

People in Our Community

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Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Justin Williby were Trey and Deb Ward, Smith Center; Norma Conaway, Athol; Lynn and Libby Fossom, Brett and Cammi Dickinson, Treger and Trevon, Hays; Jake and Katherine Robinson, Lawrence; Doug and Shayla Williby, Josh and Kari Williby and Gage, Seth and Mardi Lohofener, Sierra, Sage and Grady, Jerry and Marcia Lohofener, Barbara Dehlinger and Stuart and Mary Henzel.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Connie Grafel were Dan, Melinda, Kade and Isabel Grafel, and Norma Grafel.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Roxie Erickson of Manhattan, were Bernice Martin and Lee Martin, Oberlin; and Dr. Kenyon Erickson, Gavin and Corbin, and Becky McIntire and Eva, Manhattan. On Friday, they were all dinner guests of Wyatt and Lindsay Wendelin of Lindsborg, with the exception of Becky and Eva McIntire. Additional guests were Kris and Farah Erickson and Christian, Lindsborg.

Guests of Tammy Sporn and Stan McEvoy for dinner on Thursday were Rosie Beckman, and Brian and Dawn Beckman and family, Grinnell; Lonny and Autumn Stangenberg and family, Lyons; Frank and Margaret McEvoy, Lonnie and Mary McEvoy and Shane, Pastor Linda Willey, Jim Sporn, David and Timmarie Sporn and family, and Joan and Kristi Evans.

Bill Haney, formerly of Oberlin, recently had surgery in Oklahoma City, and received an artificial/mechanical heart. He is on a heart transplant list, which can take up to a year. His family is moving to Lawton, Okla., to be nearer the hospital in the event a heart donor is located. Bill and Carol Duncan are in regular contact with the family.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Oberlin; Sarah Marcuson and Mathew Vickery, Colby; and Jared Marcuson, Great Bend, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Marcuson's sister and family, Kathy and Gary Turner, Fort Collins, Colo., Additional guests were Emily Turner, Fort Collins, and Derek Turner, Boulder. They were weekend guess of Julie and Mark Hubbard and Brandon in Denver.

—Victorian Christmas Tea Sunday, Dec. 5, 1-4 p.m. Land-Mark Inn, reservations 475-2340.

Irene Shaw, Penn Valley, Calif.; Sherri Shaw, Redwood City, Calif. Gary and Lorraine Capley, Nipomo, Calif., and James, Marie and Jisele Lopez, LaJunta, Colo., were house-guests last week of Laurene Van Otterloo. Additional Thanksgiving Day dinner guests were Rod and Kem Bryan, Ron Bryan, Brandon and Laura Bryan and boys, and Larry Van Otterloo, Oberlin; and Larry and Mary Van Otterloo and daughters, Manhattan;

Visitors at the Bill and Carol Duncan home for Thanksgiving were their daughter, Kathleen and Greg Norris, Salina, and their son and wife Brandon and Lori Norris, Edmond, Okla.; Bill's cousin, Marla Crosswhite, Orange, Calif.; and Audra Duncan, Oberlin.

Trevor James Witt, infant son of Tyler and Tiffany Witt of Oberlin, was dedicated during morning worship services on Sunday at the Evangelical Free Church in McCook. Officiating was the Rev. Bruce Lester. Relatives attending were James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney, and Nancy Robinson, Oberlin; Chris and Keely Wilson, Julie, Harmony Derek and Noah, Kearney, Neb.; Eugene and Beverly Witt, Danbury; and Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon.

Society needs dress clothes

Erin Wolfram, staff advisor of Delta Epsilon Iota, a career-focused honor society at the University of Kansas, is helping the group with a professional clothing drive. "With the average cost of today's professional wardrobe costing several hundred dollars, entering the real world has the potential to put a giant hole in the pockets of young professionals. This cost is one of the factors that pushed Delta Epsilon Iota to host a professional

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Bob and Deanna Castle on Sunday, Nov. 21, were Thaniel and Jennifer Monaco, Madison and Lawson, Manhattan; Devan and Sarah Castle, Rebekah, Maiah, and Dane, Hoxie; Doris Fringer, Carolyn Shirley and Sophia Harris. Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Chris and Curtis Walston, were Doris Fringer, and Shelby Brown, Dayton and Dawson.

Gail and Kay Marcuson, Oberlin, and Elda Newcom, Garden City, were Thanksgiving weekend guests of their children, Diane and Chuck Newcom, Denver. Additional Thanksgiving dinner guests were Natalie Newcom and her fiancé, Toby Raulston, Boston; Chip Newcom, New York City. Julie and Mark Hubbard and Brandon, and Jessica Hubbard, Denver.

