

People in Our Community

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Joan E. (Lorimer) Ahmed, 49, of Topeka, died on Dec. 12, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. She attended grade school in Atwood, and graduated from Decatur Community High School in Oberlin in 1977. Survivors include a daughter, Zaiba Ahmed, Columbia, Mo.; a sister, Lavonna Flora, Lawrence; her mother, Frona Lorimer, Ellsworth; and her father, Doran Lorimer, Atwood. Mail will reach her daughter, Zasiba Ahmad, c/o Melinda Basnett, Box 16, McDonald, Kan., 67745.

Holiday guests of Bob and Kay Gaskill are Guy Gaskill, Winona; Tomas Brage, Prague; Lori Gaskill and Ray Kriegbaum and Max, Lakewood, Colo.; and Shad and Jody Metcalf, Bryson and Seanna, Colby.

Cynthia Haynes spent Sunday, Dec. 16, with her mother, Emma Desilet, in Concordia. Joining them for a birthday dinner to honor Mrs. Desilet were Rick and Marie Carnes and her children, Curtis Higgins and Jason Higgins and friend, Kama.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Dewaine Stapp, Max Carman, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett,

Dorothy Moore and Barb Solko. Lows went to Aleen Van Vleet, Elden Haas, Floyd Edgett, Max Carman and Kelva Dryden. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and June Jolly with lows going to Aleen Van Vleet and Elden Haas. Bridge highs were won by Annette Miller and Beth Sebaugh.

Gerald and Maria Sanden have moved to Baldwin City to make their home. She is a former Spanish teacher at Decatur Community High School.

Doris Fringer accompanied Curtis and Chris Walston to Olathe on Nov. 22 to the home of her son, James and Heather Shirley and family. Mrs. Fringer and the Shirley family enjoyed a cruise to Mexico from Dec. 5 to Dec. 10. While in Olathe, Mrs. Fringer also visited her brother, Dwayne and Twila Scott, who now live in Gardner. Due to the weather Mrs. Fringer visited an extra week, so was able to attend the celebration which honored her grandson, Aaron, on his first birthday. Bob Castle brought Mrs. Fringer home on Dec. 17.

Sean Jordan, Oberlin, a junior at Rawlins County High School, performed in the Consort Show Choir

and concert choir at the junior/senior high vocal and band performance on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16. He is in his second year in the show choir at Atwood. Attending the performance were Judy Jordan and Daniel, and Bill and Carol Duncan, all of Oberlin.

Dr. Brittany Howell, associate professor of agriculture at Fort Hays State University, took the Feedlot Technology and Management class to Decatur County Feed Yard to learn about the processes recently. The university's calves are also located at the Decatur County Feed Yard.

Students making the trip included Ryan Ruf, Oberlin; Lacey Shapland, Dighton; Joshua Ranker, Ellsworth; Joshua Sharon, Fowler; Trevor Shaw, Granada, Colo.; Nick Martin, Hugoton; Kyle Baade, Janson, Neb.; Kirk Nielsen, Minden, Neb.; Bridget Brown, Moundridge; Scott Schmidt, Pawnee Rock; Brent Parks, Syracuse; Naomi Bancroft, Vona, Colo.; and Gabe Bromm, Tekamah.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Gail and Kay Marcuson were Brad, Elaine, Sarah and Jared Marcuson, and Stuart and Mary Henzel.

Colby graduate crowned

Colby Community College alumnae Amy Wilson was crowned the 53rd Miss Rodeo America this month in Las Vegas after winning recognition in the photogenic, speech, appearance and personality categories.

Miss Wilson graduated from Colby Community College with an Associate of Science degree in agribusiness and an Associate of Arts in communications. She will continue her education at Fort Hays State University and says she plans to pursue a career in ag-related television broadcasting with the goal of becoming a broadcaster for televised professional rodeo.

While attending Colby College, she was a news anchor for the school's television department. She was elected president of the Collegiate Farm Bureau organization and was active in other campus groups.

In May, she received the Mosier Award, given each year to the college's outstanding student.

When time allows, she said, she enjoys riding and training horses, raising Welsh corgi puppies, basketball, volunteering for 4-H and entertaining at a nursing home, cutting hair, snow boarding, skiing and helping with all farm and ranch work.

