

People in Our Community

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Quentin and Melanie Conant, Dane and Rylie, Dodge City, spent Christmas with her parents, Jerry and Nancy Fidele. Additional dinner guests were Mary Francis and Greg Fidele.

Weekend Christmas guests on Dec. 22-23 at the Rocky and Teresa Diederich home were Danielle, Cami and Jori Diederich, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Pat, Audrey, Joanie, Jonnie Diederich and Ryan Winsky, Jeff Leitner, Ryan Auker, Wayne and Carmel Summers, Steven and Mandy Summers, Carolyn Miller, Al and Collin Diederich and Ernie Diederich.

Norma Elwood and Lloyd Frandsen were married on Dec. 30 at the Congregational Church in Cambridge, Neb.

Marvin and Thelma Walker and Sherri Walker visited on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 28 and 29, with Mrs. Walker's brother, Marion Brock, of Delphos, who was hospitalized in Salina. He died on Dec. 30 and they all attended his memorial services in Delphos on Friday.

All of the children and grandchildren of Gail and Kay Marcuson spent the weekend between Christmas and New Year's with them. They are Diane, Chuck, Natalie and Chip Newcom, Denver; Julie, Mark, Jessica and Brandon Hubbard, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Rick, Sally, Mollie and Grady Marcuson, Overland Park, and Brad, Elaine, Leslie, Sarah and Jared Marcuson, Oberlin. Additional guests during the holidays were John and Muriel Ready, Stuart and Mary Henzel, Vera Lindemann, Doris Peterson, Atwood; Ardis Peterson, Junction City; Amy Peterson, Salina; and Greg, Brenda, Ashley and James Peterson, Ludell.

Christmas Day guests of Millie Lippelmann were Wheat and Michelle Lippelmann and three daughters, Colby; Dan and Vickie Lippelmann and Milo Lippelmann, Oberlin, and Terry Lippelmann, Selden. Overnight guests the following day were Norma and Don Swanson, Mitchell, Neb.

Weekend guests on Dec. 29-30 of Don and Lillian Sulzman of Dresden were John and Shelly Truetken, Kendra and Britney, Scranton, N.D.; Jared Truetken, Hoxie; Lad and Lori Truetken, Aimee and Landon, and Harold Sulzman, Selden; Phil and Laura Sulzman and Andrew, Saginaw, Texas; Mike and Sara Sulzman and Andrew, Overland Park; Kurt Sulzman and friend, Lenexa, and Blanche Skubal, Oberlin.

Ella Betts spent Christmas in Denver with her daughter, Jody Westby, then flew to California, where she visited her other daughter, Janet Ray, in Pasadena and enjoyed the Rose Bowl parade with her.

En route to Atlanta to spend the Christmas holidays with her grandson, Jason Brewster, and family, Phyllis McKay visited at the Dale Davison home in Tulsa. Flying from Tulsa, she was met in Atlanta by her daughter, Jamie Brewster, and Allison of Houston. They returned to their respective destinations on Thursday and Mrs. McKay returned to Oberlin on Saturday.

—Wheat Ridge Terrace will now maintain a waiting list for 2-bedroom apartments. Come join our family. 01-05

Christmas guests of Juanita Williby were: Rita, Troy and Brenna Erdman, North Platte, Neb.; Patty and John Guy, Sidney, Neb.; Sarah Cathcart, Kearney, Neb.; Sharon and Rick Gamblin and Adam, Holdrege, Neb.; Adrian Koerperich, Chadron, Neb.; Laurie, Todd, Megan and Hannah Vaughn, Westminster, Colo.; Jason and Jessica Williby, Roeland Park; Jenny, Matt, Mike and Raye Kasson, Norcat; Debbie Hunziker and Tia, Denver; Heith, Shanie, Bodie and Colten Sauvage, and Danielle Sauvage and Kain, Selden; Doug, Shayla, Cammie, Justin and Josh Williby, Theresa., Gerry, Paul and Jebb Tally, and Brett Dickinson, all of Oberlin. Rita and Laurie and girls visited until Sunday

with their mother.

