

Granddaughter honored for top teen short story

Elena Bellamy, 17, a senior at Maryville High School in Missouri, received national recognition for "Skin Deep," a science-fiction short story which recently received Gold Honors from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards program, administered by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers.



Elena B.

The distinction means that she has been identified by several panels of professional writers as one of the most talented young writers in the United States.

The program accepts entries each year from nearly 100,000 students who submit more than 200,000 creative works. It is considered to be the longest-running and most prestigious competition for teenage creative writers in the country.

Only students recognized at the regional level, as she was, are eligible for national gold and silver medals.

National winners make up about 1 percent of all entrants, and she was one of only 11 students to receive a gold medal out of about 800 young writers from Missouri and Kansas.

She has been invited to attend a presentation ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York in June, as well as several "showcase events" planned at both the world-famous concert hall and the Parsons New School

for Design.

She recently attended a regional recognition ceremony and dinner at Osage Beach, Mo., where she received a gold pin and heard portions of her story read by a professional author.

Her tale, a science fiction thriller, imagines the horrific results of a procedure called an "artificial cosmetic facial transplant."

Janet Jelavich, a composition teacher at the high school, called the Scholastic Gold Award "one of the most prestigious writing achievements a student can earn."

With the honor, she joins the ranks of such previous recipients as Joyce Carol Oates, Sylvia Plathe and Truman Capote.

The daughter of Mike and Lenora Bellamy of Maryville, she says she has no designs on becoming a professional writer, at least not yet. Her current academic and career interests center around psychology.

"I may do it someday," she said, "but not as a career."

However, she does plan to submit a video at New School in which she will discuss her prize-winning story and her approach to writing. The video will be available for viewing after June 1 at www.artandwriting.org.

Rotary welcomes member

Steve Zodrow was welcomed as a new member and President Charlie Haag presented him with a packet and pin when Oberlin Rotary Club members met on March 27 at The Gateway for lunch.

The Decatur Community High Scholarship Bowl team did the program with the help of sponsor Marlene Moxter, who asked questions for the students to answer. A Rotary team, Gary Fredrickson, Warren Bainter, John Sater, Steve Haynes and Jesse Carter, was selected to match wits with the students.

The students recently placed fifth in state competition. Scholar Bowl team members were Caleb Koerperich, Sierra Lohofener,

Miki Dorshorst, Matt Helm, Nolan Henningson and Liz Nedland. Categories included world languages, language arts, social sciences, mathematics, fine arts and past events.

The Scholar Bowl competition began 24 years ago, Ms. Moxter said, and Oberlin has 28 students who participate.

The president noted that Rotarian Gary Fredrickson will showcase his musical talent by playing the piano for the upcoming district conference in Phillipsburg. Herschel and Jody Betts will represent the club at the meetings and will take a piece made here to be auctioned. Ann Anderson was a guest.

Magicians coming to Oakley

Spencer's Theatre of Illusion will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the Oakley High School Gymnasium, sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association. Admission is by season ticket or at the door, adults \$20 and students \$10.

Kevin and Cindy Spencer are masters of the new magic theatre.

They say they have redefined the art of illusion by combining original theatrical elements with cutting-edge illusions, making them one of the most sought-after illusion teams in the business.

They have been named Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year for six consecutive years.

People in Our Community

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Charlotte Meints is recuperating at home after suffering a broken right wrist in a recent fall. She underwent surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., last Monday. Her daughter, Marcia Stecklein of Topeka, left last Tuesday after spending several days with her.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral services for Loyd Waldo on Saturday, March 24, were Duane and Marilyn Waldo, Phoenix, Ariz.; Sheri Coons, San Antonio, Texas; Ethel Taylor, Hays; Pat Wright, Mary Stoecker, Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley; Roy, Melissa and Jenna Lytle, Eudora; Roy Searls, Vince and Gayle Carlson, Phyllis Homan, Atwood; Rob and Barb Eskew, McCook; David Waldo, Topeka; Jim Applegate, Norton; Rea and Dee Magers, Norcatour; Mike and Glenda Walinder, Cambridge, Neb.; Kris and Melissa Mathews, Omaha; Clay and Jennie Anderson, Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; Kristi and Gene Gallentine, Clayton; Chris Claussen, Olathe; Cale Claussen, Lawrence; Pastor Mike and Marie McVay, Colby, and Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto, Cedar Bluffs.

