

Hospital able to aid stroke victims fast

The American Heart Association and the Kansas Stroke Task Force have named the Decatur County Hospital of Oberlin as one of 32 Kansas hospitals that are Emergent Stroke Ready and able to adequately and quickly care for a stroke patient.

"Because stroke treatment must be initiated within a very short time frame, it's crucial that medical facilities, regardless of size, be prepared to evaluate and treat these patients, and if necessary, transfer them to a larger facility," said Dr. Colleen Leckenberg, a neurologist and chair of the state Stroke Task Force. "In Kansas, we are calling that readiness Emergent Stroke Ready. Without these facilities, treatment options are greatly reduced."

"We are very excited to work with the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association on providing stroke care to patients presenting to our facility," said Administrator Lynn Doeden. "Our emergency room nurses and providers are educated to diagnose, treat and transport acute stroke patients to the appropriate care facility as needed."

The American Heart Association says anyone who appears to have the signs and symptoms of a stroke should immediately call 911, or have someone else call, and ask to be sent to Decatur County Hospital. Be sure to note when the victim was last known to be well.

For information, go to www.StrokeAssociation.org/Kansas.

Nex-Tech receives top business award

Gov. Sam Brownback recognized Nex-Tech of Lenora with the Governor's Award of Excellence at the annual encampment of the Kansas Cavalry at the Kansas State University Alumni Center in Manhattan.

This award, the state's highest achievement by a business, is the culmination of Business Appreciation Month, the Department of Commerce's annual statewide tribute to Kansas businesses for their contributions to the state. The event June 12 was sponsored by the department and the Kansas Cavalry, a volunteer group of business leaders who promote the state as a

desirable location.

"Nex-Tech is well deserving of its recognition," the governor said. "Nex-Tech is a leader and innovator, in addition to being an active partner in its communities. I look forward to Nex-Tech's continued growth and success as we work to make Kansas the best place to start and grow a business."

General Manager Larry Sevier leads the company's 378 employees. He said that major factors in earning the recognition have been job creation and infrastructure improvements the company is doing.

Legislator speaks to club

State Rep. Ward Cassidy spoke at the June 19 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. He was introduced by Jesse Carter, program chair for the week.

Rep. Cassidy talked about how western Kansas will lose representation in the redistricting done by federal judges, who drew maps that pit many incumbent legislators against each other.

Mr. Cassidy said he is a member of the Appropriations, Education Budget and Corrections and Juvenile Justice committees. He told about how he had fought for the homeowned carnivals, which are a big deal to smaller towns out west, and how the bill was approved. He

also told of the red tape in Topeka, the favors made to and from others to get things done and the non-cooperative spirit that prevails in the Legislature.

Club treasurer Jesse Carter gave his annual financial report. Vice President Duane Dorshort conducted the meeting and Lynn Doeden was greeter. Congratulations were extended to Herschel Betts, who has been chosen Citizen of the Year by the Modern Woodmen of America, and Jesse Carter, who was named "Father of the Year" by the Oberlin Business Alliance.

Other guests were Clayton Carter and Stephanie DeCamp.

Child advocate help needed

Court Appointed Special Advocates help children who, through no fault of their own, end up in court. These volunteers are members of CASA of the 17th Judicial District Inc., whose volunteers are champions for children who are victims of abuse and neglect, says Director Tony A. Miller.

Once appointed to a case by the judge, the trained volunteers review records and interview people in the children's lives. They take the time to get to know these children.

These volunteers are independent, objective observers, and their recommendations to the court are made with knowledge of who these children are and what is in their best interest.

Since its inception in 1992, the agency has served children in the district, which includes Decatur

County. Mr. Miller says board member Patti Richards has been vital in the increased efforts to find volunteers in Decatur County.

"Patti is a very caring person with a special place in her heart for children, so it has been a blessing to have her on the CASA board," he said. "CASA in the past has been lacking in the efforts in Decatur County. Patti is a strong proponent of Decatur County, and I'm sure you will see her out promoting CASA in a variety of ways."

For information, call the agency's office at (785) 345-4120, e-mail casal7@ruraltel.net or contact Mrs. Richards. Registration for fall training is underway. Consider learning more about the group and becoming a voice for abused and neglected children by helping them tell their stories in court.

Coach enters Hall of Fame

Ben Duell of Colby, formerly of Goodland, was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame at the Colorado Chapter Honors Banquet on Saturday, May 12, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs, receiving the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum is in Stillwater, Okla. The men and women honored at the Hall of Fame have demonstrated a lifetime of service to the sport, including coaches, officials, contributors.

Mr. Duell graduated from Goodland High School in 1948 and went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture in 1952 and a master's degree in administration in 1963.

He became head wrestling coach at the Burlington (Colo.) High School in 1963 and coached the Cougars for 16 years, with his wrestlers winning at least one state title in 11 of those.