The family of Eugene and Beverly Witt held their family Christmas gathering on Dec. 29 at the home of Gary and Thelma Witt at Culbertson, Neb. with 12 of their children and families present. Their youngest son, Gordon and family, were unable to attend due to illness. Those present included: Eugene and Beverly Witt, Danbury; Darrel Witt, Kellie, Michael, Steven, Jacob and Jonathan, Agate, Colo.; Peggy and Chris Beck, Lori Beck and Baily, Tosha, Kevin and Katlyn Gerih, and a friend, McCook; Ed, Tonya, Kaylyn and Kylee Witt, Norton; Ginny, Rod, Deidre and Shane Volberding, Ogallala, Neb.; Gary, Thelma, Lindsay, Kelcie and Nathan Witt and friend, and Patty and Dave Chambers, Culbertson; James, Kimberly, Keely, Tyler, Ashley and Whitney Witt, Oberlin; Jan, Rick, Justin, Jessie and Terry Mowry, Wilsonville, Neb., and Justine's girlfriend, Cambridge, Neb.; Cindy, Bruce, Megan, Matt and Marc Howe, Wood River, Neb.; Bill, Michele and Chandler Witt, and Junior, Kerri, Alex, Josie and Monique Witt, McCook; Julie, Jared and Taylor Sayer, Cambridge, Neb., and Iris Wurm, Oberlin.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Vada Shaw, Wilma May, Floyd Edgett and Eva Marie Vacura. Lows were won by Floyd Edgett, Elsie Goodnight, Aleen Van Vleet and Barb Solko. Pitch highs were won by Mrs. Vacura and Henry Edgett with lows going to Aleen Van Vleet, Mrs. Shaw and Dorothy Moore. Pitch and bridge are played on Thursdays. Senior Citizens potluck will be held at noon on Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Dwayne and Twila Scott, Wathena; John and Lori Naegele, Callie and Lexi, Gardner; Dr. Travis and Melanie Daise, Salina; Mark and Cynthia Chaffin, Littleton, Colo., and Paul and Linda Chaffin, Goodland, were holiday guests of Mabel Kennedy.

New Year's guests at the Vernon and Jeanette Diederich home were Steven, Anita, Jenny and Joe Hirsch, Oberlin; Jeff, Annette, Shawn and Stephanie Troyer, Ellinwood; Ben, Shannon, Elizabeth, Teresa and Rebecca Richardson, Salina; Doyle, Julie, Tyler and Clay Richardson, McCook; Eugene and Beverly Witt, Danbury, and Dennis and Pat Wurm, and Iris Wurm, Oberlin.

Dr. Pat and Cindy Traphagen, Jessica, Austin and Tara of Eckley, Colo., and Carole Unger, Yuma, Colo., were Sunday, Dec. 30, visitors of Harold and Eleanor Demmer at the Good Samaritan Center. They also visited at the rural home of Connie Grafel with Dan, Melinda, Kade and Isabel Grafel, and Greg and Kelling Grafel before returning home.

Holiday guests of Norman and Julie Gallentine were Al and Becky Rohr, Colorado Springs; Dale and Emily Waldo, Daphne Plummer and Malynn, and Jessica Harris, Salina; Gene and Kristi Gallentine, Jason and Kelsey, Clayton; Rex and Connie Gallentine, Jordan, Conner and Braden, Junction City, and Tami Robertson and Dante, Oberlin.

Herschel and Jody Betts spent several days after Christmas in Leawood with Gene and Jan Betts, Anne, Michael and Mary. On Saturday evening, they attended the KU-Tulsa basketball game at Kemper arena.

Holiday dinner guests of Bob and Deanna Castle, Valisha and Kariah on Sunday, Dec. 29, were Dwayne and Linda Scott, Wathena; Lori and John Naegele, Callie and Lexi, Gardner; Thaniel and Jennifer Monaco, Madison and Lawson, Mabel Kennedy, Ina Marie Goodnight, and Doris Fringer.

