

People in Our Community

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Jim and Denise Abbey returned home last Wednesday from Wichita, where they had visited their daughter and husband, Brooke and Chad Young, and Chloe and made the acquaintance of their infant son, Colton Chad.

Jeannine Rhoads of North Platte, Neb., and Carl and Charollette Neff of Norton helped Alice Bobbitt move from North Platte to the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. She is in room 103-A and her address is 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Her telephone number is (785) 475-2017.

— **Mexican Buffet Tuesday, April 29, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn.**

Darbi Rouse placed third in the state competition in Omaha in gymnastics, making her eligible to participate in state competition in Des Moines, Iowa. A seventh grader at Decatur Community Junior High School, she is the daughter of Robert and Robyn Rouse of Oberlin. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rouse, Kingman, and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Russell, Oberlin.

Dr. Douglas Fair attended the Kansas Chiropractic Association Board Meeting and Educational Seminar Friday through Sunday in Wichita. It was noted that there has been a 7% increase in the association's membership not including 30 chiropractic students. Dr. Fair was recognized as a former Doctor of the Year and past president. Speakers included Dr. Jim Naccarato, a nationally-known practice coach; Dr. Barry Lockhart, who spoke on fibromyalgia and Dr. Jeff Miller on orthopedic examinations.

On Friday, April 11, Joy Votapka and her daughter, Nancy Ellis of Topeka, flew from Kansas City to Chicago to help Nicole Ellis celebrate her 25th birthday on Sunday. Carmem Correa from Sao Paulo, Brazil met them there and they all attended an International Quilt Show on Saturday. Mrs. Votapka and her daughter returned home on Monday and Carmem went to New York City to visit and shop for

her business. She was to fly home Sunday night.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Elden Haas, Kelva Dryden and Floyd Edgett. Lows went to Aleen Van Vleet, Dewaine Stapp, Floyd Edgett, Wilma May and Merle Shirley. Pitch highs were won by Dorothy Moore and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Elden Haas. Winning highs at bridge were Leone Purton and Shirley Simpson.

Mary Votapka of Jennings, Norma Anderson and Joy Votapka spent Sunday in Red Cloud, Neb., to visit Jessie McDole, a cousin of the late Guy and George Votapka. They had lunch with Votapka relatives.

Tom Carroll Atwood is still hospitalized in Hays, but has shown some improvement, according to his father-in-law, David Simpson.

— **Seafood Buffet Friday, April 25, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn.**

Kieth Alstrom was honored on his 80th birthday with an open house Sunday afternoon at the Golden Age Center with over 140 guests present. Among out-of-town relatives and friends were Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley; Paulie Neff, Selden; Don and Em Threlkel, Atwood; Kenny and Violet Krizek, Jennings; Nikki, John and Wyatt Amlong, Palco; Jessi and Corbin Luck, Wichita; Sandy and Andy Green, and Clarence and Evelyn Lorentz, Herndon; Marvin and Dixie Lorentz, Rick and Jeff Lorentz, and Janet Haag, McCook; and Bob and Sharon Bearley, Kensington.

Weekend guests of Bob and Terri Woolsey were their grandchildren, Trae, Taite and Trenneddy of Quinter.

Elaine Bryan spent several days in Topeka with her daughter, Corinne and Dave Benton. They also visited with their children, Dustin and Stephanie Benton in Kansas City. She accompanied Joy Votapka to and from Topeka.

Family and friends attend Meints funeral services

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended the funeral services for Don Meints on April 14 were: Mike and Glenda Walinder, Lincoln, Neb.; Connie and Ted Stuckey, Myra Meints, Jody and Afton Meints, Tim Meints, Lincoln, Neb.; Tara Stecklein, Overland Park; Marcia Stecklein, Topeka; Kip, Kristi and Kelsey Korell, Pauline Frecks, Ed Geier, Rick Gohl, Rich and Hilda Hampton, Cindy McCollan, Melody Ferreau, Don and Gwen Miller, Pat Wagner, Ted Zapp, Culbertson, Neb.; Delka, Superior, Neb.;

Mark Walinder and Jenna Patterson, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Angie Simmonds, Curtis, Neb.; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Jim and Eleanor Jones, Independence, Mo.; Wilbur and Doris Brown, Elm Creek, Neb.; Angie, Michael, Joelle and Calista Rittershaus, Tim and Beth Francis, Omaha;

