

People in Our Community

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Former Oberlin residents Ted and Kay Moon visited friends the past week. They have worked during the summer at the KOA Campground near Pueblo, Colo. They plan to visit family in the Kearney, Neb., area before returning to Fredricksburg, Texas, to spend the winter months.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Garden City for Daisy Martin, sister of Glen Baughman of Oberlin, who died Sept. 20. Burial was at Valley View Cemetery at Garden City. Survivors include a daughter, Cindy and Stoney Bowen, Spivey; a granddaughter, Riley Bowen, Spivey; a sister, Juanita Crotty, Garden City; and a brother, Glen and Darlene Baughman, Oberlin, who all attended the services. Among others attending were Teresa and Charles Kuhlmann, McCook; and Glen Baughman, Culbertson, Neb.

Sister Barbara Ellen of Salina, but formerly of Oberlin, visited from Sunday to Tuesday with John and Hank Juennemann and family.

Cheryl Votapka returned Sunday after taking part in a two-week Winnebago camping caravan around Kansas. The group enjoyed tours of the McPherson Museum and renovated opera house, the Maxwell Wildlife Refuge, the State Fair, the Fuller Brush factory, the EnerSys factory, the Cathedral of the Plains, Ken Eberle's lathe woodwork, the Dane G. Hansen Museum, the Nicodemus historical buildings, the renovation of Damar, the oil museum, the historic Presbyterian Church and doll house in Hill City.

Nancy Brandt of Colorado Springs was a weekend guest of her daughter and her husband, Kim and Tim Davis.

Jim and Joyce Jones of Cambridge, Neb., visited her parents, Dean and Peggy Groneweg, on Wednesday.

Trey and Deb Ward of Smith Center were weekend guests of his mother, Shirley Ward, and Norma Conaway of Athol visited her daughter and family, Seth and Mardi Lohofener, over the weekend to see her granddaughter, Sierra Lohofener, play in the volleyball

tournament in Hoxie. Also attending were Deb Ward and the Seth Lohofener family.

Neal and Joy Russell and Jack Benton were honored at the potluck dinner after church on Sunday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. Mr. Russell has directed the church choir and his wife has been pianist for the past 35 years. Mr. Benton has done the programming for the Channel 7 television station for the past nine years of the United Methodist morning worship services. They were presented a plaque by Pastor Doug Hasty.

Ralph Vernon, Corpus Christi, Texas, and his niece, Jane Hannifin, Fort Worth, Texas, came Sept. 19 to visit their sister and aunt, Marjorie Olson. They took Mrs. Olson to Independence to visit their brother, Rex Vernon, and to Frontenac to visit their uncle and aunt, Clyde and Esther Vernon.

Cecil Hess spent Tuesday in St. Francis with Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica, to help her daughter, Jean Ann, celebrate her birthday.

Winning highs in pinocle at the Golden Age Center were Max Carman, Henry Edgett, Dewaine Stapp, Ardis Roe, Ivis Hanson and Veanna Carman. Lows went to Doris Gilbert, Neil Marshall, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe, Dorothy Moore and Doris Fringer. Winning highs at bridge were Annette Miller, Carol Shirley, Cynthia Matson and Marie McKisson.

"Darlene's Garden" was dedicated by Roger Prideaux, supervisor, recently in the back yard at the Prairie Development Center in Atwood, honoring the late Darlene (Thieler) Barnett, who died July 12, 2008. She had worked as secretary at the center since 1975. Her husband, Keith Barnett, of Atwood, and her sister, Betty and husband, Rex Carswell, of Selden, attended the dedication. Mrs. Barnett was a 1949 graduate of Decatur Community High School and her husband graduated in 1946.

Jerry and Montine Alstrom returned home Saturday from Denver, where he had undergone surgery.

Family gathers in Hoxie

The descendants of A.J. and Almira Charity (Brown) Mowry, and Robert Brewster and Emma (Owston) Brewster held their annual family reunion Sunday, Sept. 6, at the Bowen Scout House in Hoxie.

A bountiful meal was enjoyed by all. Afterwards family history was shared. The Mowry-Brewster reunion will be held at the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings in 2010.