Dr. Gary Fredrickson will sing with the McCook Area Community Chorus when they present a Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday at the McCook United Methodist Church. There is no charge, but there will be an offering. A soup supper will follow at the church.

Matt and Amber Norman, Tate, Cole and Miles of Atlanta, Ga., visited from Nov. 19 to Nov. 23 with her grandparents, Bill and Dorothy Woods. Guests for dinner at the Woods home on Sunday, Nov. 14, were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miesner and Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Woods and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gallentine, Rapid City, S.D., had lunch on Friday, Nov. 19, at the Pizza Hut. Mr. and Mrs. Butch Newberry of Burlington, Colo. were weekend guests at the Woods home and attended the Holiday Craft Show.

Thanksgiving weekend guests of Mildred Holmdahl, and Mike and Janeil Jensen were Sherri Ayers, Shawnee; Jeremy Guzan and Becca Rhudy, and John and Shani Kaiden and Miles Maybrier, Gardner; Shannon Ayers and Karson, and friend, Mike Rupp and daughters, Alexie and Kandace, and John Banks, Topeka; and Lori Ayers, Jordan and Caiden Lawn, Kearney, Neb.

Cecil Hess accompanied Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica of St. Francis to Overland Park, where they were Thanksgiving guests of Steve and Chris Hess, Norah, Lola and Francie. Joining them were Dan and Julie Hess and Carter, Salina.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Dorothy Moore, Max Carman and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Neil Marshall, Kelva Dryden and Max Carman. Bridge winners were Cynthia Matson and Carol Shirley.

—Oberlin Mercantile Co. Holiday Shopping Spree: Register w/ purchase for a \$250 Shopping Spree now thru Dec. 24. 48-50

Dick and Linda Weber entertained to dinner on Friday Doris Fringer, Judy Scott and Ina Marie Goodnight, Oberlin; Brenda Eason and Doug Sheehan, Gillette, Wyo.; Anita Ketterl, Shawn, Ryan and Taylor, and Dan Mumm, Mason, Jack and Collin, Selden; and Janice Kurth, Imperial, Neb.

Elaine Bryan spent from Wednesday to Saturday in Plainville with Kevin and Sue Renk. Additional guests were Selby Renk, Topeka; and Matt Renk, Kansas City.

Gabe Moore will be among 10 students at Bethany College in Lindsborg who will perform during a department recital at 2 p.m. next Tuesday in Presser Hall. He will play the euphonium. He is the son of Monte and Kelly Moore of Oberlin.

clothing drive at the university," Mrs. Wolfram said. "On average a wardrobe can cost about \$100 to \$150," said Mrs. Wolfram, "That's minimal though, a lot of times they can be at an upwards of \$300." Anyone who may have professional clothing to donate may leave it at the Decatur County Hospital by Friday, where Mrs. Wolfram's mother, Lynn Doeden, will accept it.



Aaron and Diane Traffas

Couple exchange vows at St. Boniface Church

Diane Michelle Poe and Aaron Traffas were married in a double-ring ceremony at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Sharon on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, with Father Cosmas officiating.

Parents of the couple are Ed and Debbie Poe, Oakley, and Brian and Marilyn Traffas, Sharon. Grandparents of the bride are Jim and Shirley Hundley, Muscotah; and Marvin and Ruby Poe, Oberlin. The bridegroom's grandparents are Ruth Marcotte, Victoria, and the late Lawrence Marcotte, and Mary Traffas, Sharon, and the late Vincent Traffas.

Holly VanSkiike, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Megan Piester and Erica Traffas, sisters of the bridegroom, and Christine Poe and Lindsay Poe, sisters-in-law of the bride.

Kyle Dohm served as the best man. Groomsmen were Rob Spectre, Mason Powell. Andrew Piester, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and Wayne Graham, cousin of the bridegroom. Serving as ushers were Craig Poe and David Poe, brothers of the bride, and Josh Jacobs and

Mark Hunter. Julianna Poe and Gabriella Poe, nieces of the bride, were flower girls. Will Graham, cousin of the bridegroom, was the ringbearer.

The reception, dinner and dance were held at the Heritage Center in Medicine Lodge.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Oakley High School, a 2005 graduate of Colby Community College and a 2008 graduate of Kansas State University with a degree from the College of Human Ecology and Family Services. She is a quality improvement specialist for TFI Family Services in Manhattan.

