

Kansas State student trains at Ward Drug

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An Oberlin native and senior at Kansas State University spent his Christmas vacation shadowing pharmacist Kurt Vollertsen at Ward Drug, applying to pharmacy school and considering coming back home once he's done.



D. Chambers

Derek Chambers is a senior accounting major at K-State, with a focus in pre-pharmacy studies and a minor in leadership studies. He said that so far he has applied to pharmacy school at the University of Kansas in Lawrence and at South Dakota State University.

"I went to grade school in Larned and Oberlin," he said. "I moved here in fifth grade, and went to high school here, so I'm definitely thinking of coming back here when I'm done. I'd like to have my family here."

However, Mr. Chambers faces at least four years of school once he gets accepted to a pharmacy school, so it's still a ways off.

"I'm shadowing at Ward Drug so I can put it on my application, then also to learn Kurt's business a little more," he said. "I started off in chemical engineering, and then switched to pharmacy so I could have more flexibility in where I want to go. With engineering, you're really limited to the big cities, and even then, just a few of them. I have plans to come home, but we'll see how it all works out, I guess."

Mr. Chambers said he made the dean's list this semester for the first time. That requires at least a 3.75 grade average for the semester.

"I thought I had a 4.0," he said, "but it turned out I didn't do quite as

well as I thought I did in one class. But still, it's a big deal."

And it sounds like pharmacy schooling is just as big a deal. Mr. Chambers said he'll have three years of classes and a year of clinicals, in nine four-week rotations, anywhere from hospitals to retail stores and nursing homes.

"I'm looking to get certified as a pharmacy technician next year in order to work in a pharmacy setting more," he said. "I'm not sure if my clinicals will do anything with veterinary medicine or not, but they do research clinicals as well, and I'm very interested in that."

"In my classes leading up to this, I studied human anatomy and physiology, where we worked with cadavers, and I learned more from that class than any other class that I've taken, I think. A lot of things I can actually use. I took working around human bodies a lot better than I thought I would, actually."

"Right now, I work on a farm three days a week. We build a lot of fences, work cattle, burn grass, and cut down a lot of trees - the trees grow crazy out there in eastern Kansas. We rebuilt a combine last year, and work on a lot of organization, since (the owner) is looking to retire soon, or at least get off his feet."

Mr. Chambers said that the hardest thing about his career choice so far is trying to maintain a backup plan should he need it, and staying motivated since it's so far down the road until he'll be done.

"My parents are still here and probably always will be," he said, "and my brother is here and raising a family, and my little brother is in high school while I'm in pharmacy school. If I raise a family here, I want them to be able to go down the street to grandma and grandpa's house and never be too far away. And I love the atmosphere of the town."

"I wouldn't mind going to the city for a few years if I had to, but I'm not into the city vibe, I guess."

Women's retreat scheduled

Women are invited to attend the Women's Winter Retreat, "For Such a Time as This," on Friday evening and all day Saturday, Jan. 25 and 26.

The retreat, sponsored by the McCook Evangelical Free Church, begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and runs from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Saturday at the McCook Christian Church, 1507 West B Street, due to a building project at the Evangelical Free Church.

Featured speakers will be Martha Lawley, author of "Attending the Bride of Christ: Preparing for His Return, a Women's Bible Study" and Kimberly Zweygardt, founder of Lamplight Ministries, whose

purpose is to "illuminate Scripture through drama."

There will also be workshops led by Sharon Burrows, Laura Schmidt, Travi Rambali, Stephanie Stevens, Cherri Putz, Jamie Byerly, Lela Ladd, Becky Durner, Stephanie Montes and Christy Stevens.

Registration for the two-day retreat is \$25 through Jan. 11, after which it will be \$30 from Jan. 12 through the retreat. Send to: Travi Rambali, 5 Parkview Drive, McCook, Neb., 69001. To ensure a sack lunch from Subway, attendees are asked to register by Friday, Jan. 18. For questions, call (910) 489-433 and leave a message.

Woman has recipe published

Julie Legg of McCook, a former Oberlin resident, had her recipe for vinegar cake printed on page 12 in *relish* magazine, which was inserted in the Jan. 2 issue of *The Oberlin Herald*. She is the daughter of the late Reid and Dorothy Breiner of Norcatour.

"My family has made this cake through four generations," she said,

"and it's the first cake I ever made. I was 9 years old, and my mom asked me to make the cake for them to take to a party. She gave me the recipe and went to take a bath. I must have gone to the bathroom door a dozen times to ask questions, but I baked up one really moist cake. The ingredients are simple - you have them in your pantry."

Lions Club rally set in Salina

The annual Mid-Winter Rally of Kansas Lions will take on a "New York" flavor as the group plays host to Past International Director Doug Alexander on Friday through Sunday, Jan. 18 to 20, at the Ramada Convention Center in Salina.

The Kansas Lions Council of District Governors conducts four meetings each year to assess progress towards goals for community service by the 7,000 Kansas Lions and Leos (student members) who serve in 290 clubs from all parts of the state. Most of the state committees and Lions Foundation boards will meet to evaluate annual goals. Mr. Alexander is a retired vice

president of J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, and a member of the Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club of Brooklyn. While attending the International Convention in Sydney, Australia, he was elected to serve a two-year term as International Director for the club years 2010-2012.

The International Association of Lions Clubs says it is the world's largest community service organization with 1.35 million members in 46,000 clubs in 206 countries.

Officers of the Oberlin Lions Club are Brad Marcuson, president; Chris Bailey, vice president; Karen Bailey, secretary; and Jack Benton, treasurer.

