

People in Our Community

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Norma Anderson spent Thanksgiving with her son, Lynn Anderson, in Austin, Texas. Her sister, Faye Meitl, spent that week with her daughters, Mary Lou, Susan and Julie Meitl and families in Yukon, Okla.

The family of Neal and Joy Russell enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the new home of Brandon and Beth Russell and family at Wichita, not Robert and Beth Russell, as reported last week.

Kimberly Davis visited from Tuesday to Thursday in Denver with her grandparents, Virginia Bode-man, and Martin and Betty Brandt.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Dorothy Moore, Elden Haas, Aleen Van Vleet, Henry Edgett, Max Carman, Kelva Dryden and Wilma May. Lows went to Wilma May, Doris Gilbert, Veanna Carman, Barb Solko, Aleen Van Vleet and Floyd Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Elden Haas and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Barb Solko. Bridge highs were won by Beth Sebaugh and Marty Munson. Senior potluck at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at the Golden Age Center.

Three students from Decatur County were among 1,400 who graduated on Saturday during commencement exercises at Kansas

State University. They include Ryan Miller, son of Greg and Marie Miller of Dresden, bachelor of science; Jared Foster, son of Jerry and Patty Foster, Jennings, bachelor of science in information systems; and Katie Jo Randolph, daughter of Kathy Randolph of Jennings, bachelor of science in elementary education.

Leah Marietta was among several students in Kansas State University's Army Reserve Officers Training Corps Wildcat Battalion who have been recognized nationally for excellence through the recently released Army ROTC National Order of Merit List. A senior in political science, she has been named a distinguished military graduate. Her parents are Alan and Judith Marietta of Oberlin.

Norma Anderson attended the graduation for her grandson, Austin Fink, from Kansas State University on Saturday in Manhattan. She was a weekend guest at the Robert and Carol Fink home at Wamego.

Among relatives who attended funeral services for Lois McKinley on Monday, Dec. 3, were Dennis and Jerridee Vernon, Kanopolis; Christy Vernon, Wichita; Rykel Gengler, Topeka; Sue and Mike Hines, Salina; Nancy Vernon, St. Francis; Shawn Vernon, Wray, Colo.; and Daren Vernon, Branson, Mo.

Area students earn scholarships at university

Several area students are among more than 5,400 students at the University of Kansas who received \$26 million in scholarship support this fall.

Virtually all scholarships, awards and fellowships at the university come from private contributions to the KU Endowment Association, officials said.

"Donors understand that without financial support, some deserving students would not be able to attend KU," said Dale Seufferling, president of the group. "KU students are benefiting from the financial support provided recently and many generations ago by loyal alumni and friends."

Though the association raises the money, the university determines the distribution of available support. The figure fluctuates each year based on the number of students who apply, investment performance and new gifts.

Scholarship funds are managed by the Endowment Association, an independent, nonprofit organization serving as the official fund-raising and management arm of the university. Founded in 1891, KU Endowment was the first foundation of its kind at a U.S. public university.

These Decatur Community High School graduates received awards:
Decatur County: Grant Reichert, Law School, son of Wilbur and Jill Reichert — Raymond Rice Foundation Scholarship.

Megan Barrett, Social Work, junior, daughter of Jim and Diane Barrett — Love Scholarship.

Riley Cochran, pre-business freshman, son of Roger and Judy Cochran — Love Scholarship.

Tarah Cook, School of Medicine, daughter of Gale and Kendra Cook — John E. Trembly Foundation Scholarship in Medicine.

Serina Heikes, English senior, daughter of Nita Lavielle — Love Scholarship, Elsie I. Oravetz Scholarship, Sam R. and Kathleen Holthus Willcoxon Scholarship.

Danica May, biology sophomore, daughter of Richard and Delayne May — Dane G. Hansen Fund, Frank G. Crowell Scholarship, Sam R. and Kathleen Holthus Willcoxon Scholarship, McCollum Residence Hall Scholarship, Love Scholarship.

Nolan May, pre-medicine freshman, son of Richard and Delayne May — Sam R. and Kathleen Holthus Willcoxon Scholarship, Dane G. Hansen Fund.

Rawlins County: Alyssa Holste, nursing senior, Lora C. and Sam R. Woods Scholarship.

Sheridan County: Michelle Juenemann, Pharmacy, daughter of Daniel and Delores Juenemann — Plough Pharmacy Student Scholarship.

Kristin Wark, journalism, strategic communications junior, daughter of Vicki Allison — Emily V. Berger Scholarship.

Hospice tree ready for donors

Hospice Services Inc. is decorating the annual Christmas Memorial Tree at the United Northwest Federal Credit Union in Oberlin and invites everyone to stop by and put an ornament on the tree.