His teams won two state championships and finished second, third and fourth three times. He never lived in Burlington, but drove every day from Goodland. His son Doug was the first four-time state champion in Kansas history.

Mr. Duell was named the Colo-

rado Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1971, 1973 and 1974. He has also been a radio wrestling broadcaster for 40 years mostly on KLOE in Goodland.

His first wife, Evelyn, died in 2004 and he is now married to Barbara (Jeffus) Young, formerly of Oberlin. His family includes 15 children and four step-children and families. Thirteen of his children and spouses and one grandchild and spouse attended the banquet.

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People in Our Community

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George and Sadie Jordan and daughter Stacey of Winnsboro, Texas, visited on Sunday, June 17, with her sister, Lois Lamb. They were on the way home after attending funeral services in Grand Junction, Colo., on June 14 for the women's sister, Hester Lomme, of Grand Junction, who died on June 12, and her son, Darwin Lomme, of Sandy, Utah, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack on June 1. Among other relatives attending were Norman and Lorraine Clouse of Ogallala, Neb., another sister of the women.

Jacob Larue, son of Bruce and Marianne Larue, has been named to the President's Honor Roll at Butler Community College. To receive this honor, he had to achieve a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

Guests of Neal and Joy Russell over the weekend were Ward and MaryCay Russell of Santa Fe., N.M. The men are brothers.

Visitors at the home of Larry and Karen Thompson over the weekend were her cousins, Gwen and Charlie Estep and Nancy Adams of Washington, N.C. A service was held at the Lund Covenant Church for their parents, the late Walter and Letha Honea, followed by inurnment in the church cemetery on Saturday. Mrs. Honea was a sister of the late Doris Anderson. Other family members present were the Honeas' grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Andy and Emma Estep and children, New York; Becky and Matt Grike and son, New Egypt, N.J.; Brady and Melissa Adams and son, Norfolk, Va., and Beth-Ann and Paul Knaarborg and children, Cabet, Alaska. Extended family members attending were Mary and Mike Stephenson, Leavenworth; Jeanine Morton, Lawrence; and the Thompsons.

Herschel and Joan Betts returned June 18 from San Diego where they attended the wedding of their grandson, Charles Wesley McMonagle, to Brianna Decoteau on June 16. He is the son of Charles and Susan Betts McMonagle of Bellingham, Wash. Other family members attending

were Christine McMonagle, Portland, Ore.; Gene and Jan Betts and Mary Kate, Austin, Texas; Anne Betts and her fiancé, Mike Schmidt, Minneapolis, Minn.; Michael Betts, San Francisco; Rod Betts, Lisa Kay and Casey Kay Betts, La Jolla, Calif.; Gene and Ann Betts Sullivan, Newport Beach, Calif.; Larry Bremer, Laguna Hills, Calif., and John and Dianne Bremer, Oberlin.

Jana Oliver of Raleigh, N.C., has been visiting her mother, Mary Waldo.

— **Brunch Buffet Sunday, July 1, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.**

Lairy and Beth Goltl and his brother and wife, Evan and Judy Goltl, of Hill City enjoyed a camping trip from June 15 to 22, in the Black Hills, Badlands of South Dakota and other points.

Sue Renk of Plainville spent Thursday with her mother, Elaine Bryan.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were John Cederberg, Doris Fringer, Norma Anderson, Max Carman, Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Ivis Hanson, Carla Latimer, Neil Marshall and Dewaine Stapp. Highs in pitch were won by John Cederberg and Henry Edgett with lows going to Pat Abbey and Dorothy Moore. Kay Marcuson was winner at Chicken Foot dominoes. Bridge high winners were Cynthia Matson, Judy Shirley, Dorothy Cochran and Marty Olson. There will be no commodity distribution at Golden Age Center in July.

Annamarie Larue, daughter of Bruce and Marianne Larue has been named to the spring 2012 honor roll at Emporia State University. She had to achieve an accumulated minimum grade point of 3.80 and she had a 4.0 grade point average.

Les and Dee Shields of Denton, Neb., visited over the weekend with Varlan and Catherine Neal and they also enjoyed some fishing at Norton

Students earn scholarships

Tyler Shields of Oberlin has received a \$2,500 college scholarship from the Pete Henry Foundation, while Nolan Henningson of Decatur Community High and Tayler Hawks of Hoxie won \$2,000 awards.

Dalton Jones and Brent Juemann of Oberlin received \$1,000 awards, while Megan Wentz of Norcraft got \$750. All are Decatur Community High graduates.

The foundation and scholarship program were created through the will of the late Pete Henry, a farmer in the Brewster area. He was born in 1910 and grew up on a farm near Campbell, Neb. His mother died when he was 13, and his education ended with the eighth grade.

He was hired by the Douglas Aircraft Co. to work in the engineering department, designing and building fighter planes, and in the 1940s was a flight engineer on the B-17, B-24 and B-29 aircraft and served in the

Army Air Corps.

