

People in Our Community

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Decatur Community High School students Molly Coleman, Allie Moore, Kelly Olson and Tricia Dorshorst attended the Butler Showchoir Showcase during the past week. They presented a concert Friday that was attended by Mirla Coleman and Susan Nelson. Molly, Allie and Kelly are new members of next year's DCHS Singers.

A birthday party for Ruth Laidig was held Sunday afternoon, July 13, at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Mehl and Eric, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tally and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Tally and Jebb, Deb and Brenna Nichols, Jenny Kasson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Haase, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lafferty, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cathcart, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Rippe, Myrna Wilson, Janeil Jensen, Mildred Holmdahl, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nichols and residents of Good Samaritan Center.

Ira Kolsky has moved to Oberlin from Stockton, Mo., and is living at 714 West Mill.

—Volunteers needed to work games and rides at Fair, Aug. 5-9. Call 475-3351 or stop by Ray Jewelry.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler returned home last Tuesday from a three-week missionary trip to Papua, New Guinea. She said she enjoyed assisting with the work there and is thankful for the undergirding prayers. She is pastor of Faith Lutheran Church.

Western Fraternal Life Association had dinner at the Frontier Restaurant on Sunday, then met at Cedar Living Center for their meeting. Those present were Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Donald Shaw, Lester Shimek, Vivian Bishop, Roberta Petracek, Charley Vavroch and Eva Marie Vacura.

The Rev. Gene and Helen Gee went to Scott City on Sunday, where he preached at the Scott City Nazarene Church for the second week. Their new pastor, Warren Clinton, from Oklahoma, will begin this week. He is a native of Scott City.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner and grandson, Dustin Sullivan, spent July 2-8 with Claudia Bryant, Christina Bryant and Kirk Karr at Fort Myers, Fla. Christina and Kirk were married on the Fourth of July on Fort Myers Beach. Others attending were Gary Bryant, Jeremy Bryant of Manhattan, and Jerry Leitner and Haley Michele Winkles, Springfield, Ga. On their return home, July 9, the Leitners spent the night with Jeremy, Karen and Jason at Manhattan.

Taite Dejmaj, infant son of Tucker and Tonya Woolsey of Oberlin, was baptized during morning services at the Oberlin United Methodist Church on Sunday. Officiating was the Rev. Doug Hasty. Relatives attending were Tucker and Tonya Woolsey, Trey and Taite, Bob and Terri Woolsey, Dale and Eris Young, Joe and Candy Dejmaj, and Lil Corpier, all of Oberlin; David and Cindy Miller, Las Vegas, Nev., and Justin Miller and friend, Amy Bergling, Hays.

Duane and Fayette Wilson of Charlotte, N.C., and Evan and Phyllis Wilson and family, Wichita, were in Oberlin for the anniversary celebration which honored Eldon and Mildred Black and also visited their father, Gordon Wilson. They went to Sutherland, Neb., to visit

another brother, Royce Wilson, who is a resident of the Sutherland Care Center. Among others who have visited him have been members of the Class of 1977. Mail will reach him at Sutherland Care Center, 333 Maple, Sutherland, Neb., 69165.

—Cajun Buffet, Tues., July 29, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Several Oberlin students were among 4,300 University of Kansas undergraduate students, who were named to the honor roll for the spring 2003 semester. They include: Tarah Cook, senior, Liberal Arts and Sciences, daughter of Gale and Kendra Cook; Leigh Ann Lohofener, senior, Liberal Arts and Sciences, daughter of Greg and Mary Lohofener; Brianna May, sophomore, School of Engineering, daughter of Richard and Delayne May; and Krista Sue Simonsson, junior, Liberal Arts and Sciences, daughter of Brian and Pam Simonsson. All are graduates of Decatur Community High School.

Harry and Beverly Eiler, McCook, Phyllis Metcalf and Joe Metcalf, Oberlin, attended memorial services on Thursday at the Park Hill Congregational Church in Denver for Pauline (Eiler) Loomis, 90, who died on July 11.

Patricia Tongish and Jarrett of Newton spent last week with her parents, Gene and Marcella Leitner. Wilma Tongish of Herndon was a Tuesday evening visitor at the Leitner home.

Pat Wright, Kay Gaskill, Alice Shirley and Eris Young went to Hays on Wednesday and took lunch to help Margaret Lund celebrate her birthday.

Mary Cathleen (Karls) Baylie, Denver, visited friends and relatives in the Dresden area last week and also attended to farming interests. She was a houseguest of her cousin and husband, Meme and Galen Carper, in Jennings. She is the daughter of the late Florian and Rosena Karls, who operated the grocery store in Dresden for many years. She graduated from Leoville High School in 1953.

—Wheat Ridge Terrace wants you! 1st month rent is FREE! Sign up by Aug. 31, move in by Sept. 30. 30-33

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Dewaine Stapp, Henry Edgett, Kenneth Van Vleet and Veanna Orr. Lows went to Kenneth Van Vleet, Doris Miller, Neva Townsend, Alvina Unger and Kelva Swindler. Pitch highs were won by Doris Miller, Floyd Edgett and Merle Shirley with lows going to Kenneth Van Vleet, Aleen Van Vleet, Veanna Orr and Dorothy Moore. Bridge highs were won by Lora Zwickle and Charlotte Meints.

Karla and John Sullivan of Colby visited on Saturday with Jerald and Elaine Leitner. Jerad Leitner, who spent the week with his grandparents, returned home with them. Andy Leitner also spent several days with them last week.

