

People in Our Community

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Eugene Wurm is hospitalized recuperating from spinal cord surgery and would enjoy receiving cards. His mailing address is: Eugene Wurm, Room 3295, c/o Good Samaritan Hospital, P.O. Box 1990, Kearney, Neb., 68848.

Susan Wright of Lawrence spent the weekend of May 23-24 with her parents, Loyd and Mary Waldo. Her sister, Jana Oliver of Raleigh, N.C., was here for Memorial weekend with their parents and attended her class reunion.

Sister Marilyn Wall will celebrate 50 years as a Sister of St. Joseph of Concordia this summer. A reception will honor her at St. Wenceslaus Parish at Wilson from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 12. A Mass will be held at 10 a.m. at the church, 2811 Ave., D. in Wilson. She formerly served at the Oberlin Sacred Heart, Selden Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Catholic Churches.

Luetta Pollnow, Kay Matheny and Diana Steinmetz, Oberlin; and Dave and Patty Chambers, and Andy Chambers, Culbertson, Neb., spent Monday at the home of Shane and Amanda Johnson, Jackson and Judson in Benkelman, Neb., to help Judson celebrate his fourth birthday. The Johnsons recently moved to Benkelman from Dodge City.

Jeremy Bryant of Manhattan, is in Joplin, Mo., helping with the clean-up from the recent tornado. He is a former resident of Joplin and said that he lost all of the items he had in storage, including a favorite pickup. He is the grandson of Jerald and Elaine Leitner.

Rick Marcuson, Overland Park; Julie Hubbard, Lakewood, Colo.; Diane Newcom and Jessica Hubbard, Denver, were weekend houseguests of Gail and Kay Marcuson to help Mrs. Marcuson celebrate her 85th birthday. Additional Sunday dinner guests were Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Ryan and Leslie Nelson, Sarah Marcuson and Jared Marcuson. Robert and Karen Reeser, Manhattan, were afternoon callers.

Weekend guests of Cecil Hess were Dan and Carter Hess, Salina, and Steve and Chris Hess, Norah, Lola and Francie, Overland Park. Other callers were Helen Riepl and Jim Riepl, Cimarron, and David and Linda Porter, Winona. The Porters will be moving to Sharon Springs in July where he will become Superintendent of Schools.

Simone Cahoj, daughter of Larry and Suzanne (Temple) Cahoj of Atwood, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business management and leadership studies, with a concentration in entrepreneurship, at the University of Kansas. She has accepted the position of economic development director for Wichita County. She is a granddaughter of Ron and Jerry Temple of Norcatour and the late Bill and Margaret Cahoj.

Marci Metcalf, a spring graduate of Kansas State University, earned a prestigious honor from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Eli Segal Education Award recognizes students who have completed 300 hours of volunteer service in the fields of education, allied health and nonprofit service as part of the Careers for the Common Good AmeriCorps program. The award can be used to help pay federally backed student loans or tuition at accredited institutions of higher education. The aim is to promote higher education students' participation in service-learning activities that serve high-need communities. The awards were presented as part of AmeriCorps Week, May 14-21. The program was created by the Kansas Campus Compact and funded by a grant from AmeriCorps. Her parents are Joe and Lolita Metcalf.

Kelsey and Jesse Janssen graduated Summa Cum Laude in May from the Fort Hays State University Masters Degree program; Kelsey with a Master of Science in Education, grades K-12, with a highly qualified designation for Physics, Earth Science and Chemistry; Jesse with a Master of Science in Education Administration K-12, and highly qualified designation in Business, Math, and Economics. Kelsey and Jesse are the daughter

and son-in-law of Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson of Norcatour.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett, Elden Haas, Dorothy Moore, Kelva Dryden, Ivis Hanson and Doris Fringer. Lows went to Dewaine Stapp, Elden Haas, Henry Edgett, Doris Fringer, John Cederberg and Veanna Carman. Pitch highs were won by Kelva Dryden and Henry Edgett with lows going to Max Carman and Elden Haas. Bridge highs went to Beth Sebaugh, Marty Olson and Merle Shirley. Bingo second and fourth Tuesdays, starts June 14.

