

West Point grad is Norcat native

Aaron Michael Helm, son of Michael and Debra Helm of Norcat, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., on Saturday, May 21.



Aaron Helm

He is a 2007 graduate of Decatur Community High School. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in mechanical engineering, graduating with honors. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in the air defense artillery branch. He will be stationed

at Fort Sill, Okla., until December, then will report to Germany for his first assignment.

The academy, founded in 1802, was America's first college of engineering and consistently ranks as one of the top colleges in the nation. For information, go to www.westpoint.edu.

Cadet Helm is a grandson of Helen Helm of Cambridge, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fos-

son of Danbury.

Potluck, scrapbooks top annual family reunion

The annual Kathka family reunion was held Sunday, May 29, at the home of Emery and Delores Kathka in McCook.

A potluck dinner at noon preceded an afternoon spent viewing scrapbooks and family history books.

Those attending included Marilyn Brandhorst, Ralph Brandhorst and Brenda Walsh, Colorado Springs; Connie and Rick Brown, Oberlin;

Dennis Kathke, Danbury; Leo Hilton and Joyce, Wildona, Colo.; Marvin, Martina, Rachel and Tresta Urban, Rocky and Cheryl Urban, Colby; Vena Walters, Mona and George Anderson and Emery and Delores Kathka, McCook. Julie and Haley Schiessler, Oberlin, stopped by in the afternoon.

Plans are to meet at the Golden Age Center in Oberlin next year on May 27.

Rotary member explains highway clean-up rules

Program Chair Warren Bainter explained the do's and don'ts for doing highway clean-up at the June 14 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He said at least eight members are required to work this project adequately. The club is responsible for a two-mile stretch of U.S. 83 where members pick up and bag debris and trash. Safety precautions include

wearing gloves, not picking up dead or live animals, walk facing traffic, wear bright-colored safety vests, and not to pick up any suspicious or dangerous-looking items.

Mr. Bainter has been in charge of this activity for many years and Rotary members support his efforts. The next highway clean-up was scheduled for Monday.

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Mildred Holmdahl suffered a cracked pelvis in a fall at her home on Saturday. She was transferred to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., and expects to be there a few days. Mail will reach her at the hospital, 10 E. 31st Street, Kearney, Neb., 68848.

Joe and Glenice Birkey of Melbourne, Australia, were in Oberlin last week seeking information about his great-grandfather, Daniel Birky, who was buried at the Mennonite Cemetery in the Lund Community. He said that his great-grandfather moved here from Illinois when the government gave him 160 acres. When his great-grandfather died from an appendicitis attack in 1901, it was too cold to bury him so he said that the body was placed in a snowdrift until the weather warmed up. Sharleen Wurm, director of the Decatur County Museum, said the couple visited the grave.

The Calico Gals met June 15 for the final meeting of season with a potluck picnic at the park. Those present included Donna and Dick Kelley, Phyllis Screen, Detta and Elden Anderson, Marylu Brown, Millie Lippelmann, Mary and Loyd Waldo and Margaret McEvoy.

Clara Russ and Julie Cunningham visited recently with Della Phillips in Springfield, Mo. En route home, they visited Jane and Darren Dinges in Holcomb, and Starla Russ in Garden City.

Brandi Diederich was named to the Dean's Honor List in the College of Arts and Sciences for the spring 2011 semester at the University of Nebraska in Omaha. It is based on a semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for a block of 12 or more semester hours. She is the daughter of Steve and Marilyn Diederich.

Ann Mines is recuperating at home after being hospitalized in Kearney, Neb., after suffering a cracked hip in a fall after her recent birthday celebration. Their daughter, Sherri Coons, of Georgetown, Texas, left last week after spending time with her parents, Don and Ann Mines.

Dave and Marty Olson visited over the weekend with their son and family, Jon and Cindy Olson, Nathan, Patrick and Amy in Joliet, Ill.

Gail and Kay Marcuson and Brad Marcuson, Oberlin, and Ralph Marcuson, Centennial, Colo., attended funeral services in Abilene on June 15 for Gail and Ralph's cousin, Myron "Andy" Anderson, at Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home. Burial was at the Swedish Lutheran Cemetery in Enterprise. His parents were Julius and Evelyn (Linn) Anderson.

Value of building permits tops \$470,000 in Oberlin

Building permits issued by the City of Oberlin for the past 15 months totaled over \$470,000.

They include permits issued in 2010 to: James Ferguson, original City of Oberlin; Kirk C. Young Trust, 503 E. Frontier Parkway; Nex-Tech Inc., 607 N. Penn; Willa Urban, 607 N. Wilson; John and Dianne Bremer, 202 E. North Street; Richard Kimble or Carolyn Force, 206 S. East Ave.; Joan Larue, 701 S. Cole; Brice Meitl, 1832 U.S.

