

People in Our Community

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Eloise Smith and her sister, Phyllis Klich of Denver, flew to Lompoc, Calif., where they attended memorial services for their aunt, Evelyn Genevieve "Gene" Holmdahl, 96, on Monday, Nov. 16. She died Nov. 9. Her late husband, Walter Holmdahl, was a former resident of the Midway community. A son, DeWayne and Bonnie Holmdahl, and their family survive.

Marie McKisson attended funeral services on Thursday for her brother-in-law, John McVicker in Abilene. He died on Nov. 17.

Administrative Assistant Jeanette Krizek of Jennings was honored recently as Norton Correctional Facilities Employee of the Month for the second quarter in 2009. She began working in the mailroom there in February 2008. She also is a team player helping out in the multiple areas including Canteen, Imaging, Jpay and the Inmate Phone System. Others honored were Officer Scott Ballard and Chris Delimont, licensed practical nurse at the facility.

— If someone offered to pay 95 percent of a new house for you, would you take them up on it? Pol. adv. Marcia Lohofener.

Bob and Yuki Berkheimer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon at the Chances "R" Restaurant in York, Neb., with their family. In attendance were Pat, Lance and Anna Dixon, Kingman; and Ben Dixon, Sioux Center, Iowa. Tyler Dixon of Kansas City was unable to attend due to illness. Also celebrating with them were Tom and Melissa Berkheimer, Emily, Leah, Alyse and Mia. Ankeny, Iowa; Jim and Heather Berkheimer, Cate and Grace, York, Neb.; and Bob's cousins, Bill Day, Loup City, Neb.; Glenola Kleckner, Kearney, Neb.; and Don Day, Omaha. They were also joined by Bob's lifelong friend, Jerome Fax and his wife, Dorothy, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Wayne and Sandy Orr of El Dorado, and Shelly Scott and daughter, Hannah, of Wichita, visited over

the weekend with Max and Veanna Carman. They also visited Aleen Van Vleet at Cedar Living Center and five-generation pictures were taken.

Ila Ray accompanied her daughter, Marla Manning and Taryn of Littleton, Colo., to Orlando, Fla., where they visited a week with another daughter, Kelsey Manning, who is interning at Disney World.

Elsie Wolters was a Thursday morning caller of Lucille Wicke, and Paula and Harry Kastens of the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Vic and Flossie Mowry of Hoxie, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Tuesday. He and his band provide music for area nursing homes, including Cedar Living Center and Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Their children are Melba and Ed Witt, Ilene and Bill Spillman, and Joyce and Kevin Tremblay. Their address is P.O. Box 85, Hoxie, Kan., 67740.

Helen Derby was honored on her 90th birthday Sunday noon at the brunch buffet at the LandMark Inn. Those attending were her daughter, Betty Jean Baus, Pratt; her granddaughter and husband, Dawn and Shane Irvin, Wichita, John and Dianne Bremer, Herschel and Jody Betts and Delores Depperschmidt, all of Oberlin. Later in the afternoon, a birthday party was held at Good Samaritan Center.

Carol Jean Barkley of Allen, Texas, came Sunday to spend Thanksgiving with her sister, Marie McKisson, and family.

Winning highs in pinochle last week were Henry Edgett, Veanna Carman, Max Carman, Dewaine Stapp, Ivis Hanson, Dorothy Moore and Kelva Dryden. Lows went to Neil Marshall, Max Carman, Elden Haas, Dorothy Moore, Norma Anderson and Ivis Hanson. Pitch highs were won by Elden Haas and Henry Edgett with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Max Carman. Bridge winners were Charlotte Meints and Marie McKisson.



Russell and Kelsey Miller

Couple wed in Colby

Kelsey Strickler and Russell Miller, both of North Platte, Neb., were married on Saturday, July 18, 2009, in Colby.

Parents of the bride are Doug and Wanda Brown, Colby; and Lee and Nori Strickler, Burrton. Parents of the bridegroom are Greg and Marie Miller, Dresden.

Grandparents of the bride are Glenna Strickler, Scott City; Christine Bennett, Phillipsburg; and Paul and Shirley Brown, Goodland. Grandmother of the bridegroom is Betty Miller, Colby.

The bride is a graduate of Colby High School and graduated from Kansas State University in 2007, with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminology. She is employed by the Nebraska Department of Labor at North Platte.

Her husband is a graduate of Prairie Heights High School at Jennings and graduated from K-State in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He works for the Nebraska Public Power District in Sutherland, Neb.

Agents receive training

Abby Hissong and Fonda Farr of Fredrickson Insurance Agency

in Oberlin, after completing a series of courses, have received the "On Your Farm Certified Agency" designation from Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Co.

The company says this training means farmers and ranchers can depend on them to understand their operations, provide basic risk assessment to help reduce expenses, teach them about exposures, match coverages to needs and provide professional, knowledgeable service.