Jordan Tally, a student at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Neb., has been recognized by the college for his academic performance last semester by being placed on the Dean's Honor Roll, which requires a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4-point scale.

Ward Wurm, who is working in the Persian Gulf, spent 10-days with his father, Bus Wurm while his mother, Carolyn Wurm, underwent knee replacement surgery recently in Kearney, Neb.

Andrew Fikan of Atwood received his degree of Doctor of Pharmacy at a recognition ceremony on May 21 at the University of Kansas. He will begin working at CVS Pharmacy in Eureka on June 6. He is the son of Ron and Colleen (Ketterl) Fikan of Atwood. His mother is a 1976 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

George Launchbaugh and Gayle Bainter were among World War II veterans who were in Washington, D.C., in April as participants in the Honor Flights Program. At the age of 95, Mr. Launchbaugh was the oldest person on the flight. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1944, and Mr. Bainter served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945.

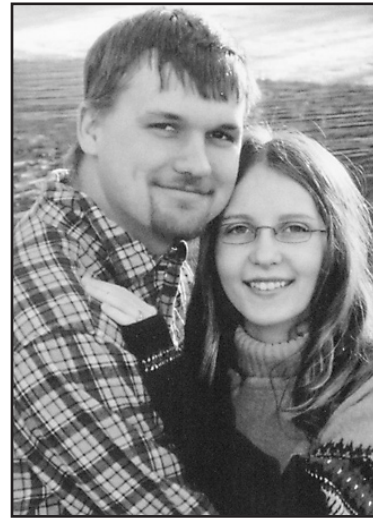
Jerry Leitner, Hilton Head, S.C., and Claudia Bryant and daughter, Christina Bryant, Fort Meyers, Fla., have been here to help their parents and grandparents, Jerald and Elaine Leitner, finish moving to Colby. The couple was honored with a 64th anniversary supper on May 23 at the home of Dustin and Katrina Sullivan, Talyn and Tage, in Colby and they also helped Jerald celebrate his birthday. Others present were John and Karla Sullivan, Jerad Sullivan and Jamie Seers. On Sunday, they celebrated Talyn's sixth birthday at the park in Colby. Among other guests were Katrina's parents, Darla and Terry Jones, and her brother, Casey and Allyson Jones, Aiden and Ashton, all of Plainville.

Among those who attended on May 22 graduation of Gabe Moore from Bethany College in Lindsborg on May 22 were Jake and Allie Lohmeyer, Kansas City; and Monte and Kelly Moore, Loyd and Fern Moore, and Francis Moore and friend, Eileen. Gabe will be teaching band and vocal music in a school district in Kotzebue, Alaska, this fall.

Leslie and Ryan Nelson, Topeka; Sarah Marcuson, Colby, and Jared Marcuson, Great Bend, were weekend guests of their parents, Brad and Elaine Marcuson.

Couple sets vows for June

Shala May Parrish and Paul Daniel Reitz plan to be married on Saturday, June 25, in Wellington. Parents of the couple are Eugene and Tammy Parrish, and Richard and Diane Reitz, all of Wellington. Grandparents of the couple are Virgle and Fern Stamper, Wellington; Dorothy Shimek, Jennings; and Miriam Reitz, Lititz, Pa. His great-grandmother is Florine Vernon, Oberlin.



Paul Reitz and Shala Parrish

Nuptials read May 5

Lee Mellott and Angel Labato were married on Thursday, May 5, 2011, in a double ring ceremony at Colby. Parents of the couple are Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson of Norcatour, and Joe and Sandra Labato of Selden. Their parents and brothers and sisters of the couple were present. They are living in Colby.



