

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Arlee (Smith) Williams of Westminster, Colo., visited friends in the Dresden area over the weekend and attended the bazaar on Sunday at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville. She is a former resident of Dresden.

Mary Groneweg and Nikki of Denver visited in Oberlin over the weekend and attended the wedding of Eric Groneweg and Elizabeth Boyd.

April Jackson of Wichita and Dave Mann of Salina were also guests at the birthday tailgate party which honored Connie Grafel and Francis Moore in Manhattan on Oct. 6.

Lyle and Leona Hilker returned recently after visiting Steve and Trina Krause and family in Syracuse, Utah. En route they enjoyed the fall foliage of the Rocky Mountains and visiting Georgetown, Colo., an historical silver mining town. They were there right after the explosion at the hydraulic electric plant.

Dorothy Moore visited over the weekend with Mike and Debbie Nickels and family at Oskaloosa, Eric and Shelly Moore and family at Manhattan and Martha Nemeth in Topeka.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Floyd Edgett, Max Carman, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Aleen Van Vleet, Merle Shirley and Wilma May. Lows went to Elden Haas, Doris Gilbert, Donna Kent, Doris Fringer, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Floyd Edgett and Barb Solko. Pitch highs were won by Barb Solko and Henry Edgett with lows going to Elden Haas and Floyd Edgett. Bridge highs were won by Phyllis Lohofener and Merle Shirley. There will be open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday.

— Brunch Buffet Sunday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340.

Willis and Peggy Carman have purchased a home in Hoxie and will be moving there next week. They have sold their home at 312 N. Elk in Oberlin to Sid and Cheryl Metcalf.

Frank and Lea Curtis of Medford, Ore., visited from Thursday to Sunday with her sister, Fern Jording. Phil and Marj Law of Lakewood, Colo., came Sunday to spend a few days with Mrs. Jording, after a trip to Branson, Mo.

Dale and Cheryl Votapka returned home Saturday after attending the Winnebago rally at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Dale was a member of the chase crew for Mister Bup, a specialty balloon from Belgium.

Laurene Van Otterloo returned home Sunday after spending two weeks in California, where she visited her brother, Willard and Irene Shaw at Penn Valley, and their daughters, Lorraine Capley and family in Santa Barbara and Sherri Shaw in San Francisco. She accompanied Ron, Kassie and Emily Bryan to Denver, where they attended the wedding of Eric Miller and Erin O'Brian on Sept. 29, then she flew to California. Larry Van Otterloo brought her home from Denver.

Jamie Elwood, a member of the Garden City Community College women's rodeo team, made the short go in barrel racing by taking third in the long go, then earned fourth in the final round for a second-place finish in the average at the Pratt Community Intercollegiate Rodeo held from Oct. 5 to Oct. 7. She is the daughter of Danny and Judy Elwood of Oberlin.

Oberlin grad earns degree

Nikki Groneweg, a 1997 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has received a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of the Rockies.



N. Groneweg

She earned her undergraduate degree in psychology from Kansas State University in 2000, and a master's degree in counseling psychology from Regis University in Denver in 2004.

She attended Colorado School of Professional Psychology at the University of the Rockies, Colorado Springs, before doing a

one-year internship with the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department of Houston.

She has accepted a position with Correctional Psychology Associates as a forensic psychologist working with the criminal population in Denver.

Nikki is the daughter of Robert Groneweg of Oberlin and Mary Groneweg of Denver. Dean and Peggy Groneweg of Oberlin are her grandparents.

4-H Club will plant daffodils

By ELIZABETH NEDLAND
On Sept. 10, the Stick-To-It 4-H Club had its monthly meeting in the basement of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Nolan Wasson. At the meeting we decided to plant daffodils in the Centennial Park on Nov. 11, at 1:30 p.m. This is a community involvement activity like mowing the Kanona Cemetery.

decided on were wearing our club shirts, recording on KFNH radio, and making posters of different 4-H projects.

For the program, Nolan Wasson discussed his successful Kansas Activity Achievement and showed his woodworking, which won a state award. Elizabeth Nedland also played a song on the piano. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Oct. 21 at City Park. The club will then caravan to the Wassons' home. We will hayrack ride to their field for a bonfire with a hot dog roast.

Guests and alumni are invited to join the event in honor of Stick-To-It 4-H Club's 70th anniversary.

Club makes door decorations

By TAYLOR MACFEE
The Maverick 4-H Club had its meeting on Oct. 14. The meeting was conducted by Andy Dempewolf and roll call was taken by Haley Schiessler by "What is your favorite thing about fall?"

