

People in Our Community

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Word was received by Barbara Young-Duell of Colby of the death of her brother-in-law, Bill Benton, 72, of Merced, Calif., on Sunday. His wife is the former Judy Jeffus, a sister of Mrs. Young-Duell and a 1965 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Funeral services are pending. Mail will reach Mrs. Benton at 3563 Placer Ct., Merced, Calif., 95340-0627. Mr. Benton was a retired captain with the highway patrol of Merced.

Clinton and Avonne Anderson of Salina and their two-month-old grandson, Parker Astin, of Wichita spent the weekend of March 12-14 visiting Enid Anderson. Parker attended church with his grandparents and great-grandmother, then they enjoyed lunch at the LandMark Inn.

—Seafood Buffet Friday, March 26, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.

Howard and Carolyn Kuhn brought her mother, Phyllis McCarty, home after she spent two weeks at their home in Topeka.

Linda Gadza, Lakewood, Colo., has spent the past week visiting her aunt, Mabel Zimmerman and uncle, Owen Wilson.

—Palm Sunday Brunch Buffet Sunday, March 28, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.

John and Charlotte Strecker-Baseler attended the Southwest Nebraska Community Theatre Association's production of the musical, "Annie" at the McCook High School auditorium at 700 West 7th

Street. They said it is a "must see" production and encourage others to get a carload and plan to see it. Tickets are \$10 at Hershberger Music and Janssen-Kool Honda. Final presentations will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Susan Wright of Lawrence came Wednesday to visit several days with her parents, Loyd and Mary Waldo. On Tuesday, she went to Oakley to visit her husband's parents, John and Pat Wright.

—Italian Buffet Tuesday, March 30, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.

Funeral services were held March 20 at the East Campus Auditorium in Norton for David Stuewe, 78, who died March 13 at his home in Oro Valley, Ariz. He was band teacher at the Norton Schools for 38 years before his retirement. He was named Outstanding Band Director of Kansas in 1991 and was inducted into the Kansas Music Educators Hall of Fame in 2001. Survivors include his wife, Nyla, Norton; two sons, Scott and Sarah Stuewe, and Jon and Marie Stuewe, and a daughter, Sara Nelson.

Winning highs in pinocle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ivis Hanson, Dorothy Moore, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe, Dewaine Stapp and Kelve Dryden. Lows went to Doris Fringer, Veanna Carman, Max Carman, Neil Marshall and Henry Edgett. Pitch highs went to Henry Edgett and low went to Max Carman. Bridge winners were Cynthia Matson and Annette Miller.

Rider takes top honors

Kansas State University senior Western rider Nicole Keenan qualified for the 2010 Inter-collegiate Horse Show Association semifinals after taking top honors in Advanced Horsemanship at regional competition at Black Hawk College in Illinois.

A native of Oakley, she took first place to earn a spot in the next round. She will compete at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, N.C., on Saturday and Sunday for a spot at nationals. The top four riders in each semifinal will move on to national competition in May.

"Nicole has worked really hard

towards qualifying for IHSA post-season competition," said head coach Casie Lisabeth. "She has accumulated points over the past four years, and she definitely deserves to move on. We will be working hard the next few weeks to prepare for the semifinals and hopefully nationals."

Miss Keenan originally qualified for regionals at K-State's Western show on Feb. 27.

She is the daughter of Jim and Letitia Keenan of Oberlin. Imogene Keenan of Jennings and George and Elaine Casey of Toronto are her grandparents.



N. Keenan

Calico Gals hear of countries

The Calico Gals Club met at the home of Shirley Shields on March 17 with the following present: Barbara Duell, Phyllis Screen, Shirley Shields, Millie Lippelmann, Donna Kelly, Bette Grout, Marylu Brown and Detta Anderson.

The meeting was opened with members singing, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," followed by the flag salute and club collect. Roll call was an Irish saying or poem. An article and picture of the kissing of the blarney stone were given. Update on club rules will be prepared by the courtesy committee, Phyllis Screen, Detta Anderson and Donna Kelley.

