

People in Our Community

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Judy Kump brought Cecilia Brown to Oberlin on Sunday after Mrs. Brown had spent the holidays with Mrs. Kump and her family in Wichita. Mrs. Brown also stayed with her great-granddaughters, Katelynn and Kasey Hazell in Hutchinson while their parents, Shawn and Melisa Hazell, enjoyed a cruise to celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary.

Pam VanVleet and Cheryl Metcalf, along with Gary and Deanna Grose, attended the funeral services for their uncle, Edgar Wayne Taylor, brother of Eileene Grose in Delta, Colo., on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

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Funeral services were held Friday morning at the First Christian Church in Goodland for Lester J. Frazier, 88, who died Jan. 7, 2013, at Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community in Buhler. He was the father of Leslie (Gary) Bartels of Hays, but formerly of Oberlin. He was a retired stock broker at Goodland. Other survivors include two other daughters, Carol Johnson, Colorado Springs, and Marcia (Steve) Sitton, Goodland; a son, Bill (Mary) Frazier, Buhler; a brother, Donald (Lila) Frazier, Sacramento, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. His wife, the former June Philbrick, preceded him in death on June 21, 2010.

Jeanette Miller returned home Wednesday from North Platte, Neb., where she had visited her daughter, Marsha Seck, Gilbert and Jerome, since Monday. Christine Seck, a student at Fort Hays State University, was also home. They enjoyed attending basketball games in Kearney, Neb., on Monday and in Ogallala, Neb., on Tuesday to see Jerome play. He is a freshman at the high school in North Platte.

Word was received by Charles and Donna Lincoln of the death of his cousin, Irma (Muckey) Rohla, 76, of Aurora, Colo., on Jan. 9. She was the daughter of the late Andy and Pauline Muckey, former Oberlin residents.

Eileene Grose celebrated her 95th birthday with a lunch at the

LandMark Inn on Friday with her family. Those attending were Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Shannon, Jaime and Aden Metcalf, Jody and Jude Metcalf of Colby, Pam VanVleet, Mark and Kim McConville, Brittany McConville and Doris Sloan. Members of the United Methodist Women and Pi Alpha Club and other friends attended the afternoon reception.

Doris Fringer spent from Dec. 22 to Dec. 30 with her son and family, James and Heather Shirley, in San Antonio, Texas. She and Heather Shirley's mother, Carolyn Long of Junction City, flew from the Kansas City airport. They were joined in San Antonio by Rod and Patty Steinmetz of Two Buttes, Colo., as a surprise for Mrs. Fringer.

— KRISPY KREMES are coming to Oberlin, Jan 28. Order yours: 475-4015.

Margaret Steadman visited a week in Kansas City, Mo., with her sister, Avis Morton, and Barbara Blosser, then the women brought her home and spent a week visiting her. They returned home Thursday. Madeline Reneberg of Kensington visited her grandmother, Mrs. Steadman, from Thursday to Saturday.

Lynn and Roberta Johnson and their daughter, Shelli Fortin, were among those who attended funeral services in Strong City on Sunday afternoon for Michael Jackson, 45, who died on Thursday at his home in Cedar Point. His wife is the former Mary Wilson, daughter of Roger and Angie Wilson of Oberlin.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Henry Edgett, Kelva Dryden, Doris Fringer, John Cederberg, Dewaine Stapp, Dorothy Moore and Max Carman. Lows went to Neil Marshall, Ivis Hanson, Dorothy Moore, Veanna Carman, Ardis Roe and Dewaine Stapp. Willa Urban and Doris Fringer were Chicken Foot domino winners. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Pat Abbey with lows going to John Cederberg and Ardythe Cederberg. Taking highs at bridge were Marie McKisson, Annette Miller, Dorothy Cochran and Marty Olson. Senior potluck will begin at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Date night in Norcatatur



YOUNG MOVIEGOERS snuggled in the dark during the free Sunday night movie, "Rat Race," in the multipurpose room at the Norcatatur City Building. The movies, sponsored by the Norcatatur Public Library, begin at 6 p.m. Next Sunday's show is "Mirror, Mirror" starring Julia Roberts. Donations are accepted for bottled water and popcorn.

— Herald staff photo by Carolyn Plotts

Chili Challenge scheduled

Decatur County Ministerial Association plans a benefit Church Chili Challenge from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Old Bohemian Hall on the Decatur County Museum grounds.

Proceeds will go Royce and Vicky Leitner to help with medical expenses.

Mr. Leitner is pastor of the Oberlin Assembly of God Church. His wife has been hospitalized in Hays and Oberlin after suffering a broken hip in a fall and later, blood clots.

Chili will be provided by area churches and those attending will select the one they like best and place money for their favorite. The maker of the chili which receives the most donations will receive a trophy, said Doug Mason. All donations for the meal will go to the Leitners, who have no health insurance.

For details, call Pastor Mason at (785) 475-4021.

Oberlin grad to enter Ms. Wheelchair Kansas

Jessica Soderlund, a 2007 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has entered the Ms. Wheelchair Kansas Contest, which will be held from Friday to Sunday, March 15 to 17, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka.



Jessica S.

She attended Colby Community College for a year before taking a job as a receptionist at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley. Her parents are Jim and Penny Soderlund of Oberlin.

"I entered the competition last year, but decided I'd like to try again," Miss Soderlund said.

The contest began in 1972 when a Columbus, Ohio, physician, Dr.