Holiday houseguests at the Howard Banta home included Mary and Bob Brown, Omaha; David Banta, Palos Verdes, Calif.; and Shelley and Keith Smith and Skylar, Castle Rock, Colo. Additional Christmas Eve guests were Elfie Brown and Neva Campbell.



FIVE GENERATIONS of the Matilda Diederich family are shown. Seated is Mrs. Diederich with her great-great-granddaughter, Mandy Summers. Kneeling, from left, are Carmel Summers, grandmother of Mandy, and Steven Summer, her father. Standing is her great-grandfather, Vernon Diederich.

Health program set Monday

"Health Benefits of Exercise" will be presented at 1:30 p.m. on Monday at The Gateway Community Room by Sheridan County Extension Agent Angela L. Abts.

It will include health benefits of moderate exercise and how to incorporate it into a daily routine. Kansans rank sixth highest for adults who report no leisure time physical activity, which is troublesome in that a sedentary lifestyle is linked to many chronic diseases.

Heart disease, stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure, and osteoporosis are a few of the diseases for which a sedentary lifestyle is listed as a risk factor.

Men and women of all ages benefit from moderate amounts of daily physical exercise. Those who exercise are better able to control their weight, maintain strong bones and muscles, and have enough energy for daily tasks.

For details, contact the Extension Office at (785) 475-8121.

Music recital set at St. Francis

The Boston Mountain Chamber Players will present a recital of works for woodwind quintet and saxophone at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Cheyenne Theater in St. Francis.

The group is from the University of Arkansas. Admission is by Western Plains season passes or tickets will be available at the door, \$6 for adults and \$3 for students.

New Arrivals

Emelie Claar DeKnight

Dave and Vicky DeKnight of Winchester are the parents of a daughter, Emelie Claar.

She arrived on Dec. 20, 2001, and is the couple's first child. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Grandparents are former Oberlin residents, Bill and Sheila DeKnight of Stockton, Mo., and Bill and Sybil Millar of Lawrence.

Annelise Amack

Kevin and Georgann Amack of Meeker, Colo., are the parents of a daughter, Annelise, born Dec. 20, 2001. She weighed 4 pounds, 13 ounces, and has a sister, Madeline, 3. Grandparents are Mary Ann Amack, Oberlin, and the late Randall Amack; and Jerry and Sue Anderson, Holdenville, Okla. Raymith Anderson, Holdenville, is her great-grandmother.

Ellis Island program planned

One's Company, with actress Pippa White, will be performing "Voices From Ellis Island" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, the performance features Pippa White in the one woman show.

She grew up in San Francisco, appeared regularly on television as a child, and rained at the American Conservatory Theater Academy.

The program will provide a look at the immigrants who passed through America's "front door to freedom" in the early part of this century with material taken from actual interviews.

This is a season ticket event or admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students at the door. For details, contact Idella Frickey at (785) 475-2473, or Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557.

Oberlin church to host meeting

The Oberlin Covenant church will host a potato bar at 6:30 p.m. today, followed by a contemporary service and message on denominations at 7:30 p.m.

Members from local churches will take part in discussing and answering

questions about their denominations. Participating churches include: Oberlin Covenant, Faith Lutheran, Sacred Heart Catholic, United Methodist, Assembly of God, and St. John's Lutheran.

The public is invited.

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Graham County is seeking a EMS/Fire/Emergency Preparedness DIRECTOR

The successful candidate will be responsible for the management of the Graham County Fire and EMS departments. Must be able to work well with associates and the public. Individual must be EMT certified. Salary \$2,500.00/month. Benefits include Health Insurance, KPERS (state retirement), life insurance, vacation/sick leave, and 10 paid holidays.

Send resume to: Graham County Clerk, 410 N. Pomeroy Avenue, Hill City, Kansas 67642. Applications and resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

Herndon School earns standard of excellence

Herndon School has been recognized for having attained the Standard of Excellence on statewide assessments in five areas: 11th grade reading; 7th and 10th grades mathematics; and 7th and 10th grades science.

The certificates of achievement were received from the state Board of Education in recognition of its accomplishments.

