

# People in Our Community

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Jacob Larue performed with the Butler County Community College Headliners on Sunday for a family and friends concert. He will be performing again on Saturday at Bretz Law Arena at 11:55 a.m. at the Kansas State Fair. He is a sophomore at Butler County, majoring in agronomy. Those attending his performance on Sunday were Joan, Bruce and Marianne Larue, Oberlin; Annamarie Larue, El Dorado; and Carissa Wentz, Wichita. Brandon Wagner, Manhattan, will join them at the State Fair on Saturday.

Donna Lincoln was honored by her husband, Charles, and family with a barbecue at their home on Saturday, Sept. 1, in observance of her 80th birthday, which was Aug. 31. Thirty relatives and friends attended.

Jean Earlywine of Louisville, Colo., is visiting her sister, Ila Ray, and her niece, Vicky Ray.

Duane Witt of Great Bend was a weekend guest of Greg and Mary Lohofener.

**—Friday, Sept. 14, Surf & Turf Buffet 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn.**

Marie McKisson returned home Thursday from Dallas, where she spent Labor Day weekend with her sister, Carol Jean Barkley. She had lunch with former schoolmates, Elvin and Ermagene George, then went to Tulsa, Okla., where she went out for dinner and was an overnight guest of her grandson, Jared and Mika Walters, and made the acquaintance of her infant great-grandson, Ian Walters. She visited another sister, Aletha and Glen Peterson, in Bartlesville, Okla., then spent the night with her sister, Janie and Kent Law, in Abilene on Wednesday.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe, Max Carman and John Cederberg. Lows went to Dorothy Moore,

Ivis Hanson, Doris Fringer, Ardythe Cederberg and Max Carman. Winners of Chicken Foot dominoes were Gail Marcuson, Kay Marcuson and Gladys Geis. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Pat Abbey with lows going to John Cederberg and Ardythe Cederberg. Bridge highs went to Cynthia Matson and Charlotte Meints. Senior potluck will begin at 12:15 Sunday at Golden Age Center.

**— Sunday, Sept. 15, Brunch Buffet 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.**

Timmarie Sporn and her father, Randy Walters, drove to Tulsa, Okla., on Friday to visit their son and brother and family, Jared and Mika Walters and baby, Ian. They returned home Sunday.

Mary Ann Amack, Cecil Hess, Joy Votapka and Pat Abbey took Laurene Van Otterloo out for dinner on Sunday at the Frontier Cafe to honor her on her birthday. Mrs. Abbey's husband, Jim, is hospitalized in Quinter.

Sue Renk of Plainville was a weekend guest of her mother, Elaine Bryan.

**— Notice: Daily lunch and dinner menus and upcoming buffet now listed on www.landmarkinn.com**

Elaine Kingsley, Allen, Texas, and Randy and Karen Stapp, Mount Vernon, Ind., are spending this week visiting their father, Dewaine Stapp, and brother, Dave and Patty Stapp at Norcat. They also visited their aunt, Alice Shirley.

Recent guests of Roger and Angie Wilson were his sister, Joyce and husband Russell Magaw of Punta Gorda, Fla. Supper guests on Labor Day were the Magaws, Lynn and Roberta Johnson, Randal Wilson of Colby, and Phil and Marilyn Goodenberger of McCook. The Magaws left for their home on Wednesday.



Steven and Vicki Ruggiero

## Couple exchange vows in Pennsylvania garden

Vicki Waldren and Steven Ruggiero were married Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2012, in the garden of the bridegroom's mother in Bangor, Pa. Parents of the couple are Dennis and Judy Shirley, Oberlin, and Amelia Ruggiero of Bangor and the late Joseph Ruggiero. They were attended by her two daughters, his two daughters, five grandchildren and his mother.

A reception was held Friday, Aug. 17, in the garden. The bride's sister, Becky Barlow, Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and her aunt, Cindi Sloan Sander, Oberlin, attended. Their address is 825 Pennsylvania Ave., Bangor, Pa., 18013. An open house is planned when the newlyweds are in Oberlin in December.

## Vows set for Oct. 6

Britta Noren and James Spitzer of Oberlin plan to marry on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Parents of the bride-to-be are Steve and Connie Noren, Oberlin. Her grandparents are Esther Noren and the late Willard Noren, Oberlin, and the late Chester and Nadine Seaman, Abilene.