People can stop in and give a tax-deductible donation to the agency. With each donation, a special ornament with the name of an honored individual is placed on the Christmas Memorial Tree. The ornaments

will be displayed throughout this holiday season, so by giving, you can honor the cherished memory of a loved one.

Those who donate will help others in Decatur County receive care and comfort during a final illness. By giving to this project, you allow someone to share their life with family and friends to the very end.

For details, call Carol Duncan at (785) 475-3259.

Vocal concert set for Tuesday

The Decatur Community High School vocal department will give a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school auditorium.

Susan Nelson will direct, with the theme of "Sing a Glad Noel." Accompanist is Mary Jo Lohofener. Featured will be various Christ-

mas tunes by the DCHS Singers, Chanté and the concert choir, women's choir and men's choir. A barbershop quartet, Ethan Merrill, Jacob Larue, Jordan Tally and Joe Hirsch, will also sing.

The public is invited to the free concert.

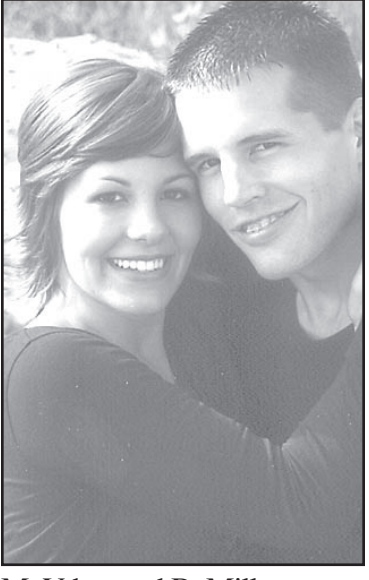
Vows to be exchanged at Methodist church

Margaret Louise Vrbas and Bryan Grant Miller plan to be married on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at the United Methodist Church in Colby.

Parents of the couple are Jerry and Kathy Vrbas of Atwood; and Jerry Miller of Gem, and Carolyn Miller of Oberlin.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Atwood High School and a 2007 graduate of Hastings College, Hastings, Neb., where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is a science teacher for grades 3 through 5 at Colby Public Schools.

Her fiancé is a 2001 graduate of Decatur Community High School, a 2003 graduate of Colby Community College with an associate's degree in criminal justice and a 2003 graduate of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. He is a dispatcher with the Rawlins County Com-



M. Vrbas and B. Miller
communications Department and is an officer with the Atwood Police Department.

Couple plans March wedding at Russell

Audra Cook and Lance Henne plan to be married on Saturday, March 29, at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Russell. A reception will follow at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Building in Russell.

Parents of the couple are Greg and Ramona Cook of Russell, and Larry and Elaine Henne of Holyrood. Their grandparents are Mary Cook, Russell, and the late Donald Cook; Bernadine Ritter of Russell, formerly of Oberlin, and the late Raymond Ritter; Elva Mae Henne, Roxbury, and the late Ivan Henne; and John and Anna Pfeifer, Morland.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Russell High School and a 2007 graduate of Wichita State University with a degree in fine arts and an emphasis in painting with a certificate in ornamental design. She is a receptionist at Professional Hearing Aid Service in Wichita. Her fiancé is a 2002 graduate



A. Cook and L. Henne
of Quivira Heights High School and a 2006 graduate of Friends University. He graduated with a degree in graphic design and is a graphic designer at Cessna Aircraft in Wichita.

Saddle Club riders rank high

Three members of the El Quartejo Saddle Club of Scott City placed among the top five finalists at the Kansas Western Horse Association state show in Scott City recently.

Nicole Walker, a granddaughter of LeRoy and Betty Brown of Jennings, was second runner-up high point winner in the 10- to 13-year-old division. Her parents are John and Tina Brown of Scott City.

Competing against 84 others, she earned 346 points, qualifying for state in 17 of 18 events. She placed

in 11, including horsemanship, half-eight race and two-barrel flag, first; polo turn and key race, third; lead back, speed barrels and flag race, fourth; and figure-eight stake and keg bending, fifth.

With 3,078 points, the club finished as the runner-up out of 41 saddle clubs statewide.

Youth and adults compete in shows from late April through the state show, held over the Labor Day weekend, accumulating points throughout the season.



N. Walker

Christmas recital Saturday

Piano students of Mary Henzel will play Christmas music for the residents of the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Those performing include Issac Carman, son of Kendal and Amy Carman; Andrew Wade, son of Brad and Linda Wade; Dannay and Daisy Rhein, daughters of Brian and Danna Rhein; Braden and Jordin Wasson, children of Tammy Wasson

and Tom Wasson; and Katie Glading, daughter of Darren and Joan Glading. The public is invited.

Four of these students participated in the piano clinic in Norton recently. Katie Glading and Dannay Rhein each received an Advanced Performance rating. Jordin and Braden Wasson received an honorable mention for their memorized pieces.