Mrs. Shields gave an interesting program on their two-week visit to Germany, Austria and Switzerland and showed pictures of many churches and castles which have been rebuilt since the war, along with water falls, mountains and lovely countryside and other points. She also displayed the Black Forest cuckoo clock they purchased. Mrs. Shields won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. on April 21 at Coffee, Tea and Me for a dutch treat lunch and guest day. Roll call will be an Easter tradition. There will be surprise entertainment and Sandy Counter will furnish the hostess gift.

Paint workshop set at Logan

The Dane G. Hansen Museum will host the return visit of a Wheatland, Wyo., artist, Barbara Schaffner who will be instructing a four-day painting workshop in Logan.

These classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Wednesday, April 14, through Saturday, April 17, with a one hour break for

lunch.

This learning opportunity is offered at reduced rates to the public. Cost is \$140 with discounts available for Hansen Museum members. Intermediate and advanced artists may call (785) 689-4846 for more information or to register by phone. The class is limited to 20 students.

Engineering student honored with award

Mallory Jennings, granddaughter of Don and Gerry Neff of Oberlin, has received the Cooperative Education and Internship Association's Cooperative Education Student Achievement Award. She is an engineering co-op student at Wichita State University.



M. Jennings

The national annual award is given to an outstanding co-op student. Previous winners have come from universities across the country, including Northeastern, Cincinnati, Drexel, Texas, Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech, and Pennsylvania, the group says.

Ms. Jennings will receive her award this month at the association's national conference in Boston, but was honored at a reception at Wichita State on March 10.

For five semesters, she worked as a co-op student at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Johnson Space Center.

While at NASA, she also served as an educational outreach presenter, helping to organize more than 50 outreach events and speaking to more than 4,500 people about the agency and the work being done at the center.

After her return to Wichita State, she continued her outreach efforts by organizing 25 presentations at elementary and middle schools about the agency and the importance of studying mathematics and science. She will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering in May and has accepted a full-time position at the agency.

Among relatives attending the reception in Wichita were her parents, Mark and Debbie Jennings and Jordan, Wichita, and her grandparents, Don and Gerry Neff, Oberlin. Her mother is a 1978 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

University of Kansas to honor top seniors

Top students from 15 Kansas high schools will be honored Wednesday, April 7, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and the KU Endowment.

A total of 43 seniors from high schools in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties will be recognized for academic achievements as Kansas Honor Scholars. The dinner program will begin at 7 p.m. at the Colby Community College Student Union, 1255 S. Range Ave.

Each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary, in both hardback and electronic versions. William J. Crowe, special assistant to the dean of libraries, will speak.

Students will be guests of the Alumni and Endowment; parents and area alumni are invited at a cost of \$13 each.

Jeff and Nona Mason, Goodland, will be the site and Sherman County coordinators. Other county coordinators are Mike and Brenda Day, St. Francis, for Cheyenne County; Sherrie Wiedeman, Colby, for Gove, Logan and Sheridan counties; Charles and Connie Peckham, Atwood, for Rawlins County;

Paul and Sharon Steele, Colby, for Thomas and Wallace counties; and Rhonda May, Oberlin, for Decatur County.

The program is financed through the Endowment and proceeds from the Jayhawk license plate program.

Those to be honored are: Decatur Community High: Ashley Horton, Kira Meitl and Adrienne Pauls.

Golden Plains: Issac and Jonathan Broeckelman and Shaun Gilbert.

Brewster: Stefanie Eicher. Cheylin: Naomi Reeh.

Colby: Gray Henry, Jacob Huttflies, Anna Juenemann, Kalen Rasmussen, Jacob Rose, Collin Rous and Keesa Wright.

Goodland: Alexis Bateman, Landon Brenner, Jay Cotter, Ismawl Garcia, Brook Redlin and Benjamin Waugh.

Hoxie: Mackenzie Garman and Jenna Patmon.