"We're excited that Abby and Fonda have completed this certification program," said owner Tammy Fredrickson. "We have made a commitment to help protect farmers and ranchers in our area with

the highest level of professionalism and service. This certification tells our area farmers that we're committed to helping protect them now and into the future."

Only agents who successfully complete the program are awarded the designation, the company said, and agents must recertify every three years.

"Nationwide Agribusiness developed this training program to provide additional education and resources to insurance agents who make a commitment to protecting farms and ranches," said Jerry Hillard, farm sales director for the firm. "We're proud of the agents who complete the program and are excited about the level of service farmers and ranchers can expect...."



A. Hissong



F. Farr

Charter members honored

The Oberlin Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees met at the Golden Age Center meal site on Thursday for lunch.

President Gary Zodrow conducted the business meeting. In honor of its 25th anniversary, state officers presented a certificate to the chapter. Two charter members, Crystal Johnson Moore and Lee Waldo, were honored.

State officers attending were

Relay needs volunteers

Plans are underway for the 2010 Relay for Life and volunteers are needed to help, said committee member Norma Unger.

An organizational meeting was scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, in the Business Enhance-

ment Entrepreneurial Center.

Anyone who would like to help with the cancer fund raiser is asked to call Ralph or Norma Unger, (785) 475-2560; Melinda Grafel at (785) 5234 or Linda Schroer at (785) 475-2175.

Exhibition planned at Logan

"Sum of the Parts, Surface Design Association Membership Exhibition 2007," judged by Kyoung Ae Cho and Jan Myers-Newbury, will be on featured from Tuesday, Dec. 1, through Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan.

As part of the Surface Design Association's 2007 International Conference held at the Kansas City Art Institute, members were invited

to submit work measuring 51 inches high by 18 inches wide for an installation showcasing innovative use of textiles. Its mission is to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of textiles in the art and design communities, as well as for the general public.

For details, call the museum at (785) 689-4846 or check www.hansenmuseum.org.

Club News

Group elects officers

Calico Gals Club met last Wednesday at the Oberlin Covenant Church. Fifteen members and guests enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner catered by Jeanette Diederich.

The club collect and flag salute were given by members Detta Anderson, Shirley Shields, Margaret McEvoy, Millie Lippelmann, Phyllis Screen, Barbara Duell, Mary Waldo and Donna Kelley. Each answered roll call with "Anything goes."

President Donna Kelley showed an old club book from 1985 when there were 31 members and dues were \$1.25. It was voted to present each nursing home member of the club with a flower during Christmas week. All members

signed Thanksgiving cards for those same members. A charitable amount was decided for the Angel Tree child.

Officers elected were Donna Kelley, president; Margaret McEvoy, vice president; Millie Lippelmann, secretary; Shirley Shields, treasurer; and Phyllis Screen and Detta Anderson, courtesy committee. Mrs. Shields won the hostess gift.

Each member is to bring suggestions for the club book, including places to meet and activities, to the Dec. 16 meeting, which will be held at 2 p.m. at the LandMark Inn. Hostesses will be Detta Anderson and Betty Grout and a gift exchange will be held.

Club enjoys pianists

Eleven members of the Zeta Nu Club met at the home of Angie Wilson on Nov. 12 with Charlotte Meints as co-hostess.

The club made donations to the Christmas Angel Tree and for veterans gifts.

Three students of Cheryl Met-

calf: Britta, David and Michael Noren, entertained with the piano numbers for which they earned I ratings at State Music Contest.

The next meeting will be Dec. 10 with Eloise Smith as hostess and Dorothy Cochran as co-hostess.

Students earn scholarships at Kansas State University

Several area students are among 5,380 who earned Kansas State University scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year:

Dresden: Gage Reichert: Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence, Col. Delbert Townsend Scholarship, Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship.

Norcatour: Denton Bailey: Leslie R. Reinhardt Memorial Scholarship, Servi-Tech Scholarship and Steve Fankhauser Memorial Scholarship.

Rebecca Leigh Helm, Col. Delbert Townsend Scholarship.

Oberlin: Derek Chambers: Col. Delbert Townsend Scholarship, Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship, Leadership Scholarship.

Kellen Doeden: Col. Delbert Townsend Scholarship and Tomorrow's Teacher Scholarship.

Christopher Larson: Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship, Dr. H.H. King Memorial Scholarship and Lectureship, Henry J. Putnam Memorial Scholarship, T. Hobart and Marion Brown McVay

Scholarship.

Lora Marietta: Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence, Col. Delbert Townsend Scholarship, John C. Peterson Scholarship.

Breck Simonsson: Col. Delbert Townsend Scholarship.

Nathan Jon Simonsson, Col. Delbert Townsend Scholarship, Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship, Foundation Scholarship.