People in Our Community

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Justin Juenemann of Phillipsburg was the kicker for the Phillipsburg Panthers football team and was named First Team All-State Topeka Capital Journal, First Team All-State Kansas Sports, First Team All-State KPreps, First Team All-Area Hays Daily, and First Team All-League. He has been ranked a 5 Star Kicker by Kansas City Kicking. He is the son of Dr. Ron and Charlene Juenemann of Phillipsburg and a grandson of John and Henrietta Juenemann of Oberlin. His father is a 1985 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is an optometrist in Phillipsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Peña, Ian and Ella of Wichita were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters from Friday to Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wolters of Ludell and Levi Wolters of Hays were Saturday visitors at the Wolters' home.

Holiday guests of Frances Vacura were Jeff and Gayle White, Amanda, Josh and Megan of Goddard. Additional Christmas dinner guests were Tom and Jolene Vacura, Jennings; and Andrienne Vacura, Kylie and Skyler, Oberlin.

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Mary Ann Amack returned home Friday from Dallas, Texas, where she spent Christmas with her daughter and family, Shelly and John Ahrens, Trevor and Peyton. Joining them for New Year's were Kevin Amack, Madeline and Annelise of

Meeker, Colo.

— January Clearance Sale; up to 70% off. Oberlin Mercantile Company.

Gene and Helen Gee visited from Sunday, Dec. 23, to Wednesday, Dec. 26, with their daughter and her husband, Beverly and Robert Keys and family in Topeka. On Christmas Eve, the family enjoyed the service at the Topeka Bible Church. On Christmas Day they were joined by Robert's parents, Bob and Joyce Keys of Topeka, for lunch.

Dorothy Moore spent the holidays with Mike and Deb Nickels, Emma and Mark at McLouth, and Eric and Shelly Moore, Justine and Dillon, in Manhattan. She also visited Martha Nemeth in Topeka.

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Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Max Carman, Marie McKisson, Kelva Dryden, Norma Anderson, Ardis Roe, and Veanna Carman. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Dewaine Stapp, Marie McKisson, Neil Marshall, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman and Veanna Carman. Commodities will be distributed at 9 a.m. next Tuesday at Golden Age Center.

New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters were Darlene Ankle of Chandler, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Lou Crozier of Laramie, Wyo.

Graduate starts business

Brent Stallman of Oberlin, a 2006 graduate of Decatur Community High School, recently started his own business, Stallman Construction.

He said he does all types of remodeling and other projects. He attended Kansas State University for two years, majoring in architectural engineering. He completed the carpentry program at the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland in 2009. Since then, he has been working for Kevin Brown, owner of Sappa Valley Construction in Oberlin.

His father, Tim Stallman, is road and bridge supervisor for Decatur County.



B. Stallman

New Arrival

Merek Elton Miller

Robert and Trena Miller of Elm Creek, Neb., have a son, Merek Elton Miller, born Dec. 16, 2012, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. He weighed 10 pounds and was 21 inches long. He has a sister, Madelynn, 5, and a brother, Madox, 3. Grandparents are Joe and Candy Dejmaj, Oberlin, and Kim Miller and Kathy Miller, Cambridge, Neb.



Merek Elton

Christian group to perform

Four-time Grammy award winning and 24-time Dove award winning Platinum Christian recording artists Third Day will perform at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Oakley High School Auditorium. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Third Day will be introducing their fans to a new album, "Miracle," which just hit stores in November.

"We are very excited to bring an artist of Third Day's quality to the northwest Kansas area," said James Claassen, manager of KCGR Christian Radio. "After hearing the story of their inspiring new single, 'Miracle,' and looking back at how God has used their past hit songs, we can't wait to see how He will bless the community with their concert."

For ticket information, call (785) 694-2877 or go to www.kgcr.org.

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Special Coffee

The public is welcome to attend the Swearing In Ceremony for Officials at 9 a.m. on Tuesday the 15th of January, 2013, on the Second Floor Of the Decatur County Courthouse.

Coffee reception following to honor Commissioner Ralph Unger for 40 years of service.

Music students plan benefit film showing

Four Decatur Community High School students will be making a trip to Europe this summer with the Kansas Ambassadors of Music, and to help with the cost, they plan a benefit showing of Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Phantom of the Opera" at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Sunflower Cinema in Oberlin.

Students on the trip are Miki Dorshorst, daughter of Duane and Pat Dorshorst; Zach and Hannah May, children of Roland and Pam May, and Kaine Fredrickson, son of Dr. Gary and Sarah Fredrickson.

"This is not the movie version of the show, but a recording of a live show from the Royal Albert Theater in London," said Susan Nelson, high school vocal director. "In many ways, it is better than a live performance because you can see the characters' faces, costumes and sets

... in front of a live audience."

Tickets will be limited to 100 guests and the \$15 price will include snacks during the intermission. To buy a ticket, contact one of the students or call Mrs. Nelson at (785) 475-4015.

The students also plan a Krispy Kreme fund raiser later this month.

The ambassadors comprise select high school and college musicians who have presented in seven European countries for the past 38 years. The students will see many historical and picturesque sites while performing with the choir, band and orchestra.

Roland and Pam May plan to travel with the group. Susan and Makenzie Nelson will serve as sponsors for 16 area students and adults.

Foundation offers free trees

Residents of Kansas can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation anytime during January.

By becoming a part of the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds and two golden raintrees.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31, with enclosed instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall

trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and "The Tree Book," which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to: Ten Free Flowering Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb., 68410 by Jan. 31 or go to arborday.org/january.

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Just take it or one of many other accepted documents to any voter registration site.
For a list of accepted identification and additional information go to gotVoterID.com or call 800-262-VOTE
Currently registered voters do not need to re-register.

LIFE BEGINS AT RETIREMENT!
Join us in wishing
District Magistrate Judge John Bremer
a happy retirement at a reception at 10 a.m. Thursday on the 3rd floor of the Decatur County Courthouse.