

New Eagle Scout honored at dinner

Brett Lohofener, who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scouting's highest youth award, was honored with a family dinner hosted by his parents, Bill and Sharon Lohofener, of North Platte, Neb.

Attending were his grandparents, Mary Lohofener, and Erik and Jean Erickson, Oberlin; also Nelda Krum, Oberlin, and Jo and Phil DeYoung, Alan and Patricia Erickson, Chris, Erika and Elizabeth, all of Colby.

He joined Scouting in 1990 as a Tiger Cub with Pack 189 at Osgood Elementary School in North Platte. He advanced through the Cub Scout and Webelos ranks and earned the Arrow of Light Award. In 1995, he joined Boy Scout Troop 293, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church, where he is a member.

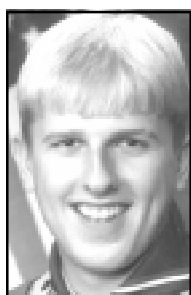
During his scouting career, he has enjoyed taking part in numerous ski trips, canoeing and camping experiences. He has attended camps at Opal Springs and Camp Augustine in Nebraska; Laramie Peak in Wyoming; Chuck Howard at Fort Hays State Uni-

versity, as well as the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Fort A. P. Hill, Va., and also toured Washington, D.C.

He has volunteered many hours to community service. His Eagle Scout service project was working with fellow scouts and members of the Paws-itive Partners Humane Society building outdoor dog runs for the North Platte Animal Shelter.

He has served his troop as assistant senior patrol leader; assistant patrol leader and quartermaster. He has earned the Mile Swim, Snorkeling and Night Hawk awards and 35 merit badges.

He is a senior at North Platte High School. As a four-year honor roll student, he has been active in National Honor Society; Varsity Debate Team; Mock Trial; student government and his school newspaper. He is employed as a lifeguard for the City of North Platte Recreation Center. After high school graduation, he plans to attend Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., and pursue a career in law.



B. Lohofener

Livestock aid program request deadline nears

The final date to apply for the benefits under the Livestock Assistance Program is Friday, said Diane Barrett, county director of the Farm Service Agency.

This program is for livestock producers who suffered grazing losses in 2000. To be eligible, you must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for at least 90 days, you must have owned or leased the livestock for at least 90 days and the normal pastures grazed must be physically located in an approved county.

Benefits will be based on 50 percent of the lesser of the value of feed needed for the livestock or the value of the pasture based on the normal number of

livestock the grazing acres would support. Payments are limited to \$40,000 per "person".

Nationally \$430 million has been approved for this program, she said. If more than \$430 million is received in applications nationally, each application will be factored down accordingly.

Producers wanting to apply for this need to call the county office for an appointment. To apply, producers must provide the legals of all pastures, dates of grazing, numbers and average weights of the different types of livestock, dates and numbers sold or purchased and dates and amounts of supplemental feed.

Volunteers to be recognized

The Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce is recognizing all the volunteers who give time and energy all year to help organizations and those they serve during National Volunteer Week, which is this week.

Slogan for the year 2001 is "Volunteers Are Shining Stars," according to Helen Gee, secretary. She emphasized that volunteers are people who help out

at special events, fund-raisers for not-for-profit groups and coach children's sports teams.

"They support our schools, hospitals, churches and cultural groups with their time, talents and energy," she said.

The Chamber of Commerce is encouraging everyone to say "Thank you" to these volunteers during this week and throughout the year.

Faith Lutheran Church honored

Faith Lutheran Church of Oberlin has been awarded a Gold Star rating by the Aid Association For Lutherans in recognition of community service.

The branch is led by Loretta McFee, chair; Sharon Olson, recorder; Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, coordinator, and Randy Olson, treasurer.

The branch is supported by David Hestermann, representative from Atwood.

To achieve a Gold Star rating, the branch must conduct regular business meetings, an election and a planning meeting, and sponsor at least one benevolent, one educational and one Branch Member Welcome: Spice Up Your Life event and three additional activities in any combination. It also must achieve an average of one volunteer hour per benefit member in the branch.

