

People in Our Community

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Peggy Groneweg accompanied Robert and Judy Groneweg to Hays on Friday, where they attended the graduation of their granddaughter and niece, Jillian Thompson, who received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Art Sculpture at Fort Hays State University. She will attend Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Ill. for her master's degree. They returned to Oberlin on Sunday after having breakfast with Jeff Groneweg and his fiancée, Stormy of Hays and Joyce and Jim Jones of Cambridge, Neb.

Gary and Annette Miller were hosts for a supper and get-together at their home on Monday evening, May 7, to honor his brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Vanietta Miller, of Mission, Texas. Other guests were two of their children, Stephen Miller, Hays, and Terri Kaus, Houston, Texas; Stan and Carol Miller, Justine and Jade Tuttle, Dennis and Vene Leichliter, Norcatour; Dennis and Judy Shirley, Merle Shirley, Bob and Anita Montgomery, Renee Harman, Bill and Dorothy Woods, Ila Ray, Beth Sebaugh, Herb and Carol Shirley, and Norman and Julie Gallentine, Oberlin.

Juanita Williby spent two weeks in Brighton, Colo., with her daughter, Laurie and Todd Vaughn. She attended the graduation on May 5 of her granddaughter, Hannah Vaughn, from the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley. Other family members attending were: Gary and Judy Vaughn, Henderson, Colo.; Aaron Owen, Kansas City, Mo.; Rita and Troy Erdman and Brenna, McCook; Doug and Shayla Williby, and Theresa and Gerry Tally, Oberlin; Megan Vaughn, New York City; and her parents, Todd and Laura Vaughn. They also attended the reception which followed at Evans, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters attended the graduation of their granddaughter, Ashley Wolters, at Fort Hays State University on Saturday. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Communication. They also attended the reception which followed at her home.

Lairy and Beth Goltl spent from Friday, May 5, to Monday, May 7, in Wichita, where they visited Scott and Deb Goltl, Molly, Matthew and Nathan. They attended the confirmation of their grandson, Matthew Goltl, at Maple Campus of Ascension Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 6. Joining them were Jeff and Myra Goltl, Jeffrey and Jennifer of Keller, Texas. Jeff and Myra were godparents for Matthew.

Joy Votapka visited the Charlie and Gina Votapka family in Ogallala, Neb., on Saturday and attended the graduation of her grandson, Charles Votapka, from Ogallala High School.

Major Tanner and Kaori Woolsey, Joana and Nami of Minot, N.D., and Tyler and Rebecca Woolsey, Mary and Eriann of Hays, were weekend guests of Bob and Terri Woolsey. On Saturday, they helped Joana celebrate her fourth birthday. Additional guests were Joe and Candy DeJmal and Dale Young. Major Woolsey has just returned from Afghanistan, and he and his family are moving to California and he will be stationed at Beale Air Force Base. He will be flying the new MC-12 plane, which provides intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to ground forces.

Andrew Broeckelman of Selden, a senior in biological systems engineering at Kansas State University, is among more than 90 students who are the newest members of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. The new initiates are in the upper 10 percent of their class, or outstanding graduate students in the top 10 percent of their class. His parents are Joe and Cathy Broeckelman of rural Selden.

Esther (Jording) Hoffbauer, a former resident of Decatur County, celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday. She and her late husband, Paul, farmed near Traer for many years before moving to Washington. She is the only survivor of the 12 children of John and Mary Jording and is an aunt of Gary Fredrickson. Her address is c/o Carroll Hoffbauer, 9303 Jonagold Court, Yakima, Wash., 98903-9616.

Two Washburn University students from Decatur County have been inducted into Sigma Lambda, a criminal justice honor society. They include: Heather Ploussard, Oberlin, and Jay Wessel, Dresden. Heather is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta and Mortar Board national honor societies. She is a senior and is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice, with a concentration in law enforcement. Jay is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Mortar Board national honor societies, was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and to the President's Honor Roll. In 2009, he received an associate of arts in criminal justice degree and an associate of science in physical science degree from Colby Community College. He is a senior and is pursuing a bachelor of science in criminal justice degree, with a concentration in law enforcement. Their parents, respectively, are Sandy and Terry Rush, and Bill and Carol Wessel.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ivis Hanson, Henry Edgett, Norma Anderson, Dorothy Moore, Doris Fringer and Kelva Dryden. Lows went to Doris Fringer, Kelva Dryden, John Cederberg, Neil Marshall, Ardythe Cederberg and Dorothy Moore. Winners in Mexican Train Dominoes were Charlie Keller and Inez Keller. Highs in pitch went to Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett with lows going to Pat Abbey and John Cederberg. Bridge highs were won by Marie McKisson, Cynthia Matson, Carla Latimer and Dewaine Stapp. Senior potluck at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Graduate recognition was held at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, which honored its seniors, Nolan Henningson, Kiah Blau and Garrett Berry, who wore their caps and gowns. The worship service included a Blessing of Graduates in which the parents also participated. Their parents are Robbie and Jeni Henningson, David and Stephanie Blau, and Kevin and Barbara Berry. A reception was held following worship. A Blessing of Mothers was also included in this worship service. Garrett's family in attendance were his mother, Barb, and his brothers, Logan and Mason.

