

# Farm Service Agency elections are underway

U.S. Farm Service Agency county committee elections are in progress and ballots have been mailed to eligible voters, says Diane Barrett, county executive director for the agency in Oberlin.

Ballots must be returned by mail or to the county office at 408 S. Buffalo by Monday, Dec. 6.

This year's election is being held in Local Administrative Area 1, which is represented on the committee by Mike Coleman. He has served for six years and is seeking re-election. His opponent is Maureen Anderson.

"I strongly recommend that farmers vote, because the county committee members play a huge role in the agency, especially at the county

level," said Mrs. Barrett. "County committee members make decisions on how federal farm programs will be administered locally."

County committees are responsible for making decisions on issues including commodity loans and payments, conservation and disaster assistance and emergency programs.

Farmers and ranchers who participate in agency programs are eligible to vote. If you did not receive a ballot by mail, stop by the service center. New members will take office Jan. 1.

For information, go to [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections), stop by the county office or call 475-3131.



**HOLDING A CARD** which was mailed to him from Florida is Dave New of Jennings. The card, which had been attached to a helium balloon, was found on the beach at Panama City, Fla. It had been released by Mr. New during a memorial service for his wife last year.

—Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

## Jennings man receives card back from Florida

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Dave New, owner of the Broken Wheel Bar and Grill in Jennings, was thrilled last week when he received one of the tags which he had tied on a helium balloon during the memorial tribute honoring his wife after her death on Aug. 7, 2009.

He said the letter with the tag, signed "Tera," came from 902 Elizabeth Lane, Shalimar, Fla., 32579, which is near Panama City, where his wife was born. He also was reared in Florida.

Mr. New said that considering the hurricanes, oil spill and clean-up on the beach, it was a miracle that the tag was even found.

She wrote, "Hello: I found this tag about a month ago. Sorry it took me so long to get it back to you (although from the date, I imagine it has been waiting awhile to find its way home.) I found it on the beach, by the way, near the top of a sand dune, great view, too."

"I looked your phone number up on the Internet, and coming from a small town myself, I am pretty sure this will get to you."

"Keep her memory close and she is always with you!!! God bless!"

"Tera"

On the front of her homemade card is printed: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven," along with a picture of a bluebird.

The original card, printed personally by Dave, said "In memory of Linda F. New, cancer victim, 5-9-56/8-7-09. If found, please call

(785) 678-3052.

"There's good people out there yet," he said.

At sundown on the Saturday following her death, Mr. New said, over 100 people gathered on the rocky bluffs west of Jennings for a memorial service following a potluck dinner at the bar and grill. Pastor Barbara Patterson led a brief devotion, which included Mrs. New's favorite Bible passage, the 23rd Psalm, and a poem, "The Tapestry of My Life."

Many helium balloons were released in a moving ceremony. Fifty-three mylar balloons with laminated notes attached giving information about her life and an address for finders to contact were also released.

Mrs. New died at the Sheridan County Health Complex. She had worked at the bar and grill for several years before she and her husband became co-owners in January 2008. A month later, she was diagnosed with cancer.

The former Linda Lehr and her husband married on Nov. 11, 1999, at the Decatur County Hospital courtyard in Oberlin, so his mother, Louise New, a patient at the time, could attend. Judge John Bremer officiated; a friend, Doc Mather, was best man; and Janice Kruse, a certified nurse aide at the hospital, was bridesmaid.

The bride's daughter, Tara Lehr, who attended school at Jennings before graduating in 2003, now helps Mr. New at the restaurant in Jennings.

## Club News

### Club learns of knitting

What it takes to become a master knitter was the topic at the Nov. 8 meeting of Monday Evening Club when members met at the home of Peggy Pratt. Judith LaBash was co-hostess. Roll call was answered by wearing or displaying a hand-knitted item.

Presenting the program was Ann Gallentine of Clayton, who has had a lifelong interest in knitting, which led her to complete all three levels required to become a certified Master Knitter.

Through her notebooks, she displayed sample swatches of techniques which were requirements for each level: Advanced Beginner, Intermediate and Level

III, which she completed in 2002. She displayed samples of her hand knit projects, which included a vest and sweater which she designed herself. It was later shown in the knitter's magazine, "Cast On."

Sue May reminded members of the entertainment for residents of Cedar Living Center at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, featuring music by Michael Milbauer of McCook

The Dec. 13 meeting will be at the home of Connie Riedel with Karen Thompson and Diane Frickey as co-hostesses. Entertainment will be Christmas music by the DCHS Singers.

### Group enjoys breakfast

Eleven members of Zeta Nu Club met for breakfast at the home of Angie Wilson on Nov. 11. She also gave devotions. Norma Anderson was co-hostess.

Joy Votapka conducted the meeting, which opened with the flag salute and cub collect. It was voted to increase each member's donation to the Veterans Administration to \$1 with the club matching the donation. Angel

tree and veterans money was collected.

