

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
People in
Our Community
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Carol Morford returned home Thursday from Leawood, where she had visited her son, Koi and Stacey Morford and made the acquaintance of their infant son, Declan Koi, who was born Jan. 17. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. Before going to Leawood, she spent time in Thornton, Colo., caring for her grandchildren, Brennan and Braylan Wunderly, while their parents, Jade and Nate Wunderly were in San Diego, where Jade, a director for Mary Kay, gave a presentation for other directors.

Students of Cheryl Metcalf and five other piano teachers from Northwest Kansas presented solo auditions and performed in a Multi-Key Keyboard Piano Concert on Saturday in Colby. There were a total of 53 piano students involved, and those from Oberlin were Mollie Tate, Luke and Melody Koerperich, Alyssa VanVleet, Cori, Judith, Calista and Jesse Isbell, Brynna Addleman, Michael Noren, Isabel Grafel, Maddie Johnson, and Erin May. Adjudicators were Dr. Steven Gustafson and Brett Janssen of McPherson, and conductor for the Multi-Piano was Dr. Timothy Shook, Southwestern College, Winfield.

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Ralph Shaw was flown by plane to Denver last week after suffering a broken hip in a fall at the farm. He underwent surgery at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital but expected to return home Tuesday. His wife, Violet, has been with him.

Bob and Kay Gaskill were hosts last weekend for the Gaskill family reunion. Present were Dave Gaskill, Golden, Colo.; Peter Worth, Aspen, Colo.; Guy Gaskill, Jesse Gaskill and Stefan Gligorijevic, Winona; Shad, Jody, Bryson, Seanna, and Jude Metcalf, Colby; Lori Gaskill, husband Ray, children Max, Orion, Ferdinand, and Ullie, Lakewood, Colo.; Sally Gaskill, Bloomington, Ind.; Jeff Gaskill, Weston, Mo.; Dave and Gudy Gaskill, and Craig and Martha Gaskill and daughter Staci, Mount Vernon, Colo.; and

Robin Sommerauer, Winter Park, Colo.

Winning highs in pinocle at the Golden Age Center last week were John Cederberg, Dorothy Moore, Ardis Roe, Dewaine Stapp, Henry Edgett and Max Carman. Lows went to Ardythe Cederberg, Max Carman, Neil Marshall, Doris Fringer, Marie McKisson and Veanna Carman. Martha Fringer and Gladys Geis were Chicken Foot domino winners. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Pat Abbey with lows going to Ardythe Cederberg and Max Carman. Taking highs at bridge were Marie McKisson and Cynthia Matson.

Crista Sauvage, Austin and Junior joined her sister, Abigail and Jacob Crandall of LaCrosse, and Ed and Melba Witt of Norton for pizza on Saturday evening in Norton.

Saturday afternoon guests of Cecil Hess were her niece, Jan Evans of Rose Hill and her nephew and his wife, David and Linda Porter of Sharon Springs. Mrs. Evans, an Outreach Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association, had participated as a vendor at the Health Fair in Goodland on Saturday, and also visited Cedar Living Center to provide information about the association.

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Brad and Elaine Marcus and Sarah Marcuson of Hays attended funeral services on Monday in Okemah, Okla., for Mrs. Marcuson's sister-in-law, Pat Redenbaugh 66, who died on Thursday.

Lannette Scott of Garden City returned home Monday after spending the weekend with her mother, Karon Scott.

Among area students who earned degrees from Kansas State University in December were: Rebecca Helm Cox, daughter of Mike and Deb Helm, of Norcat, Bachelor of Science; and Natalie Brown Bartlett, Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology, daughter of Kevin and Jackie Brown of Oberlin.

Accounting office opens in Oberlin

Jill Reichert has opened an accounting office at 104 S. Penn in the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement building.

She is an enrolled agent for Anderson Reichert Anderson LLC, Certified Public Accountants, owned by her mother, Mary Anderson of Osborne. The firm has a total of six certified public accountants.