Cheryl Votapka returned home Sunday after attending the Winnebago Show and Tell in Dodge City at Hawley Brothers RV. The group enjoyed a visit to the National Weather Bureau and toured the Monolithic Dome Gymnasium/Tornado Shelter in Fowler.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes drove to Augusta, Ga., to visit their daughters, sons-in-law and granddaughter, Felicia Haynes and Nik Wilets and Brad and Lindsay Blake and Taylor. The Haynes returned to Oberlin on Saturday.

Crista, Delane, Austin and Junior Sauvage went to Hays on Friday to help her sister, Abigail Crandall, celebrate her graduation from Fort Hays State University with a master's in leadership. They held a reception at the Golden Corral prior to commencement that evening. Others attending were her parents, Melba and Ed Witt, Norton, and Rick Rhoades, Oakley, and her grandmother, Flossie Mowry, Hoxie.

Stephanie and Greg Tulley Jr. graduated from Kent State University Graduate School in Ohio on May 4. Stephanie received dual masters degrees, the first in Library and Information Science and the second in Business Administration. Greg received a master's degree in executive business administration. Stephanie has accepted a position at the University of California Santa Barbara as an economics, business and social sciences data librarian for the School of Economics and Greg, a production manager with Phillips Electronics. Stephanie is the granddaughter of Elaine Bryan of Oberlin and the late Floyd Bryan.

Cecil Hess spent Mother's Day in St. Francis with Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica and attended the afternoon Dance Ranch recital in which Jenna and Jessica participated.

Couple plans wedding

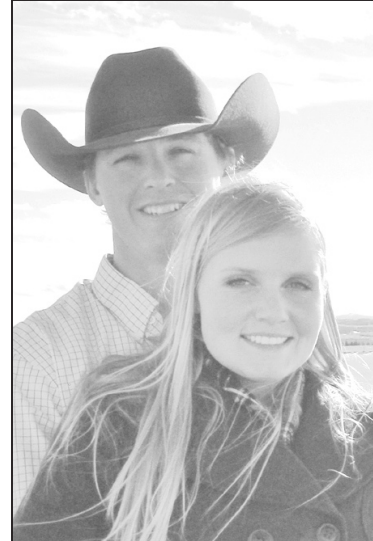
Lynsey Miller and Chance Harman plan to marry Saturday, July 7, 2012, at the Miller farm near Okotoks, Alberta Canada.

Parents of the couple are Ron Harman, Norcatour; Renee Harman, Oberlin; and Ervie and Jackie Miller, Okotoks,

The bridegroom's grandparents are Robert and Anita Montgomery, Oberlin, and the late Max Harman, Norton.

The bride-elect graduated from the Alberta High School of Fine Arts in 2004, the Academy of Equine Dentistry in 2008 and from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas, with a degree in biology in 2009.

Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Decatur Community High School



Lynsey Miller and Chance Harman

and graduated from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in 2007 with a degree in agriculture production systems.

The bride-to-be is a horse dentist in Okotoks and her fiancé trains horses.

Baccalaureate tonight in school auditorium

Baccalaureate services for the Decatur Community High School Class of 2012 will begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the high school auditorium.

The service, planned by the senior class officers, will include instrumental and vocal ensembles and solos.

Pastor Linda Willey of the Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches will give the message.

Seniors Tyler Shields, Nolan Henningson, Amanda Marshall, Serena Stacy and Megan Wentz will read scripture and Miss Stacy will share her faith story. Soloists will include: Caleb Koerperich, piano; Hannah May, flute; and Channing

Fortin, vocal and guitar. The senior trio, Miss Marshall, Samantha Anderson and Miss Stacy, will sing.

A woodwind ensemble will play the recessional. Members are Darbi Rouse, Nick Ashley, Morgan Janssonius, Rebecca Wentz, Sierra Lohofener, Grace Randel and Miss May.

The Decatur County Ministerial Association sponsors the service.

"The community is invited to share in this time of loving and caring support for our youth," said Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, and a member of the association.

Woman earns her master's

Lydia Karnopp, a 2006 graduate of Decatur Community High School, graduated Friday evening from Fort Hays State University with a master's degree in speech and language pathology.

Miss Karnopp played volleyball all four years and was a starter her junior and senior years. She received honorable mention in volleyball her senior



Lydia K.

Student named top scholar

Dalton Jones, son of Jeff and Belinda Jones of Oberlin, was selected to attend the 29th Annual Governor's Scholars Awards Program on May 6 in Topeka.

The ceremony honored the top academic 1 percent of Kansas graduates from accredited public and private high schools.

"These high school seniors have shown dedication to their studies and a commitment to learning," said Gov. Sam Brownback. "They've earned this honor, and I

want to congratulate them on this achievement.

"We also should recognize their families, teachers and mentors for helping them achieve their academic goals."

The program is coordinated by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force and supported by donations from Kansas businesses.