Scott Carlson, Donna and Rod Carlson, Sharon and Bruce Kleint, Terry and Sandy Bricker, Sallie

Alberts, Pam Ropte, Arlene and Allen Doremus, Sheri Meints and family, Ken and Darla Meints, Grand Island, Neb.; Ryan Carlson, Missouri Valley, Iowa; Amber Walinder, Hays; Stan Meints, Fort Worth, Texas; Connie Anderson, Shawnee Mission; Hank and Shirley Stecker, Troy, Rita and Brenna Erdman, Gene Meints, Rose Wittwer, Marie Alberts, Leona Wudtke, Barbara Grafel, Gladys Crocker, Walt and Enid Zapp, Mary Jane Seeman, McCook; Lynn and Marilyn Hueftle, Lucille Grassmeyer, Dan and Cindy Harmon, Rod Harmon, John and Audrey Strauss, Lexington, Neb.; Mary Balcom, Kearney, Neb.; Sandra Nicholson, Lebanon, Neb.; Walter and Lavile Pollman, Patty Grafel, Trenton, Neb.; Donald Grafel, Leon Portchy, Robert Martin, Herndon; John and Jan Rowberry, Memphis, Tenn.; Mike and Gloria Harmon, Arapahoe, Neb.; Joyce Remington, Danbury, and Gary and Ann Bluel, Gothenburg, Neb.

Seniors Celebration Saturday

A Seniors Celebration will kick off Older Americans Month in May with a party at the Mall in Hays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Those attending can play Bingo, get a massage, take in a movie or two — all at the same event. Sponsors will provide free entertainment for seniors, including drawings for

Benefit dance set for May 3

A benefit dance is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, in the back room of the Golden Age Center in Oberlin for a new building to house the center, a bowling alley and theater.

Vic Mowry and his band from Hoxie will play. Those who do not want to dance are welcome to come and enjoy the music.

Oberlin woman named first runner-up in contest

Melinda Enfield of Oberlin, as Mrs. Sappa Valley, was first runner-up in the Mrs. Kansas United States Pageant in Wichita on April 12.

Organizers said 12 of the state's "most accomplished women" gathered Friday evening to kick off pageant activities with a contestant dinner sponsored by Whiskey Creek Steakhouse.

Rehearsals followed as the women learned the choreography to "It's Raining Men."

Mrs. Enfield wore a yellow trench coat and white aviators; an open-back black swim suit; and an orange and magenta-swirled, one-shoulder style gown in the competition.

She was named Miss Congeniality, as well as Teen's Choice for the

most admired Mrs.

Her daughter Chloe, 14, competed in the Miss Kansas Junior Teen United States contest during the pageant.



M. Enfield

Representing northwest Kansas as Miss Sappa Valley Junior Teen United States, she worked the runway with a white swimsuit accented by lime and turquoise, and an iridescent teal gown, sponsored by Foggy Bottom Ladies Boutique.

She was named third runner-up. Her grandparents are Ron and Liz

Enfield, Atwood, and Gayle and Linda Dible, Oakley.

To schedule appearances, or for more information on the pageants, contact the state director, Lynda Tyler, at (316) 722-8031.

Flatland Big Band plans concert at Atwood

The Flatland Big Band will present a free jazz concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Rawlins County High School, directed by Julie Groom, Rawlins County School District instrumental music teacher.

Neal Russell of Oberlin will be playing trumpet with the group. Members, all current or retired music instructors from across Kansas, will gather earlier that day to rehearse.

Ms. Groom said she founded the band in 1995 as a means of promoting jazz music in Kansas, particularly at Colby Community College, where she was then band director.

Softball games to help disabled

Developmental Service's unified softball teams will take the field for one of the most inspirational events of the year on Sunday, April 27, May 4, 11, 25 and June 1 at the Dusty Glassman Fields in Hays.

The agency's Family Support for Children and Youth Department coordinates the program, which is an opportunity for children with disabilities and their nondisabled peers to play softball together.

Club to sponsor circus in June

Plans were made to sponsor a circus in Oberlin on Monday, June 12, when members of the Oberlin Rotary Club met April 15 at The Gateway.

Colleen Rittmann gave a program about 4-H Days and how it benefits youngsters, as well as the community.

Her daughter Rielly read a poem, "Turn off the TV" and sang, "Candle on the Water" accompanied by Ro-

Farm loans are available

Farmers in Decatur, Rawlins, Phillips and Norton counties who suffered losses from severe storms Dec. 6 to 19 may apply for Farm Service Agency loans to help cover the damages.