Senior Andrew Broeckelman of Selden, and junior Devin Mangus of Kanorado, biological systems engineering students, are members of the Kansas State University Quarter-Scale Tractor Team, which took first place in the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers' 14th annual International Quarter-Scale Tractor Student Design competition from June 2 to 5 in Peoria, Ill. It is the eighth time the team has won the international championship. For the event, student teams build their own tractor and document their market research, testing and development. They present their design to a mock corporate management team and demonstrate its performance capabilities in a live tractor pull. The team also earned firsts in written report and design performance. Andrew is the son of Joe and Cathy Broeckelman of Selden and Devin is a son of Danny and Charlene (Bailey) Mangus, and a grandson of Galen and Meme Carper of Jennings.

Josiah and Shar Russ visited his grandparents, Richard and Clara Russ, over the weekend. He has just returned from Afghanistan, where he is serving with the U.S. Army and is on a two-week furlough. They are visiting this week in WaKeeney with his parents, Ed and Vivian Russ.

Christopher and Holli Coburn and family spent the weekend visiting her parents, Jim and Linda Hollowell. The children remained to visit a week at their home.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Dorothy Moore, John Cederberg, Ardis Roe, Max Carman, Marie McKisson, Dewaine Stapp and Norma Anderson. Lows went to Norm Anderson, John Cederberg, Dorothy Moore, Doris Fringer, Neil Marshall, Lawrence Wenger and Marie McKisson. Nancy Lockhart won first Bingo; Eleanor Boyle, blackout, and Lil Koger, four corners. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and John Cederberg with lows going to Dewaine Stapp and Kelva Dryden. Bridge highs went to Annette Miller and Alice Shirley.

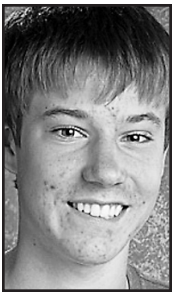
Norman Gallentine was honored for Father's Day weekend when Al Rohr and Chad, Colorado Springs; and Gary Gallentine, Titusville, Fla., took him to Omaha on Saturday to attend the college baseball tournament through Tuesday. Gary came and surprised his father for the event. While they were gone, Julie Gallentine and her daughters, Becky Rohr, Emily Waldo of Salina, and Tami Shaw enjoyed a mother-daughter get-together. They had lunch on Monday at the Shaw home.

Rotary sends youths to leadership camp

The Oberlin Rotary Club has named Mikeala Dorshorst, Matthew Helm and Tyler Shields to attend the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program at Camp Aldridge near Ellinwood on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 29 to 31.



Miki



Tyler

Miki, a junior at Decatur Community High School and daughter of Duane and Pat Dorshorst, has participated in volleyball, basketball, track and the DCHS Singers.

Tyler, a senior, is the son of Paul and Kelly Shields. He has participated in cross country, basketball and track.

Matthew, a junior, is the son of Mike and Debbie Helm of Norcat. He has participated in cross country, wrestling and band.

At the camp, young leaders spend a weekend in a program focused on leadership, discussions, speaking and social activities designed to develop leadership skills and good citizenship.

The program began in Australia in 1959, then in 1971, the Rotary International board adopted it. Former District Gov. Odetta Marietta of

Russell encouraged the Oberlin club to participate, starting in 1972 with Ryan Unger and Jeff Groneweg. (Dr. Unger is now a member of the club.)



Matthew

Each year, the students return and give a program for Rotary on their experiences and tell how they relate to their everyday lives, school and community.

Ninetieth birthday marked by big family celebration

Mildred (Miller) Holmdahl was honored for her upcoming 90th birthday by the Miller and Stimbart families at a reunion in Grand Junction, Colo., on June 10 to 12.

Hosts were Dan, Roger and Ron Stimbart, Brenda Fluere and JoAnn Gobbo.

The event drew 67 descendants of Willis G. and Josie (McKay) Miller, who were young settlers in the Selden and Shibleth communities in the 1890s. They married July 4, 1911, and reared their six children in Decatur County.

The celebration, which honored Mrs. Holmdahl as the eldest of the remaining family, included a slide show. She will mark her 90th birthday on Dec. 22. Her two surviving brothers are Harold, 87, and Max,

84. Those attending by families included:

Lois Miller/Melvin Stimbart; Dan Stimbart, Brenda Frasure, Mrs. Gobbo, Roger Stimbart, Ron Stimbart.

Edith Miller/John M. Bremer; Linda and Lyn Tomasch, Riley Frasure, Larry Bremer.

