

Couple plans to marry

Sarah Olson of Manhattan and Brandon White of Leawood plan to be married on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008, at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Parents of the couple are Mark and Barbara Olson of Oberlin and Ron and Cindy White of Leavenworth. Their grandparents are Wesley and Eulaine Benda, Oberlin; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon, and Louise Nelson, Suffolk, Va.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She received a Bachelor of Science in accounting from Kansas State University in May and will be a summer graduate in 2008 with a Master's Degree in accounting. She is employed at New Hope Church in



Brandon White and Sarah Olson

Manhattan.

Her fiance graduated from Leavenworth High School in 2001 and received a Bachelor of Science in management information systems from Kansas State in 2005. He works for Sprint World Headquarters in Overland Park.

Hardware store starts yearly drive for pantry

The annual food drive at Stanley Hardware starts on Friday, and owner Joe Stanley this will be the ninth year the store has gathered donations for the Decatur County Food Pantry.

Each year the goal is 2,000 items, he said, with everything going to the food bank after the new year.

Mr. Stanley said he talked to Melanie Anderson, who runs the pantry at the United Church, and she said they are running short on nonfood items such as toilet paper, paper towels and personal hygiene products. Of course, he said, the pantry needs food, too.

All of the items will go in the south window of the store with a tote board keeping a running total

of the items.

Mr. Stanley said they decided to start the food drive to help the food bank, which was running low that year. This drive, he said, raises around 25 percent of the pantry's needs in one shot.

The store will also take cash donations that are passed on to the food bank. That money is used to buy produce and meat. He said they also collect filled Raye's Grocery punch cards to give to the pantry.

People can bring their items in at any time. The store is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays until Christmas.

Farm loans available

Farmers in Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties who suffered crop or livestock losses due to storms with hail, flooding and high winds from May 22 to June 19 may be eligible for U.S. Farm Service Agency emergency loans.

John C. Vogt, farm loan manager in Norton, said applications will be accepted until May 27.

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

Loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes). Loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer and live-

stock or to make payments on real estate and other debts, he said.

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

To be eligible, applicants must be operating a family-size farm or ranch, must be unable to get credit elsewhere and must have suffered a qualifying loss from the disaster.

Farmers who suffered at least a 30 percent reduction to at least one crop or enterprise may have a qualifying loss, Mr. Vogt said. Loans are limited to \$500,000, less the outstanding principal balance of any prior emergency loans.

Apply at 113 N. Norton in Norton, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (785) 877-5156 for information.

4-H club plants bulbs

By SAMANTHA ANDERSON

On Nov. 11, the Stick-To-It 4-H Club met at Centennial Park and started planting daffodil bulbs, then moved on to the library.

After 1,000 bulbs were planted, everyone met at Oberlin Elementary school for a meeting. The

program featured a guest speaker, Major Dustin Bishop. He spoke about our motto, "Making the Best Better" and said everyone should take that with them throughout life and everywhere in the world you may go. By the way, Maj. Dustin Bishop is my cousin, so that made it more fun.

New carrier brings paper

Downtown businesses will see a new person carrying and selling *The Oberlin Herald* on Tuesday afternoons.

Alexis Hissong is the new carrier for the newspaper. Alexis, a sixth grader at Oberlin Elementary School, will be around to sell the

paper after school gets out each Tuesday.

She said she wants to save the money she makes selling the paper to buy her own laptop computer.

She is the daughter of Dr. Travis and Abby Hissong and has a younger brother, Gatlin.

Cards urged for military

People are being asked when doing their Christmas cards this year to send one to a wounded serviceman at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington to cheer these servicemen and women who have

sacrificed for their country.

Send cards to: A Recovering American soldier, c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Ave. NW, Washington, D.C., 20307-5001.

Club News

Club honors birthdays

Sounds of music filled the air as Monday Evening Club members met Thursday at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center to entertain those having birthdays during November.

Michael Milbauer of the McCook area played the keyboard and sang as residents, guests and club members danced. He also played special requests and joined in singing, "Happy Birthday" to Muriel Ready and Alvina Unger.

Ice cream sundaes were served with the assistance of Lisa Paulson and other volunteers.

During the business meeting which followed, it was reported

that Peggy Pratt and Connie Riedel had decorated the club Christmas tree in the millinery room at the museum.

The Christmas meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3, at the home of Sandy Fair with Karen Metcalf and Kay Gaskill as co-hostesses. The DCHS Singers will provide entertainment. In lieu of a gift exchange, members are asked to donate to an orphanage in Haiti, sponsored by the family of Norbert and Nanette Zander. Gift suggestions for the 10 boys and six girls, ages 6 to 13, include puzzles, toys, card games, socks, chewable vitamins, toothbrushes and tennis shoes.

Club plans home tour

Shannon Addleman, Judy Scott and Barbara Mullen were welcomed as new members of the Decatur Professional Women when 18 members met for lunch on Nov. 14 at The Gateway.

President Dori Pauls conducted the meeting and roll call was answered with something each is thankful for with their job. Guests were seniors Heather Glodt, Nikki Wessel, Kira Smith and Jenny Ploussard.

Judy Malone from Mid Plains Community College in McCook, gave the program.

The president said the club had applied for funds from Seeds of Hope Telethon, which would be

used for its scholarship program and/or the club's Centennial Park cleanup.

The Christmas Home Tour is scheduled at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9. Places to be toured include the museum and the homes of Lavern and Carolyn Burtis, Jerry and Melissa Chambers, Tom and Barbara Mullen, and Bill and Connie Reidel. Soup and dessert will follow with tickets at \$12. Judy Scott, Kathy Brainard and Marilyn Horn volunteered to help with the Angel Tree.

The next meeting will be the Christmas Home Tour on Dec. 9.