Lee and Angel Mellott

Selden alumni return

The 55th annual Selden Rural High School Alumni Reunion was held Saturday at the Selden Catholic Parish Hall. Alumni officers are: Ellis Walker, president; Clois (Childs) Fiala and Gerald Childs, co-vice-presidents; Ramona Porsch Shaw, secretary-treasurer, and Betty Schlageck Pauls, entertainment/decor chairperson. Theme for the banquet was "Aloha-Hawaii" with fitting decorations and entertainment. Honored classes were 1931, 1941, 1951 and 1961. After a delicious meal served by the Selden Altar Society, a business meeting followed. Entertainment included two alumni ladies (Bernadette Austin and Clois Fiala) from the class of 1955, performing the hula dance to the music of "Tiny Bubbles" while their guests blew soap bubbles behind them. The Wagoner Bunch also performed several musical numbers. Alumni and guests present included: Class of 1938: Mary E. Schrock Caywood and guest, Dr. Marilyn Graham; Doris Was-

son Sloan, Anogene Mumm Rogers and guest, Eileen Murphy. Class of 1942: Eleanor Mumm Rogers. Class of 1944: Richard Pauls. Class of 1946: Norman Criswell and guests, Margaret Criswell and Doris Davis. Class of 1948: Betty Ann Schlageck Pauls, Doris Jean Shaw Oliver. Class of 1949: Bernita Sulzman Aumiller, Wilma Mumm Ritter. Class of 1953: Gerald Heim and guest, Helen Heim. Class of 1955: Clois Childs Fiala and guest, Joe Becker; Bernadette Koerperich Austin and guest, Neil Austin, Anna Bell Person Schlageck, Stan Shaw. Class of 1957: Junior Schlageck. Class of 1958: Ramona Porsch Shaw, Gerald Childs, Gary Emigh. Class of 1961: Shirley Rogers Emigh, Julia Otter, Dr. Larry Kruse, Jerry Kaus, Sharon Brainard Adair Karnes and guest, Judy Sloan Shirley, Margie Wessel Blasko and guest Gene Blasko, Janice Brown Kruse, Karla Peter Emmot, Dolores Kleinsorge Linville and guest, Larry Linville, Joe Dorenkamp and guest Laura Dorenkamp. Class of 1964: Ellis Walker. Class of 1966: Gloria McKee Walker and guest Luann Walker. Entertainment guests were Rose Wagoner Bainter and Vic Wagoner and wife.

Relay walkers wanted

The "Imagine a World with More Birthdays" event is just around the corner. The Decatur County Relay for Life is set for Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, beginning with registration at 5 p.m. on Friday at The Gateway. The Survivor barbecue will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed at 6 p.m. with the barbecue for the public. Opening ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. "With each lap we walk, we get closer to a world with more birthdays. You can make it happen—Join Us," said Ralph and Norma Unger, co-chairs. The walk and ceremonies, new activities are planned with fun for everyone as Diane Barrett, Activity Chairperson, will be dreaming up new games for the Birthday Party. The Luminaria may be purchased for \$10 each for a relative or a friend who has been diagnosed with cancer, lost their battle with cancer or is a cancer survivor. The luminaria is dedicated to those names written on the bags surrounding the walking area and culminates with the meaningful candlelighting ceremony of hope. Luminaria forms have been placed in the newspaper and may be obtained from any team member or committee member as well. Marilyn Horn and Pat Fringer are Luminaria co-chairs, or send contributions to: Decatur County Relay for Life; 379 T LN; Oberlin, Ks 67749. Melinda Grafel is Survivor Chairperson. The first lap is for the survivors, who will then be joined by their caregivers and families. Join us at the Relay to Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back through Education, Awareness and Research.

Christian artist Jerry Bennett will be performing at 7 p.m. at the Gateway Civic Center in Oberlin, on Sunday, June 19. Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be taken. His most recent endorsements occurred on Feb 28, 2011 at the FAME (Families Advocating Moral entertainment) awards, which originated in Branson, Mo. He won top honors as Keyboard Player of the Year, Gospel Artist of the Year, and the top prize, Entertainer of the year. Previous winners have included: Roy Acuff, Merle Haggard, Hank Thompson, Bob Wills and Elvis Presley.

Helping Hands plan sale

The Decatur County Helping Hands for Health Care plans a benefit garage sale to help people who need assistance with medical bills, transportation and gas. The sale will be from 5 p.m. to 8

p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday at the old Hansen-Mueller office on the south end of Penn Avenue. The times and dates in the May 26 issue of the newspaper were incorrect.