The bridegroom is a 1999 graduate of Medicine Lodge High School and a 2003 graduate of Kansas State University with a degree from the College of Agriculture. He is a vice president of technology at Purple Wave in Manhattan. He is an active member of the National Auctioneers Association and is currently serving on the board for the association's Education Institute.

After a honeymoon in Jamaica, they are living in Manhattan.

Couple honored on 65th

Gail and Kay Marcuson were honored on their 65th wedding anniversary on Saturday at the home of their daughter, Diane and Chuck Newcom, in Denver.

Family and friends attending from the Denver area besides the Newcoms were Julie, Mark and Brandon Hubbard, Jessica Hubbard, Ralph and Linda Marcuson, the Rev. Monty and Bonnie Newton, Maurice and Faith Anderson and Karen Napoli; also Elda Newcom, Garden City; Janice and Marshall Karges, North Dakota; Benny Mar-

cuson and Lynn Callaway, Greeley, Colo.; Gary and Kathy Turner, Fort Collins, Colo.; Natalie Newcom and her fiancé, Toby Raulston, Boston; Chip Newcom, New York City; Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Oberlin; Sarah Marcuson and Mathew Vickery, Colby; and Jared Marcuson, Great Bend.

Family unable to attend included Leslie and Ryan Nelson, Topeka; Rick, Sally and Grady Marcuson, Overland Park; and Mollie and Nicolas Schiffer, Germany.

Rotarian speaks on kit cars

Program Chair John Bremer spoke about his hobby, kit cars, at the Nov. 23 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He said that he has been interested in kit cars for a long time and currently owns two kit cars that he purchased already assembled. One is a 1981 (4 cylinder) and the other is a 1998 (V-6). Kit cars are usually built on Mustang II, Ford Pinto or Volkswagen chassis and the majority are owned by Englishers.

The most popular kit cars are replicas of the 1928 Mercedes Benz. The 1950's MG's are also popular kit vehicles. In the U.S., the most popular replica is the Shelby Colby. The speed of these vehicles can vary from slower highway speeds to very fast. He purchased his first one for \$35 when he was a senior in high school, then bought his first kit car off of E-Bay.

Kay Brown was a guest.

Ideas sought on freight plan

The Kansas Department of Transportation is seeking public comment on the draft of the 2010 Statewide Freight and Passenger Rail Plan.

The plan outlines efforts to provide cheaper and better ways to move people and goods by rail.

The plan also will:

- Establish the state's role in the freight rail system.
- Establish the interaction between freight and passenger rail service.

Develop an action plan to improve the condition and performance of the state rail system.

A draft copy of the plan is available by going to www.ksdot.org, and clicking on the Draft Statewide Rail Plan link at the top.

All comments are due no later than Wednesday, Dec. 17. Send them to Freight and Rail Program Manager John Maddox at johnm@ksdot.org or by calling (785) 296-3228.

Herndon native named Technician of the Year

Adam Ketterl of Atwood, a 2003 Automotive Technology graduate of Northwest Kansas Technical College, has been named as the Gates/ASE Master Automobile and L1 Technician of the Year for 2010.

Gates Corp., a manufacturer of automotive products, made the announcement with the National Institute for Automotive Service.

Mr. Ketterl is the son of David and Judy Ketterl of Herndon. He and his wife Angela live in Atwood.

The institute, a nonprofit organization established to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service through the testing and certification of repair and service professionals, joins each year with original equipment manufacturers and after-market industry sponsors, including Gates, to recognize outstanding technicians. Winners in auto, truck and collision categories are selected based on their

certification test scores, on-the-job excellence and community service. Mr. Ketterl and other winning technicians were honored at a ceremony in Scottsdale, Ariz., last week.

Mr. Ketterl, who has been certified for the last six years, is the foreman and head technician at Dave's Oil Service in Atwood.

"It's an honor," he said. "I've put in a lot of hard work, and it's so nice to be recognized. It's also great to have the Gates name behind me."

"I had a great experience at Northwest Tech as a student," he said, "and give a lot of credit to my instructors there for teaching me what I needed to know to be a great automotive technician."

Curt Goodwin, automotive technology instructor at the college, said he was excited about the award.

"Adam was a top notch, serious student focused on school," he said.

Singer releases compact disc

Twila Bainter of Hoxie says she knew from a young age she had a gift of music, especially playing the piano by ear. But it wasn't until her mid-20s, after accepting the Lord in her life, that she decided to begin playing, not for herself, but for Jesus.

Now, nearly 40 years later, she is putting the music she composed and played into compact discs in hopes it will bring others to know the Lord more fully.

Newly released is a two-CD set entitled "Twila's Favorites" with 36 piano pieces, most written by Mrs. Bainter.