Glen and Jean (Janzen) Miller; Ruth Ann and Floyd Webb.

Mildred Miller/Eugene Holmdahl; Janeil Jensen.

Harold C. and Carol (Hoyt) Miller.

Thomas Max and Marlene (White) Miller; Mike and Heather Miller, Patty and Edwin Wills.

Royce and Martha (Fortin) Stimbart; Tim and Troy Stimbart.

Garden Lovers Club learns basics of container gardens

Thirteen members of the Garden Lovers Lunch Club met Tuesday, May 24, for a noon luncheon at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin.

Becky Vollertsen gave an informative talk about "Instant Container Gardening" and distributed a hand-out complete with planting instructions and for centerpiece, side and edging plants. For information on planters and liners, complete with planting holes, go to website www.kinsmangarden.com.

When dealing with containers, she said, it's important to pay attention to the soil in your pots. A good

mix allows roots to flourish with adequate air circulation throughout the container and holds moisture without getting soggy. For plants which grow well in this area, check out www.prairiestarflowers.org

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the LandMark. Anyone interested in gardening, learning new techniques, sharing their gardening knowledge and enjoying the company of friends is welcome to join.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 28. Call the restaurant at 475-2340 for lunch reservations.

Thrift store donates money to public-service groups

The Bargain Box Plus thrift store in Oberlin continues to give to worthy causes in the area.

During the past six months, the shop has donated \$200 to the Rotary Club, \$100 to The Gateway, \$100 to the American Cancer Society; \$25 to Decatur County Implement

for fence beautification; and \$100 to the Oberlin fireworks fund for a total of \$525.

The shop at 106 N. Beaver Ave. accepts donated clothing, kitchen items, books and other items, which in turn are resold at nominal prices. For details, call (785) 475-3432.

New Arrivals

Quincy Jo Johnson

Dallas and Rebecca Johnson of Oberlin have a daughter, Quincy Jo Johnson, born at 3:10 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long. She has two sisters, Meghan and Caitlin, and two brothers, A.J. and Gage. Grandparents are Alvin and Sharon Johnson, Oberlin, and Dale and Dee Wroblewski, Kimberling City, Mo.



Quincy Jo



Jude Philip

Jude Philip Bergling

Jude Philip Bergling was born May 31, 2011, at Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Jeremy Bergling and Whitney True of Kansas City. Grandparents are Dave and Sherry Bergling, Oberlin, and Kay True and John Southards. Great-grandparents are Olive Bergling, Atwood, and the late Quentin Bergling, and Laverne Niemeth, Hern-don, and the late Philip Niemeth, and Jane True.

Landon James Shaw

Landon James Shaw was born at 9:54 p.m. on June 4, 2011, weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce. He was 19 inches long. His parents are Brian and Sarah (May) Shaw of Andover. He has a brother, Caden, 3. His maternal grandparents are Marvin May, Oberlin, and the late Candace May. His maternal great-grandparents are Martin and Evelyn May, Oberlin, and Fred and Theda McKee, Hoxie. Paternal grandparents are Bob and Julie Shaw, Wichita.



Landon J.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Joyce Sumner, Eleanor Jenson, June Jolly, Toots Magers, and Veda Wood sewed several small quilts at Lyle on Tuesday.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen are visiting his daughter in Rhode Island, and doing some catch-up jobs for them.

Friday turned out to be a full day, for some of us. Toots Magers and I attended the memorial service for Randy Allen at his Gazebo. The weather was cool, the setting was beautiful, the mosquitos were hiding, we got to meet with his parents and family members, and friends helped to commemorate his life. Then we were invited to light refreshments provided by the family of Ron Temple, which turned out to be a full meal. It was truly appreciated.

We learned that Ron Temple received a kidney on Tuesday, and is recuperating in the hospital in Omaha.

The birthday group from Lyle set Friday for my [belated] birthday

dinner at the Cardinal Cafe. Toots Magers, June Jolly, Joyce Sumner, Eleanor Jenson, Jackie Porter and I ate and proceeded on to the Senior Citizens cards where, naturally, there was more food. We were waited on by my great-granddaughter, Mariah, who has filled in some at the cafe. Thanks to all who helped me celebrate.

Speaking of celebrating [and bragging], granddaughter Andria McNamers Cooper was appointed by New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez to fill one of the vacant judgeships in their 8th Judicial District.

Virgil and Joyce Price's children, family and friends enjoyed a beautiful reception Saturday afternoon at the Educational Building in Norcat, celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. We visited with people we had not seen for years, saw pictures that brought back memories and enjoyed their M&M's with tiny messages, delicious cake and punch.

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