Those attending were Walt and Shirley Hemman, Darcee (Hemman) Reden, Vic and Ardith Karnes, Edwin Coulter, Albert and Nadine

Mills, Norman Mills, Gerald and Betty Brewster, Lorna Buehler, Nicole Richter and Isaac Thomas and Aaliyah Williams, Dave and Kathy Patterson, Sylvia Tendhom, Larry and Irene Cressler, all of Hoxie; Daryl and Marjorie Hartzog, Wayne and Louise Cressler, Jennings; Jerry and Cathy Mowry, Manhattan; Lloyd and Veryl Mills, Enid, Okla.; Corine and Brian Smith, Norton; Tim and Sheri Martin and Kylie, Oakley; Keith and Debra Bowie, rural Dresden; and Jim Patterson, Quinter.

Bible study starts Oct. 7

Doug Mason, pastor of the Lund Covenant Church, will be starting a new Bible study called "Crazy Love" at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at this home, 410 E. Commercial.

"Crazy Love," he said. "That's what it's about, and it's the title of a new Bible-study by Francis Chan."

He said that anyone who wants to be a part of the group needs to get a copy of the small book that

accompanies the course and read the first chapter before next Wednesday. Anyone planning to attend may stop by his home and pick one up.

There are only 10 books, he said, because he wants to keep the group small and personal.

"If you want to get past humdrum Christianity and get excited about God, join us," he said. "It is a 10-week study, so you will need to commit to these 10 weeks."

Photo contest on aging set

The Landon Center on Aging at the University of Kansas will again sponsor a photo contest, "Images of Aging," open to professional and amateur photographers of all ages throughout Kansas. This is the 10th year for the contest.

Prizes will be \$300 for first place;

\$200 for second; \$100 and third and certificates for 15 honorable mentions.

For rules, to download the entry form or to view last year's photos, go to www2.kumc.edu/coa then click on the "Images of Aging" button

Theater group to perform

The Wichita Children's Theater Professional Touring Company will present "Little Red Riding Hood" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

The retelling of the Brothers Grimm story will show the endearing, yet capricious Little Red, her understanding mother, her doting, yet wise grandmother, the brave and kindly woodsman and the silly, bumbling wolf who is more interested in Little Red's basket of goodies than he is in Little Red. The group will also perform at Cedar Living Center and the Good Samaritan Centers of Oberlin and Atwood.

It is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. Admission is by season ticket or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at the door.

For details, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-357 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

Rotarians hear school upgrades

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst told about the changes and upgrades in education in the Oberlin School District when he spoke at the Sept. 22 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He was introduced by Buzz Matson, program chair for the day.

Mr. Dorshorst explained the federal laws affecting schools, including the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, passed during Lyndon B. Johnson's administration in 1975; the "No Child Left Behind" law passed during the George W. Bush administration; and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the latest to change and upgrade the educational system.

He also spoke about the low scores in reading for the Oberlin School District and said he felt one reason may be that the standards keep going up each year. He said that he and the principal and teachers will look at ways for students to improve their test scores.

Air Force ensemble to perform

The Air Force Heartland of America Band's Noteables jazz ensemble will give a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Colby High School Auditorium.

The ensemble does what it calls exciting, uplifting music to inspire patriotism in audiences, including standards, contemporary favorites and Big Band classics highlighted by instrumental and vocal solos.

