

People in Our Community

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Aleen Van Vleet was hospitalized on Friday after suffering a stroke. Among relatives who had come to help her celebrate her 98th birthday, which was Tuesday, included her sons, Leo Van Vleet Jr., Phoenix, and Eugene Van Vleet, San Diego; grandchildren, Terri and Roy Climer, and Mike and Adam Van Vleet, Boise, Idaho; Bill Van Vleet, San Diego; Laine Van Vleet, Seattle; Wayne and Sandy Orr, Eldorado; Patty and Frank Rutherford, Tucson, Ariz.; and Susan Orr, Colby; great-grandchildren, Sam and Jennifer Tortino, Fort Worth; her brother, Chester Vernon, California, as well as her daughter, Veanna and Max Carman, Oberlin.

Other callers were Janene Kleidosty, Lancaster, Calif.; Dale Brunk, Oberlin; and Charles and Wilda Walker, Ludell.

Mike and Mary Dicke recently moved from Wichita to Bailey, Colo., where they are directors of the Deer Creek Christian Camp for disadvantaged children. She is the daughter of Ethel Railsback of Oberlin. Tom Railsback came to Oberlin on Sept. 21, and Mrs. Railsback accompanied him to Fort Collins, Colo., on Oct. 7, where they visited their daughter and sister, Marian Railsback. The next day, they all went to Bailey to visit the Dicks.

The Dicks' daughter, Anne Griffin, Jude and Noah, of Centennial, Colo., were additional guests. Tom left for his home in Great Falls, Mont., on Oct. 10 and Marian brought her mother back to Oberlin on Oct. 11.

Nell Gerdes returned home last Monday after being hospitalized since Sept. 25 when she suffered a broken hip in a fall at her home. She spent a week in the hospital at Hays, then was transferred to Decatur County Hospital. Mail will reach her at 711 E. Commercial, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Darbi Rouse, daughter of Robert and Robyn Rouse, competed in the Kansas Music Teachers Association auditions on Saturday, Oct. 11, at Fort Hays State University. She played two oboe selections and received a I rating which qualifies her for state competition on Nov. 10 at the University of Kansas. She is a student of Kay Werth of Hays and Neal Russell of Oberlin.

Alyce Avery returned home Oct. 9 from Broomfield, Colo., where she visited three days with her daughter, Roz Fuller of Triangle, Va., and her granddaughter, Autumn Onna, Isaiah, Amaya and Aidan of Woodbridge, Va.

They helped Isaiah celebrate his 10th birthday with dinner at the Casa Bonita.

Sunday supper guests of Lyle and Leona Hilker to celebrate October birthdays were Kent and Lori Hilker, Shane and Keri, and Dean and Rhonda Hilker, Haley and Amber, McCook. Honorees were Amber, Lori and Lyle Hilker.

Barbara Leitner of Farmington, N. M.; Donna Wilson of Wichita; and Patricia Tongish of Newton returned to their homes on Monday after spending the past week with their parents, Gene and Marcella Leitner.

The Rev. Gene and Helen Gee returned Saturday from a three-day trip to Amarillo, Texas, and Clinton, Okla., to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

They visited the 190-foot cross, and the 14 stations of Christ, and other facets of the grounds in Groom, Texas, and Check it Church of our Lord Jesus Christ Ministries. net and also visited Don and Fredora Harrison of Clinton, Okla., before returning home on Saturday evening.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral services for Harold Cook of Norton on Friday at Pauls Funeral Home were Connie Quador, Pueblo West, Colo.; David Miller, Wildorado, Texas; Wayne and Jennie Cook, North Platte, Neb.; Vickie Cook, McCook; Royce and Lola Cook, Selden; Bobby and Irma McDaniel, Scott City; Thom Baker and Mike Mapes, Norcatour; and Alvin Smith and Jim Lawrence, Norton. Marsha Seck, Falcon, Colo., was in Oberlin on Wednesday and visited her mother, Jeanette Miller.

Jim and Linda Hollowell celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary weekend in Kearney, Neb. The couple enjoyed visiting the Kearney Mall, shopping, football and hot tub at the hotel, eating out and visiting the Great Platte River Road Archway attraction.

—United Church Fall Bazaar, Sat., bake, craft sale, 9 a.m.; ham and beans lunch.

Gail and Kay Marcuson spent last week visiting Rick, Sally and Grady Marcuson in Overland Park. They also visited Johnnie and Christine Richards in Olathe and Jack and Sybil O'Toole in Hiawatha on Saturday.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Kelva Dryden, Barb Solko, Ardis Roe, Peggy Ream and Doris Fringer. Lows went to Aleen Van Vleet, Ivis Hanson, Floyd Edgett, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore and Doris Gilbert. Pitch highs were won by Elden Haas and Barb Solko with lows going to Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore. Winning highs at bridge were Janette Votapka and Phyllis Lohofener.

Marylou Brown was honored with a birthday supper on Sunday at the Pizza Hut by her daughter, Karmel Huttles, and her sisters, Amy Rehm and Alyce Avery.