Her fiancée's parents are Randy and Clara Spitzer, Wiley, Colo. His grandparents are Harry Spitzer and Margaret Thompson, Wiley, and Leonard and Bonnie Drumm, Olney Springs Colo.

The bride-elect is a 2010 graduate of the North Fork Family Academy, Oberlin. She graduated from the Omaha School of Massage and Therapy in 2011.



Britta Noren and James Spitzer

Her fiancée is a 2009 graduate of Wiley High School and a 2010 graduate of the Northwest Kansas Technical College welding program.

## Oberlin grad earns doctorate

Janet M. Pollnow Myers received a doctorate in nursing practice from the University of South Alabama School of Nursing in Mobile on July 27. She is a 1975 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Dr. Myers is a medical provider with Golden Empire Managed Care Medical Associates in Bakersfield, Calif. Working at the agency's Comprehensive Care Center, she sees the plan's high-risk, medically complex adult patients.

She holds national board certifications in family practice, geriatrics and diabetes education and advanced diabetes management.

Dr. Myers is married to Stephen D. Myers, who retired from the Kansas Highway Patrol as a sergeant and had been stationed in Oberlin and Colby.

They have three children, Tyra and Ian of Atlanta and Keegan of Austin, Texas.

Dr. Myers is the daughter of the late Vollie and Sue Pollnow. She has worked at the Decatur County Hospital and Cedar Living Center, the Oberlin Clinic, Colby Community College, Citizens Medical Center and Colby Medical and Surgical Center.

## McCook concert series starts

A membership campaign started Sunday for the McCook Concert Association, which plans four concerts this season.

Season tickets are \$40 for adults, \$80 for a family and \$10 for students. Admission is by season ticket only and memberships are available only until the first concert.

The concerts will include Classical Gas, pianist, violinist/comedian Oct. 26; Cahal Dunne, "Ireland's Happy Man," Tuesday, Nov. 13; Peter Simson, from Carnegie Hall to small town America, Tuesday, March 5; Two on Tap with melodies

from Broadway and classic precision of tap choreography, Saturday, April 6. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Fox Theater in McCook, with McCook High auditorium as the alternate site.

An added benefit for season ticket holders is admittance, through a reciprocity agreement, to concerts in Holyoke, Colo., and Cozad and North Platte, Neb., which are listed on the tickets.

For details, write to McCook Concert Association, Box 585, McCook, Neb., 69001.

## Couple plans vows

Genna Shuler and Austen Bickford plan to marry on Friday, Oct. 19, 2012, in Olathe.

Parents of the couple are Alan and Lesley Shuler, Salina, and Brice and Kristi Bickford, Olathe. Grandparents of the couple are Bob and Amy (Thomsen) Dodson, Abilene, and Everett and Dorene Shuler, Oberlin, and Roger and Helen Hollis, Newman Grove, Neb., and the late Dr. Kenneth and Ninia Bickford.

The bride-elect graduated from Salina Central High School in 2005. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology from Fort Hays State University in 2010. She is an animal care assistant at Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead in Overland Park.



Genna Shuler and Austen Bickford

Her fiancée is a 2005 graduate of Olathe South High School and earned a Master of Business Administration in 2011 from Fort Hays. He is a field representative for Construction Labor Contractors in Lenexa.

## State launches KanCare

The State of Kansas has developed and launched a website for the new Medicaid program, KanCare. The Web address is www.kancare.ks.gov.

The site was created in-house over the past three months by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. It contains information and material from its former KanCare Web page plus more content to assist Medicaid consumers and service providers during the system transition.

"The website we're announcing today can help Kansas families, doctors, community developmental disability organizations and individual service providers make informed decisions about their participation in KanCare. In 2013, once KanCare is underway, the site will serve as the launching pad for all Medicaid-related content and applications in Kansas," said Dr. Robert Moser, secretary.

Kansas Governor Sam Brown-

back announced his plan for KanCare in November 2011 following a nearly yearlong public input process. This new integrated system of care coordination will cover the medical, behavioral health, and long-term care services for all Medicaid consumers beginning Jan. 1, 2013, with the exception of long-term services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities, which will launch Jan. 1, 2014.