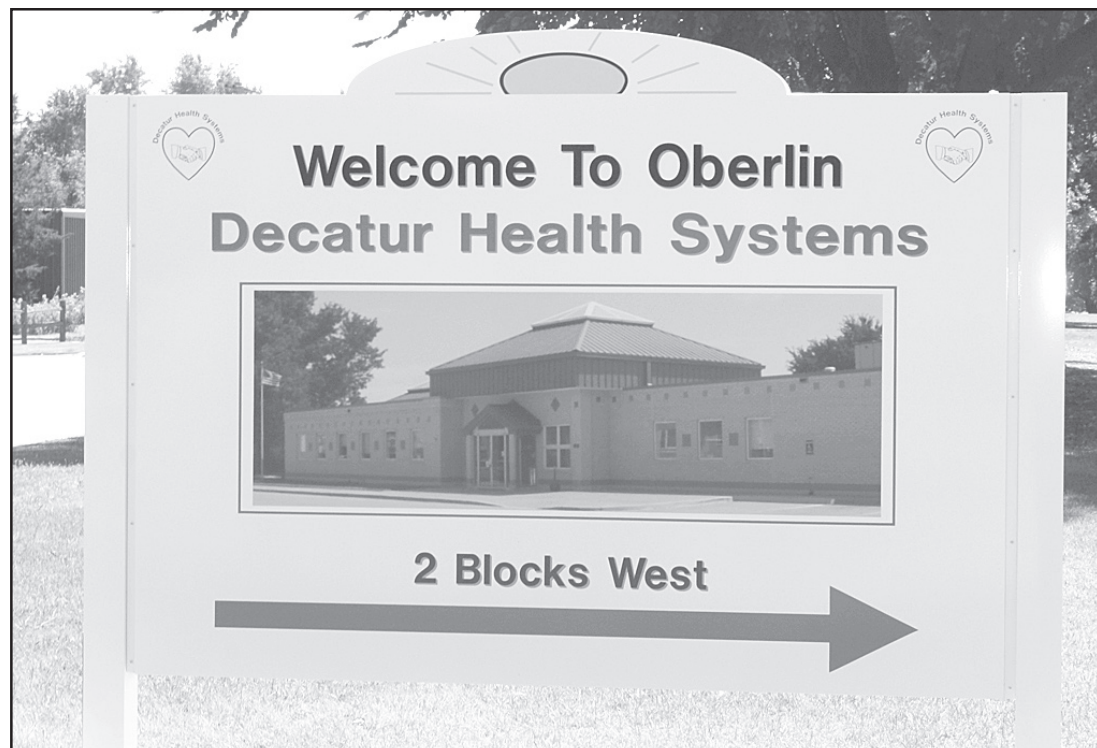
Although the concert is free, advance tickets are required. Send requests and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Pat Ziegelmeier, Colby Community College, 1255 S. Range, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Location changed for van pickup

A van will take people to the Suzy Bogguss and Jim Salestrom concert in Colby on Saturday, leaving from the south of the courthouse at 6 p.m.

A story last week said those wanting a ride should meet in front of the museum, but due to Mini-Sapa activities, the location was changed, said Mary Henzel with the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. Carpooling is also encouraged. Call Ella Betts at 475-3557 or Mrs. Henzel at 470-0218 for questions.

Sign welcomes visitors



A NEW SIGN for the Decatur County Hospital in the roadside park on U.S. 83 has drawn many positive comments, hospital officials say. Made by Swanson Signs of McCook, it was paid for by Decatur Health Systems, said Administrator Lynn Doeden.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Couple observes 50th anniversary

Lynn and Roberta Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday afternoon with an open house reception at the Bohemian Hall in Oberlin.

Roberta Wurm and Lynn Johnson were married on Sept. 27, 1959, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin and are lifetime residents of Decatur County. They have operated Johnson Realty Inc. in Oberlin for the past 19 years.

Hosts for the reception were their two daughters and families: Sherri and Terry Ramsey, Bryson and Bryanna of Arkansas City, and Shelli and Jay Fortin, Josh and Jacob of Oberlin.

Large white mums, replicates of their wedding flowers, decorated the reception tables. Donna Fortin recreated their white wedding cake, which was served by Dianne Bremer and Ruth Miesner. Jackie Votapka, Janeil Baxter, Jodi White and Jill Winter served the punch, coffee and tea. Bryanna Ramsey attended the chocolate fountain and Jordan Baxter took pictures.

Members of their wedding party attending were Lee Foley, McCook; groomsmen; Jackie Votapka, Oberlin, maid of honor; Suzi Sanderson, Lenexa, candlelighter; and Renee Ottinger, Thornton, Colo., flower girl.

Out-of-town guests were Terry, Sherri, Bryson and Bryanna Ramsey, Arkansas City; Brett, Jodi, Braden and Briley White, Floyd and Janice Neitzel, Wichita, Barry, Janeil, Brock and Jordan, Smith Center; Cade, Jill, Jaci and Jackson, Clifton; Earnest and Donna Huff, Norcatour;

Cory and Kayla Wurm, Keith and Helen Muirhead, Dresden; Bruce Wendelin, Joe and Nadine Green, Herndon; Suzi Sanderson, Lenexa; Debbie Goheen and Wava Markman, Shawnee; Elmo and Margaret Lund, Hays; Eldred and Lorraine Wurm, Atwood; Dave and Joyce Juennemann, Selden; Jeff, Hailey and Alexandra Ottinger, Bennett, Colo.; Jim Holthaus, Marion, Neb.;