Philip K. Wood, who devoted his career to the treatment and rehabilitation of people with disabilities, became aware of the talent, capabilities, determination and courage of the disabled. He established Ms. Wheelchair America as a forum for the promotion of the achievements, as well as the needs, of people who are wheelchair mobile.

Events are held in about 30 states. These non-profit programs are staffed and coordinated by volunteers who hope to increase public awareness of the potential for handicapped people.

The Ms. Wheelchair Kansas program was started in 2004 and held its first annual event in 2005. It has had

nine titleholders since its creation. The Ms. Wheelchair Kansas program selects one woman each year to advocate for her peers.

It is not a beauty contest, but rather a competition to select the most articulate, accomplished delegate who will serve as a role model and spokesperson for people with disabilities, organizers say. She will have the opportunity to travel throughout the state educating the public, business community, Legislature and others about the issues that affect people with disabilities.

She will share her chosen platform (or passion) with these groups, talk with reporters and serve as a role model for youths and adults alike. Her overall message will be to promote diversity and break down stereotypes against people with disabilities. Her reign will lead to an opportunity to attend the national

competition, where she will compete for the title of Ms. Wheelchair America.

The competition itself is a three-day event that culminates at the crowning ceremony where the new Ms. Wheelchair Kansas is crowned. This event is not only a competition, but also an occasion that focuses on empowerment and pride. Contestants are able to network with each other, as well as past titleholders, and celebrate the strength of each individual.

During the judging sessions, contestants are scored based on their accomplishments, self-perception, communication and projection skills. Judging events include two personal interview sessions, a platform speech and an on-stage interview. Many fun activities and informative sessions are planned throughout the weekend.

Branson group to perform

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will present "Branson on the Road" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

The group has over 20 years performing at the top theaters in Branson and is the first national touring show from, and named for, the famous city. The show delivers the Branson traditions of good, clean, family fun, great music and plenty of comedy.

Debbie Horton is the only woman to have played lead guitar for the great Johnny Cash. She has her own show at the old Boxcar Willie Theater in Branson and has performed on the famous Louisiana Hayride and the Ernest Tubbs Midnight Jam-

boree in Nashville. Donnie Wright is a musician and arranger, versatile on many instruments including fiddle, mandolin, guitar, banjo and bass, and has been part of the Branson music scene for 40 years. He provides a good deal of the comic relief.

Brian Capps plays upright bass and sings songs reminiscent of Marty Robbins and Hank Williams. His latest recording reached the Top 10 on the Americana Charts and is part of the music rotation on XM Radio.

This is a season ticket event or \$12 for adults and \$7 for children at the door. Call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218 for details.

Oberlin native takes new job

Dr. Janet Pollnow-Myers, a 1975 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has been named director of professional development in the Center for Advanced Practice Nursing and Allied Health at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

Dr. Myers and her husband Steve relocated from Bakersfield, Calif., to Nashville in mid-December so she could begin her duties in early January. She will be responsible for the professional development of

the center's 640 advanced practice nurses. The medical center currently employs over 10 percent of Tennessee's licensed nurse practitioners.

Dr. Myers completed a doctorate in nursing practice in July at the University of Southern Alabama, Mobile. She is the daughter of the late Vollie and Sue Pollnow. The Myerses have three children, Tyra and Ian of Atlanta and Keegan of Austin, Texas. Their address is 2119 Willowmet Drive, Brentwood, Tenn., 37027.



Walt and Donna Fortin 1962



Walt and Donna Fortin 2012

Couple celebrates 50th

Walt and Donna Fortin of Oberlin were honored with a reception on Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Golden Age Center in Oberlin for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Hosts were their children and their spouses, Melissa and Dan Nelson, Stockton; Marla and Leland Kehler, Loveland, Colo.; and Ryan and Amanda Fortin, Oberlin. Mrs. Nelson brought 50 red roses and white pom-pom mums for decorations. Their daughters served the reception and buffet.

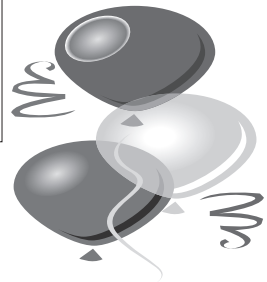
Donna Bridgmon and Walt Fortin

were married on Dec. 30, 1962, at the Union Church in Hamlet, Neb., with the Rev. Becknell officiating.

Other out-of-town guests included Jessica Kehler, Loveland; Osama and Amanda Barzack, Amira and Omar, Fort Collins, Colo.; Jeremy, Hannah and Hallie Nelson, Woodston; Justin Nelson, Plainville; Jennifer Nelson and Alex Thornberg, Manhattan; Ruth Bridgmon, David Bridgmon, Ron and Diane Clark, Philip and Jani Little, all of McCook; Stean Olson, Hays; and Lindsey Fortin, Holcomb.

Happy Birthday Myrtle (Carman) Waldo

Send birthday wishes to
Myrtle Waldo
who turns 101 on Jan. 23.



Cards can reach her at:
108 East Ash
Oberlin, KS 67749

Scholarships available

The Hays Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America will once again be awarding three \$500 scholarships for college or trade schools for students in northwest Kansas.

Residents of Decatur, Graham, Hodgeman, Gove, Cheyenne, Ellis, Finney, Lane, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Rawlins, Rooks, Rush, Sherman, Thomas, Trego and Wallace counties are eligible.

Application deadline is March 1. Recipients of the scholarships will be announced April 15.

For details, graduating seniors may write to: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 939, Box 1224, Hays, Kan., 67601. Students can contact school officials for an application packet.

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