J. Reichert

Mrs. Reichert, the former Jill Anderson, graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1976, then attended Colby Community College. She has previously worked for accountants in Oberlin and Hoxie, as well as for her mother. She does individual and corporation tax work and W-2 and 1099 forms for individuals and businesses, as well as posting checks for clients for payroll.

Hours at the office are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number is (785) 475-2075 and her email address is jillr@racpas.com.

She and her husband Wilbur live on a farm near Dresden.

Top spellers named



T. McHugh

Tyler McHugh, a sixth grader at Oberlin Elementary School, won the school's spelling bee Monday morning in the school lunchroom by correctly spelling the word "hesitation." He is the son of Randy and Kristin McHugh.



Erin May

Runner-up was Erin May, a fifth grader, who went out on the word "endeavor." Her parents are Roger and Susan May.

The winner will compete against the junior high contest during the county spelling bee at 9 a.m. Monday in the grade school lunch room.

Kindergarten registration next week

Parents of children who will attend kindergarten at Oberlin Elementary School in the fall should register at the school office from Monday to Thursday, Feb. 5 to 7, said Principal Duane Dorshorst.

Parents who are unable to come to the office may call the school at (785) 475-2122. Documents required to enroll your child include their birth certificate, Social Security number and immunization records.

A child must be 5 by Aug. 31 to be eligible for kindergarten this year.

Ross class set

T.R. Mathews and Sandy Seamone of Arriba, Colo., both certified instructors, will instruct, step by step, a class on how easy and fun it is to paint the Bob Ross way on Saturday and Sunday, Feb 16 and 17, at the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan.



RACKING UP THE MILES, Lori Shields of Norton worked out at the Norton Rec Center as she gets in shape for the Mrs. Kansas pageant to be held March 1-2 in Branson, Mo.

— Herald staff photo by Carolyn Plotts

Mrs. Northwest Kansas is toning

Determined to be in the best shape of her life, Mrs. Northwest Kansas, Lori Shields of Norton, spends about an hour every day at the Norton Rec Center running three miles and working out with light weights.

"I have a couple more pounds to lose and I'm on track to be at my target weight by the Mrs. Kansas pageant (March 1-2)," she said.

Mrs. Shields went on to say that she still has a lot to do before traveling to Branson, Mo., for the combined Kansas and Missouri competition.

"I have pictures to take," she said, "a page in the brochure to lay out, travel arrangements to make and I haven't even selected my gown for the evening competition yet. It's so important to find the perfect gown."

The pageant provides swimsuits for each contestant, she said, but they wear their own choice of outfits for the interviews and other events.

Letters asking for financial support have been sent to many area businesses and individuals.

"I have lots of friends helping me," she said, "but honestly we're doing this on a shoestring. I am very frugal, but it is going to cost some money. Some of the contestants, I know, have major corporate sponsors. I don't. A few people have already stepped up to help, and I really appreciate that. Any money I receive goes directly into a special account just for the pageant."

A send-off party for all her supporters will be held Saturday, Feb. 23.

Mrs. Shields said people have

been wonderful supporting her efforts. Her platform is to raise awareness of the work done at the Haven in Norton, a nonprofit she runs that provides a place for families to stay while visiting prisoners at the state prison there.

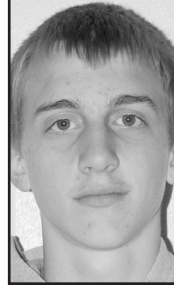
Mrs. Shields also is a full time teacher aide at Eisenhower Elementary School in Norton. She and her husband, Damien, have two children, Emmary, 2, and Darius, 8.

Donations may be sent to her at 813 N. Grant Ave., Norton, Kan. 67654. Anyone who helps support her before Feb. 6 will be recognized in the official pageant brochure, she said.

For more information or to have Mrs. Northwest Kansas speak at your club or function, call (785) 202-1167.

Students nominated for academies

Matthew Helm, a senior at Decatur Community High School, has been nominated by Congressman Tim Huelsman to attend the U.S. Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, and the Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.



Matt Helm

Matthew is the son of Michael and Deb Helm of Norcat.