She is the daughter of Lonnie and Lori Wilson of Colby.

New Arrival

Derek Alan Clydesdale

Randy and Teresa Clydesdale of Norton are the parents of a son, Derek Alan, who was born Dec. 7, 2007.

He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. He has a sister, Mackenzie. Grandparents are Robert and Sally Clydesdale, Edmond; Frieda and Bernard Goetze, Oberlin; and Victor Ritter, Jennings. Great-grandparents are Doris Clydesdale, Norton, and Lloyd and Glenna Sproul, Norton.



D. Clydesdale



DECATUR CO-OP'S MANAGER at the Herndon and Ludell elevators, Tom Franke plans to retire on Dec. 31. He will be replaced by Nadine Green of Herndon, who has been bookkeeper at the Herndon office for nearly 15 years.

—Photo by Nadine Green

Herndon co-op manager retires

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Tom Franke, manager of the Decatur Co-op elevator in Herndon since July 1, 1997, plans to retire on Dec. 31, to be replaced by bookkeeper Nadine Green, who takes over on Jan. 2.

He will be honored with a farewell open house 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the Co-op office in Herndon.

Jim Goss will become facilities manager at the Herndon branch, said John Juenemann, general interim manager of Decatur Co-op in Oberlin.

Mr. Franke said he started working at Herndon Equity in July 1983, then was named elevator superintendent, in charge of feed and general supply and equipment sales and purchasing, along with bookkeeping, while Warren Prose was manager.

The co-op moved into new facilities in January and February 1983, and he worked for General Manager Merald Van Vleet. Decatur Co-op

took over the Herndon elevator on July 1, 1997. The last nine years, Mr. Franke served as branch manager at Herndon and later supervised the smaller facility at Ludell also.

He is a graduate of Herndon High School and he and his wife Kay have been married for 33 years.

"I have had an opportunity to do business with three generations and have formed many good friendships," he said.

The Frankes have sold their home and farm, he said, and plan to move to the Council Grove area to be near their family, which includes daughter Andrea and her husband, Tyson Powell, and Dryden and Rylee, of Council Grove, and their son, Heath and his wife Kattie, plus Jonathan and Noah, of Topeka.

Mrs. Green said she became bookkeeper at the Herndon office in September 1992 when Mr. Van Vleet was manager. She said she will continue in that position also. A 1961 graduate of Herndon High School, she and her husband, Joe D. Green, have been married for

45 years. He is a farmer and auctioneer.

The Greens' family includes three daughters, Connie and Jerry Reitcheck and Kyle, and Jeanne Tuma, Mitchell and Brittany, Colby; Patti and Bob Chartier; and Debbie and Dave Unger, who live in the Topeka area; and a son, Dave and Billie Green, Emma and Baron, of rural McCook. Their son operates a machine shop on the couple's farmstead north of Herndon.

Among other recent changes at Decatur Co-op have included a promotion for Gary Gawith, who has become regional grain manager for all locations except Oberlin; Gene Soderlund, who was named regional feed and farm supply manager at all locations, including Oberlin; Scott Dolan, who will supervise crop production services for all locations; and Derek Hock, regional manager of petroleum for the entire organization, in addition to his current duties as comptroller.

John Juenemann is serving as interim general manager while the board looks for a replacement. He was manager from Oct. 1, 1962 until he retired on Jan. 1, 1995.



A NEW BUSINESS, Kelly's Home Medical, has opened in the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center at 104 S. Penn in Oberlin. Owner Kelly Moore has 25 years' experience as a registered nurse and works at the Decatur County Hospital.

— Herald staff photo by Dave Bergling

Nurse opens business with medical supplies

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Kelly Moore, an Oberlin registered nurse with 25 years of experience, has opened a new home-medical equipment service downtown.

Kelly's Home Medical, in the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center at 104 S. Penn, offers home oxygen, breathing machines (CPAC) for sleep apnea and respiratory supplies, along with mobility equipment, including canes, walkers, wheelchairs, scooters, hospital beds and other devices.

Mrs. Moore, who lives south of town, said that she is contracting with Albert and Lee Burton of B and B Sales of Hill City, 17-year veterans of the home medical business, to help her with Medicare, Medicaid and insurance billing.