Attaining this honor requires having a significant portion of the student body scoring at the "proficient" and "advanced" levels. According to the state Department of Education, statewide in all schools regardless of classification, only 8 percent (32 buildings) of Kansas schools reached the Standard of Excellence at grade 11 reading; 11.4 percent (60 buildings) in 7th grade math; 11.6 percent (46 buildings) in 10th grade math; 6.88 percent (35 buildings) in 7th grade science, and only 5.67 percent (22 buildings) in 10th grade science.

"Attaining the Standard of Excellence is the mark of a school where stu-

dent learning has been made a high priority," said State Board of Education Chairman Sonny Rundell. "This accomplishment is something in which the entire community can take pride."

"Our school improvement plan has targeted the areas of reading and math as well as writing," said Superintendent Kim Juenemann. "Herndon's staff works well together to implement cross-curricular strategies and interventions. These awards tell us that our staff's efforts have been successful and that they are doing an excellent job of helping students achieve."

"Our students, who were recognized for their individual accomplishments on the state assessments at the Christmas concert before break, work hard to do their best. We appreciate the positive attitudes of our students and the support we receive from the parents and community. These results are concrete evidence of the continuing commitment of our staff, our students, and our community to providing an effective school for our children."

Risk management program set

The Norton Decatur Risk Management Club has developed an agricultural series for the coming weeks.

The topic "Sources of Risk", will be presented at 7 p.m. on Monday at the 4-H Building in Norton.

Three additional K-State speakers will be addressing the following topics of risk management: "Post Harvest Marketing Strategies" by Dan O'Brien on Jan. 21 at The Gateway in Oberlin; "Financial Production and Marketing

Risk" by Terry Kastens on Feb. 11 at the Norton 4-H Building, and Kevin Dhuyvetter will explore "The Effect of Rising Petroleum Prices on Input Prices" on Feb. 18 at The Gateway.

This four topic educational speaker series is open to the public.

Anyone wishing to join the Risk Management Club is encouraged to contact either the Decatur or Norton County Extension offices at 785-475-8121 or 785-877-5755.

Disaster deadline approaches

Producers who have suffered severe crop losses due to natural disasters during the 2000 crop year have until Jan. 18 to apply for disaster benefits.

County Executive Director Diane Barrett said this is not a new program, but rather is only the completion of the 2000 crop disaster program enrollment that began a year ago on Jan. 18.

To be eligible, producers must have suffered a 35 percent loss of expected production of their 2000 crops because of natural disaster.

Crops which were insured by crop insurance or are considered non-insurable will earn payments at 65 percent of the established payment rate. Crops which were insurable but not insured will earn payments at 60 percent of the

established payment rate.

Producers with crops which are insurable but were not insured for 2000 and earn a Crop Disaster Program payment will be required to obtain crop insurance for 2001 and 2002 on that crop, she said. Producers should contact a crop insurance agent and make arrangements to buy crop insurance if they believe they will earn a payment and they do not have insurance.

Final sales closing date for some crops is nearing, therefore, producers believing they will earn a Crop Disaster Program payment should contact an agent immediately.

Producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to complete their application by the Jan. 18 deadline.

Grad named area agronomist

Brian Olson, a 1991 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has been named Multi-County Extension Agronomist for the counties of Norton, Decatur, Sheridan, Gove and Trego.

He will be at the Frontier Restaurant in Oberlin from 9-11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 18, to greet producers in the Decatur County area. The informal meeting will allow farmers to get to know him and inform him of what areas K-State Research and Extension needs to address in the crops and soils area.

The Kansas State University Research and Extension Service has combined the soil and crops services for the

counties into one position.

He said the goal of his position is to provide expertise on agronomic issues to the rural community. He urges agriculture producers to contact him to discuss issues or concerns. He may be reached at bolson@oznet.ksu.edu or call (785) 443-1264.

He is the son of Sue (Unger) Olson and the late Evan Olson. He and his wife, Melinda, and their two sons, Evan and Joshua, live in Gem. He is working out of the Northwest Area Extension Office, 105 Experiment Farm Road, Colby, Kan., 67701, phone (785) 462-7575.



Darlene (Petrasek) Robben

70th Birthday - January 15

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