He is a senior at Decatur Community High School and plans to enroll at Pittsburg State University this fall.



Dalton Jones

Student is chosen to attend academy

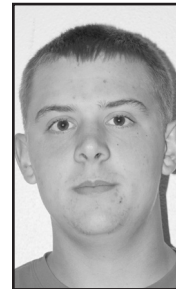
Tyler Bruggeman, son of Gary and Alvera Bruggeman of Oberlin, is one of 50 youths selected by the Kansas Department of the American Legion and the Kansas Highway Patrol for the 2012 Kansas Cadet Law Enforcement Academy.

He was sponsored by the Oberlin American Legion Post. The academy will be held at the Highway Patrol Training Center in Salina from Sunday to Friday, June 10 to 15.

Cadets learn about marching

and inspections, spend time in the classroom learning about law administration, learn techniques in operation of an emergency vehicle, receive some basic firearms training, and experience Highway Patrol aircraft operations.

They are selected from a statewide pool of students between their junior and senior years of high school, based on academic standing, extracurricular participation and interest in law enforcement.



Tyler B.

Senior recital Sunday

Four Decatur Community High School seniors will give a free recital at 2 p.m. Sunday at The Gateway, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

Samantha Anderson, Nolan Henningson, Amanda Marshall and Serena Stacy all have excelled in music and drama during high school, the sponsors say.

Samantha is the daughter of Richard and Maureen Anderson of rural Oberlin. She has been active in band and vocal music and plays the French horn. She plans to attend Bethany College in Lindsborg to major in music education.

Amanda has participated in band and choir, as well as school musicals and plays. She plays the flute and is the daughter of Troy and Deb Marshall of Norcatour. She plans to attend Joseph's School of Beauty in Kearney, Neb.

Nolan, son of Robbie and Jeni Henningson of Norcatour, has been involved in music, drama, choir and speech and plays the piano. He plans to attend York College and major in theater.

Serena has been in choir groups, musicals and plays. She is a vocal soloist and is the daughter of Lisa



Amanda Samantha



Nolan Serena

Paulson and Steve Stacy of Oberlin. She plans to attend Colby Community College.

Accompanists will be Joy Russell, Jenny Tally and Cheryl Metcalf. Refreshments will be served.

For details, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

Picnic in park set for May 24

A Community Picnic in the City Park will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 24. Everyone is welcome. Bring a covered dish and table service.

It is sponsored by the Turnaround Group, which has been holding monthly community get-togethers at the Golden Age Center. In case of inclement weather, it will be held

at the center. There will be music and singing, inspirational readings, good humorous jokes and sayings. Alumni and others who are in town are welcome, as well as men, women, children of all ages, and families.

For details, call the Golden Age Center at (785) 475-3222.

Club News

Club hears about pruning

Twelve members of the Garden Lovers Lunch Club met April 24 for a noon luncheon at the Land-Mark Inn.

Shirley Shields gave some tips on how to prune roses once the forsythia blooms:

- Cut dead/deformed canes back to the healthy green crown.
- Any weak or deformed growth smaller than a pencil needs to be pruned at a 45 degree angle a quarter inch above the new bud.
- To shape your bush, prune above a bud pointing in the direction you want your cane to grow.
- Remove at the bottom of the

bush all center canes or canes that are rubbing or crossing others.

- Remove all suckers.
- When deadheading, always cut above the third or fifth leaf. However, knockout roses will rebloom without deadheading.
- Always use a good pair of both pruners and loppers when working with roses.

Additional information on roses can be found on the Kansas State University website. Instead of the May luncheon meeting, members will have a garden tour at the home of Shirley and Gaylord Shields.

Happy gardening!

Women enjoy luncheon

Widows and Friends met May 9 at Coffee, Tea and Me for a "Celebrate Life" luncheon special with 22 women present.

Leader Mary Ann Amack welcomed the group, and in honor of Mother's Day, read "What Is a Mother." She led in singing "Happy Birthday" to Doris Sloan, Lillian Koger and Jolene Fortin for their May birthdays

"In Remembrance" was given by Susan Rynearson as a devotional and she added a bit of humor by reading, "You Know

You're Getting Marvelously Mature When...."

Others attending were Eileene Grose, Nadean Stoney, Joan Ward, Laurene Van Otterloo, Norma Kriegh, Norma Richards, Deanna Hanschild, Phyllis Screen, Marian Dempewolf, Doris Fringer, Martha Fringer, Millie Lippelmann, Joy Votapka, Cecil Hess, Ardis Roe and Eula Juenemann.

The next meeting will be an 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, at the Frontier Cafe.

LIFE BEGINS AT RETIREMENT!

Please stop and help the Decatur Co-op Fertilizer Plant celebrate the retirement of

Dave Schmer

Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

Serving cake from 1 to 4 p.m.




Good Gravy, Guess who is 80!

Phyllis Metcalf will be 80 on May 17, 2012. We would like to celebrate her day with an Open House at her residence on May 19, 2012 from 2-4 p.m. If you cannot attend but would like to send her a card, please send to 205 N. Marks, Oberlin, KS 67749.



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