

People in Our Community

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Donald and Goldie Stapp celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on Sunday. They have three sons, Rodney and Delores, Norton; Garry and Barb, Ord, Neb.; and Larry and Marcia, Holcomb; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one step-grandson.

Krista Fowler and Kari Stanley of Oberlin were named to the honorable mention honor roll for the fall semester at North Central Kansas Technical College at Beloit. Both are enrolled in the nursing program.

—**Sunday Brunch Buffet, Sunday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Weekend guests of Lee and Estella Waldo were Ken and Kathy Darling of Lodgepole, Neb., and Cory and Melissa Conley of Hays.

Winning highs in pinochle at

Golden Age Center the past week were Floyd Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Wilma May, Henry Edgett and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Wilma May, Veanna Carman, Aileen Van Vleet, Elden Haas and Dorothy Moore. Bridge winners were Leone Purton, Charlotte Meints, Cynthia Matson and Dorothy Cochran.

—**Chinese Buffet Tuesday, Jan. 30, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.**

Margaret McEvoy visited last Wednesday with her aunt, Jean Erickson, in Colby.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 9 at McGee Memorial Chapel in Santa Fe, N.M., for Evelyn Mae Lakey, 90, who died Jan. 5. She was the step-mother of Lee Nichols of St. Francis, a former Oberlin resident, who worked at *The Oberlin Herald* several years ago. Inurnment was at Santa Fe Memorial Gardens.



Luke and Erica Hayden

Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Erica Weber and Luke Hayden were married on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Hutchinson in a double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are David and Cheri Weber of Oakley, and Pete and Bernita Hayden of Hutchinson.

The bride's grandparents are Katherine Weber of Oakley and Herman and Caroline Jacobs of Dresden. Grandparents of the bridegroom are Alice Eshbaugh of Hutchinson and Hank and Bernice Hayden of Stafford.

Maid of honor was Stephanie Weber, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Amanda Breese and Sarah Breese. Joni Weber, sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid.

Justin Shank served as best man. Groomsmen were Matt Hayden, brother of the bridegroom, and Craig Eshbaugh, cousin of the bridegroom. Jeremiah, nephew of the bridegroom, was junior groomsman.

Hannah Hayden, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl and Kade Caspersen, godson of the bride, was ringbearer.

The bride is a graduate of Oakley High School and Fort Hays University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology. She is employed at Hobby Lobby as a framer/artist in Hutchinson.

The bridegroom graduated from Buhler High School and is employed at Clydesdale Framing Company in Hutchinson.

Company plans move to old Herndon School

Cencast, the manufacturing company from Milwaukie, Ore., that bought the old Herndon School, says they hope to open a plant here soon, but still don't have a timetable. "Nothing has changed," Chief Executive Officer Ken Hall Sr. told the *Rawlins County Square Deal*. "We're still on track."

He said flooding and severe weather in the Pacific Northwest this fall caused delays in the company's building project in the Portland area. The company, which produces medical replacement joints, is building a plant in Oregon for products that require services not avail-

able in Rawlins County.

"For the products that will be manufactured in Herndon," he said, "the company must reach a certain sales level. Once we get to that point, it won't take us long to get up and running in Herndon. We're pushing real hard. It's just that we have to do first things first."

Mr. Hall said he grew up 68 miles from McCook and regards visiting Rawlins County as a "homecoming."

He said that despite setbacks in the company's construction project, he is optimistic and enthusiastic about Cencast's future in a large, emerging market.

Couple buys newspaper

Chris and Catherine (Braden) Faimon, publishers of the *Coffey County Republican*, have purchased the *Osage County Herald*.

Bob Hanson, one of eight members of the *Herald* ownership group, will remain as managing editor, Chris Faimon said. The newspaper will maintain an office in Osage City and will continue with its current weekly format.

"We look forward to working with our *Herald* staff and the community in taking a great weekly newspaper and striving to make it even better," said Mrs. Faimon. "The work the previous owners have done in developing *The Herald* as the leading news and advertising source for Osage County is impressive, and we want to continue

to build on the foundation they established."

Mr. Faimon, an Osage county native, graduated from Burlingame High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's in accounting from Kansas State University.

His wife, Catherine, is a K-State graduate in health sciences. She is the daughter of Randall Braden, former owner and publisher of *The Oberlin Herald*, *St. Francis Herald*, *Bird City Times*, *Yates Center News*, *Humboldt Union* and *Coffey County Republican*.