Guests of Dorothy Moore over spring break were Eric and Shely Moore, Justine and Dylan, Manhattan, and Mike and Deb Nickels, Emma and Mark, McLouth.

Gary and Carol Allen returned home Saturday from Kingsville, Texas, where they had spent the winter.

—Easter Sale Fri. and Sat. only. Save 20% off new spring merchandise. The Dresser.

Among those attending funeral services for Joey Waterman in Arkansas City on Wednesday were Melvin Waterman, Heather, Alexandra, Kiaya and Joseph Waterman, Scott and Kris Waterman, Karen Eskew and Terry Lippelmann, Oberlin. Meeting them in Wichita were Elmer, Margaret and Tim Waterman, Bonaire, Ga., and Pat and Dottie Mead, Topeka. Dottie is a first cousin of Ed, Elmer and Mel Waterman and Mrs. Eskew.

K-State alumni enjoy party

Sixty-five Kansas State alumni and friends gathered at The Gateway on Friday evening for a "tailgate party" including picnic food and purple cake with white frosting.

Following the meal, K-State Alumni Fund representative Nate Warren, assisted by Eric Holder and Jerrill Miller, presented a program concerning the new developments and construction at the university.

The group recognized Ivis Han-

Susan Rynearson was hostess for a surprise birthday party for Elsie Wolters on March 27 at the LandMark Inn. Several neighbors and friends attended.

Patti Humphrey is recuperating satisfactorily following a recent kidney transplant in Denver. She and her husband, Dean, are former residents of Oberlin. Mail will reach her at 6890 W. 32nd Pl., Wheat Ridge, Colo., 80033.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Norma Anderson, Ardis Roe, Neil Marshall, Dewaine Stapp and Kelva Dryden. Lows went to Doris Fringer, John Cederberg, Willa Urban, Marie McKisson, Henry Edgett and Neil Marshall. Marjorie Olson and Doris Fringer won at Mexican Train Dominoes. Pitch highs went to Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett with lows going to Ardythe Cederberg and John Cederberg. Bridge highs were won by Marie McKisson, Ila Ray, Annette Miller and Carol Shirley.

— Surf & Turf Friday, April 6, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.

Kathy Washington of Sioux Falls, S.D., visited from Saturday to Tuesday with her father, Marlin Bowen.

Kevin and Amy Lanz and Braden of Lenora attended services at the Oberlin United Methodist Church on Sunday with Karol Styles and Kayla Unger. They recently moved from Manhattan to Lenora, where he works for Nex-Tech. Mrs. Lanz is the former Amy Olson, daughter of Sue (Unger) Olson and the late Evan Olson.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy visited his nephew and his wife, Don and Jean McEvoy at Severance, Colo., after helping with repair work at Covenant Heights Camp near Estes Park, Colo. They also visited Sandy McEvoy of Loveland, Colo. They spent Wednesday and Thursday in Grinnell with Brian and Dawn Beckman and family and attended the second birthday party for their grandson, Griffin Beckman.

Regional 4-H Day results

Decatur County 4-H members collected a bunch of blue at the Regional 4-H Club Day held Friday in Brewster:

Gymnastics: Erin May, blue.
Skits: Star Valley 4-H, blue.
Intermediate Reading: May, blue.
Intermediate Vocal: May, blue.

Intermediate Instrumental: Kyleana Blau and Kelli Bryan, blue.

Intermediate Piano: Patience Carman, blue.

Intermediate Project Talks: Kourtney Brumley, Clayton Carter, blue.

Taking home door prizes were Spencer Ketterl, football vault; Preston Pratt, key chain; and Monica Larson, K-State athletic duffel bag. Reece Grafel was the top bidder for an autographed football.

The crowd agreed to hold the event annually. Hosts were Doyle and Kay Brown and Connie Grafel.

Area churches plan Holy Week services

Area churches will be observing the resurrection of Christ with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter services during Holy Week.

The Decatur County Ministerial Association plans to hold a community sunrise service at 7 a.m. Sunday at the grandstand at the Decatur County fairground.

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP
On Easter Sunday, Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by morning worship at 10:30.