Avis and Camy Ottinger, Englewood, Colo.; Dee Fellin, Littleton, Colo.; Eugene and Beverly Witt,

Roger Emigh, Bob and Carla Matheny, DeWayne and LaVonne Hanchera, Danbury; Millie Carroll, Walter Hume and Linda Gazda, Lakewood, Colo.; Russ and Joyce

Magaw, Stillman Valley, Ill.; Lee and Pat Foley, McCook, and Delbert Siegfried and Iris Upward, Arapahoe, Neb.,

Plan for life choices

Advance care planning is about making your choices known and having the necessary tools to share them, said Julia Schemper, administrative assistant for Hospice Services in Phillipsburg.

Research has shown that discussions with your doctors and other health care providers results in higher quality of life for the patient and caregiver.

Discussing end-of-life decisions before a medical crisis will help ensure that the person gets the care that he or she wants.

The federal Patient Self-Determination Act, passed 18 years ago, allows for advance care planning and stresses the importance of each person's wishes.

This provision exists to ensure Americans have the tools to make their wishes known and to assist health care providers in honoring

these wishes, Ms. Schemper said.

Advance care planning involves understanding your possible future health-care choices, thinking about them in light of what is important to you and your values, talking about your decisions with family and doctors, and writing them down in advance directives so they will be ready if needed.

You can change plans and advance directives as your situation or wishes change, she said; advance care planning is done over time and not a single conversation, so decisions like these are best considered before there is a crisis.

Planning ahead for your health care—now, while you are able to—is a gift you can give to yourself and to those you love.

For information, call Ms. Schemper at (800) 315-5122.

Program set in Colby

"Healthy Sexual Development in Children" will be presented from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday at the Frahm Theater on the Colby Community College campus.

Presenter Christine "Coco" McAtee, a licensed clinical social worker, says she uses her experience as a marriage and family therapist to address this topic in a humorous and sensitive manner.

The presentation is open to the public. Anyone working with young children is encouraged to attend. Professionals will receive a certificate for two hours of professional development.

The program is sponsored by Smart Start Northwest Kansas, Northwest Kansas Child Care Resource and Referral and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Members enjoy snacks

Pi Alpha Club met Monday afternoon at the home of Marty Olson with Euncie Martin as co-hostess.

Guests partook of fare from the snack bar to enjoy as Mrs. Olson presented a program with the theme, "To Open Doors — Read a Book." She read several different versions of the children's fairy tale, "The Three Little Pigs," showing beautiful illustrations, and concluded with

a movie, "The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf."

Twelve members were present and Cecil Hess won the hostess prize.

President Gerri Neff reviewed the committee assignments for the club year. The next meeting will be on Saturday, October 12 at the new Golden Age Center with Ila Ray as hostess.

New Arrival

Caylin Ann Mermis

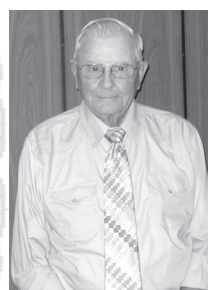

Caylin Ann Mermis was born Sept. 20, 2009, at the Overland Park Regional Medical Center. She was 19.5 inches long and weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces. She is the daughter of Cory and Lisa Mermis of Olathe and was welcomed home by her big sister, Campbell. Grandparents are Gary and Janelle Walter, Oberlin, and Clyde and Mary Beth Mermis, Lawrence. Marian Miller, formerly of St. Francis, but now a resident of Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, is her great-grandmother.



C. Mermis

Francis Moore
It is time to celebrate
October 6th is the date

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

From your daughters,
family and friends.

Happy Birthday Dolores!

Please help us celebrate Dolores Depperschmidt's 75th Birthday by joining us at an open house from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the Sappa Valley Manor, 202 N. Elk, Oberlin, Kansas.

*Greetings may be sent to:
203 N. Elk, Apt 17
Oberlin, KS 67749*



The family of Irene Fringer

would like to honor her with a card shower for her 88th birthday, September 28.

Cards will reach her at
101 N. Elk, Apt 30
Oberlin, KS 67749

