

Couple sets fall wedding

Lacee Wilson and Matt Cantu of Evans, Colo., plan to be married on Wednesday, Nov. 29, on the beach at George Town, Grand Cayman. A reception will follow on Saturday, Dec. 9, in Greeley, Colo.

Parents of the couple are Don Wilson, Loveland, Colo., and Lorri Wilson, Evans, Colo.; Arnold Cantu, Chandler, Ariz., and Beverly Almaraz, Ridgecrest, Calif.

The bride-to-be graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. She is a fire claim representative for State Farm Insurance in Greeley. Her grandparents are Everett and Nell Gerdes and Loyl Wilson, Oberlin, and the late Esther Wilson.

Her fiancé is attending Regis Uni-



Lacee Wilson
Matt Cantu

versity and is the head golf professional at Boomerang Golf Course in Greeley.

Woman honored on 90th

Geneva Morford was honored with a card shower and supper for her 90th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Golden Age Center.

She was serenaded with "Happy Birthday" by those attending the scavenger hunt when they stopped by for one of the clues.

Hosting the party were her children and their spouses, Woody and Karla Morford, McCook; Gene and Marsha Morford, Oberlin; and Louise and Stan Blackburn, Amarillo, Texas.

Others present were Laurene Bryan-VanOtterloo, Verna Mae Anderson, Laura and Brandon Bryan, Katlyn, Brianna and Brian

Klima, Melvin Klima, McKenna O'Hare, Glenva and Harold Nichols, Rick and Deb Klima, Dan, Carrie and Teague Morford, Carol Morford, Torrey Morford, Butch Stanley, Fred and Sandy Counter, Lemilla and Lilliana Counter, Jonathon and Tressa Counter and Becca, Bernice Martin, Carolyn and Scott Miller, Ron, Kassie and Emily Bryan, and Gerry and Theresa Tally, all of Oberlin; Lonnie Morford, Burlingame; Lynette Glendy, Kalie and Emalee, Callaway, Neb.; Matt, Kristen and Reese Watkins, Larned; and Ron and Marilyn Tophane, Charles and Brycen, North Platte, Neb.

Students participate in recital

Seventy-one students participated in the North Central Music Teachers League Piano Clinic in Norton on Saturday.

Twelve teachers from Oberlin, Norton, Phillipsburg, Smith Center and Stockton entered their students for auditions.

Judges were John Huber, Tali Morgulis and Sue Dolezal, Hays; Karol Hickel, WaKeeney; and Sharon Kriss and Pat Zeigelmeier, Colby.

Students of Cheryl Metcalf and Mary Henzel from Oberlin who

were asked to play in the Honors Recital following the morning and afternoon sessions included Britta, David and Michael Noren, Zach May, Caleb Koerperich, Kade Grafel, Chris and Gabe Anderson, Jacob Helm, Molly and Morgan Janosius, Cheyanne Soderlund, Elizabeth Nedland and Jordin Wasson. Katie Glading received honorable mention. Other students participating were Hannah May, Samantha Anderson and Samuel Smith.

Cutoff dates set for programs

Cutoff dates for several federal programs under the farm bill are approaching, says Harold Klaege, state director of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

These include the Wetlands Reserve Program on Friday, Nov. 17, and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives and Environmental Quality Incentives programs, both Friday, Dec. 15.

Applications will be accepted throughout the year, he said, but those received after the cutoff dates will be processed next year.

Farmers can expect decisions by Dec. 1 for wetlands applications; Feb. 16, for habitat plans; and March

2, environmental quality requests.

The environmental quality program, popular in Decatur County over the past few years, can be used for applications on crop and grazing land.

Cost-share money is available for installing practices such as new terrace systems, livestock tanks and pipelines and animal waste storage. There are incentive payments for increasing irrigation efficiency, rotational grazing and applying manure or fertilizer at recommended rates.

For details, contact Ben Letourneau or Lee Scott at the service's office in Oberlin, 475-3131.

Farm signup now thru June 1

The U.S. Farm Service Agency is scheduling appointments for farmers who want to enroll in the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program.

Signup began on Oct. 1 and will continue through June 1. Farmers may call the county office at 475-3131 for an appointment, said county Executive Director Diane Barrett, adding that they are unable to report 2007 wheat acreages so far,

but the software is expected in mid-November.

If enrollment is not completed by June 1, she said, the agency will accept late applications through Sept. 30 with a \$100 late fee. Farmers may choose not to participate in the program in any given year.

For details, stop by the office at 408 S. Buffalo. A fact sheet on the program is posted on-line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/printapp>.

Commission meets next week

The 30th annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development Inc. will be held next Wednesday, at the American Legion, 235 Main, in Grainfield.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner to be served at 7 p.m.

