

People in Our Community

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Donna Wilson, a registered nurse, and daughter of Gene and Marcella Leiter of Oberlin, was recently selected to make a podium presentation at the National Conference on Professional Nursing Education and Development at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Her presentation was titled, "A quality improvement project to prevent aspiration pneumonia in stroke patients." She is a nurse practitioner at Via Christi Health Systems in Wichita and currently works with stroke patients in the Neurocritical Care Unit.

Clyde and Esther Vernon of Frontenac, were houseguests of Louise Pollnow from Saturday to Tuesday. They also visited their niece, Marjorie Olson, her sister, Millie Lippelmann, and a longtime friend, J Eldon Smith.

Glenn Nichols, who has been hospitalized at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver, expected to return to Oberlin on Tuesday. Her husband, Harold, and her children, Deb Farr, North Platte, Neb., and Gerry and Theresa Tally, and Gene and Tonya Tally spent time with her in Denver.

Sue Renk of Plainville, visited on Friday with her mother, Elaine Bryan.

Jessica Koerperich and Alex, 3, have moved to Oberlin from Grand Junction, Colo. She is the daughter of JoAnn Lerew and is a granddaughter of Dolores Koerperich of Oberlin, and Hope Kathka of Indianola, Neb. They are making their home with her mother and brother, Daniel in Oberlin. She is employed at Raye's Grocery.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson returned home recently from an American Heritage tour to Pigeon Forge, Tenn.; Ashville and Winston-Salem, N.C.; Norfolk, Jamestown, and Williamsburg, Va.; Washington; Annapolis, Md.; and Savannah, Ga. Steve and Arian Arnold flew to Savannah and the two couples spent a week vacationing together.

Gabe Moore, a sophomore at Bethany College in Lindsborg, is a member of the cast of "The Author's Voice," to be presented Thursday through Saturday. Director is Greg LeGault, assistant professor of theater. Gabe is the son of Monte and Kelly Moore of Oberlin.

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The Haughty Hatters of Northwest Kansas traveled to Atwood Monday evening, Oct. 26, to enjoy "Paris," the theme of the annual Theta Kappa Club benefit supper and entertainment. Members attending were Sherri Shuler, Fern Moore, Karen Bruning, Mary Waldo, Carol Morford, Marian Fraker, Judy Davis, Janet Rorick and Charlotte Meints.

Suzanne Ahlberg spent a week visiting her son, Andy and Sherri Ahlberg, in Fort Collins, Colo., and made the acquaintance of their infant son, Drevyn Andrew, who was born Oct. 9. He weighed 3 pounds, 6 ounces. Mrs. Ahlberg and Mason also attended state cross country in Wamego over the weekend.

Gail and Kay Marcuson visited with Rick, Sally and Grady Marcuson in Overland Park from Oct. 23 to Oct. 26.

Logan Stanton, son of Tim and Melissa (Perrin) Stanton of Ellis, and grandson of Adelia Perrin, formerly of Oberlin, and also of Ellis, was part of the Ellis FFA Chapter Agriculture Mechanics Team that

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recently competed in the National FFA Agriculture Mechanics Career Development Event in Indianapolis. He and his team placed second in the nation, with Logan finishing third in the nation individually out of 170 competitors. He is a freshman at Fort Hays State University, majoring in Information Networking and Telecommunications.

Dan Grafel hosted a surprise 40th birthday party for Melinda Grafel Saturday night at the home of Connie Grafel. Guests included Jerry and Barbara Boettcher, Manhattan; Chris and Lynne Boettcher, Brittan, Aidan, Dylan and Addy, Benton; Jeff and Michelle Baxa, Beloit; Candi Ketterl, Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Shannon Metcalf, Danbury; LeRoy Sumner, Norton; Greg and Amanda Grafel, Kel and Reece, and Kade and Isabel Grafel.

Murry and Audrey Pavlicek visited last week with Kelli and Daniel Butherus, Clay and Erin in Wichita. While there, they saw Clay play fourth grade football and Erin, second grade soccer. They also celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. They attended Clay's music program at St. Peter's Catholic School and ate lunch at St. Peter's School with Clay and Erin. The Pavliceks recently attended fourth grade Grandparents' Day in Hoxie for Luke Schippers. Football games for Kollyn, Mark and Luke Schippers have kept the Pavliceks busy this fall.