Members of the monthly card party who meet during the winter months in Weslaco, Texas, met in Oberlin Thursday evening for supper at the Frontier Café, followed by a card party at the home of Lyle and Leona Hilker. Others present were Bob and Betty Woodruff, Don and Linda Miller, and Jim and Mary Jean Steward, all of McCook.

Among those who attended the Hays District United Methodist Women's meeting at Quinter on Saturday were Charissa Huff, Angie Wilson, Cheryl Metcalf and Jody Betts.

Janene Kleidosty of Lancaster, Calif., came Saturday and is spending a week with her father, Dale Brunk.

Oberlin graduate named president of association

Dr. Kenyon Erickson, a 1991 graduate of Decatur Community High School, was elected president of the Kansas Chiropractic Association for 2009 during the group's convention in Overland Park from Oct. 9 to 12.



Dr. Erickson

At the same time, Dr. Douglas Fair of Oberlin was elected to serve as a member of the board.

The convention was held at the new Cleveland Chiropractic College, recently relocated from Kansas City, Mo.. Tours were given of the new facility at 10850 Lowell Ave. The convention was held in conjunction with homecoming and a campus dedication.

The men's wives, Stacia Erickson and Sandy Fair, attended the banquet.

Educational seminars included Diagnosis and Prevention of Stroke, Spinal Trauma, Neurological Diagnosis, Rehabilitation, Medicare updates and documentation.

Dr. Fair, who has served as an alternate director for some years, is a former president to the organization.

Dr. Erickson taught an educational seminar on Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation at the convention. There are over 900 chiropractors in the state of Kansas, the group says.

Dr. Erickson, son of Roxie Erickson of Manhattan and Delbert Erickson of Atwood, practices in Manhattan. Bernice Martin of Oberlin is his grandmother. He and his wife have two sons, Gavin and Corbin.

Herndon community wins PRIDE award

Herndon is among 25 Kansas cities and towns which earned state awards from the Kansas PRIDE Program.

Herndon PRIDE volunteers collaborated with the City Council, fire department and businesses to organize a community Fourth of July celebration with a potluck supper, games and safe fireworks display to win the PRIDE STAR Award. This recognizes completion of a specific community improvement or project during the previous year.

Presentation of the achievement awards was a highlight during PRIDE Day during the annual Community Development Conference in Wichita on Saturday, Oct. 11.

The towns recognized with awards vary in population, yet each has completed community development and civic improvements within the past year to qualify for the awards, said Dan Kahl, Kansas State University Research and Extension spokesperson for the PRIDE Program.

PRIDE is a statewide, volunteer-driven community development effort, he said.

"Our goal is to help community volunteers identify local needs, research resources and develop a plan to meet the need," Mr. Kahl said.

For information, go to www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu or call Mr. Kahl at (785) 532-5840.

Rotary club enjoys singers

The DCHS Singers presented several musical numbers for the program when the Oberlin Rotary Club met Oct. 14 at The Gateway. They were accompanied by their director, Susan Nelson, and all were

introduced by Charles Haag. Chris Hanson and Cole May attended as junior Rotarians from the high school and Janice Shobe was a guest from the Atwood Rotary Club.

Weather workshop offered

The National Weather Service in Goodland will offer a one-day workshop Monday for emergency managers, law enforcement officers, highway department officials, school superintendents and news reporters beginning at 10:30 a.m. (Central Time) at the Northwest

Kansas Technical College in the Murray Center in Goodland. There will be break for lunch around 12:30 p.m. with wrap-up is scheduled at 3 p.m.

For details, call (785) 899-6412 or e-mail david.l.floyd@noaa.gov.

Elevator approved for loans

Grain stored by farmers in the Decatur Co-op Association elevator at Norcatour is now eligible for government loans since it has been restored to the list of warehouses approved by the Commodity Credit Corp.

The elevator was suspended under the name of Norcatour Grain as of Sept. 26. That order has been lifted by the U.S. Farm Service Agency

Commodity Office at Kansas City, Mo.

The agency says the elevator now complies with the provisions of the Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement.

During the suspension, grains in storage were not eligible for loans, said Diane Barrett, Decatur County executive officer of the Farm Service Agency.

Club News

Women plan gift basket

Decatur Professional Women made plans to decorate a Christmas tree at the Decatur County Museum when they met on Oct. 10 at The Gateway.

President Judy Scott conducted the meeting and members present included: Shannon Addleman, Dianne Barrett, Deanna Castle, Kimberly Davis, Connie Grafel, Marilyn Horn, Darlene LaRue, Cheryl Metcalf, Dori Pauls, Judy Scott, Patti Uehlin, Nora Urban and Pam Wilson. Guests were Tasha Carman and Colleen Geishler.

The club will host the birthday party at Cedar Living Center in March.

The group voted to have a Fall Basket, which will be placed at The Oberlin Herald office and members are to bring items for it. Tickets will be sold by the club members and the winner will be drawn at the Light Parade on Friday, Nov. 28.