Angela Kreps, president of the

Kansas Bioscience Organization, will speak and a presentation will show the past year's business loan, grant and housing activity for northwest Kansas.

Everyone interested in economic development for northwest Kansas is welcome. For reservations, call Kathie Terry at (785) 421-2151 or email nwkpdc@ruraltel.net by Friday.

Workshop offered in Colby

An introductory, three-part workshop on the basics of record keeping will be offered in Colby by the Small Business Development Center at Fort Hays State University from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on three Tuesdays in November.

The workshop, using Quickbooks software, will be at Bedker Memorial Complex, room 706, at Colby Community College.

The first class on Tuesday, Nov. 7, will cover the basics of record keeping, getting started with

Quickbooks and working with lists. Session 2, on Nov. 14, covers how to set up inventory, invoicing, customizing/designing forms and payment processing. Session 3, on Nov. 21, will include payroll, sales tax and creating reports.

Instructor will be Sheryl Davis, a certified public accountant and assistant director of the center.

Registration is \$150 until Nov. 1, then \$180 after. For details or to register, call (785) 628-6786 or e-mail sbdc@fhsu.edu.

Club News

Club views instruments

Joy Russell hosted the Oct. 23 meeting of Pi Alpha Club and gave devotions from the book, "Ending the Day Right." Co-hostess was Virginia Spratling and 12 members attended.

Mrs. Russell's husband, Neal, assisted with the program as members were privileged to view three intricate instruments made from kits by Mr. Russell. They included a folk harp, hammered dulcimer and an Appalachian dulcimer. Mrs. Russell explained the history and difference in them,

and the couple played several selections with Mrs. Russell on the harp and her husband on the hammered dulcimer.

The club will decorate a Christmas tree at the museum with old jewelry by Nov. 20 with Pat Wright in charge.

The Nov. 13 meeting will be held at the Sappa Manor with Joyce Ploussard as hostess, assisted by Rosella Meitl. Members are reminded to bring old jewelry for the tree and donations for the Angel Tree.

Harvest potluck enjoyed

Royal Neighbors of America held a harvest potluck supper on Thursday at the Golden Age Center.

Door prize winners were Phyllis Screen, Nancy Vath, Joyce Dean, Ed Dean, Phyllis McCartney, Byron McCartney,

Dorothy Moore, Vivian Russ, Sarah Russ, Michelle Russ and Delores Jennings.

On Saturday, members took dinner to Nadean Stoney, who has been ill, and her family in observance of "Make a Difference Day."

Club hears about feed yard

Warren Weibert, owner and manager of the Decatur County Feed Yard since 1977, spoke at the Oct. 24 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club.

He said the idea for the feed yard in Decatur County was put together by 45 business and community citizens on Sept. 7, 1971. The yard was built to be a local enterprise, originally for 15,000 cattle, he said. This was increased to 18,000 in 1973 and currently the yard feeds up to 38,000 cattle at one time.

Weibert said the surplus of grains in northwest Kansas made this

project come to life and it has become a respectable force in the business. Decatur County Feed Yard and staff have been featured in farm journals and magazines and developed a reputation as a quality project. He said they are running 24,000 head this fall and the feed used each day includes 50,000 pounds of hay and 40,000 pounds of grain, or nine semitrailer loads per day. The yard celebrated its 35th anniversary on Sept. 7.

Guests were Janice Shobe of the Atwood Rotary Club, Norma Unger and Harold Stern.

Grief seminar set for Sunday

"Life in the Shadows," a seminar focused on walking through the shadow of death, will be presented from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Rick Langness will give the welcome, after which Karen Eskew will speak on "Dealing with Grief."

The afternoon will include a presentation on the grief process with practical suggestions.

Pastor Langness will present

"Life in the Sermon," which will tell how to speak your faith to those who mourn.

After a break, mortician Rick Pauls will answer practical questions before they are asked in "Preparing for the Shadow." Steve Hirsch, an Oberlin lawyer, will speak on the subject, "Leaving a Legacy," which will include passing on treasure and treasured things.

A question-and-answer period will follow. The public is invited.

Soldier to speak at center

Staff Sgt. David McConnell will give a personal account of what it meant to serve in the war in Iraq at 6 p.m. today at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

He recently returned to his home in McCook after serving two tours overseas. This program will be a precursor to the annual Rock-a-Thon on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at the center.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity to get an inside look at what is really taking place and having such an impact on our country," said Lisa Stacy, activities director at the center.

The public is invited, and refreshments will be served.

Twelve women, all residents of the center, will set their chairs to rocking on Veterans Day to the theme of "Rockin' with the Oldies."

The residents raise money through this project to pay for their annual service project, which this year includes filling "Love Packages" for soldiers serving overseas. Last year they raised \$1,000 for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Their goal is to send 100 boxes filled with love, prayers and necessities to soldiers at war.