Mrs. Faimon's brother, Stewart Braden, is publisher and owner of the *Yates Center News*. Both are graduates of Decatur Community High School.

Kansas Day program set at Bird City Monday

The annual Kansas Day celebration in Bird City will observe the state's 146th birthday on Monday at the school with Marilyn Holt of Abilene as guest speaker. She will be talking about the "Orphan Trains in Kansas." The day will begin at 9 a.m. and the program will start at 12:30 p.m.



Ms. Holt

Ms. Holt works as a historical and editorial consultant. She has written books on the orphan trains, on rural women, Kansas teenagers, Indian orphanages and on children in the American west.

She earned her master's in history from the University of Illinois, in Springfield. Her research interests and publications center on the experiences of children, teenagers and women in the 19th and 20th centuries.

The program is provided by the Kansas Humanities Council, a non-profit organization with 30 years of experience promoting the understanding of the history, traditions and ideas that shape lives and build

community.

Anyone wanting to set up a display in the hall needs to do so at 9 a.m. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. This will give people time to look over the displays and enjoy coffee and rolls made by the Cheylin school cafeteria staff.

A potluck lunch with music provided by the Swinging Seniors will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by the program at 12:30 p.m.

Cheylin fourth- and fifth-grade students will present a short program followed by the third-grade class from St. Francis.

Ms. Holt will then present her program which will be followed by music from the Kansas Girls and group singing. There will be a short business meeting and special recognitions.

The Rev. Mortia Truman, St. Francis United Methodist Church pastor, will close the day with a memorial tribute and benediction. The public is welcome.

Former teacher honored

Don Dernovich of Culbertson, Neb., a former art teacher at Decatur Community High School, has won signature member status in the National Oil Painting Association.

He is retired after serving many years as an art instructor at McCook Community College.

He received the honor for showing remarkable talent in the paintings that he has exhibited at national shows, the group says. An artist can apply for signature membership after being accepted into three juried

national shows. The board then takes into consideration other shows, publications and awards, institutional and corporate collections and gallery representation that demonstrated the level of expertise he or she has attained.

The honor goes only to a limited number of artists. Mr. Dernovich's name will be included as a signature member in annual show catalogs and other publicity, and he may use the initials OPA after his name when signing paintings.

Kansas Day performance set

The Wichita Children's Theater Professional Touring Company will present "Kansas Can" in a Kansas Day performance at The Gateway in Oberlin at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The show chronicles the history of Kansas through the eyes and words of some of its more famous (and infamous) participants.

Since its earliest days, the group says, the state has been blessed with movers and shakers, often unmovable in their determination and unshakable in their courage.

These, along with Kansas people and events which affected the nation and the world, are highlighted in the presentations.

The performance will include professional sets, costumes and props.

It is sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association and admission is by season ticket or \$6 for adults and \$3 for children at the door.

The group will present a program at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Oberlin Elementary School.

Student wins scholarships

Lea Shores, granddaughter of Rachel Wurm of Oberlin and the late Rex Wurm, won the Goodland Masonic Lodge essay contest and placed second in the Kansas Grand Lodge contest.



Lea Shores

The Goodland Lodge awarded her \$500 and the state second-place award was \$3,000, all to be used for college books and tuition.

Lea, a senior at Goodland High School, is the daughter of Nancy (Wurm) Shores, a 1969 graduate of Decatur Community High School, and the late Norman Shores.

All applicants wrote about the

theme, "How is trade with China affecting life in America?" Miss Shores submitted her essay in the form of a research paper. One of the requirements was limiting the piece to between 300 and 500 words.

She used the Internet to do her research and found plenty of information but had to sort out what was relevant and gather statistics rather than opinion to

make her point. She plans to attend Southwest College in Winfield, a private, Methodist liberal arts college, and major in pre-pharmacy and biochemistry.

Hospital administrator earns Master's Degree

Lynn Doeden, administrator of Decatur Health Systems and the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin, graduated Jan. 12 from the Independence University-California College for Health Sciences in Salt Lake City with a master of science degree in health care administration.



L. Doeden

Mrs. Doeden served as a staff nurse, obstetrics and operating-room nurse, risk manager, quality assurance manager and nursing service administrator before becoming interim administrator in February 1999. She was appointed administrator of Decatur Health Systems in June 1999.

