishii. Kyle Mines of Oberlin is his maternal great-grandfather.

Matthew Robert Norris

Robert and Tami Norris of Corona, Calif., are the parents of a son, Matthew Robert Norris, born Oct. 26, 2005, at 3:51 p.m. at the Corona Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. His maternal grandparents are

Will Anton Bruggeman

Greg and Traci Bruggeman of Selden are the parents of a son, Will Anton, born Nov. 7, 2005. He weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Trudy Wildeman, Colby, and Don and Sherrel Barnett, Wallace. Maternal great-grandparents are Ferma Garrett, Colby, and Berneda and Ray Zoberst, Rexford. Paternal grandparents are Darrel and Carlene Bruggeman, Selden.



W. Bruggeman



M. Norris

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475-2206

—NOTICE—
The Decatur County Courthouse and the Decatur County Landfill will be closed Thursday and Friday November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving

Card Shower to Honor LaVerne & Theo Wiedeman's 40th Wedding Anniversary

LaVerne and Theo Wiedeman of Ransom, KS will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, December 4, 2005 with a family dinner hosted by their children. All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to celebrate the occasion by sending cards to Rt 1, Box 162, Ransom, KS 67572.

LaVerne and Theo have three sons, Craig and wife Denise of Salina, Scott and wife Kayla of Salina, and Brent and wife Sherrie of Colby. They are also blessed with five grandchildren.

The couple recently celebrated their anniversary by taking a trip to Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. LaVerne and the former Theo Wagner were married December 4, 1965 in Oberlin, KS.