4-H Club has pizza party

By JAMIE SODERLUND
The Maverick 4-H Club met at the Colby Fun Center on Dec. 1. They enjoyed a pizza party and

bowling. Members decided not to have a gift exchange, but instead donated canned goods to the food pantry.

Club News

Woman tells of caroling

Oberlin United Methodist Women met on Dec. 3 at Wheat Ridge Terrace with residents Joy Russell and Marcia Lohofener as guests. Roll call was answered by 22 persons who named a favorite Christmas carol.

Devotions were given by Eris Young, who used Christmas symbols to explain the salvation plan for Christmas using appropriate scripture verses. She closed by giving out candy canes attached to cards which explained "The Legend of the Candy Cane."

Joy Russell presented a program on the history of Christmas carols through the centuries. As she progressed through the years, she played selected carols on the piano and told about the composer and why the song was

written. She also noted that few Christmas carols are currently being composed.

Widows and Friends will meet at noon on Dec. 12 for a potluck luncheon at the church, followed by musical entertainment.

The executive board, Marian Fraker, Jody Betts and Pat Wright, served Christmas cookies, nut bread, and cheese and crackers.

The Jan. 9 meeting will be a sack lunch at noon at the church to observe the Day of Prayer and Self-Denial. Hostess will be Laurene Van Otterloo. The lesson, "Learning for a Lifetime" will be given by Jody Betts and members are to bring a photo of themselves as a child, as well as of a daughter or granddaughter.

Club enjoys DCHS Singers

The sounds of Christmas music filled the air at the Dec. 3 meeting of Monday Evening Club held at the home of Sandy Fair. Karen Metcalf and Kay Gaskill were co-hostesses and Michaela Wasson, daughter of Michael and Kelly Wasson, was a guest.

The program was presented by the DCHS Singers, under the direction of Susan Nelson. Mary Jo Lohofener was accompanist.

The traditional photo of club members by the Fairs' beautifully decorated Christmas tree was taken by Dr. Fair to be sent to associate club members.

Vice-President Diane Frickey

conducted the meeting. A gift was presented to Maria Sanden, who is moving to Baldwin City, and a candlelight installation service was held for Nanette Zander. Gifts were collected for the orphanage in Haiti, which the Zanders will visit during the coming month.

The Jan. 14 meeting will be at the home of Marcia Lohofener with Karol Styles as co-hostess. Brief reviews of a current book will be given by Barbara Dehlinger, Kay Gaskill and Jody Betts with other club members sharing a book they are reading.

Women exchange gifts

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the home of Lucille Townsend on Dec. 6 for a Christmas program and Prayer Partner gift exchange.

President Angie Wilson opened the meeting with prayer. Phyllis Metcalf had devotions using the Christmas thoughts "A Letter from Jesus" and "Mother's Hear," then closed with prayer. Charissa Huff gave the prayer calendar moments and suggested that members pick a missionary and send them a Christmas card.

Roll call, "I Wish" was answered by eight members. The

president presented the unit with the 5-Star Certificate which she received at the district meeting. It will be displayed in the church.

It was voted to continue having cards available for members to buy as a money-making project.

The first meeting of 2008 will be on Feb. 6 at the LandMark Inn for a Dutch treat lunch with the time to be announced later. The Prairie Chapel Christmas program will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Mrs. Townsend presented a Christmas program and a gift and goodies exchange followed.

New Arrivals

Emily C. Koerperich

Emily Cecilia Koerperich was born at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 4, 2007, at the Salina Regional Health Center.

She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces. Her parents are John and Angela Koerperich of Solomon. Grandparents are Roger Suelter, Lincoln; Melody Shehan, Bennington;

Dolores Koerperich, Oberlin, and the late Eugene Koerperich. Maternal great-grandparents are Charles and Barbara Dean, Beverly; Velma Suelter, Lincoln, and the late Roland Suelter.



E. Koerperich

Randy Jay Matheny II

Spc. Paul and Christine Matheny are the parents of a son, Randy Jay Matheny II, born Oct. 23, 2007, at the Fort Riley Army Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is named after his uncle, Sgt. Randy Matheny, who was killed in Iraq in February. His grandparents are Gary and Kay Matheny, Oberlin; Jan and Duane Collins, McCook; Lonnie and Peg Anderson, McCook; and the late Sandra Anderson. Great-grandparents are Larry and Myrna Lacina, Westminster, Colo.; Margo Alexander, Westminster, Colo., and the late Joe Alexander; the late Cecil and Freida Matheny, and the late Barbara Daffer. Hazel Flaska, Oberlin, is a great-great-grandmother.

The family of
Loyl Wilson
wish to celebrate his
85th Birthday
on Wednesday, Dec. 19 with a card shower.



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