

People in Our Community

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Bob and Janice Baer of Topeka came last Monday to visit a few days with her mother, Evelyn Olson, and her brother and family, Jerry and Connie Olson.

Haas. Winning highs at bridge were Charlotte Meints, Dewaine Stapp and Annette Miller.

The Rev. David Smith, son of Tom and Maxine Smith, and a 1970 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has been assigned to the First Methodist Church in Winfield. He has served the Lindsborg Methodist Church for the past 10 years and previously was on the staff of Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. He and his wife Patricia will be moving to Winfield in June.

Randy and Judy Ostmeyer spent Thursday and Friday helping their daughter and family, Bridgette and Eric Moore, Gabi, Callie, Elizabeth and Zach move to Topeka from Manhattan.

Allen Dinkel, city manager of Hoisington, has been hired to become city manager of Abilene, beginning Aug. 1. He was a former city manager at Oakley and had served as president of the League of Kansas Municipalities. He is also a former Decatur County Extension Agent.

Beth Sebaugh returned home June 18 from Baltimore, Md., after attending the wedding of her granddaughter, Jill Bunney and Major Sean Day of San Jose, Calif. Her parents are Jim and Tamara Bunney, Garden City. The military wedding was held in the U.S. Academy Chapel in Annapolis, Md. They are living in San Jose.

Karen Metcalf hosted a birthday party to honor her aunt, Myrtle Warner, on her 101st birthday on Wednesday, July 18. Guests were Eris and Dale Young, Terri and Bob Woolsey, Candy Dejmaj, Jim and Tammy Fredrickson, Sunnie and Jessica, Barry Richards, and Kristin and Randy McHugh, Jordan, Conner and Tyler.

Cousins Eldred and Lorraine Wurm, Phil and Sharleen Wurm, Rachel Wurm, Owen Wilson, Elden Haas, and Mabel Zimmerman met at the Herndon Immanuel Cemetery to dedicate a military memorial plaque for Russell Hauptman, who died in September 2002. Russell was born Oct. 25, 1922, was married to Betty Jordan Van Buskirk. Their children are Annette, Sheila, Sharon, and Allen. Welcome home remarks and toasts were made by Eldred Wurm and all returned to Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon, for pizza and fellowship.

Kristin Wark, daughter of Vicki Allison of Rexford, was among students at the University of Kansas enrolled in Principles of Advertising who teamed with the Center for Service Learning and used classroom lessons to help improve their marketing strategies. They promoted the Lawrence Habitat for Humanity ReStore, which sells donated building materials, appliances and overstocked goods to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. She is a graduate of Golden Plains School at Rexford.

Steve and Linda Smith of Atwood, but formerly of Oberlin, renewed their wedding vows at Glory-bound Baptist Church in Hoven, S.D., on May 28. Pastor Sam Ruchman officiated. Their children, Bethany, Nathaniel, Caleb, Daniel, Sarah, Joanna and Moriah participated. The Smiths celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 3. They are managers of the Crest Motel in Atwood.

Doug and Sandy Fair spent the past two weeks visiting their daughter, Jenna and Kevin Cox and family in Keller, Texas, and helping care for their second daughter, Hayden Kennedy Cox, who was born June 3. This gives the Fairs 16 grandchildren. They also traveled to San Antonio for their granddaughter, Rachel's 18th birthday, then went to Houston for the ball game for their 14-year-old grandson, Brandon, son of Andrea and Mikeal Montalvo. He was chosen to play with a Golden Glove ball team.

James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney were among those who attended the graduation party on Saturday which honored their son-in-law, Chris Wilson, at the home of Chris and Keely Wilson, Julie and Harmony in Kearney, Neb. He graduated in May from Central Community College in Hastings, Neb., with a degree in construction management. Whitney accompanied her parents home after spending some time with the Wilson family.

Six Decatur Community Junior High School students were members of the National Teachers Hall of Fame Choir which performed Friday in Emporia. Students were Miki Dorshorst, Cassidy Shields, Keatra Fisher, Matthew Helm, Channing Farr and Zach May. They were accompanied by Susan Nelson and Makenzie Nelson.

Randy and Joseph Dozbaba of Atwood were Wednesday morning visitors of Gus and Elsie Wolters. Mrs. Wolters visited Lucille Wicke at the Atwood Good Samaritan Center on Friday.