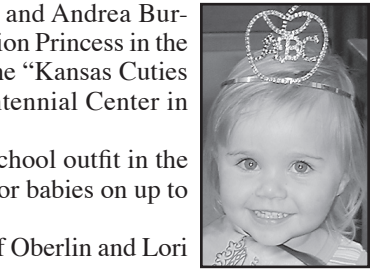
"We hope you'll visit the KanCare website to learn more about a program that's vital to the health of more than 380,000 Kansans," said Moser. "The goal with KanCare is to improve outcomes for our consumers while sustaining these essential services—and we're accomplishing this without reducing eligibility or cutting provider rates. Through the participation of consumers, providers and advocates in the stakeholder input process, we've been able to tailor Kansas' Medicaid program to meet the needs of our state."

## Child named princess

Kira Burmaster, daughter of Jeff and Andrea Burmaster of Oberlin, was named Division Princess in the 2-year-old category on Sunday at the "Kansas Cuties Back to School Bash" at the Bicentennial Center in Salina.

She wore a dress and a back-to-school outfit in the competition. The competition was for babies up to kids 10 and older.

Her grandparents are Pat Cozad of Oberlin and Lori Hannah of Westminster, Colo.



Kira

## Bed and breakfast to open in Rexford

The Historic Philip Houston House in Rexford has been restored as a bed and breakfast and the Shepherd's Staff plans an open house from 4 to 7 p.m. today to show it off.

The Queen Anne Victorian house was built in Gem in 1906. In 2000, the then-vacant home was donated to Shepherd's Staff, a Christian conference and retreat center in Rexford. The home was moved in one piece, making the 10-mile

journey from Gem to Rexford on a trailer. Since then, it has been restored by volunteers.

It will serve as a bed and breakfast, with an emphasis on serving pastors, their wives and others in ministry.

The dedication will take place at 4:30 p.m. at the house, 340 Kansas Ave. Old-fashioned treats will be served and there will be tours of Shepherd's Staff facilities. Everyone is welcome.

## Farmer workshop planned

Kansas Farmers Union and the High Plains Food Co-op will hold a Beginning Farmer Workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. next Wednesday at the Atwood American Legion Hall.

The free workshop will feature five speakers and a panel of members of the co-op.

Speakers at 10 a.m. will include: Donn Teske, whose topic will be "The Financial Aspect of Farm Transition," and Linda Hessman, "Bridging the Gap between Beginning and Retiring Farmers."

Calvin Adams, creator of the Kansas Ranch Institute Internship program, will speak at 11:15 a.m., followed by a free lunch.

Mike Irvin of Kansas Farm Bu-

reau will talk about "Estate Planning and Contracts" at 12:30 p.m., followed by Dr. Scott Mickelsen of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

Cynthia Dixon, Rawlins County Extension, and Chris Sramek and Greg Laudenslager of the co-op will speak at 2 p.m., followed by a panel discussion.

Chris Schmidt will conduct a tour of Atwood, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion. It will feature food produced by co-op members.

For details, go to kansasfarmerunion.org; to register, call (785) 527-0941 or e-mail kfu.nick@gmail.com.

## Rotarians hear speaker

Program Chair Karen Larson talked about the effect attitude has had on people's lives when the Oberlin Rotary Club met Sept. 4 at The Gateway.

She said one of the things that can make a major influence in our lives is attitude, and it's one we can control. We can alter our lives by altering our attitude. Attitudes can be contagious, she said, imparting either positive or negative energy to a work place, community

or group. It has been said, "We make our attitude, then our attitude makes us," she said. She closed by reading a poem entitled, "The Dash," emphasizing what is important for each individual is what happens between their birth date and their date of death, represented by a dash on a tombstone.

Charles Haag sold RotoLotto tickets and Jesse Carter won.

## New Arrival

### Archer Patrick Jones

Casey and Allison Jones of Plainville are the parents of a son, Archer Patrick Jones, born Aug. 27, 2012. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20 inches long. He has two brothers, Aiden and Ashton. Grandparents are Kevin and Susan Renk and Darla and Terry Jones, all of Plainville. Great-grandparents are Elaine Bryan, Oberlin, and Robert Renk, Pittsburgh.



Archer

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