

People in Our Community

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller, Wanatchee, Wash., and Max Miller, Gold Canyon, Ariz., spent Memorial week with their sister, Mildred Holmdahl. Other visitors were Lyndon and Linda Tomasch, Jessica Bremer, Phyllis McKay, Dale and Cheryl Davison and Marsha Espenson.

Dale and Cheryl Votapka hosted the High Plains Roamers Winnebago Camping Club from June 1 to June 3. Carolyn Burtis spoke to the group as they toured Sappa Park. The group enjoyed the museum and car show and shared in a supper at the LandMark Inn.

Weekend visitors of Dennis and Judy Shirley were Shelbi McKenna and Beth Heikes, Norton; Vicki Waldron, Casey and Lauren, Bangor, Pa.; Becky and Cash Barlo and Shelby, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.; Cindi Sauder, Brad and Jamie, Flower Mound, Texas; Tom Cavanaugh, Denton, Texas; Dorothy Laidig, Seattle, Wash.; Guy Laidig and friend, Elizabeth, San Francisco; Tom and Leanna Sloan, Hoxie; Matt and Jaylei Sloan, Jodi and Bryce, Grainfield; Kevin Heikes, Lenora; Walter DeKock and Cinda Saayman, South Africa; and Doris Sloan, Oberlin. They all attended the wedding of Patrick Shirley and Cindy McKenna at the Oberlin United Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon. The newlyweds will make their home on the Shirley farm, rural Norcatour.

Jane (Porter) Murphy, Wichita, and Richard Porter, Reading, spent last Tuesday and Wednesday in Oberlin. Their mother, the late Louise (Anderson) Porter, was a 1934 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Her parents, Fred and Agnes Anderson, lived in the Lund community in the 1930s and 1940s. They were accompanied by Don and Eddee Anderson of Abilene and they all visited at the home of Gail and Kay Marcuson.

Riley Cochran, Jace Robinson and Nolan May will be among new students who will be welcomed by the KU Alumni Association at a picnic at 6:30 p.m. on Monday at Annie Oakley Park in Oakley. It will feature free food and T-shirts and KU representatives will answer questions. Kurt Vollertsen, a chapter member, is among those coordinating the event. Parents are also invited to enjoy complimentary food and beverages.

—Wheat Ridge Terrace has a 2-bdrm. apt. available. 475-1000. 23-25

Bob and Ronda Haskins and Alison, Broomfield, Colo., visited last week with her mother, Barbara Castor, who has been hospitalized.

Joe and Candy Dejmaj visited at Elm Creek, Neb., to make the acquaintance of their infant granddaughter, Madelynn Avery, who was born May 31. Her parents are Robert and Trena (Dejmaj) Miller. Mrs. Dejmaj remained to help care for her new granddaughter and returned home last Wednesday.

Esther Ready of New York City visited over the weekend with her parents, John and Muriel Ready.

Lesley Tongish, daughter of Pat

and Dave Tongish of Newton, graduated from the University of Kansas School of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Her sister, Ashley (Tongish) Houser, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing with minors in chemistry and Spanish, graduating magna cum laude. Both are members of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honors Society. Their brother, Jarrett Tongish, a 2007 graduate of Newton High School, plans to enroll in the KU School of Engineering/Computer and Science. Their grandparents are Gene and Marcella Leitner, Oberlin; and Denis Tongish, Newton, but formerly of Herndon, and the late Wilma Tongish.

Austin and Dylan Gassman of Hays spent last week with their grandmother, Julia Otter, while their parents, Tim and Pam Gassman, were in Wichita where he underwent back surgery.

Weekend guests of Doris Sloan were Cindi Sauder, Brad and Jamie, Flower Mound, Texas, and Tom Cavanaugh, Denton, Texas. They came for the wedding of Cindy McKenna of Norton and Patrick Shirley of Norcatour.

—Father's Day Brunch Buffet Sunday, June 17, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Max Carman, Veanna Carman, Dewaine Stapp, Henry Edgett, Floyd Edgett and R.D. Thornton. Lows went to Doris Gilbert, Aleen Van Vleet, Wilma May, Dorothy Moore, Ivis Hanson and Veda Wood. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Elden Haas with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet. Winning highs at bridge were Merle Shirley, Ila Ray and Beth Sebaugh. Senior potluck dinner will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Golden Age Center.

Don Dale of Coronado, Calif., was visiting friends and checking on the Love family farming interests on Monday.

Steve and Chris Hess and Norah were weekend guests of Cecil Hess. Additional Saturday visitors were Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica, St. Francis, and Mark Olson.

Karen Metcalf, Mary Ann Erickson and Jean Roberts of Atwood spent three days in the Salina area with Mary Stephenson and four friends of Leavenworth. The group visited Concordia, Minneapolis and Lindsborg and concluded the get-together at the River Festival in Salina. This is the fourth time the friends have toured various places in Kansas together.