The club will serve cupcakes when they entertain this month at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center and those offering to make them were Charlotte Meints, Dorothy Cochran, Joy Votapka, Marian Fraker, Angie Wilson and Joan Larue. Most members watched the Veterans Day parade following the meeting.

### Pi Alpha planning 60th

The Nov. 8 meeting of the Pi Alpha Club was held at the Golden Age Center with Gerry Neff as hostess. Her devotionals were titled, "Living Grace."

The club will be observing its 60th anniversary on May 4, 2011, and Marty Olson will be the chairman to make plans, assisted by Joyce Ploussard and Elaine Bryan.

Get well cards were signed for

Ila Ray, Rosella Meitl and Eris Young. Donations were taken for the Christmas Angel Tree.

There were nine members present with Joy Russell receiving the hostess gift.

The annual Christmas Tasting Tea will be held at the home of Mrs. Olson on Dec. 13 with the first half of the alphabet furnishing refreshments. A \$5 gift exchange will be held.

## Decatur High grad named Virginia Teacher of the Year

Roz Fuller, daughter of Alyce Avery of Oberlin and the late Rod Avery, was recently named Teacher of the Year at the Virginia Career College Association's annual meeting in Richmond.

She is a Professor of Psychology, as well as a student advisor at Stratford University in Woodbridge, VA where she lives.

She has been teaching Social Psychology, Critical Thinking, and Human Growth and Development at Stratford since April of 2008.

Other students, she says, "Teaching Stratford students is such a fantastic experience, because they represent tremendous diversity and promise."

In presenting the award, Dr. Patricia Miller, Stratford Dean of

Students, said, "Roz is an exemplary instructor of students. She is an administrator's dream."

She brings an innovative spirit and a passion for teaching to each and every class. As her students say of her, "Roz rocks!"

She is a 1967 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in English from Fort Hays State University and her Master of Education in Counseling from the University of Maryland, Asian Division, on Okinawa, Japan.

In addition to her job, she is a frequent conference presenter in the field of urban education and is also active in the charter schools in Washington.



**TRYING ON A FANCY NEW COAT**, Judy Ostmeier was one of about 100 shoppers to take advantage of food and savings at the Dresser on Friday night.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met Nov. 10 for an 11:30 a.m. luncheon at the Pizza Hut with 12 women present.

In observance of Veterans Day, Mary Ann Amack read a "Thank you to those who served and those who serve," titled "What is a Veteran?" On the lighter side, she shared some humorous items, brought by Virginia Spratling and Marty Munson.

The Dec. 8 Christmas meeting

will be a noon potluck dinner with tableware furnished and entertainment planned at the Oberlin United Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Amack, Elaine Bryan and Cecil Hess.

Others present were Phyllis Screen, Doris Fringer, Eleanor Boyle, Doris Sloan, Millie Lippelmann, Willa Urban and Martha Fringer.

## Jazz portraits on display

Portraits from the Golden Age of Jazz will be on display at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum through Sunday, Dec. 12.

The photographs by William Gottlieb include a fascinating exhibition of some 75 photographs.

During the 1930s and 1940s, Mr. Gottlieb photographed the contemporary jazz scene to illustrate his columns in *The Washington Post*, *Down Beat* magazine and other publications. The negatives were stored for more than 30 years until his retirement in 1979, when he began printing the negatives. He is

now one of the most honored jazz photographers.

According to jazz critic John Wilson of *The New York Times*, he was able to combine his talents as a writer, photographer, and jazz enthusiast to capture images with a "distinctive, storytelling touch."

Now in its 12th printing, his book of photographs, *The Golden Age of Jazz*, has become an award-winning classic.

Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; and Sunday and holidays, 1 to 5 p.m.

## Sappa 4-H plans bake sale

By KELLI BRYAN

Sappa Valley 4-H Club held its monthly meeting for November at the United Methodist Church.

Members decided to hold a bake sale from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 26, at the Golden Age

Center. It was also decided that they will help two Angel Tree children this year.

For the December meeting, the club will go Christmas caroling. Afterwards, they will warm up with hot chocolate and snacks.

## Happy Birthday Mom

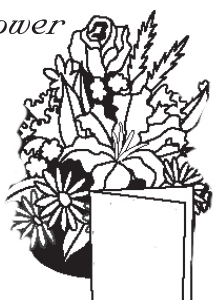
Love, your family



Card shower for Ardis Roe's 80th Birthday, Nov. 21. Cards may be sent to: 1255 Hwy. 36 Oberlin, KS 67749

The family of Jerry and Sharon Schuetz is honoring them with a card shower to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 26.

Cards will reach the couple at: 508 N. East Oberlin, KS 67749



Nila Post Wesch

From her children, Jim, Jack & Janice

You're invited to help Nila celebrate her 90th birthday on November 27, 2010 With a card shower Please send cards to 108 E. Ash Oberlin, KS 67749

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Come help us celebrate Charles and Donna Lincoln's 60th wedding anniversary at the Senior Center in Oberlin, KS. from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010