

People in Our Community

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Phil, Sharleen and Rachel Wurm, and Darrin and Joan Glading attended funeral services in Hill City on April 24 for Gracie Austin and the burial in Wilson. Mrs. Austin was the mother of Eric Austin, formerly of Oberlin, and a sister of Rachel Wurm.

Metta and Myron Johnson of Apache Junction, Ariz., spent last Friday and Saturday in Lenora and attended the 50th anniversary of Rural Telephone Company, with which Mr. Johnson was associated until his retirement. They spent Sunday and Monday in Oberlin with her sister, Luetta and Hughie Pollnow. Afternoon callers were Diana and Sam Steinmetz, and Kay and Andy Chambers. They left for their home on Tuesday.

Loyd and Mary Waldo and Myrtle Waldo entertained with a luncheon on Thursday at the Loyd Waldo home. Others present were Duane and Marilyn Waldo, Manitou Springs, Colo.; Mark and Laura Waldo, Hawaii; Brett and Stephanie Waldo, Tucson, Ariz., and Don and Genola Waldo.

Elden and Charissa Huff and Richard were in Washington, D.C. recently to be honored as the Decatur County Farm Family Award Winners through the Farm Bureau. While there, they visited Congressman Jerry Moran.

Rick and Deb Klima, Dan and Carrie Morford, Gene and Marsha Morford and Della Klima went to Belleville on Sunday and had dinner with Della Klima's father, Delbert Phalen.

Mildred Holmdahl returned home Thursday from Mechanics, Pa., where she had spent a month visiting her daughter, Jean Ann Hengst, who underwent surgery and is recuperating satisfactorily.

Marie McKisson, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Alberta Bouchey, of Palco, spent the past 10 days visiting Mrs. Bouchey's son, Bill and Barb Bouchey, in St. Louis, Mo.

Houseguests of Jerald and Elaine Leitner from Wednesday to Friday were Bill and Delores Phillips of Red Wing, Minn. They are friends from Woody Acres in Fulton, Texas. Maxine Ross, McCook, was a Sunday afternoon visitor.

Word has been received that the

Allen Dinkel and Jim Loesch families of Hoisington were among those who lost their homes in the recent tornado. They are former Oberlin residents.

Marilyn Horn spent the weekend with her mother, Catherine Fuller, at Neligh, Neb. She also visited her sister, Doris and James Wiegand.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus H. Wolters spent from Friday to Tuesday of Easter weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Pena of Denver. They also visited with Everett, Jack, Jennifer and Bryce Roberts of Littleton, Colo., on Easter Sunday afternoon.

Bryclin Elizabeth Alstrom, two-year-old daughter of Amos and Toni Marie Alstrom of Hays, was recently crowned Tiny Miss Supreme Queen in Our Diamond Miss preliminary pageant youth achievement program. She competed in the Tiny Miss division, 2- to 3-year-olds, in modeling, talent and glamour. She modeled casual wear and party dress and performed the song, "Baby Bumble Bee" for the talent competition. She received a crown, trophy, banner and modeling, talent and glamour entry fees paid to Our Diamond Miss competition in June. Her paternal grandparents are Rod Alstrom of Oberlin, and Terri and Eddie Anderson of Goodland. Myrna Kelley of Oberlin is her great-grandmother.

Russ and Dolores Jorgensen of Minneapolis, Minn., were houseguests of her cousin and wife, Chuck and Joy Votapka, from Wednesday to Friday. Additional Wednesday supper guests were Mary and Tom Votapka, Jennings; Howard and Janette Votapka, and Sylvester and Faye Meitl.

Members of the Class of 1951 who met to make final preparations for their 50th anniversary reunion at the Landmark Inn on Thursday were Joyce Ploussard, Eldon Huntley, Randall Amack, Detta Anderson, Donna Huff, Marjorie Olson, Shirley Shields, Eloise Smith, Veanna Orr, Mary Lou Olson, Enid Anderson, Dorothy Moore, Joy Votapka, and Max Carman.

Winning highs in pinochle last week at the Golden Age Center were Kelva Swindler, Kenneth Van Vleet, Eva Marie Vacura, and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Hildegard Euhus, Edith Richards, Wilma May, Vada Shaw, Ivah Alexander and Barbara Solko. Pitch

highs were won by Aleen Van Vleet and Mrs. Swindler with lows going to Elsie Goodnight and Neva Townsend. Bridge highs were won by Dorothy Cochran, Catharine Munson, Mary Horney and Alice Shirley. There will be no dinner at Golden Age Center on Sunday.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton for Pauline L. Gallentine, 81, who died at the Logan Manor in Logan on Thursday. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery. Among survivors are six children, including Gary Gallentine, Norton, and five step-children, including Sue Hildebrand of Norcatur.

Loyd and Mary Waldo spent the weekend in Lawrence with Mike, Susie and Alli Wright. They also visited her brother, Gay Taylor, in Salina.

Dwayne and Betty Jones returned home Sunday from Green Valley, Ariz., where they spent the winter.

Jennifer Olson, daughter of David and Marty Olson of Oberlin will graduate during commencement exercises on Friday morning at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She will receive a Bachelor of Science in Travel/Tourism Comprehensive. Dr. John I. Goodland will deliver the spring commencement address.

