

People in Our Community

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Stuart and Mary Henzel recently returned from a two-week vacation in Florida where they spent time with their son, Richard, and his girlfriend, Sharon. They all went to Cusseta, Ga., to spend Christmas with their son, Jim, Connie and Jake. Brian Henzel flew in from San Diego for the holiday. They visited the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola and went sailing on Pensacola Bay. They visited several sites in and around Columbus, Ga., including the Infantry Museum. They also visited the prison where their son, Jim, is Chief of Security in Lumpkin, Ga.

Esther Ready of New York City spent a few days last week visiting her parents, John and Muriel Ready.

Calvin and JoAnn Ufford have returned home and she is recuperating satisfactorily from recent surgery. They stayed with their daughter, Janie and Rob Rutherford in Topeka, while she underwent physical therapy following surgery.

Among area students who were candidates for degrees this past month at Kansas State University are Kelly Jay Glodt, Oberlin, Doctor of Philosophy, and Jeffrey Holste, Ludell, Master of Science.

Holiday guests of Bob and Marian Fraker were Steve and Kathy Fraker, Katie and Aaron, and Gavin and Rayanne Sorenson and Braden of Fallon, Nev. Additional Christmas Eve guests were Chris and Melissa Matthews and Addison, Bennington, Neb.; Isaiah Sattler, Manitou Springs, Colo.; and Mark and Cathy Fraker, and Phil Fraker, Oberlin. The Fraker families from Fallon also visited Kathy Fraker's parents, Lloyd and Cathy Wade, at Russell.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Max Carman and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Aleen Van Vleet, Floyd Edgett, Barb Solko and Veanna Carman.

Two area women promoted

Megan Carter has been promoted to tax practitioner and bookkeeper at the office of Warren C. Bainter, certified public accountant, in Oberlin.

Mrs. Carter, a native of Sharon Springs, began as receptionist in December 2004. She received a Bachelor of Science in agricultural economics from Kansas State University in December 1999. Her husband Jesse is the ag loan officer at Farmers Bank and Trust in Oberlin. They have two daughters, Clayton, 6, who

is in kindergarten in Oberlin, and Anna, 4.

Tasha Carman has been hired as receptionist. The former Tasha Edgerton, she graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2003. She received an associate's degree from Colby Community College in mid management accounting

in May 2005. She and her husband Kyle live on a farm in Prairie Dog Township.



M. Carter



T. Carman

Oberlin blood drive next week

People need blood, and Oberlin area donors are being asked to join the Red Cross blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, at The Gateway.

Snowstorms in western Kansas last week hampered blood collections, the agency says, leaving a shortfall of about 100 pints last week alone. Coming off a challenging month in December, the Red Cross faces a deficit of nearly 1,000 pints. The agency relies on volunteer

donors, and with the snow, the blood supply is dangerously low.

Please help. Walk-ins are welcome or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE for an appointment.

Donors must be in general good health, weigh 110 pounds or more and be at least 17 (16 in Kansas with completed parental consent form; visit www.bloodgiveslife.org to print the form and reading materials).

School requests soup labels

Supporting Our Schools is again sponsoring the Soup Label Contest at Oberlin Elementary School.

Students can bring Campbell's UPC labels with the Labels for Education logo beside them to school to help their class win the challenge. At the close of the contest on Friday, Jan. 26, each class's points will be totaled to find the winner. All points

will be used to buy items for the school.

Campbell's has changed its program slightly to require only the UPC bar code with the Labels For Education logo beside it and not the face of the label as in the past.

For details, call Pam May at (785) 475-3606.

Art exhibit at Logan museum

The 30th annual High School Art Exhibit will be on display from Friday, Feb. 2, through Sunday, March 4, at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan.

Art students from area schools will display their talents in the museum's gallery. It will include watercolor and tempera paintings, ink and scratch board, oil and acrylic, sculpture and 3-D art, pencil and ink drawing, graphic design, jewelry, ceramics, colored pencil, printmaking and pastel, crayon and charcoal.

Students strive to create a piece of

art that represents the student as an artist, whether by personality, creativity, excellence of quality, or even their mood, organizers say.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 to noon and 1 to 5 on Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.



Cody and Tawny Shaw

Couple exchange vows

Tawny Rice and Cody Shaw were married on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at the First Christian Church in Medicine Lodge. Pastor Tom Walters officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mark and Sandra Rice, Medicine Lodge, and Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden. Her grandparents are Floyd and Rosalie Spade and Irene Rice, Medicine Lodge, and the late Ernest Rice. The bridegroom's grandparents are Carol Shaw, Selden, and the late Floyd Shaw; Reed and Marilyn Griest, Jewell, and the late Jolene Griest.

Maid of honor was Kendra Kreimig, sister of the bride. Bridal attendants were Amanda Ricke, Jodi Dirks, Lisa Ryan, Taryn Oliver and Danae Rice, sister of the bride.

Best man was Casey Shaw, brother of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were Corey Shaw, brother of the bridegroom, and Chris Broeckelman and Brian Conness.

Megan Worstell, cousin of the bride, and Daylan Dirks were flower girls. Ringbearer was Adyn Keimig, nephew of the bride.

Candlelights were Shanise and Faydra Rice, sisters of the bride.