Oakley: Rachel Gosser, Caleb Jurey, Danielle Keller, Brandon Maurath, Matthew Temaat, Skyler Whittman and Austin Zerr.

Rawlins County (Atwood): Jill Bergling, Wendy Fields and Kevin Wolters.

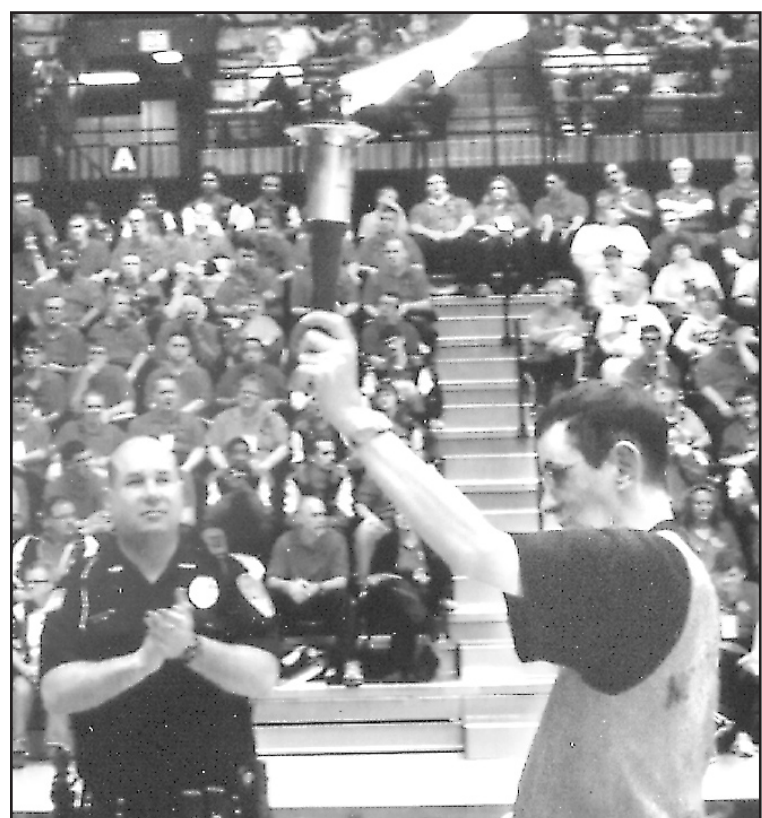
St. Francis: Brooklyn Hnzidil and Trent Raile.

Triplains: Jerri Williams.

Wallace County (Sharon Springs): Kenzi Knobbe, Gabrielle Kuhlman, Taylor Pearce and Kelly Van Lays.

Weskan: Payton Walker.

Wheatland: Layne and Taylor Ostmeyer.



CARRYING THE TORCH for Northwest Winds, Kyle Hartzog (above) of Oberlin, represented the West District of Special Olympics during the opening ceremonies on Thursday evening in Hays. The 40th Annual State Basketball and Cheerleading Special Olympics Tournament was held at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

—Photo by Bob Hartzog

Man is torch carrier at Special Olympics

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Kyle Hartzog of Oberlin was selected as a torch carrier for the West Region of the Northwest Winds Team which competed at the 40th Annual State Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays from Thursday through Saturday.

His parents are Bob and Cheryl Hartzog, and his grandmother is Esther Carlson, all of Oberlin. He has been employed at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center for nearly 30 years.

During opening ceremonies, which were sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Thursday evening, each team marched in carrying a banner with the name of their team. They also repeated the Special Olympics Oath, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

He and J. Lynn Lohofener, also of Oberlin, were on the basketball team, which won a Gold Medal by winning all three of their games. Other team members included Cody Schoenberger and Chad Ostmeyer,

Oakley; Danny Clark, Ron Newlin, Mark Reuber, Rich Griffin, Janey Engleman, Tallas McNabb and Ryan Olson, all of Atwood. They were coached by Ron and Marilyn Holub. Sponsors were Ken and Barb Stelloh.