The business offers in-home set-up of all equipment, patient education and instruction and 24-hour emergency assistance.

"This is something I have been considering for some time," said Mrs. Moore. "I was looking for a way to extend my nursing experience to work with people and their health issues in the home care setting.

"I plan to continue to work at the Decatur County Hospital, where I have access to highly qualified health care professionals, including physical therapists, respiratory therapists and home care nurses as resources.

"My goal is to provide the best equipment and professional care to ensure my patients achieve the most benefit from their medical equipment. I feel my professional skills and knowledge, as well as my personal experience with CPAC, will enhance the services I provide. This experience has allowed me to recognize the benefits of CPAP therapy. I know that if patients are not satisfied with their current systems, they will not receive the

maximum benefit these therapies can provide."

Mrs. Moore, who she has lived in Oberlin all of her life, said she has felt there is a real need to have a local provider who can respond to problems and issues with equipment more quickly than businesses from outside the area.

She said that she will be available in her office by appointment and will make arrangements for in-home consultations. Those include checking insurance and Medicare options for replacement of outdated equipment, as well as reviewing options for those needing equipment for the first time. Her phone number is (785) 470-1695.

"My goal is to work closely with my customers and their health-care team to provide the best equipment and support for all of their home medical needs," she said.

Mrs. Moore is the daughter of Oberlin natives Evan and Judy Goltl, now of Hill City. She and her husband, Monte Moore, have a daughter, Allie, a student at Kansas State University, and a son, Gabe, who attends Colby Community College.

Club meets at LandMark

Calico Gals Club met at the LandMark Inn on Dec. 19 with Detta Anderson and Donna Kelley as hostesses.

Other members present were Marylu Brown, Opal Bryan, Millie Lippelmann, Shirley Shields, Phyllis Screen and Mary Waldo. After refreshments, gifts were exchanged and members talked about Jan Hackney's hobby story, which was in *The Oberlin Herald*. The hostess gift was won by Opal Bryan.

The next meeting will be at 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Pizza Hut.

Sternberg Museum sets Saturdays aside for children

Education staff at Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum of Natural History are dedicating their Saturdays this winter to entertaining and teaching children about the lives of animals.

From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday starting Jan. 19, and going throughout February, the programs will explore birds, reptiles and mammals and include crafty, hands-on activities for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade.

An adult must accompany children in kindergarten through second grade during the program. The maximum class size is 25 and registration deadline is the Monday prior.

Educator Brian Bartels, said the museum has done winter programs in the past and he is hoping to make it an annual activity.

"It's my job to educate kids on natural history, to get kids interested in the natural world," he said.

When children know their surroundings, he said, it makes them well-rounded people and he'd like to see kids hooked on the outdoors. However, since the winter is not a good time for children to be outside, he said, "we're bringing the outside in."

Each Saturday, participants will meet in the Sternberg lobby and a representative will escort them to the Engel Education Center.

The programs include "For the Birds!" about birds that don't fly south for the winter and where they can be found. Participants will make a bird feeder. "Bonkers about Bison!" will cover the history of bison and why they are called the "Monarchs of the Plains." The craft will involve creating a miniature bison.

At the program, "Where Do They Go in Winter?," the department will discuss insects and reptiles and where they go when it's cold outside. "Animal Origami" will allow children to create paper animals on a mobile and discover what makes each one unique.

"Who's Hooting?," a study about owls, will teach participants how to tell the difference between types by listening to their hoot. The last activity, "Who's Hibernating, Who's Not?," will identify which mammals hibernate and the process they go through to survive the cold winter.

The programs are free, but donations are appreciated, said Mr. Bartels.

In case of bad weather, parents and guardians will be notified of cancellation.

Here is the schedule:

"For the Birds!," 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19; registration deadline: Jan. 14.

"Bonkers about Bison!," 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26; registration deadline, Jan. 21.

"Where do They Go in Winter?," 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2; registration deadline, Jan. 28.

"Animal Origami," 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9; registration deadline, Feb. 4.

"Who's Hooting?," 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16; registration deadline, Feb. 11.

"Who's Hibernating, Who's Not?," 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23; registration deadline, Feb. 18.

To register or for details, call Mr. Bartels at (785) 628-5502 or e-mail bcbartels@fhsu.edu.



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