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Woman runs marathon

Ashley Tongish-Houser, granddaughter of Gene and Marcella Leitner of Oberlin, finished the San Francisco Nike Women's Marathon recently.

It took her 4 1/2 hours to complete the 26.2 mile run and she raised over \$3,600 to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The daughter of Dave and Patricia Tongish of Newton, she will graduate this spring from nursing school in Wichita, where she lives with her husband, Britt.

She is also a granddaughter of Denis Tongish of Newton, formerly of Herndon, and the late Wilma Tongish.



A. Houser

Baptism held for infant

Jaci Renee Winter, infant daughter of Cade and Jill Winter of Clifton, received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Dec. 31, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Palmer. Officiating was Pastor Melba Smith. Sponsors were her aunts, Janeil Baxter of Smith Center and Jodi White of Wichita.

Guests for the service and dinner which followed at the rural home of

Cade and Jill Winter were Jackie Votapka, Oberlin; Dennis and Adene Winter, Manhattan; Trent and Connie Winter, Barrett and Blade, Clifton; Barry and Janeil Baxter, Brock and Jordan, Smith Center; Brett and Jodi White, Braden and Briley, Wichita, and Cade and Jill Winter, Jackson and Jaci, Clifton.

Firm offers scholarship

Farm Credit of Western Kansas will continue its scholarship program this year.

Each year, the board chooses one student to receive a \$500 per year scholarship which is renewable for up to four years of post-secondary education.

Eligible applicants are area high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Farm Credit Western of Kansas members.

Interested applicants may contact their high school counselor or Cathy

Hawk at (785) 462-2382 in Colby for an application. They may also visit their website at www.farmcreditkan.com. Applications are due by Feb. 15.

Woman honored with retirement dinner Friday

Donna Kelley was honored with a retirement dinner Friday evening at The Gateway after 20 years at the U.S. Farm Service Agency office here, receiving a gift from county Executive Director Diane Barrett.

Elden Long, who farms in the Norcat area, received a clock from Mrs. Barrett for his 26 years on the agency's county committee. His replacement will be Robbie Henningson. Other committee members are David Meitl and Mike Coleman. Carolyn

Zodrow is the committee advisor. Also attending were Dick Kelley, Elden and Detta Anderson, Wane and Cheryl Stull, Carolyn Plotts, Jim Barrett and Haley, Sue Hillebrand, Keith and Candy Ketterl, Ed and Vivian Russ, Cecil Hess, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Don and Helen Juenemann, Janet Meitl, Mirla Coleman, Marilou Long, Martin and Evelyn May, Ben and Wendy LeTourneau, Jonas and Jane, and Lee Don and Melanie Scott.



Mrs. Kelley

Garden lovers planning to form new lunch club

Garden Lovers Lunch Club, a new social club with horticulture education as its goal, will be started this month, says Sandy Fair, organizer.

It will include lunch with common-interest friends, male or female, once a month from noon to 1 p.m. at the Board Room at the LandMark Inn. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

She said membership will be limited due to space, so persons interested in joining are asked to call her at (785) 475-3507. Shirley or Gaylord Shields will preside over the meetings and Connie Simonsson will be secretary/treasurer.

"No garden experience is required to join, just an interest in learning," Mrs. Fair said. "The meetings will be held throughout the year on the fourth Tuesday of each

month." Reservations are required. Those planning to attend need to call The LandMark in advance to reserve a space and pre-order from the noon specials.

Meals will be Dutch and served individually upon arrival, she said. A 20-minute program or group sharing of horticultural articles will follow the meal. Membership fees will be discussed at the first meeting.

Programs will be "member's choice" by sign-up sheets. For example, the member could choose a topic of interest and either bring related articles or ask a Master Gardener or someone else to give a program on the subject.

Lunch and garden tours in a nearby town may be a program option for some months.

For details, call Mrs. Fair.

Benefit supper Friday

Supporting Our Schools will sponsor a benefit soup supper at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the high school cafeteria before the basketball game with Quinter.

Donations and proceeds will go to help pay for "Fun Night" activities the organization sponsors throughout the year.



CHEF KENT PLOUSSARD served prime rib to Sandy Zeigler at the Decatur Health Systems Employee Recognition Banquet on Saturday at The Gateway. Hospital Board President Connie Grafel presented Joan McKenna of Jennings a retirement gift for her 13 years of service on the board. (See Decatur Health Systems column, page 9.)

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Special Thanks...

to Jerry Rall, Jim Fredrickson, Dave, Jesse and Lucas Juenemann for getting us a heater during the recent storm.

God bless you all.

Rex & Betty Carswell

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Sunday, January 14, 2007

1 to 4 p.m.

Sheridan Estates

2025 E. Sheridan Ave.

Hoxie, Kansas

Gayle C. Bainter and Ruth M. Carstens were married at Central Park Christian Church in Topeka, Kansas on January 1, 1947. They continued to live in Topeka for 10 years at which time they moved to their present location in rural Dresden, Kansas.

Hosts are the honoree's children and their families: Warren Bainter and Judy Gaumer, Oberlin and Wes Bainter, Hoxie.

NOTICE OF 58TH

Annual Meeting

Monday, January 15, 2007

11:30 A.M

to be held at the St. Francis Parish Hall

104 S. Wabash Ave., Norton, KS

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, January 10

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