John C. Vogt of Norton, farm loan manager for the federal agency, said applications will be accepted until Oct. 1.

Loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at a 3.75 percent interest and scheduled for repayment as rapidly as possible, consistent with the applicant's ability to pay.

Those covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes).

To be eligible, an applicant must be operating a family-sized farm or ranch, unable to get credit elsewhere and a loss from the disaster.

For details, check with Diane Barrett, county executive director for the agency in Oberlin, 475-3131, or stop by the office on South U.S. 83.

Club News

Club enjoys male quartet

Ila Ray was hostess for the April 14 meeting of Pi Alpha Club held at the Golden Age Center. She introduced Susan Nelson, Decatur Community High School vocal instructor, to present the program given first by "The Four J's," a male quartet.

Each young man sang a solo. The quartet rendered several excellent numbers and concluded with the lively song, "Do Whop!"

Mrs. Ray read devotions titled, "My Get-up and Go Just Got up

and Went."

Twelve members were present. Dues were collected and a list passed of next year's meetings so each could select the preferred date for hostess duties. A good report was given for Nora Bearley who is recovering from surgery and a card signed for her. Eunice Martin won the hostess prize.

The last club meeting of the year will be Monday at the Golden Age Center with Janette Votapka as hostess and Pat Wright assisting.

Women visit museum

The Calico Gals Club met at Park Hill in Atwood on April 16 for a Mexican dinner with the following present: Marylu Brown, Bette Grout, Donna Kelley, Margaret McEvoy, Jan Hackney, Millie Lippelmann, Phyllis Screen and Barbara Duell. Alice Bobbitt was a guest.

Mrs. McEvoy and Mrs. Duell

read articles for roll call. The group visited the Rawlins County Museum and enjoyed the Rudolph Wendelin mural. The curator showed a tape about the mural.

The next meeting will be on May 21 at the farm home of Mrs. Brown. Roll call will be "Your favorite flower."

Harp concert set for Sunday

The harp trio Blu will play at 3 p.m. (Central Time) Sunday at the Wallace County High School Auditorium in Sharon Springs.

Tabitha Reist Steiner, Dr. James Hall and Julie Whitton earn en-

thusiastic reviews with a diverse repertoire.

Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door, \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

New Arrivals

Ethan Andrew Frankforter

Andrew and Stephanie (May) Frankforter have a son, Ethan Andrew Frankforter, born at 7:54

p.m. on March 24, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln, Neb. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are Richard and JoAnn Frankforter, O'Neill, Neb., and Elwood and Jeanie May, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Le-



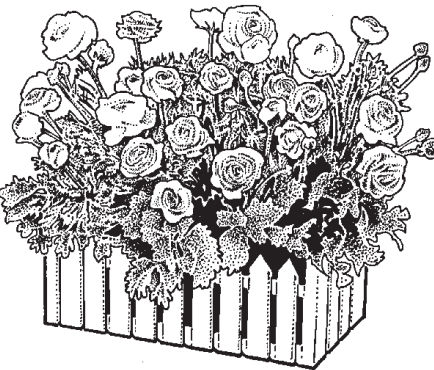
E. Frankforter

land and Ethel Pettigrew, Fairbury, Neb.; Wilma May, Oberlin; and Stella Casey, Ellinwood.

Colton Chad Young

Brooke and Chad Young of Wichita have a son, Colton Chad Young, born April 15, 2008. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by a sister, Chloe, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Jim and Denise Abbey, Oberlin, and Allen and Corky Young, Kingman. Great-grandparents are Jim and Pat Abbey, Oberlin; Bill Deines, Burlington, Colo.; Doris Young, Kingman; and Wilma Graber, Newton.

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The Hansen Foundation

The first stop will be in Dresden, then the group will go to Clayton and it will conclude in Jennings. Local historians will talk about their knowledge of the history of their home town. Refreshments will be available at the last stop.

For information call Mary Henzel (785-470-0218) or Ella Betts (785-475-3557)

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Historical Tour**

Sunday, April 27, 2008

♦ 2 p.m.

We begin at 2 p.m. at the Oberlin Gateway, however, if you prefer, you may join in the tour at the Dresden Methodist Church or Jennings City Hall. A county van is available as well as car pooling.

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