Rita Pollnow of Davis, Calif., is visiting her mother, Louise Pollnow, and sister, Sharon and Rusty Addleman. Mrs. Pollnow has been hospitalized several weeks after suffering a broken shoulder blade and cracked ribs in a recent fall, but is recuperating well at home.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Kelva Dryden, Henry Edgett, Doris Fringer, Floyd Edgett and Elden Haas. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Aleen Van Vleet, Neil Marshall, Wilma May and Doris Fringer. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Aleen Van Vleet and Elden

Engineer speaks at Rotary

Darell Landau talked about his experiences as a research engineer with North American Aviation in Downey, Calif., from 1955-57 when Oberlin Rotary Club met June 17 at The Gateway.

Mr. Landau said he was assigned to Flight Control Department, hydraulics subsection, where they designed and built servo actuators which responded to electronics commands from a guidance system to control airfoils in unmanned flight. He told of the many problems and solutions that had to be worked

out and solved for the successful flight of those early missiles. New terminology and ideas were used in the development of these craft, he said.

Ken and Christy Morris received congratulations for being new grandparents.



John Paul and Keri Jo Riener

Couple exchange vows at church in Atwood

Keri Jo Brogan of Atwood and John Paul Riener of Herndon were married on Saturday, May 10, at the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Atwood. The Rev. Don White officiated.

Parents of the couple are Martin Jr. and Jane Waterman, Atwood; Karol Riener, Herndon, and the late Patricia Riener.

Grandparents of the bride are Donna Waterman, Atwood, and the late Martin Waterman Sr., and the late Albert and Lucille Solko. The bridegroom's grandparents are Doris Marintzer, Herndon, and the late Hubert Marintzer, and the late Harry and Margaret Riener.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a white strapless satin trumpet gown with clover green obi sash and a sweep train. She had daisies in her hair and carried a bouquet of fresh daisies.

Matron of honor was Alicia Rippe, Ludell. Bridesmaids were Amanda Smith, Douglass; Angela Ketterl, Atwood, and Jessica Riener, Herndon, sister of the bridegroom. They wore chiffon dresses with high low hems and beaded empire waists in clover green and carried bouquets of daisies.

The bridegroom wore a black tuxedo with clover green vest and tie. Best man was Tim Rippe, Ludell. Groomsmen were Jim Riener, Phil-

lipsburg; Daniel Riener, Manhattan; and Jeff Riener, Hays, brothers of the bridegroom. Their tuxedos were the same as that worn by the bridegroom.

Ushers were Jeff Finley and Greg Mumm, Joe Marintzer and Justin Marintzer, cousins of the bridegroom.

The newlyweds drove to the reception, dinner and dance at the Columbian Hall in Atwood on an antique John Deere 730 model tractor. The wedding party followed on antique John Deere 820 and 830 model tractors.

Virginia Solko, Atwood, aunt of the bride, and Nadine Green, Herndon, and Linda Marintzer, Westminster, Colo., aunts of the bridegroom, served the wedding cake.

The bride graduated from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in business management and the Denver School of Massage Therapy. She works as a certified massage therapist at Whispering Winds Therapeutic Massage in Atwood.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Colby Community College with a degree in agriculture, and Northwest Kansas Technical College. He is self-employed in cattle.

After a honeymoon on an Alaskan cruise, they will live on their farm south of Atwood.

Cheerleaders attend camp

The Decatur Community High cheerleaders attended the Universal Cheerleading Cheer Camp at Bethany College in Lindsborg from June 9 to 12.

The camp attracted 16 squads from around Kansas, with 160 girls and boys participating in the week-long event. Staff from neighboring states and Kansas instructed the teams.

The cheer squads showed their stuff by learning cheers and dances and were evaluated daily. The Oberlin group brought home blue ribbons, a spirit stick and a trophy

for the most improved squad from the entire camp.

Those attending were Darian Bose, Erin Jones, Sara Kyte, Kira Meitl, Brooklyn O'Hare, Serena Stacy and Megan Wentz.

Any former Decatur Community High school cheerleader, high school alumnae or any high school fan interested in old cheerleading outfits should call Amanda Anderson at (785) 470-1108 or Cheryl Soderlund at (785) 470-7234. There are many outfits which need new homes. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Highway improvements planned on K-23 at Hoxie

A project to rebuild four blocks of K-23 (Main Street) in downtown Hoxie set to begin July 7 may slow traffic through fall, Kansas Department of Transportation officials say.

The Geometric Improvement job is a joint project with the city of Hoxie, with the state paying most of the construction, design, and inspection costs. The total contract is estimated at \$831,250, with the city paying about \$131,250.

Smokey Hill LLC of Salina, is the primary contractor, with Penco Engineering of Plainville doing the inspection for the city. New concrete pavement will begin at Utah Avenue and end at Queen Avenue. Traffic will be carried through the work zone, with no detours.