If you would like to help, see or call Lisa Stacy at the Good Samaritan Center, 475-2245. Sponsor sheets are available throughout town and at churches.

Ballet group to be in Oakley

The dance troupe Ballet Folklórico Quetzalli will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Oakley High School.

Coming from Xalapa, Veracruz, the group features regional dances of Old Mexico, showcasing typical dress and music of each region.

Members dance to live music, performed on authentic stringed instruments.

Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or \$10 for adults, \$5 for students at the door.

History scholarship available

Students of Fort Hays State University who love history will be eligible for a new scholarship in the name of David Miller, who died of cancer Dec. 7, 2005.

The first David Miller History Scholarship, for \$1,000, will be awarded in the fall of 2007.

Mr. Miller, who lived in Fairport, loved the outdoors; he spent time fishing, camping, and four-wheeling. He moved to Kansas after 12 years in the U.S. Navy, then was discharged due to health reasons as a petty officer second class. He attended Fort Hays State, planning to major in history.

"Miller made a lasting impression

at FHSU, and an even greater impression within the history department," said Ruth Heffel, director of planned giving at the Fort Hays State Endowment Association. "His scholarship will not only help FHSU students financially but will serve as a reminder of David's presence at the university."

The scholarship in Miller's name has been established by his parents, Duane and Donnie Miller, Russell. Students must have a 3.0 grade average to apply.

The association is an independent, nonprofit corporation designated by the state to receive gifts on behalf of the university.

Farmer to be featured in state documentary

Paul Shields of Oberlin will be among those featured in a Kansas Farm Bureau documentary, "Rural Kansas: Heritage Lost?"

The program will be on Smoky Hills Public Television KOOD-TV, Channel 9, Bunker Hill, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, and at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1.

The documentary will look at Kansas population shifts, including economic, social and political trends which affect every policy issue the organization deals with.

The program will feature the thoughts and stories of many active

Farm Bureau members about the impact our shifting population has on their lives and their communities.

"This is an important story for all Kansans, regardless of where they live," said Mike Matson, Kansas Farm Bureau director of communications and public relations, who wrote, produced and directed the documentary. "Those who are building their lives in agriculture or rural Kansas feel passionately about that decision. This documentary will allow others to connect, or in some cases, reconnect with that choice."

Volunteers qualify for food

Area volunteers may purchase food monthly from Prairie Land Food, which is for all levels of income, says coordinator Marilyn Gamblin.

Ms. Gamblin, who is assisted with the food distribution by Alvina Gamblin and John Strecker-Baseler, said that many people volunteer each day by serving in prayer chains, helping neighbors and friends, organizations, churches, food banks, schools, senior centers and more.

"Without volunteers supporting and helping others, our communities wouldn't run as smoothly as they do," she said. "I am sure we

would all agree that volunteers are important to every community."

Prairie Land Food encourages and supports volunteerism, she said. Each month volunteers may purchase a packet of meat items, fresh fruits and vegetables and a grocery item or two for \$20 plus an additional host site fee not to exceed \$1, and two hours of volunteer service.

Orders for November will be accepted until Monday.

To sign up in Oberlin, call Ms. Gamblin at (785) 475-3730 or 475-8118, or contact Linda Hagan at (800) 298-1989 or clkhagan@ruraltel.net.

Blood drive here on Nov. 8

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Decatur Community High School.

The Red Cross has seen a dangerous drop in blood donations across the midwest this fall, officials say, and for the past few months the central plains region has struggled to keep up with demand.

Blood collections have lagged an

average of 35 pints per day, about 250 pints per week, with a total shortfall of nearly 2,000 pints since summer.

Donors must be in general good health, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be at least 17, or 16 with a signed parental consent form.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Walk-in donors are welcome.

New Arrivals

Campbell B. Mermis

Cory and Lisa Mermis of Olathe are the parents of a daughter, Campbell Beth Mermis, born Oct. 12, 2006, at 8:15 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Gary and Janelle Walter, Oberlin, and Clyde and Mary Beth Mermis, Lawrence. Maternal great-grandmothers are Marian Miller and

Alvin J. Johnson

Dallas and Rebecca Johnson of Kimberling City, Mo., are the parents of a son, Alvin James "A.J." Johnson, born Oct. 3, 2006. He weighed 8 pounds, and was 21 1/4 inches long. He has two sisters, Meghan and Caitlin. Grandparents are Alvin and Sharon Johnson, Oberlin, and Dale and Dee Wroblewski, Kimberling City, Mo. His great-grandparents are Carmie Wickham, Oberlin, and the late Alvin Wickham, and the late Alvin and Frances Johnson.

C. Mermis



Adeline Walter, both of St. Francis.

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