

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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## County spelling bee set for Jennings

Top spellers and runners-up from the Jennings and Oberlin Schools will vie for the county championship at the Decatur County Spelling Bee at 10 a.m. today at the Jennings School. Julie Carter will pronounce the spelling words.

Brian Linden, sixth grader at Jennings, captured first place at the contest there last week by correctly

spelling "interruption" to beat his brother, Brett, an eighth-grader. This is the third year in a row that he placed first by downing his brother in the contest. Their parents are John and Becky Linden of Clayton.

Alyssa Rippe, a sixth-grader at Oberlin Elementary School, spelled "efficient" and "flagrant" to win top honors. Her parents are Lynn and

Joyce Rippe. Runner-up was Mackenzie Carman, daughter of Jodee Carman.

Top speller at Decatur Community Junior High was Jennifer Hirsch, daughter of Steve and Anita Hirsch, who won the honor by correctly spelling "incinerate." Runner-up was Kurt Olson, son of Mark and Barbara Olson.

## You've already paid for this year's food

Decatur County Farm Bureau will celebrate "Food Check-Out Day" on Thursday by donating \$50 to the Decatur County Ministerial Association Food Pantry.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service says Americans currently spend, on average, just 10 percent of their disposable personal income for food.

This means that the average household will have earned enough to pay for its annual food supply in just 37 days.

It takes the average American more than 100 days to earn enough income to pay federal, state and local taxes for the year.

The department said that not only is America's food supply the world's safest, but it is also the most

affordable, which speaks well of the nation's increasing standard of living.

Americans spend 7.1 percent of their income on food consumed at home, but farmers and ranchers receive only 19 cents out of every dollar spent on food. More than 17 percent of the total U.S. workforce produce, process and sell the nation's food and fiber.

## Livestock meeting scheduled for Tuesday

"No Bull, Just the Facts!" will be the theme for a livestock update, pasture recovery and outlook meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church basement.

ment representative Paul Ohlenbusch will discuss pasture management, recovery, and stocking rates. Northwest Ag Economist Dan O'Brien will discuss leasing rates in

Northwest Kansas. Those planning to attend are asked to contact the Decatur County Extension office by 5 p.m. on Friday at (785) 475-8121.

K-State Livestock and Ag Economist Rodney Jones will discuss markets and forecasting for the beef industry.

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## Oberlin man called to duty

Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Chambers of Oberlin is a member of the Army Reserves 1013th Quartermaster Company, based in McCook, which has been called to active duty and will go to Fort Riley.



The soldiers were in North Platte, Neb., through Sunday and their destination after reaching Fort Riley is unknown, he said.

Their stay at Fort Riley could be two weeks or a month, depending on training needed in weapons, nuclear warfare and/or range fire.

They have been training in a mobilization course on military occupational skills.

He said 63 soldiers from the McCook and North Platte units are involved in this call-up.

Sgt. Chambers is director of the Northwest Kansas Regional Prevention Center.

He said his wife, Melissa, and their children, Clifton, Derek and Adrian, will remain in Oberlin. He is the son of Barbara Beisner.

Norma Brown and her sons, Kent and Kevin Brown, attended funeral services on Friday in Osborne for Marie (Hollis) McCammon, 69, who died Jan. 27 at Osborne County Memorial Hospital following a heart attack. She was a 1951 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Her father was the pastor of the Oberlin Assembly of God Church from 1944 to 1954.

Kimia Bundgard, Joshua Jackson and Wyatt Wendelin, students at Bethany College in Lindsborg, spent semester break with relatives and friends. Kimia was a house guest of the Troy and Debbie Marshall family at Norcatu.

James Dickinson has returned home from Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., where he had been undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

Brooke Abbey graduated in December with a degree in Ag/Economics from Kansas State University. She is the daughter of Jim and Denise Abbey of Oberlin and has accepted a job with Agri-Logic in the Kansas City area.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dornberger of Salina hosted a birthday party to honor Vivian Bishop on Jan. 27 at her home. Others present were Bernice Martin, Marian Fraker, Charlotte Meints, Marie McKisson, Martha Euhus, Alberta Ritter and Mary Ann Amack.

Krista Simonsson, a student at the University of Kansas, made the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester. She is majoring in nursing and is the daughter of Brian and Pam Simonsson of Oberlin.

—PEO benefit soup supper, 5:30-7:30 p.m. DCHS cafeteria, Tues., Feb. 11.

Ronnie and Becky (Tally) Moyer, Kaylee and Laramie Jo, spoke at Sunday morning services at the Courts of Praise in Atwood. They and their family are presently living in Simla, Colo., where they operate Living Springs Ranch, a youth ministry near Denver. Mrs. Moyer is a 1985 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is the daughter of Sharon Tally of Manhattan, but formerly of Oberlin.