Alumni attend banquet

Connie Rehm Simonsson gave the welcome to alumni members of Decatur Community High School and guests at the banquet on Saturday at The Gateway.

Honored as the oldest alumni present was Russell Rhodes of Dresden, a member of the 1936 class. Clayton Jording, class of 1961, of Medford, Ore., traveled the farthest.

Carissa Wentz introduced the Class of 2011 and Rusty Addleman brought out some reasons why they should not be admitted. However, after Anita Richardson Hirsch read a long list of the class accomplishments, they were voted in as members unanimously. Anniversary classes were also recognized by Karen Waterman Eskew, and Sid Metcalf, member of the 25-year class of 1986, spoke.

New officers elected and their class include: Lee Franklin, 1963, president; Anita Richardson Hirsch, 1980, vice president; Karen Waterman Eskew, 1978, secretary, and Robyn Russell Rouse, 1986, treasurer.

The DCHS Singers presented a musical program, which included the National Anthem, under the direction of Susan Nelson. Accompanist was Mary Jo Lohofener, who is retiring this year. Veterans from all branches of the service were honored. Nolan Henningson was accompanist for the high school anthem.

Those who made reservations follow with anniversary classes in bold:

- 1936:** Esther Olson Carlson, Katherine Weyeneth George, Jay Gilbert, Russell Rhodes, Mabel Wurm Zimmerman.
- 1937:** Amy Anderson Rehm.
- 1941:** Darrell Landau, Wayne and Lois Larson, Ila Robertson Ray, Norma Dodson Richards, Joyce Van Gundy Sumner, Laurene Shaw Van Otterloo.
- 1943:** Dennis Fraker, Bernice Montgomery Sevier.
- 1944:** Mary Barnes Lohofener.
- 1946:** Elden Anderson, V. Jean Robertson Earlywine, Rose Marie West Fletcher, Don and Murrell Guinn, Dwayne Jones, Martin and Lois Moore Leibbrandt, Loyd Waldo.
- 1947:** Don Ater, Dorothy Marvin Avery, Joan Bremer Betts, Ella Maggard Betts, Bob Kelley, Mary Hamilton Landau, Elmer Van Vleet, Mary Taylor Waldo.
- 1948:** Ralph Vernon, Peggy Tucker.
- 1949:** Milton Anderson, Don and Marie Tally Aschwege, Luella Hayes Krizek, Harold Richardson, Gaylord Shields.
- 1950:** Keith Olson.
- 1951:** Detta Bryan Anderson, Enid Worcester Anderson, Dole and JoAnne Anderson, Roberta "Perk" Smalberger Barnett, Marilyn Mannschreck Brandhorst, Kenneth and Mona Hoehner, Donna McClure Huff, Martin and LaVerne Johnson, Lois Diederich Jordan, Bill and Betty Kelley, Berdeen Caster Lawrence, Frances Henningson Lintecum, Melba Richardson McCoy, Melvin Moore, Dorothy Reith Moore, Mary Lou Bendon Olson, Marjorie Vernon Olson, Shirley Euhus Shields, Eloise Anderson Smith, Robert Vernon, Joy Cathcart