Those who captured a silver medal in the cheerleading competition were Cheryl Hartzog, Betty Bieker, Barbara Bieker and Ginger Reeves.

Jamie Sattler and Scott Holub each received medals in the Special Skills competition, which included speed dribbling, precision dribbling and spot shooting. Kyle and Cheryl Hartzog's brother, Cliff Hartzog and daughter Alexis, of Wichita, also attended the activities.

"Special Olympics is a great opportunity for these special athletes. They renew friendships and have a great time. We thank all of you who donated to the event so that all of the athletes could attend. It also takes a huge number of volunteers and we are very grateful to each one of them," said Mr. and Mrs. Hartzog.

New Arrivals



C. Vollertsen

Charly Rianna Vollertsen

A daughter, Charly Rianna, was born on March 11, 2010, to Grant and Wendy Vollertsen of Garden City. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her grandparents are Kurt and Becky Vollertsen, Oberlin; and Billie and Pat Swilley, Scott City. Her great-grandparents are Don and Willa Vollertsen, and Betty Wiltfong, Norton, and the late Harold Wiltfong; Geraldine Ribbing, Scott City; and the late Eugene Ribbing, and the late John and Florence Swilley.

Amber Lisa Thomas

Philip and Renee Thomas, Oberlin, are the parents of a daughter, Amber Lisa Thomas, born Jan. 17, 2010, at 7:28 p.m. at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 18 inches long. Grandparents are Karen Keefer, Mont Alto, Pa.; Lee Keefer, Ocean City, Md.; and Gail and Melvin Martin, Oberlin.



A. Thomas



Taylor Blake

Taylor Morgan Blake

Bradley and Lindsay (Haynes) Blake of Augusta, Ga., are the parents of a daughter, Taylor Morgan Blake, born at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Doctors Hospital in Augusta. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Steve and Cynthia Haynes, Oberlin, and Jerry and Roberta Blake, Naperville, Ill. Emma Desilet, Concordia, is her maternal great-grandmother.

Club hears about Iceland

Dan Nedland presented a program on Iceland when the Oberlin Rotary Club met for lunch at The Gateway on March 16.

The club will be hosts for five members of a Group Study Exchange team from the island nation from March 27 to April 6.

Iceland is known as the "Land of Fire and Ice" due to the many volcanoes and glaciers as well as geysers. Mr. Nedland said. It is about the size of Kentucky and is between

Greenland and Scandinavia. It has 36,000 square miles and a population of 320,000.

The capital is Reykjavik and 200,000 of the people live there. The country was first settled by explorers from Norway.

Rotary Appreciation Night is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, at The Gateway, members heard. Guests at the luncheon were Judy Shirley and Cameron Nedland.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY!



Gayle Bainter on March 30

Birthday wishes may be sent to Gayle at:

2025 Sheridan Ave.
Apt 9
Hoxie, KS 67740

WHOLE HOG BENEFIT for Randy Allen's Cancer Medical Expenses

Sunday, March 28, 2010
5 — 7 p.m.
Norcatour City Building
Free will donations

If you can't attend, donations may be sent to The Bank, 101 S. Decatur Ave., Norcatour, KS 67653 in care of Patty Stapp

Sponsored by Ron Temple, Norcatour Commercial Club and Norcatour Royal Neighbors.

90th Birthday Celebration will be held for **Doris Mae (Adams) Mizell**. A Reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 3 in the Community Room of the Norton Manor, Located at 213 Horace Greeley Ave., Norton, Kan.

Cards may be sent to Doris Mizell, Apt. 317 at 213 Horace Greeley Ave., Norton, KS 67654

DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON
The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 29, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open for Social Hour at 5:30. Mail reservations and remittance to Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Price per plate is \$20.00 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name	Class	Year to be seated with
Guest	Class	Year to be seated with
Is guest a DCHS Grad?	Y	N

Space allows for alumnus and one guest each. Include maiden name if DCHS alumnus. Deadline for reservations is May 15, 2010.