Jennings woman has top recipe

Jessie Davis of Jennings was the March winner with her "Banana Nut Cream Cheese Dip," in the recipe contest, sponsored by Linda Hagan, district supervisor of the Heartland SHARE program. It is available by logging onto their web-site at www.heartland-share.com.

The Heartland SHARE program helps stretch food dollars, is not based on income, is not a government pro-

gram and does not compete with the local grocery store. Participants are asked to do at least two hours of volunteer work per month.

For details on Heartland SHARE, contact Betty Brown 678-2226, or Jessie Davis 678-2322 in Jennings; Marilyn Gamblin 475-3730 or Alvina Gambin 475-2567 in Oberlin, or Linda Hagan at (800) 298-1989, clkhagan@ruraltel.net.

Brownies enjoy group giggles

By **TERAN MORGAN**
The Brownies played a story game, Group Giggles, when we met on April 3.

The Daisies will be at our next meet-

ing and the girls talked about what they could do with them and planned the meeting. There were 18 girls present. McKayla brought beverages.

Hospital Guild holds meeting

Eight members of the Hospital Guild met at the home of Beth Sebaugh for their April meeting.

President Doris Sloan conducted the meeting with members pledging allegiance to the flag. Several members wore hats and told of special occasions

in times past they were worn.

Carolyn Kelley, an invited guest, showed slides and told about their mission trip to Mexico to build houses for needy families. As a special number, Estella Waldo read several clever articles. A social time followed.

Club News

Club tours Victorian home

Monday Evening Club members met on April 9 at the Rose of Sharon Bed and Breakfast in Norton for a tour of the Victorian home, now owned by Gale and Sharon Schulze.

The home, located at 603 E. Main in Norton, was built in 1880 and fully restored and decorated in recent years. It was once named the Tinney Inn, in memory of Dr. Ray and Dr. Grace Tinney, who purchased the home in 1916 and had their medical practice there until 1933. Each bedroom is named after a daughter of the couple and the entire home is furnished with antiques they have collected. The parlors and dining room on the main floor are available for entertainment purposes. An assort-

ment of desserts and beverages were served.

During the business meeting, President Arian Arnold read an invitation to attend the 50th anniversary of Pi Alpha Club on Sunday, May 6, at Golden Age Center. It was voted to send a donation to the DCHS Music Department in appreciation for the entertainment furnished by the Jazz Band at the club-sponsored birthday party at Cedar Living Center in March.

The final meeting of the club year will be a brunch at 9:30 a.m. at the Teller Room at the LandMark Inn on Saturday, May 5. Installation of new officers will follow and dues will be collected.

Aquarius Club elects officers

Aquarius Club met on April 18 at the home of Kathi Moore. Others present were Patti Uehlin, Sandy Rush, Deb Portschy, Dawn Diederich, Cathy Claussen and Judy Brainard.

Mrs. Diederich, outgoing president, presented roses to Deb Portschy, vice president, and Judy Brainard, secretary-treasurer. Officers for 2001-2002 will be Deb Port-

schy, president; Judy Brainard, vice president, and Mirla Coleman, secretary-treasurer.

Cathy Claussen, Kathi Moore and Sandy Rush will help with the Girl Scout supper. Lolita Metcalf, Elaine Marcuson and Judy Brainard will assist with the Co-op supper. It was voted to donate \$25 toward shingling the shelter house at Sappa Park. Members brought a snack for lunch.

Lutheran women get together

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League met for a brunch for the April meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church. Patty Eckels had devotions and Wilma May led the topic, "Creative Disobedience."

President Shirley Shields announced that Valerie Bearley of Atwood is the new editor of the Kansas District's "Kansas Sunshine." It was decided to send \$100 to San Jose, Calif., for the national convention this summer. The group will sponsor

Round Robin World Relief layette kits or health kits.

LuVerne May asked women to bring two dozen cookies to the church at 1 p.m. on May 9, then they will entertain with a party at 1:45 for residents at the Good Samaritan Center.

Hostesses were Phyllis Beneda and Marcia Hasselbusch. The group prepared dinner for those working on repairs at the church property.