Golden Age Center has moved to their new building at 105 W. Maple. Winning highs in pinoche last week were Kelva Dryden, Elden Haas, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman and Veanna Carman. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Doris Gilbert, Neil Marshall, Kelva Dryden, Elden Haas, and Doris Fringer. Pitch highs were won by Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett with lows going to Elden Haas and Neil Marshall. Bridge winners were Judy Shirley, Ila Ray, Annette Miller and Merle Shirley.

In Oberlin to attend the services for Keith Sauvage recently was nephew Philip and Florence Carey of Ellicot, Colo.; their son Keith Carey, who attends and plays baseball at Colby Community College and niece, Rita Carey of Westminster, Colo.

David and Michelle Luttrell of Centennial, Colo., are spending time with her mother, Marty Munson, and her aunt, Mary Horney.

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Sharon Marie Raburn, 71, of Haigler Neb., died Oct. 6 in Tulsa, Okla., after a short illness. She was a sister-in-law of Harold and Marion Raburn of Holdrege, Neb., but formerly of Oberlin. Harold Raburn is a former high school principal at Decatur Community High School. A memorial service is planned in the spring in Wray, Colo.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland for Marcella Reitchek, 80, who died Friday at Goodland. She was born at Dresden. Survivors include her husband, Felix, Goodland; her children, Helen Hoard, Big Springs, Texas; Marilyn Holub, Atwood; Phillip, Goodland; Jerry, Colby; Barbara Hatfield, Fairmont, Minn.; Michael, Chadron, Neb.; and Allen, Philadelphia, Miss. Burial was at St. Martin's Cemetery at Seguin. Memorials were established to Hospice Services of Sherman County or the church. Koons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Classes will include the use of oils and pastels on varied subject matter. They will run from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. in the Hansen Plaza Community Room, 110 W. Main, Logan. Intermediate to advanced artists may register. Call (785) 689-4846 for details.

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Oberlin dentist named to foundation board

Dr. Gary Fredrickson of Oberlin has been named to the Fort Hays State University Foundation board.



Fredrickson

Dr. Fredrickson, a dentist, operates Fredrickson Family Dentistry in Oberlin and the Smith Center Dental Clinic, practicing part time in each town.

The foundation raises and invests money on behalf of the university. Its board is a group of Fort Hays State University supporters who help govern the policies, procedures and investment strategies of the foundation.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Fredrickson join our team as a member of the board of trustees," said Tim Chapman, president and chief executive officer of the foundation. "The mission of the foundation is more important than ever as state funding continues to decline."

"Dr. Fredrickson's enthusiasm for Fort Hays State University, his alma mater, will help us in many ways throughout the state and region as we strive to meet our goal of raising \$60 million in the Cornerstone Campaign."

Dr. Fredrickson graduated from Fort Hays State in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in general science and then attended dental school in Pittsburgh. After graduating in 1982, he opened a practice in his home town of Oberlin. He took on the Smith Center practice from a retiring dentist last year.

He is a loyal supporter of the university and says he recalls his time there as a student fondly.

"I feel Fort Hays State really prepared me for dental school very well," he said. "I want to give back to the university because I see its potential to grow and become more influential in Kansas."

He said he also appreciates Fort Hays State's commitment to keeping tuition low while offering an excellent education.

He said he has set up a scholarship at the university in his estate plans for students from Kansas majoring in the pre dental curriculum.

He and his wife of 24 years, Sarah, have two children, Karli and Kaine.

Lions get mobile unit

A new Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit will be on Kansas roads this fall, thanks to a partnership between the Kansas Lions Clubs and a \$100,000 donation per year for five years from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation.

Because of this donation, the mobile screening unit will continue to travel throughout Kansas and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Kansas Foundation service area offering free health screenings to Kansans for years into the future.

The mobile screening unit is equipped to provide screenings for visual acuity, field of vision, hearing, blood pressure and blood sugar.

"We are pleased to partner with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation for the new

mobile screening unit," said Joyce DeVore, president of the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation.

"Obtaining regular screenings is an important part of identifying potential health problems. For instance, the blood sugar screening helps detect diabetes, the number one cause of new blindness. Until the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit began operating, many Kansans had to pay out-of-pocket for such medical screening. Thanks to this gift from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation, we are proud to be able to fulfill these needs for Kansans at no cost," she continued.