She said the Lord has especially blessed her because she is able to play after an accident that crippled her left hand.

The accident occurred at sunset 18 years ago, as Mrs. Bainter's husband, Jim, returned from flying his friend's plane. The friend wanted Jim to park the plane in a different hanger, and Twila was rushing up to the plane to tell her husband this when she ran right into the propeller, not knowing it was still turning.

Doctors did not think they were going to be able to save two of her fingers, but after a six-hour surgery and eight weeks of therapy, Mrs. Bainter sat back down at the piano and the notes followed.

The CD set sells for \$20 at Hoxie Office Supply or Ray's Pharmacy in Quinter. It also is available online at ToneGroup.com or by contacting Mrs. Bainter at (785) 675-2211 or jimtwila@ruraltel.net.

Girl Scouts plan conference

The Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland plan a winter leadership conference starting at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Hoxie High School.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and is free. There will be sessions held throughout the day for leaders, which will include what's new in

Girl Scouts, leadership, healthy media images for girls and the upcoming cookie sales.

Scout leaders can register online at www.kansasgirlscouts.org or by calling (888)-811-8832.

Trio to perform at Colby

Pianist Julie Rivers and her Starry Night Trio will perform at 3 p.m. on Sunday in a concert of holiday music at the Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College campus. The concert will feature music from her recordings, "Christmastide" and "Tidings of Joy."

A native Texan, Ms. Rivers made her debut as piano soloist with the

Dallas Symphony Orchestra. The daughter of a Swedish immigrant, she began playing the piano at age 2. Performing on keyboard and synthesizers will be Randy Willis and on guitar Peter Larsen.

Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door, \$15 for adults and \$7 for students.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Winterfest was a success again this year. Businesses that stayed open included: the Selden Public Library, G & T Guns, Karls Store, the Post Office, Koerperich Bookbindery, Pauls Furniture, The Bank, Southwind and the Selden Lumber.

Winners of the drawing included Wilma Ritter, Londyn Schiltz, Isabella Sauvage, Bernita Aumiller, Abby Emigh, Brian Brown, Lakyn Rogers and Luke Koerperich. The winner of the post office drawing was Terra Rath.

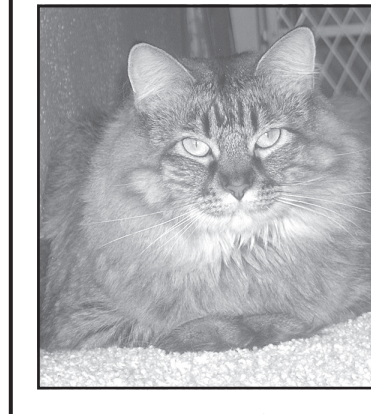
On Nov. 18 during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Gail Mumm won high, Jeanie Spesser took second, Cecelia Ottley got low and Ralph Weis had the most nines. Other members present included: Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Bob Wessel, Edna Schiltz, Paulie Neff, Shirley Baker, Mary Goalden, Carl Mumm, Bernita Aumiller, Shirley Emigh, Lois Neff, Ann Hazlitt, Pat Wessel, Carlene Bruggeman, Betty James and Matt Finney.

Birthdays and anniversaries - Nov. 26 - Robert Koerperich, Rick and Dori Pauls. Nov. 27 - Dan Juenemann, Stephanie Juenemann,

Janice Kruse, Kane Washington. Nov. 28 - Ruth Bainter, Bud Rogers, Lola Wessel. Nov. 29 - Jessica Koerperich. Nov. 30 - Angela Wessel, Carl and Cheryl Ochs. Dec. 1 - Mark Juenemann. Dec. 2 - Francis Porsch, Pam Washington, Betty James, Pappy Lies. Dec. 3 - Tammy Miller, Brian and Linda Schroer. Dec. 4 - Rob Haselhorst. Dec. 5 - Zakery Brown, Steve Finney, Kim Juenemann, Mike Weins, Nicole Schiltz, Brian Sulzman. Dec. 6 - Dave Mitchell. Dec. 7 - Don Juenemann.

Selden Greenbucks are available in \$5 certificates and are redeemable at any Selden area business. For more information contact Judy Rogers at the Library; Lyn Cheney or Kandi Vahling at The Bank or Jacque Boultinghouse at Karls Store. Selden Greenbucks are sponsored by the Selden Community Foundation.

School Calendar - Friday - High School Basketball at Tribune. Monday - 4 p.m. High School Scholars Bowl in Colby. Tuesday - Grade School Christmas Program. Dec. 9 thru 11 - Castle Rock Basketball Tournament in Quinter.



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