His dream was to help area students get an education.

Other awards included: \$2,000 Vocational/Technical: Caitlin Katt, Mitchell Pope, Patrick Weber, Hoxie High; Jason Sis, Rawlins County.

\$1,500 for eight semesters: Abby Wolters, Rawlins County.

\$1,500: Luke Friess, Mackenzie Mense, Hoxie.

\$1,000: Hannah Antholz, Viridiana Beltran, Cole Christiansen, Katrina Griggs, Trey Schwarz, Emily Wachendorfer, Ethan Walter, Golden Plains; Blake Bergling, Summer Fields, Alexander Helms, Kaelea Stoney, Rawlins County; Shyenne Dillehay, Kaycee Niermeier, Hoxie.

\$750: Jacquelyn Armstrong, Sandra Galvan, Raquel Garcia, Julia Rogers, Tyler Stevenson, Kalya Weber, Golden Plains; Haley McCain, Marcus Portschy, Fatoumata Singhateh, Rawlins County.



OBERLIN NATIVE John Wolf (above), a meat lab and research technologist at Kansas State University, received the 2012 Classified Award of Excellence in the technical and professional category for his extensive knowledge of meat processing and equipment operation.

Oberlin grad receives award of excellence

John Wolf, manager of Kansas State University's meat lab and a research technologist in animal sciences and industry, won the 2012 Classified Award of Excellence in the technical and professional category. A native of Oberlin, he was nominated by Randall Phebus, professor of food safety and defense.

Mr. Wolf provides technical support to hundreds of meat science and food safety research projects. He was selected for the award because of his extensive knowledge of meat processing and equipment operation, along with his connections across the state with commercial meat companies and technology providers. This expertise helps build K-State's national recognition as a top-tier meat science/food safety research and education institution.

He also led K-State's efforts to bring the meat processing suite online at the university's Biosecurity Research Institute. This biocontainment facility is equipped to allow commercial-scale research projects. From the day that engineers and architects began planning

construction of the facility, he was the primary information source for layout, equipment specifications, work flow and biosafety needs of the meat processing suite.

Last year a commercial scale beef trim grinding study under BSL-3 conditions was conducted at the Biosecurity Research Institute and he assisted the research team by providing guidance and support.

The award also recognizes his responsibility for the meat laboratory operations in Weber Hall and his efforts in seeking new sources of revenue, including the initiation of smoked turkey, ham and gift boxes for the holidays. Mr. Wolf also manages all daily operations required for teaching and research at the meat lab.

Mr. Wolf is the son of former Oberlin residents Carol Wolf of Hays and the late George Wolf. His father owned the Oberlin Locker plant and his mother was a registered nurse at Decatur County Hospital. He and his wife Brenda have three children, Ashley, John and Chadwick.

Student wins honors

Andy Gilliam, son of Lee and Jane Gilliam of Oberlin, was a member of a Nebraska team which won two awards at the Architectural Engineering Institute's annual national student conference in Omaha.

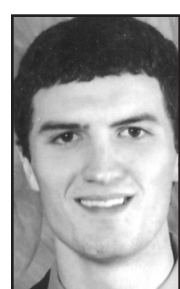
In the third annual Charles Pankow Foundation competition at the student gathering, college teams presented designs for a high-security government office building with considerations for energy conservation, sustainability, accessibility, durability, productivity and other factors. The team from the University of Nebraska's Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction won top honors in the structural and mechanical categories. Its advisor is Clarence

Waters, professor of architectural engineering.

"I am extremely pleased with the performance of the students in this national competition," he said. "We are blessed with truly outstanding students... When you raise the bar, excellent students rise to the challenge."

The students worked hard since August on their entries, the professor noted, and had presented their work to industry professionals and faculty in preparation for the contest. He said one of the industry reviewers indicated one of the presentations was the best he had ever seen from either students or professionals.

Andy is a 2007 graduate of Decatur Community High School.



A. Gilliam

Club News

Club enjoys potluck supper

The Calico Gals met for a potluck supper June 20 at the Golden Age Center with 21 present.

Lisa Eccles, daughter of Barbara Young-Duell, told about her 27-hour trip to Tanzania in Africa, where she served as a surgical nurse. She showed slides of the doctors and facilities where

they worked, long lines of people waiting to see a doctor, along with their huts and wild animals. She had on display bolts of material, beautiful carvings and an authentic dress and shoes worn by the women.

The club will not meet in July or August.

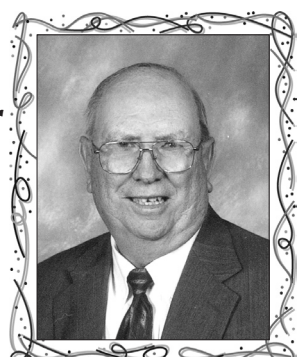
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