Women hear speaker

Seventeen Oberlin United Methodist Women met Nov. 5 at the fellowship hall of the church and answered roll call by giving a Bible verse about being thankful. Devotions were given by Marian Fraker on God's unconditional love, based on John 13:35.

Judy Davis presented the program, "Sustainers of Life" and used a fall centerpiece arrangement with corn, beans and squash, which were food staples on which the Iroquois and Choctaw Indian tribes existed. The corn gave strength; beans allowed the sharing of food and the roots of the

squash symbolized eternal life. A time of sharing followed.

Refreshments were served by Violet Shaw and Goldie Stapp from tables decorated with place-mats featuring fall decorations and scripture verses about being thankful.

The Dec. 5 meeting will be at Wheat Ridge Terrace with residents as guests. Devotions will be given by Eris Young and a musical program will be presented by Joy Russell. The executive board will be hostesses. Roll call will be to name a favorite Christmas carol.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met Nov. 14 for breakfast at the Frontier Restaurant. There were 16 present and Doris Sloan, who had written a family history so it would be preserved, gave an account of "Grandmother's Story" which included the World War II years.

Those present were Bertha Schwisow, Millie Lippelmann, Phyllis Screen, Connie Olson,

Mary Ann Amack, Nadean Stoney, Evelyn Olson, Dorothy Jackson, Esther Carlson, Cecil Hess, Mildred Holmdahl, Doris Sloan, Elaine Bryan, Laurene Van Otterloo, Doris Fringer and Virginia Spratling.

A get-well card was signed for Nora Richards. The Dec. 12 meeting will be a Christmas potluck dinner at the United Methodist Church.

Club enjoys artifacts

The Pi Alpha Club met at the Golden Age Center on Nov. 12 with Joan and Kristy Evans as hostesses. For devotions, Mrs. Evans read, "Does God Exist."

They had visited their son and brother, Seaman 1st Class Chad Evans, who has been stationed with the U.S. Navy in Italy for two years. They displayed many beautiful artifacts which they had

brought home from their trip last year and told of their experiences on the trip. Accompanying them was Reta Carey of Lenora.

The Dec. 10 meeting will be the 6 p.m. Tasting Tea at the Sappa Valley Manor with Gerry Neff as hostess and Marty Olson as co-hostess. Members are to bring their Christmas gift exchange items in a brown grocery bag.

Calico Gals enjoy dinner

Fourteen members of the Calico Gals Club enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 15 at the Frontier Restaurant. Roll call was answered by telling how they plan to spend Thanksgiving.

A business meeting followed at the home of Mary Waldo. New club books were planned, after which the following officers were

elected: Donna Kelley, president; Margaret McEvoy, vice president; Millie Lippelmann, secretary; and Shirley Shields, treasurer. Sandy Counter will serve on the courtesy committee.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. at the LandMark Inn with a gift exchange.

Dale and June Marcy of Valley Center,

will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Saturday, November 24, 2007, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Valley Center Methodist Church. Their children will host.



Dale Marcy and June Belle Simonsson were married November 27, 1957, at Lund Covenant Church, Dresden. Their children are Spencer (baby, deceased), Sonja (Ric) Netzer, Shaila (Dan) Creitz, Todd (Jeanette) Marcy, and Tricia (Larry) Stuart. They have 15 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Five generations



FIVE GENERATIONS of the Carol Shaw family: (back row, from left) Stanley Shaw, Jennings; Colleen (Shaw) Wagoner, Sharon Springs; (front row) Lisa (Wagoner) Bollers, Lochbuie, Colo.; and Mrs. Shaw, Selden, holding 1-month-old Tyce Bollers.

Area woman honored as 2007 caring nurse

Kayla Wurm, registered nurse, across the state select a Caring Kind of rural Dresden, was honored recently as McCook Community Hospital's 2007 Caring Kind recipient during the Nebraska Hospital Association annual convention in Lincoln.

She and her husband, Kevin, and their sons, Cody, Cade and Cory live on a farm in Prairie Dog Township. She is a daughter-in-law of Arlo Wurm of rural Oberlin and the late Bonnie Wurm.

During the convention, she was an honored guest at the Caring Kind luncheon along with other recipients from across the state.

The Caring Kind award is a time-honored tradition of the Nebraska Hospital Association. It recognizes outstanding health care employees who have demonstrated compassion for patients, cooperation with co-workers and dedication to providing the best care possible. Hospitals

recipient from within their respective institutions.

Mrs. Wurm was nominated by co-workers and chosen by the Community Hospital Pride, Activities and Communication Team committee.

Her nomination read, "For more than 19 years Kayla has given 100 percent to her patients and fellow workers. Kayla

is not only a kind and caring individual; she is a pleasure to work with. She is a hard worker who goes above and beyond for everyone. She is thorough, knowledgeable, always cheerful, and has a sense of humor second to none. She is very energetic, extremely professional, yet witty."

She began working at Community Hospital in May 1988. As a registered nurse, she works as a supervisor, a floor nurse and in the emergency room.



Kayla Wurm

New Arrival

Cash Alexander Stillman

Makenzie Carman has a baby brother, Cash Alexander Stillman, who was born Nov. 6, 2007, at 5:34 a.m. at the Norton County Hospital at Norton. He weighed 6 pounds, 2.5 ounces and was 18 inches long. Parents are Jodee Carman and Karl Stillman. Hoxie. Grandparents are Willis and Peggy Carman, and Albert and Anne Stillman, all of Hoxie. Myrtle Waldo, Oberlin, is his maternal great-grandmother.



Cash Stillman

R.J. Metcalf Real Estate

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The family of W.A. "Bud" Rogers



is honoring him with a card shower for his 85th birthday.

Cards will reach him at **302 S. Minnesota, Selden, KS 67757**