Members present were Chance and Callie Uehlin, Madison and Taylor Macfee, Rachael Ritter, Sierra Lohofener, Haley Schiessler, Andy Dempewolf, Alexis and Gatlin Hissong, Caleb and Luke Koerperich and Nick Ashley.

Alexis Hissong read the minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report was read by Sierra Lohofener. Taylor Macfee gave the council report. Committee assignments were made, plans were made to help hang greenery and a change of date for the 4-H social was reported.

Rachael Ritter gave the monthly activity and members made pumpkin decorations and hung them at Cedar Living Center. Treats were brought by Rachael Ritter.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, Nov. 11, after hanging greenery at 1 p.m.

Weaving workshop set

Jo Campbell-Amsler of Monticello, Iowa, will be teaching two days of basket weaving classes on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 3 and 4, at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial

Museum in Logan.

Students may sign up for either day or both. For details, call Shirley Henrikson, museum director, (785) 689-4846.

Bingo association honors cancer victim

A Hoxie man has organized the Hoxie Bingo Association in honor of his wife, who died of cancer on July 10, 2006, at the age of 57.

John Ashbaugh, 62, said he and Pauline had been married for 39 years, had three children and six granddaughters, and he decided to use her hobby of playing bingo as a way to honor her and help raise money for the American Cancer Society.

"Pauline always enjoyed playing bingo, and we played at Hays when I took her down for treatments to get her mind off things," he said.

After her death, he said, he checked into the legalities of organizing a bingo association to

allow people to legally play bingo. Businesses and individuals donated \$1,610 for the organization to buy supplies, licenses and a speaker system.

Since its organization, he said, the Hoxie Bingo Association has games at 7 p.m. each Saturday at the Bowen Scout House in Hoxie. He said they have people coming from other towns, including Quinter, Oberlin, Hill City, Oakley and Colby and everyone is welcome.

Cindy (Carman) Ostmeyer of Hoxie, daughter of Willis and Peggy Carman of Oberlin, treasurer of the association, said the group has raised \$248 for the American Cancer Society since July.

Oberlin man is delegate at Silver Haired Legislature

Darrell A. Jones of Oberlin was a delegate from Decatur County at the 25th annual Kansas Silver Haired Legislature in Topeka

The organization, established by the Kansas Legislature, includes individuals 60 and older who are elected by their peers to develop bills and resolutions affecting Kansas seniors and their families.

The 2007 Silver Haired Legislature considered issues including:

- A geriatric mental health act and establishing a geriatric mental health service program administered by the Department on Aging.
- Provisions for mandatory reinstatement of certain insurance policies.
- Setting aside some casino revenues for a senior services fund and a new health care for seniors fund.
- Asking the Kansas Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment for retirees.
- Asking the Legislature to help combat predatory lending practices on income tax refund advances which adversely affect the elderly and others.

"The activities of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature have evolved into an important Senior Advocacy force in Kansas," said

Irv Hoffmann, Johnson County delegate and president of the organization's board. "We strive to speak for Kansas Seniors of all needs and purposes."

Rotary hears speaker on family farms

Troy Scheoder of the Kansas Rural Center spoke at the Oct. 9 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway for lunch. He was introduced by program chair Doyle Brown.

Mr. Scheoder and Mr. Brown said they traveled to Washington on related matters this summer. The Kansas Rural Center is a nonprofit organization which promotes family farms.

Mr. Scheoder said the center works for the long-term improvement of farm land, supports research and education and advocates for farm groups here and in Washington. It does direct marketing to promote Kansas foods, organic farming and renewable energy, such as wind power, he said, getting money from memberships, grants and donations, and is on the 2007 Farm Bill.

He said that the center helps farmers identify family and farm goals and create a plan of action to solve any problems.

Guests were Ali Samson and LeAnna Sheaffer, junior Rotarians from Decatur Community High School.

Crafters needed for local show

The annual Oberlin Holiday Arts and Crafts Show will be Saturday, Nov. 24, at The Gateway, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

In addition to craft booths, this year the commission will accept local home-based businesses. Space for an 8-by-8-foot booth is \$20.

For applications or details, call Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

Piano students perform well

Five piano students, Kade Grafel, Caleb Koerperich, Britta and David Noren, and Jessica Bremer, qualified for state auditions after performing at the Kansas Music Teachers District Auditions in Hays.

All five were entered in Plan C and performed two pieces. State auditions will be Saturday, Nov. 10. Zach May participated in Plan D, playing two non-memorized pieces, and received a I rating. Their teacher is Cheryl Metcalf.

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