Dale and Cheryl Votapka left June 3 to visit all of their children, Beth and Chris Sluder, Matt and Kelly, Bethany, Mo.; Drs. Pam and Eric Hueter, Finn, Max and Jack, Lawrence; and Luanne Rupe, Joshua, Jonathan and Jonah, Hays. They also attended the Heartland Winnies Winnebago campout in Lindsborg before they returned home Sunday. The Rupe boys accompanied their grandparents home and are spending a few days.

Two hired as interns for summer

Dustin Ketterl of Oberlin and Nick Wahlmeier of Jennings have been hired as summer interns for Servi-Tech Inc.

They are among 30 interns hired. Dustin will be working around Colby, Gove, Oberlin and Oakley, where he will help Servi-Tech professionals scout fields. He is currently a student at Fort Hays State University, where he is studying agronomy and plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in 2008. His past experience includes scouting fields for Frenchman Valley Coop for the agronomy department.

Nick is also a student at Fort Hays and is studying Ag-Business and will graduate with a bachelor's degree in December 2009. He grew up on a farm and hopes to pursue a career with Servi-Tech as a crop consultant.

Women hold salad supper

Oberlin United Methodist Women entertained with a guest night salad supper on Wednesday evening and 54 attended. Hostesses were Sam Gotchall, Montine Alstrom, Betty Jones and Maxine Smith. Table runners featured floral arrangements centered with books. Devotions were given by Deanna Castle, based on the book of Isaiah.

Joan Colip of Norton presented a program entitled, "A Walk Through the Old Testament." She used visual aids and memory links to outline the area of the Middle East during Old Testament times, then distributed maps which showed the area of the present war in Iraq. An honorarium was given on her behalf to the Christian Medical Dental Association, in which her husband, a retired doctor, is active.

There will be no meetings during July and August, but President Pat Wright reminded members that a potluck meal will be served at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 22, for a group of about 20 Bike 'N' Build college students who are traveling from coast to coast this summer and are assisting with Habitat for Humanity projects en route. The public is encouraged to attend and a short program will follow the meal.

Woman speaks to Rotary club

Colleen Rittmann, quality manager at Decatur County Feed Yard, gave the program June 5 at the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

She explained how the assessment program used at the yard tracks and filters data on each animal. She said records are audited to maintain quality standards and also talked about livestock identification tags, which the yard has been using since 1994. She said the quality systems assessment is an internationally recognized standard and Decatur County is one of only a few feed lots that use it.

Other guests were Colleen's mother, Norma Unger, and daughter, Rielly Rittmann, Tiffany Farr, and Sarah and Karli Fredrickson.

Students hold recital

Vocal students of Susan Nelson and piano students of Mary Henzel performed for residents of the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center recently.

Singers included Cassidy Shields and Miki Dorshorst. Piano students were Isaac Carman, Danny and Daisy Rhein, Braden and Jordin Wasson, Andrew Wade and Katie Glading.



BARBARA MULLEN showed Garden Lovers Club members Mary Ann Erickson (left) and Nanette Zander how to use pressed flowers to decorate bottles. Mullen, a professional floral designer, and her husband Tom moved to Oberlin from the San Francisco area. He is an appraiser at the courthouse. —Photo by Sandy Fair

Club enjoys flower pressing program

The Garden Lovers Luncheon Club met on May 29 at the Teller Room at the LandMark Inn and enjoyed a program by Barbara Mullen on how to use pressed flowers to decorate bottles, with 14 members present.

Mrs. Mullen and her husband Tom moved to Oberlin a year ago. She is a professional floral designer

and her husband is an appraiser at the courthouse. They have two sons in the area.

She shared the art of pressing and drying of flowers and leaves and showed her special press. She also showed bottles on which she had used the art of decoupage using pressed flowers and leaves. She gave the history of pressing flowers

and told of many other uses for dried floribunda.

The next meeting will begin with lunch at the Landmark Inn on Tuesday, June 26. After lunch, the club will go to Becky Vollertsen's home, where she will give a tour of her yard and gardens.

Doctor receives award at K-State

A former Oberlin veterinarian, Dr. Robert M. Phillips, received the 2007 E.R. Frank Award from The Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Medical Alumni Association recently as part of the 69th annual Conference for Veterinarians.



Dr. Phillips

The award is given to a Veterinary faculty member who displays the same professional essence as Dr. Frank, a long-time faculty member in equine surgery and a K-State alumnus. Nominees must have at least a 15-year relationship with the college, possess a noteworthy record of service and display an unassuming and unpretentious manner throughout their careers.

"I was fortunate to study surgery from Dr. Frank," said Dr. Phillips, Manhattan. "Dr. Frank wrote the textbook used in the class. It was used at other universities in the United States. It is an honor to receive this award in memory of a distinguished and respected faculty member like Dr. Frank."