"The public may experience a slight delay as the work occurs in four separate phases," said Kristen Brands, northwest Kansas public affairs manager for the department. "Some intersections will be closed during the work, so travelers might

have to find alternate routes. The speed will be reduced to 20 mph throughout the work zone."

The construction should be complete by mid-October, weather permitting, she said.

For information, call Area 4 construction manager Roy Meier in Oakley at (785) 543-2163.



The children and grandchildren of Wayne and Helene Fisher of Albuquerque, New Mexico, are hosting a reception in honor of their 64th Wedding Anniversary and Wayne's 90th Birthday on July 6 in Albuquerque.

Cards may be sent to: 8212 Dellwood Rd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87110

Now they're a family



MARK AND TONYA FRICKEY of Copake, N. Y., celebrated the adoption of three children from U.S. state foster care in Columbia County (New York) Family Court. Shown from left are Mark, Jeffrey, 9; Jonathan, 6; Judge Paul Czajka; Samantha, 8; and Tonya. The children attend Taconic Hills Elementary School in Crayville, N.Y. Grandparents are Chuck and Diane Frickey, Oberlin; Linda and Dee Starkey, Wichita; Linda and Larry Marrish, Ancram, N.Y.; and Gary and Carol Warner, Acra, N.Y.

Workshops Friday at Methodist Church

One Big Bike Moment will present "Shifting Gears," a series of workshops on how to make your home and community more environmentally sustainable, at 7 p.m. Friday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

A group of about 10 bikers who set out from Oberlin, Ohio, will be in Oberlin on Friday on their way to California. They said they are looking forward to meeting people in Oberlin — Kansas — and Decatur County.

They will be at the church, mak-

ing three presentations beginning at 7 p.m. Topics will include:

- "Passive Heating and Cooling" — Can control our house's temperature without fossil fuels? How to let sun, shade and air do your heating and cooling.
- "Conservation Easements" — Tax strategies to protect and preserve land over the long term.
- "Grocery, Pharmacy and Department Store" — Getting to know backyard plants that can be used in everyday life.

Art workshops begin July 12

Anna Seeber Shaw will begin a series of beginning watercolor and composition workshops starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, at the Oberlin Covenant Church.

Classes will be the second Saturday of each month for a year. If you are interested, call Mrs. Shaw at (785) 475-2707 this week so she can order supplies.

Farm Credit breaks ground for new building in Colby

Farm Credit of Western Kansas broke ground recently for a new office building at 1190 S. Range in Colby which will consolidate the staff in a 14,000-square-foot, brick-and-stone structure.

"Originally operating as the Colby Federal Land Bank and the Northwest Kansas Production Credit Association, we brought the two businesses together in 2000 and completed a corporate merger in 2002," said President Larry Maxwell. "Since that time, we have continued to operate out of two buildings.

"In the spring of 2007, we seized the opportunity to purchase what we felt was the ideal location for our business when the J & J Oil and Deep Rock Cafe site went to auction."

Architect firm for the new building is GMCN Architect from Garden City. The general contractor is Woofter Construction of Colby. Estimated completion is June 2009.

Farm Credit serves nine north-west Kansas counties, including Decatur, and has over \$215 million in assets, 22 employees and finances all aspects of agriculture.

New Arrival


Hayden Kennedy Cox Kevin and Jenna Cox, 9028 Wiggins Drive, Keller, Texas, 76248, have a daughter, Hayden Kennedy Cox, born June 3, 2008. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and

was 20 1/2 inches long. She has a sister, Payton, 5. Grandparents are Doug and Sandy Fair, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Paul and Edna Roesener, McDonald, and Jess and Frances Williams, St. Francis.

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How are you going to pay for college?

The State of Kansas wants to help you start saving for the ever increasing costs of college or other postsecondary education.



The Kansas Investments Developing Scholars (KIDS) Matching Grant program will match the first \$600 that participants contribute to a Learning Quest 529 Education Savings Plan account. KIDS was developed for Kansas residents with incomes less than 200% of the federal poverty level.

2008 is the last year of this three-year pilot project, and enrollment is limited to the first 1,200 applicants. Contributions must be received by Dec. 31, 2008 to be eligible for matching grant funds.

Call 1-866-504-5898 or visit www.KansasStateTreasurer.com/KIDS to apply.

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The family of Betty Reid will be celebrating her 90th Birthday with an Open House at Whispering Pines Saturday, July 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m. If unable to attend, cards can be sent to: 103 Whispering Pines, Norton, KS 67654