Mrs. Doeden and her husband, Rick, moved to Oberlin with their two children, Erin and Kellen, in 1986 from Hoisington. She is a graduate of Hoisington High School and received an associate's degree in nursing from Barton County Community College in 1979. While working full-time, she returned to

school in 1993 and received a bachelor of science in nursing in 1996 from Fort Hays State University.

At the hospital, she worked first with Lutheran Health Systems, then Banner Health Systems and now with Decatur Health Systems. She was the administrator when Banner ended its relationship with the Oberlin facility and the Decatur County Hospital

Board made the decision to become a "stand-alone" facility.

In 2003, she returned to school to work on a master of science degree while continuing to work full-time as administrator.

Her husband owns Custom Trophy and Engraving in Oberlin. The couple's daughter, Erin Wolfram, is a student at the University of Kansas, pursuing a master's degree in mental health counseling. Kellen, a student at Kansas State University, is studying English education. Both are graduates of Decatur Community High School.

Woman earns degree

Shayla Williby of Oberlin graduated from Fort Hays State University in December with a bachelor's degree in sociology and certification in grant writing and life issues.

She started work toward a master's in health care administration with an emphasis in long-term care administration and gerontology last week.

She plans to transfer to the master's program at the University of Southern California through correspondence in the fall. She is a 1976 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Her husband, Doug, is also a student at Fort Hays State University and will earn his bachelor's degree in justice in May. He is also a transport driver for SEM Crude.

The couple's daughter, Cammi Dickinson, lives in Hays with her husband, Brett, and son, Treger. She

works at Hays Medical Center in the oncology department and will graduate in May 2008 with her master's degree as a family nurse practitioner.

Sons Josh and Justin Williby also live in Hays. Josh works at Home Depot and will graduate from Fort Hays State in May 2008 with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a major in industrial technology. Justin, a crop adjuster, also will graduate in 2008 with a bachelor's in agronomy.

Mrs. Williby said, "One professor jokes that we are a poster family. I told him we should at least get a small plaque for what we have paid for all five of us to receive degrees."

Mrs. Williby is the daughter of Shirley Ward of Oberlin and the late John Ward, and her husband is the son of Juanita Williby of Oberlin and the late Bob Williby.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Saturday we received another 9 or 10 inches of snow. On Sunday, people were digging out. There was no Sunday church services at the United Methodist Church.

Richard "Bud" and Helen Rhodes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday with their family at the Sunflower Senior Center.

The United Methodist Women meeting was held Wednesday at the church. The Purpose was recited in unison. Minutes of previous meeting were read and the treasurer's yearly report was given. They discussed the painting of the classrooms.

The kitchen and Fellowship hall were paid for by the U.M.W. Kay Brown motioned to use this for our donation to the church for the year. General consensus was the new faucets and disposal for the kitchen will be paid for from the Memorial Fund. The Prayer Chain will be rewritten. Glenda Johnson is in charge of this.

The Prayer Calendar we received

was reported on by Helen Rhodes. Pledge cards were given out. A thank you from Darlene LaRue was read for the Special Membership Pin given to her.

The program by Helen Rhodes was, "Fruits of Love" Quiet Day Service.

Kay Brown gave the service, "Prayer and Self Denial" and served delicious homemade bread and water.

The February roll call will be a past February remembrance. Melissa Hasty will give a Met Tour report for program. Vendla Tacha will have devotions.

Frances Bader spent from Jan. 15 through Jan. 17 in Colby attending Income Tax Instructions sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons to offer free tax preparations for low- to middle-class income tax payers with special attention to 60 years of age and older. Contact her at (785) 678-2659 for an appointment.

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New Arrival



Jonathan Roger Parks, Jr.
Jonathan and Billie Parks of Marysville, Wash., are the parents of a son, Jonathan Roger Parks Jr., who was born Dec. 28, 2006. He weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. He has a sister, Faith. Grandparents are Martina Parks, Oberlin, and Roger Parks, Webster, Fla. Barbara Parks, Webster, Fla., is his great-grandmother.

Girl Scouts selling cookies

Girl Scout cookies are being sold by Oberlin area troops through Saturday.

Varieties available include Caramel Delites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Thin Mints, peanut butter sandwiches, reduced-fat Cartwheels and Thanks-a-Lot, along with a new one called Lemonade, said Penny Fringer, Girl Scout leader.

The price is \$3.50 a box and all proceeds go toward Girl Scout



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