- Votapka, Eugene Witt.
- 1952:** Bill Goss, Melvalyn Pollnow Guinn, Earnest Huff, Arnold Morton, Everett and Dorene Pollnow Shuler.
- 1953:** Donna Witt Goss, Gary Guinn.
- 1954:** Philip and Marjorie Jording Law, Beverly Wurm Witt.
- 1955:** Larry Chance, Dick Kelley, Delbert and Norma Witt Lewis.
- 1956:** Rusty Addleman, Colene Hester Chance, Ray Corcoran, Larry and Violet Guinn, Allen Jeffus, Jerry Lohofener, James and Ruth Miesner, Don and Janice Richardson, Wayne and Beverly Morris Smith.
- 1957:** Richard Carman, Neta Wurm Jeffus, Delmar Richardson.
- 1958:** Joyce Carlson Hartzog, Linda Ayers Schwab.
- 1959:** Sharon Pollnow Addleman.
- 1961:** Jeannine Paddock, Deanna Richards, Larry and Becky Ayers, Stephen and Delores Musgrave Berland, Tonya Bisnette, Dale and Connie Brockhausen, Duane Carman, Dallas and Ellen Caster, Leland and Peggy Cody, Dennis Euhus, Frank and Kathy DeMay Felix, Audrey Euhus Flowers, Daughn and Judy Heller, Clay Jording, Marcia Ward Lohofener, Rolan and Carol Schissler Martin, Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Martha Nemeth (teacher), Jim Plotts, Mike and Nione Olson Rhodin, Dennis and Geneva Scott, Eldon and Shelly Smith, Norman and Daiene Stanley, Linda Gaines Litsworth, Linda Bremer Tomasch, Ron and Marilyn Bryan Tophane, Lyman Wade, Ann Dowling Williams.
- 1962:** John and Connie Rehm Simonsson.
- 1964:** Carolyn Sue Hayes.
- 1965:** Carolyn Kelley Plotts.
- 1966:** Dixie Westervelt, Ron Bryan, Jean Ann Holmdahl Hengst, Thomas Mace, Randy Marcuson, Leanne Benda Pike, Sandra Vernon Turley, Edwin Waterman, Richard and Linda Scott Weber, Ronald Wenger.
- 1967:** Diana Guinn Leibbrandt.
- 1969:** Stan and Grace Colson Kauk.
- 1971:** Elby and Edith Bastin Adamson, Larry and Diana Carman Alstrom, Montine Bearley Alstrom, Cathy Molzahn Clausen, William (Arthur) and Nancy Colson, Jay and Suzanne Larson Cooper, Diana Gamblin, Ken and Cheryl Lincoln Gibson, Robert and Judy Groneweg, Roger and Paula Rubendall Hammond, Ray and Valerie Hickert, Becky Rehm Hunziker, Vicky Brown Leitner, Dennis Leitner, Jana Waldo Oliver, John and Darci Harris Roberts.
- 1973:** Jerry Alstrom.
- 1976:** Laurie Helm, Ward Brown, Phil and Jo Lohofener DeYoung, Nancy Votapka Ellis, Steve and Kathy Fraker, Greg Long.
- 1977:** Kirk Kelley.
- 1978:** David and Karen Waterman Eskew.
- 1979:** Brad Larson, Kathy Almqvist.
- 1980:** Steve and Anita Richardson Hirsch.
- 1981:** Shawna Wurm Karl, PT and Cindy Shirley.
- 1983:** Mary Erickson Long.
- 1986:** Scott Braden, Michelle Addeman Rush.
- 1989:** Shannon Addleman.
- 1991:** Marcus Machart, Stephanie Aten Norton, Michael and Tara Miller O'Dell, Brian and Melinda Olson, Jeremy and Ronda Mockry Pinkerman, Jerrod and Tina Rauth, Marnie Ulrich Schilling, Kerri Pavicek Schippers.
- 1996:** Paul and Michelle Stoney Prewo.
- 2010:** Brandi Diederich.

Concert set for The Gateway

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He has been entertaining during the winter season in the coastal bend of Texas since 2006, first appearing at the Rockport Gospel Festival hosted by the Rockport Police Department. He has since become a favorite of "Winter Texans."

His roots go back to the state of Pennsylvania where he was born and raised in the town of U.S. President James Buchanan. He started writing songs at the age of 17. He has traveled with Gaither Homecoming Artists "The Freemans" and "The Hemphills" and has recorded over 13 CD solo projects.

Decatur County Commissioners Ralph Unger and Gene Gallentine are being presented with an engraved clock from John Miller, KCAMP Board President in recognition of being a Charter Member of KCAMP in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of KCAMP serving Kansas Counties. KCAMP has been providing risk management and insurance services to Kansas Counties since 1991



Maurice & Ruth (Sherbert) Annis, Oakley, will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, June 18th, 2011 at the Oakley Country Chapel from 1:30 - 5:00 pm. 5 miles south and 1/2 mile west of Oakley on Hwy 83. Their family would like to invite all to the Come and Go Reception. Cards may be mailed to P.O. Box 189, Oakley, KS 67748.

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