OBERLIN, LEVILLIE, SELDEN CATHOLIC

Holy Thursday services begin at 5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville and 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Oberlin. Good Friday services will be held at Selden at 1 p.m., Leoville at 3 p.m. and Oberlin at 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday services for Oberlin will begin at 8:30 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses are scheduled at 8 a.m. at Leoville and at 10:30 a.m. in Selden.

FAITH LUTHERAN

Maundy Thursday worship begins at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday worship will also start at 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday worship begins at 10 a.m., followed by an Easter brunch.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. and morning worship will follow at 11 a.m.

JENNINGS UNITED METHODIST

Maundy Thursday services will begin at 5 p.m. A coffee hour will begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday, followed by morning worship services at 11 a.m. with the choir to sing.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL OBERLIN METHODIST

Maundy Thursday services will begin at 7 p.m. at Prairie Chapel. Good Friday services are scheduled at 7 p.m. at Oberlin. Easter morning worship services start at 9 a.m. at Prairie Chapel and at 10:45 a.m. at the Oberlin church.

HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Good Friday services will begin at 6 p.m. at the home of Leon and Rita Portschy. Easter Sunday services and communion will also be held there, starting at 9:30 a.m.

OBERLIN UNITED

A seder supper will be served at

5:30 p.m. followed the Maundy Thursday service. Easter morning worship will begin at 11 a.m.

LYLE CHURCH

Easter Sunrise service will be held on the east side of the Lyle Church at 6:30 a.m. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Community Building.

CLAYTON, NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST

Maundy Thursday services will be at 7 p.m. at the Almena United Methodist Church for congregations from Almena, Norcatour and Clayton. A Good Friday service will begin at 7 p.m. at Clayton. Easter Sunday services are at 10 a.m. at Norcatour and at 11:15 a.m. at Clayton.

OBERLIN COVENANT

Maundy Thursday services will be held at the Lund Covenant Church at 7 p.m. for the Lund, Oberlin and Herndon Covenant congregations. Good Friday services begin at 7 p.m. at the Herndon church. An Easter Sunday breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., followed by morning worship services at 9:30 a.m.

LUND COVENANT

An Easter sunrise service is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. at the site of the old Cow Palace south of Oberlin on U.S. 83. Easter services will begin at 11 a.m. at the church.

HERNDON COVENANT

Maundy Thursday services will be held at 7 p.m. at the Lund Covenant Church with Good Friday services at 7 p.m. at the Herndon Covenant Church. An Easter sunrise service starts at 7 a.m. at the Herndon Covenant Cemetery with breakfast to follow at the church. Sunday School will begin at 8:45 a.m., followed by morning worship at 10 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

Maundy Thursday services will begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight. On Easter Sunday, breakfast will be served at 8:45 a.m., followed by Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HERNDON

Holy Week schedule includes the solemn service of Good Friday at 3 p.m. on Friday. The Easter Vigil Holy Saturday evening Mass will be at 9 p.m.

Club News

Club enjoys 4-H group

The March 26 social meeting of the Pi Alpha Club was held at the Golden Age Center with Ila Ray as hostess.

An enjoyable program was presented by members of the Sappa Valley 4-H Club with Anita Hirsch in charge of introductions. They presented a humorous, "Bubblegum Skit." Other personal numbers included vocal solos, Megan Lohofener and Erin May; instrumental solo, Trevor Bruhn, bass clarinet; Celi

Shobe, flute; Gavin Lytle, French horn; Lily Marine, bells, and Amy Wentz, recorder. A \$20 donation was made to the cemetery fund, as requested by the club.

Mrs. Ray gave devotions titled "Why did Jesus fold the Napkin?" There were 12 members present and Nora Bearley won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be April 9 at the home of Mert McEvoy with Estella Waldo as co-hostess.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Delpha Blees Whale

is celebrating her 98th birthday on April 14, 2012.

Please send her a card of congratulations to: Delpha Whale, 2416 Brentwood Apt. 108, Hutchinson, KS 67502.



Happy Birthday, Derry

We are honoring Derry Bishop's 75th Birthday with a card shower. His Birthday is April 6, 2012.

We Love You, Dad!

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Terese and Greg Vontz
Grandkids and Great-grandkids



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COWBOY JUNKIES April 20, 8pm For more than 20 years they have remained true to their unique vision and intensity - critically acclaimed.	IRA GLASS May 12, 8pm Host and creator of "This American Life" shares stories and clips!

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