Dr. Phillips was born in Saskatchewan, Canada. After his father was hurt in a work accident, the family moved to Elk County. A few years later, they moved to Wichita, where he graduated from East High School in 1942.

He worked in the defense plants and attended Friends University before enlisting in the Army. After World War II service as an Air Corps mechanic and assistant crew chief, he returned from Europe and earned a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from K-State in 1951.

Dr. Phillips and a classmate, Gene Porter, purchased a mixed practice in Fergus Falls, Minn. Dr. Phillips moved to Oberlin in 1953, where he ran a mostly large-animal practice until 1969.

He said he decided to go to graduate school, earning a doctorate in medical microbiology at the University of Georgia in 1972, then took a position at Jensen-Salsbery Laboratories in Kansas City, where he developed a trivalent equine encephalomyelitis vaccine and supervised vaccine testing procedures.

He accepted a virology position at K-State. Dr. Phillips, working with Dr. Harish Minocha, now also a professor emeritus of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, and Dr. Ri-

chard Consigli, university distinguished professor emeritus of biology, established a virus diagnostic lab. Over the years, many new diagnostic tests and virus-isolation procedures were developed and new equipment was installed.

Dr. Phillips retired in August 1994 but was an active professor emeritus. When the K-State rabies lab was at risk of closing in 2000 because of difficulties in filling the vacant director's position, he came out of retirement to become director, based on his expertise in rabies diagnostics. His one-year commitment stretched to 2 1/2 years.

"I enjoyed that group in the rabies lab," Dr. Phillips said. "I was supposed to be the director, but they did all the work. They knew what to do and how to do it. I felt fortunate to be there and enjoyed my whole time."

He has published articles on microbiology and served on or chaired several committees on large-animal diseases.

He received the SmithKline Beecham Award for Research Excellence in 1999 and the E. Walter Morrison Award from the K-State Student Foundation in 2002.

He and his wife Opal have four children and six grandchildren.

Farm Service committee nominations needed

The Decatur County Farm Service Agency committee is seeking interested farmers to serve as candidates for the local county committee election to be held this fall. Nomination forms must be post-marked or received in the office by Aug. 1.

"Farmers and ranchers can nominate themselves or any other producer in local administration area one to run for a seat on the committee," said Diane Barrett, executive director for the Decatur County office.

The committee makes decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs, disaster programs, employing county execu-

tive directors and other agricultural issues.

To hold office, a person must meet these basic eligibility requirements: the person must participate or be cooperative in a program administered by the agency, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and live in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate. A complete list of eligibility requirements is posted on-line at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/cocelig06.htm.

The local elected committee is responsible for making national farm programs fit the needs and situations faced by local farmers and ranchers and bring local expertise

and knowledge to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's daily delivery of programs and services.

"Eligible voters may circulate or sign nomination petitions for as many candidates as they choose, including themselves," Mrs. Barrett said. "Also, organizations representing minorities and women farmers or ranchers are encouraged to nominate candidates. The deadline for submitting nominations to local offices is Aug. 1."

Nomination forms are available at the office or on-line at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections.

For details, contact the staff at the office at 410 S. Buffalo in Oberlin, or by phone at (785) 475-3131.

New Arrival



M. Miller

Madelynn A. Miller
Robert and Trena Miller of Elm Creek, Neb., are the parents of a daughter, Madelynn Avery, born May 31, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Joe and Candy Dejmaj, Oberlin, and Kim and Kathy Miller, Cambridge, Neb. Dale and Eris Young, Oberlin, are her great-grandparents.



The family of **Catherine Neal** wish to honor her with a card shower for her **80th Birthday** on Saturday, June 16. Cards may reach her at 106 S. East Ave., Oberlin, KS 67749

Open House to honor Myrtle Warner, 100



Myrtle Anderson-Warner of Oberlin, KS will celebrate her 100th birthday with a 2-4 p.m. open house on Sunday, June 17th in the recreation room at 205 North Elk, Oberlin, KS. All friends and relatives are invited. Myrtle requests no gifts.

Hosts will be her son, Gerald, and wife Leona of Newton, KS and her 5 grandchildren and their spouses: Sherry and Harry Watts, Manhattan, GERALYN and Lauren Parker, Goodland, Joe and Stephanie Rogers, Chicago, Ill., Scott and Julie Rogers, Larned, and Tami and Randy Carlgen, Newton. Myrtle also has 12 great-grandchildren.

Myrtle was born on her family farm near Selden, KS on June 18, 1907. Cards may be sent to her at 205 North Elk Apt. 13, Oberlin, KS 67749

Happy 60TH Birthday!!

Help Elby celebrate his special day June 15 with a card shower



Cards will reach him at: 1838 12th Road Clay Center, KS 67432



Elby Adamson