Word has been received of the death of Carl Strauss, 79, of Grand Junction, Colo., on Jan. 21. His wife is the former Bobbie McClure, a 1952 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She is a sister of Donna Huff of rural Norcatu. Other survivors include a son, Joe, Denver; a daughter, Debbie Moesser, Grand Junction; and four grandchildren.

Several area undergraduate students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Fort Hays State University for the fall semester. They must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60 for the semester. They include: Eric Vahling; Steven Schillig, Dresden; Amy Walker; Ben Rhodes; Lindsey Bailey; Sarah McKenna, Jennings; Danielle Diederich; Erica Stanley; Jennifer Thomas; Matthew Taylor; Roth Chapin; Teresa Macke, Oberlin; Alice James; Melissa Vahling, Clayton; Amy Portschy; Bart Ecker; Cindy Bruning, Herndon; Brenda Rippe; Kenzie Michel, Ludell, and Christopher Broeckelman, Selden.

Cynthia Haynes spent the weekend in Concordia visiting her mother, Emma Desilet, who is hospitalized there.

—Move to Wheat Ridge Terrace - We have fun! Carport/shop fund now at \$2,000. 05-08

Among those listed on the President's Honor Roll (4.0) for the fall

semester at Colby Community College include: Sandra Reuther, Herndon; Ann Carter, Jennings; Angela Copeland, Lemilla Counter, Angela Musgrave, and Rebecca Tate, Oberlin; and Ashley Stevenson, Lori Truetken, Selden. Dean's Honor Roll (3.75-3.99) students include: Barbara Tally, Justin Williby, Oberlin; and Angela Albers, Victoria Allison, and Velma Ochoa, Rexford.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Elden Haas, Dorothy Moore, Merle Shirley, Elsie Goodnight, Veanna Orr and Lora Zwickle. Lows went to Lora Zwickle, Aleen Van Vleet, Myrtle Waldo, Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore. Pitch highs were won by Myrtle Waldo, Max Carman and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Doris Miller, Wilma May and Dorothy Moore. Bridge highs were won by Charlotte Meints, Barb Solko, Carol Shirley and Dewaine Stapp.

Danielle Dorshort of Oberlin made the Dean's List for the first semester at Chadron State College in Nebraska, where she is a freshman. It requires a grade point average of at least 3.5 on the 4.0 scale. Her parents are Duane and Pat Dorshort of Oberlin.

Dorothy L. Lawrence, 82, of Norton, died Thursday at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. She was born April 29, 1920, in Norton County, the daughter of Albert and Esda (Orchard) Kirk. Survivors include a son, James and Betty Lawrence, Norton; a step-son, Darrell and Jane Jackson, Garland, Texas, and their families; and a sister, Louise Vogel, Durango, Colo. Private family services will be held later with burial in the Clayton Cemetery with Enfield Funeral Home of Norton in charge. A memorial was established to the Andbe Home in Norton.

## Wool, mohair deadline extended

Wool and mohair producers are now eligible to apply for non-recourse marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments (LDP) from the Farm Service Agency, but they must apply by March 31 for their 2002-year crop.

"The 2002 Farm Bill puts wool and mohair producers on par with grain and oilseed producers in that they now have the option of applying for marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments," said Diane Barrett, executive director of the Decatur County Farm Service Agency.

Producers have until March 31 to apply for a nine-month marketing assistance loan or LDP on wool or mohair sheared in 2002.

Producers placing their wool and mohair under loan received an es-

tablished loan rate. National per pound loan rates are set at \$1 for graded wool; 40 cents for ungraded wool and \$4.20 for mohair.

She said producers can forego putting their wool and mohair under loan and receive a loan deficiency payment instead. In order to qualify for either, producers must meet program eligibility requirements.

"Producers must have owned the sheep or goats for at least 30 days before shearing, and must retain beneficial interest from the time of shearing through either repayment of the loan or, in the case of a loan deficiency payment, the date the payment is requested," she said.

A special exception to the beneficial interest rule is in effect for the 2002-year crop. Eligible producers who lost beneficial interest before

Oct. 11, 2002, are eligible to request a loan deficiency payment based on the date beneficial interest was lost. Requests for this special exception must be submitted no later than March 31.

She also said the wool and mohair must be produced and shorn from live animals of domestic origin in the United States and be of merchantable quality.

Graded wool will be converted from a greasy basis to a clean basis to determine the quantity eligible for loan or loan deficiency payment. The net quantity of wool will be converted using the Schlumberger Estimated Commercial Top and Noil Yield obtained from the core test.

For details, producers may contact the local Farm Service Agency office.



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