Jennifer Tally: Marion H. Pelton Keyboard Scholarship.

Herndon: Drew Basgall, Activity Scholarship, Gayle Foster Alumni Club Scholarship.

Ludell: Bethany Holste: Etna King Pilcher Memorial Scholarship, Frank E. Jenkins Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Stephen C. Redding Scholarships I and II.

Selden: Andrew Broeckelman: Bernard I. and Caroline N. Melia Scholarship in Agriculture, Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship, Engineering Scholarship, John W. Baughman II Memorial Scholarship, Walter T.W. Poos Scholarship in Agricultural Engineering.

Orchestra to perform Dec. 6

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present its "Poinsettia Pops" concert at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Colby Community College Frahm Theater. Andrew Salvador is conductor.

The orchestra was organized in 1986 under Bill Beck, a retired school music director. Members are volunteer musicians ranging from school age to retirees from Weskan, Goodland, Oakley, Hoxie, Colby, Grinnell, Burlington, Colo., Quinter, Levant and Monument.

The orchestra is a part of the Western Plains Arts Association program and is also supported by the Friends of the Orchestra and the Kansas Arts Commission.

The concert will include classical and traditional holiday music. Cookies will be served during intermission.

Admission is by Friends of the Orchestra membership or \$3 for children and senior citizens and \$7 for adults at the door.

Computer classes offered

People interested in learning a little more about computers might be able to do that in upcoming classes to be offered at the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center.

Darrell Stern plans to hold classes in the near future, but wants to know who might be interested and when's a good time for them.

Mr. Stern has a form for those interested to fill out sitting outside his office in the center.

Some of the possible classes

including basic computing, intermediate, eBay trading, including how to sell stuff, website design, blogging and web graphics.

The classes, he said, will meet six times for 90 minutes each. Those sessions will include a lecture and computer lab time.

Mr. Stern said he won't set a price for the classes. He will work out what it will cost based on what people can afford to pay.

Anyone with questions can call him at (866) 728-9125.

Newsstands set up in town

The Oberlin Herald has two new places in town for readers to pick up the newspaper each week.

Newsstands recently were set up inside Stanley Hardware and in front of the former Addleman Drug Store, both on the west side of Penn Avenue.

The vending box at Addleman's is the paper's first coin machine. It replaces an inside stand at the drugstore. The machine takes four quarters only.

At all locations, newspapers cost \$1.

Woman named to board

Lynn Doeden, chief executive officer of Decatur Health System and administrator of the Decatur County Hospital, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of the Kansas Hospital Association.

The election took place last week during the association's annual meeting in Wichita. The 21-member governing body oversees the organization's strategic activities.



Lynn Doeden

The association represents health care provider organizations and individuals across the state. It includes 194 member hospitals, of which 125 are full-service community hospitals.

Founded in 1910, the group maintains its vision as "an organization of hospitals working together to improve access, quality and the affordability of health care for all Kansans."

Vocal quintet to perform

Oberlin Arts and Humanities will bring the Chicago-based vocal quintet Table for 5 to The Gateway in Oberlin for a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

The quintet has entertained audiences with unique vocal harmonies and musical styling. The group began with the creation of "A Victorian Christmas," which became a popular Chicago holiday concert. The ensemble's performances attracted sellout houses throughout the holiday season and established the group as an audience favorite.

Table for 5 has been featured with symphony orchestras, university and community art series, clubs

and cabarets. In this area, they have performed in Colby and Scott City. Their extensive repertoire attracted the attention of civic and corporate organizations, which led to performances for Motorola, Saks Fifth Avenue and the Easter Seals Telethon.

The group has three recordings, two holiday discs and one featuring the music of the 1930s and 1940s.

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

For details, call Ella Betts, 475-3557, or Mary Henzel, 470-0218.

Rotary hears musicians

Several members of the cast for the musical "South Pacific" presented the program for the Nov. 17 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

Program chair Joe Stanley introduced director Susan Nelson and Cheryl Metcalf, the accompanist. Mrs. Nelson introduced some of the cast, including Jacob Larue and Ashley Horton, who sang "Some Enchanted Evening." Serena Stacy,

Daniel Jordan and Amanda Marshall sang and danced to "Happy Talk." Mr. Jordan also sang "Younger Than Springtime." Miss Horton and Joe Hirsch concluded the program with a funny song-and-dance number to "Honeybun."

Guests were Janice Shobe of the Atwood Rotary Club, Cody Kane and Adrienne Pauls, junior Rotarians from Decatur Community High, and Kay Brown.

Public Notice

Oberlin Medical Arts will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th.

Oberlin - Decatur Area Economic Development Board Will sponsor a public meeting Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Golden Age Center for city voters who may have questions regarding the special question election ballot.

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