A report was given on the

Christmas Home Tour and Marilyn Horn will contact home owners who may be interested in participating. It will begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, following the Museum Tree Tour.

The club will serve dessert after the tour.

Members will bring food or a monetary gift for the Decatur Food Pantry to the next meeting, which will be Tuesday, Nov. 11, at the LandMark Inn, and also to the December meeting.

Connie Grafel said that a Job Fair is planned at The Gateway on Wednesday, Nov. 19, and she urged members to come during the lunch hour and mingle with students and discuss their jobs as well as giving tips on professionalism in the work place.

The meeting closed with the reading of the Collect.

Other officers include Cheryl Metcalf, vice president; Deanna Castle, treasurer; and Marilyn Horn, secretary.

Pi Alpha enjoys speaker

Jodie Wenger, program director and counselor of the 180 House in Oberlin, was guest speaker at the Oct. 13 meeting of Pi Alpha Club when members met at the home of Pat Wright. Eunice Martin was co-hostess and gave an excerpt from "Guideposts" titled, "Thank you, Lord," for devotions.

Ms. Wenger had spoken to the club on Sept. 22 so gave an extended report of her duties and work with the residents. A donation of \$20 will be made to the 180 House.

Fifteen members answered roll call and President Marty Olson welcomed Margaret McEvoy as a new member. Plans were made to

entertain at Cedar Living Center for October birthdays on Oct. 20 with pie and coffee to be served. The club will participate in the Decatur County Museum project of decorating a Christmas tree. Dates to decorate are Tuesday, Nov. 18 through Thursday, Dec. 4. Cecil Hess received the hostess gift.

For an unusual treat, the hostesses served pumpkin soup and cinnamon croutons, specialty recipes prepared by Mrs. Martin.

The next meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 27 at Sappa Manor with Joan and Kristy Evans as hostesses.

Club views new fall clothes

Monday Evening Club members met Oct. 13 at the investor-owned women's clothing store, the Dresser, in downtown Oberlin to view new fall clothing styles.

The women were paired into twos with each woman assisting her partner in choosing an outfit. It had been observed that shoppers often select a style and color similar to what they are wearing and it was suggested that they select something different in style or color.

After the style show and discussion, members met across the

street for refreshments at "Coffee, Tea and Me" served by Barbara and Tom Mullen.

During the business meeting, plans were made to entertain at Cedar Living Center the evening of Monday, Nov. 10, with Carol Morford, Marcia Lohofener, Nanette Zander and Arian Arnold as hostesses.

It was voted that instead of Christmas gifts at the Dec. 8 meeting, donations would be brought for the House of Hope Orphanage in Haiti, which is sponsored by Nanette Zander.

Fall church bazaar planned

The United Church of Oberlin at 109 N. Griffith will hold its fall bazaar on Saturday. A bake sale and

craft sale will begin at 9 a.m., followed by lunch with ham and beans and cornbread.

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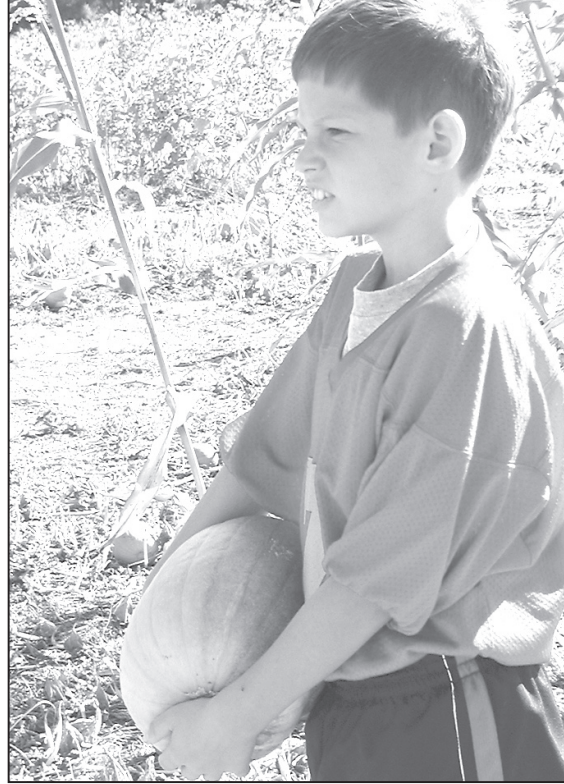
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Pumpkin Patch

I just want to give a great big thank you to Rick and Dori Pauls and Pheasants Forever for the wonderful FREE pumpkin patch at Sappa Park this year. It was great seeing the kids and parents enjoying the harvest.

I would like to encourage everyone to please support our local Pheasants Forever chapter. If you can't attend the upcoming banquet then just hand a member some money when you see them. Every dollar makes a big difference! Some of the members include Rick and Dori Pauls, Ken Badsky, Rick Doeden, Charlie Haag, Tim Thornton just to name a few.

This group is making a huge difference in our area. Show them you care! Thank you.

Carolyn Burtis,
Volunteer Sappa Park