Tyler LaSalle, a grandson of Ralph and Phyllis LaSalle of Ober-

lin, is also a nominee. His parents are Roger and Jennifer LaSalle of Garden City. Other area nominees include Eric Albers, Oakley.

For more than two centuries, young men and women have applied for entrance into the highly regarded United States Military Academies. The academies require an applicant have a history of personal discipline



Tyler LaSalle

and a commitment to school and community. Members of Congress nominate outstanding young men and women to attend the academies. As most do, Congressman Huelskamp recruited a board of Kansas to review applicants and make recommendations to him.

On Thursday, he announced that he had recommended 18 students.

"I am honored to nominate these distinguished men and women to attend our nation's military academies," Congressman Huelskamp said. "Each has shown a tremendous dedication"

Musical comedy in Oakley Thursday

Troupe America is servin' it up again in the church-basement kitchen musical comedy, "Church Basement Ladies 2: A Second Helping!"

The Western Plains Arts Association will sponsor the program at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Oakley High School Auditorium. The sequel picks up the same group of

women as they continue to deal with life, death and new adventures in the world and their lives.

This time around, the year is 1969 and the world is changing. As folks protest the Vietnam War and women are demanding equal pay for equal work, in their small rural Minnesota community, the women are dealing with changes of their own.

With their humor and antics, the show takes us from serving the high school students at the Luther League Banquet to a church-sponsored Missionary Night and the rise and fall of a Vikings Super Bowl Sunday.

Admission is by season ticket or at the door, adults, \$20 and students \$10.

Rotary Club hears about oil

President Duane Dorshorst conducted the Jan. 22 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. Kurt Anderson was greeter.

Guests were Jane Gilliam, Jody Betts, Norma Unger, Ann Anderson, Ann Williams, Kem Bryan, Stephanie DeCamp and Joy Russell. Junior Rotarians attending were Darbi Rouse and A.T. Stoll.

Program Chair Jay Anderson introduced Dan Nedland, a retired oil geologist living in Oberlin, to talk about oil and gas exploration in northwest Kansas. He showed maps of the United States, as well as Kansas, and the deposits of oil located in various regions. He said that there is lots of gas and oil in Kansas and many companies are

seeking leases to explore and drill. Among them are Sandridge Energy (over 2 million acres); Circle Star Energy Corp. (175,000 acres); Double Eagle Development (40,000 acres) and Apache Oil.

He said the Woodford and Anadarko basins are the source of most oil in northwest Kansas. Requirements for oil and gas fields are rich rock sources, suitable reservoir rock and proven technology. He added that the technology being used to drill for oil and gas deposits and the areas of exploration are expanding. The first horizontal rig in the area has been set up near Grainfield. With it, he said, the exploration can extend a mile or more from the drill site.

New Arrival

Luke Willis Alstrom

Luke Willis Alstrom was born Nov. 16, 2012, to Clay and Jessica Alstrom of Shawnee. He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Taylor, Bailey, Evann, Max and Madison welcomed their brother home. Grandparents are Danny and Joni Ramm, Burbank, Calif., and Larry and Diana Alstrom, Hoxie. Great-grandparents are Peggy Carman and the late Willis Carman, Hoxie; the late Max and Jackie Alstrom, Oberlin; and Jay Nichols, Overland Park. Myrtle Carman Waldo, Oberlin, is Luke's great-great-grandmother.



Luke Willis

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I have been privileged to be able to practice law here in Oberlin, Kansas, for over 50 years. I especially want to thank all of the loyal clients who have permitted me to be of service to them. I am announcing at this time that I have sold my office facilities to Allen Shelton, who intends to practice here in Oberlin on a full time basis. I plan to handle a few probate and trust matters from my home in Hays for a couple of years. With respect to all, the balance of my work I am strongly recommending Allen Shelton. Allen has had a lot of experience in the legal field and he takes good care of his clients. I might add that for any of you who have not met Allen, I would suggest that you stick your head in the office and introduce yourself.

Again many thanks to my clients, and have a GREAT YEAR.
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