Nikki Groneweg visited on Sunday and Monday with her father, Robert Groneweg, and her grandparents, Dean and Peggy Groneweg. She was en route from Manhattan to Denver, where she will be working and staying with her mother, Mary Groneweg.

Anita Hirsch was elected treasurer of the Kansas State Firefighters Association Auxiliary during the annual conference held in Great Bend from Thursday to Saturday. Renelle Deibert, daughter of Rick and Linda (Berry) Deibert of Great Bend, was among those who were awarded college scholarships from the auxiliary. Her father is captain of the Great Bend Fire Department and the Deiberts are former Oberlin residents. Renelle is a great-granddaughter of Georgia Johnson and Edith Richards of Oberlin. Joining Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch for the weekend at the home of Annette and Jeff Troyer, Stephanie and Shawn in Ellinwood, were Iris Wurm, Jennifer and Joseph Hirsch, and Vernon and Jeanette Diederich.

Stage coach program set for Sunday

A realistic stage coach program will begin at 1:30 p.m. Sunday south of Norcatur—go 3 miles north, 1/2 west of Clayton, or go to the Decatur-Norton line on U.S. 36 (marker 101), then 3 miles south and 1/2 mile west.

Lora Arnold will present "The Good Old Days" which will include information on the original mail route from Lenora to Oberlin. Kenneth Price will have his stagecoach and horses on hand and there will also be a modern Prairie

Schooner for rides.

A memorial service is planned following the program at the nearby grave of a young girl who died on the route.

For details, contact Lee Arnold at (785) 693-4445.

Band to give concert in park

By KIMIA BUNDGARD
The high school band will be presenting a public concert Tuesday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the band shell in City Park.

The program will have both the jazz band and concert band directed by Quentin Breese.

The jazz band will be performing five pieces: "Turn the Beat Around" featuring Angie Fortin and David Morris as percussion soloists, "Harlem Nocturn," and "Fat Cat," featuring

Amber Reynolds on alto sax and Ben Bryan on trombone.

The concert band will perform six pieces including "Balladior," "King Cotton" and "Concerto For Faculty and Band," which features Principal Gordon Matson and teachers Mark Bricker, Randy Olson, Jim Andersen, Brenda Breth and Amanda Jones as the soloists.

Refreshments will be provided after the concert.

Magician to perform on Sunday

Rex Getz will present "Comedy and Magic" at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Decatur Community High School Auditorium.

The family entertainment is sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. Mr. Getz has been the

Kansas State Fair Magic Man for the past 15 years and has performed for more than 20 years.

Admission is by season ticket or \$8 for adults and \$2 for students at the door. For details contact Idella Frickey, 475-2473, or Ella Betts, 475-3557.

Third Cinco de Mayo celebration planned

Cinco de Mayo III will be presented by the Forget-Me-Nots, beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday.

It will be a benefit for the program conducted throughout the year by Dennis Brown. Reservations may be made by calling 475-2623 anytime, or 475-2296, days only.

The Forget-Me-Nots are now entering their eighth year of serving the elderly and shut-ins in Decatur County.

The public is urged to join them for an evening of good food and entertainment.

Mr. Brown said they would be honoring the First Hand Friends from Oberlin Elementary School as "Volunteers of the Year." This program enables children to serve the elderly through the gift of reading.

Program set on sun's rays

"New Options for Keeping Ultra-Violet Rays at Bay," will be presented in a program from 7-3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, at The Gateway Community Room.

Sponsored by K-State Research and Extension in Decatur County, it will include the latest technology to fight against the damaging effects of the sun. This includes a new fabric rating system for ultra-violet rays and finishes that can be applied to existing clothing for protection. Clothing provides a quick and easy solution for protection against ultra-violet rays from the sun. Learning how to implement these new tools to help in the fight against premature aging, wrinkling and skin cancer will be stressed.

Those planning to attend are asked to call the Extension office at 475-8121, by Monday.

"I look forward to another exciting year of serving the precious people with the joy of God's love and grace. Let me once again thank you, the people of Decatur County. There would be no Forget-Me-Nots if there were not people like you who give of time and money to make it possible. Thank you and God bless," said Mr. Brown.

Leadership conference to be held in Great Bend

Kansas Farm Bureau will offer an intensive four-day leadership conference for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from June 5-8 at Barton County Community College in Great Bend.

This year's agenda includes presentations by Mitch Holthus, Voice of the Kansas City Chiefs, who will provide

the opening motivational seminar; Bill Cores, with a program involving leadership and team building; Marieta Hauser, with a program aimed at educating about the dangers of drinking and driving; and Valerie Evans, with a program on how to handle change.

It also offers one hour of college credit. Incoming high school juniors

and seniors are eligible. Cost of the college credit is \$44, but Kansas Farm Bureau will offer a \$26 scholarship toward that total.

Space is limited to the first 125 registrants. Deadline for registration is May 15 or until full. For details and registration materials, contact the Decatur County Farm Bureau office.

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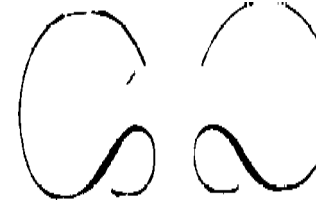
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Program will include "The Good Old Days," by Lora Arnold and the history of the stage coach route from Lenora to Oberlin. A memorial service will follow at the grave site of a young girl who died on the trail.

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