To learn about when the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit will be in your area, contact Ms. DeVore at joyced4@cox.net.

Open enrollment scheduled for Medicare drug plans

Medicare patients have a chance to change drug plans during the "open enrollment" period between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31 each year.

If you are on Medicare and your drug plan doesn't cover some new medications or if you would like to compare prices, now is the time to check things out.

While actual enrollment and changes cannot be made until after Nov. 15, a Medicare Part D cost comparison done now can help you decide on a drug plan.

A list of prescription drug plans for 2010 was printed in the "Medi-

care and You" book that every beneficiary received in October. If you like to use the Internet, the Medicare website, www.medicare.gov, has been updated.

If you need help, Ruth Miesner, a volunteer Kansas senior health insurance counselor, is trained and certified to help with insurance questions, especially for Medicare Part D. Joanne Wendelin, a licensed social worker, is also able to help with Medicare questions.

Call Decatur Health Systems at 475-2208, Extension 224, to make an appointment.

Singers entertain Rotarians

The DCHS Singers presented the program for the Oct. 27 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club when they met at The Gateway.

They and their director, Susan Nelson, and accompanist, Mary Jo

Lohofener, were introduced by Mark Olson, program chair. Mrs. Nelson said the group sang the National Anthem at the state volleyball tournament in Hays over the weekend.

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Club News

Members hear war stories

Monday Evening Club members met the evening of Oct. 12 to observe Columbus Day with a program by Joanne Emerick of Hoxie.

Mrs. Emerick has written the experiences of the 31st Bombardment Squadron from 1938 through Pearl Harbor and through the completion of the action in the South Pacific during World War II.

Mrs. Emerick's father joined the squadron in Hawaii as a medic and in later years when she attended their military reunions she agreed to tell their story and has spent 17 years doing research and interviewing Squadron veterans. The book is entitled "Courage Before Every Danger" and is expected to be published by the end of the year.

As a background to the attack at

Pearl Harbor, she shared excerpts from her book on the depression years and how the men had ended up in Hawaii, as well as from the years in the South Pacific which included a wide range of emotions from hilarity to boredom and from pride to despair.

The meeting was held at the home of Jody Betts with Laurie Wasson and Kelly Wasson as co-hostesses. Thirteen members were present along with three guests, Mrs. Emerick, Katrina Gilley and Janice Baalman, all of Hoxie.

It was voted to decorate a Christmas tree at the museum. Club members are to appear at the Nov. 9 meeting at the home of Ann Anderson "Dressed to the Nines." Co-hostesses will be Marcia Lohofener, Mary Ann Erickson and Nanette Zander.

Club views collections

In keeping with the season, Rosella Meitl greeted guests in a witch costume as they arrived at her home for the Oct. 27 meeting of the Pi Alpha Club. Mert McEvoy was co-hostess.

Special program guests, Marian Fraker and Charlotte Meints, displayed and told of their enjoyable lifetime hobby of collecting Precious Moments figurines with totals of 350 and 500, respectively in their collections. A drawing was held to give a Precious Moments collectible and the winner was Mrs. McEvoy.

Mrs. Meitl read "A Newsletter from Jesus" for devotions to the 10 members present and an additional guest, Rachele Lytle. Several Halloween games were played with Virginia Spratling winning the hostess gift.

The Nov. 9 meeting will be held at the Golden Age Center with Joan and Kristy Evans as hostesses. The evening will be spent making ornaments for decorating a Christmas tree at the Decatur County Museum. An offering will be taken for the Christmas Angel Tree.

Application deadline set for uninsured crops

The application deadline for most uninsured crops under the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program is Tuesday, Dec. 1, says the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

Diane Barrett, county executive director for the agency in Decatur County, said crops eligible for these benefits are limited to those which are not insurable here.

Dec. 1 is the final date to pay the fees and obtain coverage for all grasses, including alfalfa, clover, mixed forage and oats, she said.

The administrative service fee

can range from \$250 to \$1,875; farmers must pay the fee and file the application by the deadline.

This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of the average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused at least a 50 percent production loss.

Farmers must obtain coverage on noninsurable crops and have crop insurance on insurable crops to remain eligible for the supplemental disaster assistance programs, Mrs. Barrett said.

St. Mary's Fall Festival

Sunday, November 15, 2009, Herndon, Kansas

Serving Turkey and Ham Dinner

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Free Will Offering

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