4-H club enjoys parents' night

By **RORY WENDELIN**
Sappa Valley 4-H Club met Sunday at the United Methodist Church. Six members and four parents answered roll call. Brad Marcuson was the president and Joanne Wendelin was secretary for the Parents' Night meeting.

The members voted to get Leslie Marcuson a graduation gift since she is a senior and has been in our 4-H club a long time. We have two new members, Jacob Unger and Kiezer Carman. Their parents are Jeff and Tama Unger, and Kevin and Sherry Carman.

Brad Marcuson told about beef weigh-in and sheep and pig weigh-

in and talked about two camps that the kids can go to this summer. Everyone who competed in 4-H Days last week and Regional 4-H Days this past Friday was praised.

It was Parents' Night which means the parents, instead of the kids, give a demonstration. Brad Marcuson gave a long demonstration on rocketry.

We said the 4-H Pledge at the end of the meeting. We had Life Skills Judging after the meeting. If you did good in judging at the meeting, you could go to Hays and do District Judging. Everyone enjoyed refreshments. Our next meeting is Sunday, May 13, at the 4-H Building.

Zeta Nu holds salad supper

Eighteen members of Zeta Nu Club enjoyed a salad supper at Golden Age Center on April 19. Janice Winter, a past member, was welcomed back as member of the club.

An invitation to attend the 50th anniversary celebration of Pi Alpha Club on May 6 was read. Mystery Sisters were revealed and names drawn for the coming year.

President Charlotte Meints installed new officers using "Precious Gems" as the theme. They are: Opal Bryan, president; Norine Schweitzberger, vice president; Mary Waldo, secretary, and Kay Marcuson, treasurer. Mrs. Meints won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be Sept. 13 with plans pending.

Scouts enjoy pasta dinner

Girl Scout Troops 44 and 118 enjoyed a spaghetti supper on April 1 at the American Legion, along with a bake and craft auction.

This was a successful money-making project for the girls to go to Estes Park in May and August. The troops appreciate everyone who helped with the auction and supper and those who participated.



Oberlin graduate opens hair, nails, tanning salon

Shelby Kempt opened Scissor Trix Salon and Tanning at 121 South Rode-haver, in Oberlin last Wednesday.

Mrs. Kempt took training at McCook Beauty Academy, then finished at Hair School of Hair Designs at Hays. Besides beauty work and tanning, she offers pedicures and manicures and said that walk-ins are welcome.

The former Shelby Brown, she is a 1996 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She and her husband, Dale, have a son, Dayton, 3.

Hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling 475-3188.

Herndon graduate receives honor from Goodland college

Mayumi Takai has been selected as the 2001 Cosmetology Student of the Year at Northwest Kansas Technical College at Goodland.

Her home is in Tokyo, Japan and her host parents in the United States are Doug and Shayla Williby of Oberlin. She graduated from Herndon High School in 1998. She plans to work in California after graduation.

She was chosen by her peers in the cosmetology department on the basis of her professional skills and knowledge, her workplace skills, and her willingness to assist her fellow students and her instructors in any situation.

She will be honored, along with the other 11 program students of the year, during commencement exercises on May 16 in Goodland.



Mayumi Takai

DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON
The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 26, 2001 at 7 p.m. Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Deadline for reservations is May 18, 2001.
Price per plate is \$12.50
This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name _____ Class _____

Address _____

Spouse's Name _____ Class _____

Space allows for alumni and spouse. BE SURE to give address, class year and maiden name.

If spouse is also an alumni, please indicate the class year the spouse would like to be seated with:



Mr. and Mrs. Bartos Brown

The family of Bartos and Hazel Brown wish to have family and friends shower them with cards honoring their 70th Anniversary May 6, 2001.

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New Arrival

Trevin Hayes Reinert
Todd and Donna Reinert of Topeka are the parents of a son, Trevin Hayes, born April 15, 2001. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Dolores Koerperich of Oberlin, and the late Eugene Koerperich; Marvin Reinert,

Salina, and Betty Hayes, Wichita. Great-grandparents are Glades Hayes, Wichita, and Marie Haesemeyer, Salina.



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