Frances Starbuck, a sister of Cecil Hess and Mary Lou Olson, began rehabilitation in Wichita on Monday, following recent surgery at Wesley Hospital. Mail will reach her at Via Christi Rehabilitation Center, Lady of Lourdes, 1151 N. Rock Road, Wichita, Kan., 67206.



Mary Elizabeth and Larry Van Otterloo

Couple married in Oberlin

Mary Elizabeth Zodrow and Larry Van Otterloo of Manhattan were married on Friday, July 4, 2003, at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

The Rev. Doug Hasty officiated at the double-ring ceremony before an altar decorated with the unity candle surrounded by white, burgundy, and blue flowers.

Parents of couple are Gary and Leola Zodrow, Oberlin; Larry Van Otterloo Sr., Oberlin, and Tina Earle, Monument, Colo.

Joan Christensen, Foreston, Minn., sang "How Beautiful" following the sermon, and Kate Bice, Manhattan, sang, "Wings to Make Me Fly" as the mothers lighted the candle for the unity candle, and "The One" as the couple lighted the unity candle.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a bridal gown by Alfred Angelo fashioned with a tank top with beaded designs. The full satin skirt was hemmed with a wide satin band accented with beaded floral designs. The beaded carriage back flowed into a cathedral train. An Austrian crystal bun wrap held her double-tiered veil of imported English illusion. She carried a bouquet of burgundy, navy blue and white flowers.

Lara Zodrow, Oberlin, who wore a navy blue dress which matched that of the matron of honor, and Maddison Van Otterloo, Stewart, Iowa, in a white gown, were flower girls. Cody Van Otterloo, Stewart, Iowa, was ringbearer.

Deena Zodrow, Oberlin, was matron of honor. She wore a Lanz of Salzburg lace and georgette gown, fashioned with a rosette back with detachable train, empire waist and princess seams. Bridesmaids were Stacie Gamblin, Beloit; Shannon Van Otterloo, Stewart, Iowa; and Jennifer Kump, Wichita. Their gowns matched that of the matron of honor. All of the flowers for the wedding were made by Judy Kump, Wichita.

Neil Van Otterloo, Stewart, Iowa, served his brother as best man. Groomsman were Mory Zodrow and Larry Van Otterloo, Oberlin, and Tim Snell, Northglenn, Colo. Steve Zodrow, Norton, and LeRay Zodrow, Oberlin, were ushers.

Lori Zodrow and Brenda and Amber Cook, Norton, were seated at the guest book and also assisted with the gifts.

A reception followed at the Centennial Bowl. Dee Blodgett, Mid-

land, Mich., and Vicky Huntley, Oberlin, served the cake; Cecelia Brown, Oberlin, and Missy Hazel, Hutchinson, assisted. Duane Blodgett, Midland, Mich., was in charge of the gifts. The wedding pictures were taken by Valerie and Jonathan Hickert, Wichita.

The bride is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and McPherson College. She is employed at Big Lakes in Manhattan.

The bridegroom graduated from Northglenn High School and Arapahoe College in Colorado. He is employed by Powell Brothers, Inc., in heating, ventilating and air conditioning sales.

After a honeymoon, they are at home in Manhattan.

Out-of-town guests included: Ron and Judy Kump and Jennifer, Ron and Valerie Hickert and Jonathan, Wichita; Shawn and Missy Hazel and girls, Hutchinson; Lorrell and Virginia Almquist, Tracy and Ann Kingsbury and family, Tim and Sue Meyer and family, Smith Center; Gus and Sharon Hickert, Jennings; Lenny Zodrow and Christifer, Paul and Laurine Spiecker, Holyoke, Colo.; Ian and Jessica Harms and family, Simla, Colo.; Robert and Annick Zodrow, McCook; Duane and Dee Blodgett, Midland, Mich.; Steve and Lori Zodrow and girls, Norton; Bob and Diane Muirhead and family, Colby; Jerry and Joan Loughmiller and family, Wellington; John and Ruth Peters, Hays; Ben and Leone Spiers, Milaca, Minn.; Tom and Joanie Christensen, Foreston, Minn.; Tom and Pat Egli, Truro, Iowa; Gary and Becky Knight, Papillion, Neb.;

Travis and Julie Egli and family, St. Charles, Iowa; Dennis and LeAnn Krey, Elk River, Minn.; Jason and Amy Krey, Albertville, Minn.; Darren and Natalie Schultz, South Dakota; Dave and Jenny Murrish, Kearney, Neb.; Don and Ann Bice, Kate Bice, Wamego; Shannon Jennings, Manhattan; Gary and Kathie Anthony, Tami Cook, Norcatur; Stacie Gamblin, Beloit; Neil and Shannon Van Otterloo, Stewart, Iowa; Dave and Tina Earle, Monument, Colo.; Don and Noni Thiesen, Ogallala, Neb.; Neal and Betty Reuter, Las Vegas, Nev.; Dan and Brenda Hagman and family, Thornton, Colo.; Tim Snell, Northglenn, Colo.; Marie Vacura, Pueblo, Colo.; David and Tammy Brown, Lenexa; Chris and Becky Luedders, Hays; and Cheryl Hankle and family, Denver.

Cutoff date set for funding

Aug. 1 is the cutoff date for Grassland Reserve Program applications to be considered for this year.

Farmers are asked to stop by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center at 410 S. Buffalo

and visit with the staff there or the county conservation district to determine if the program will help them in their farming operation. Their web site is www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov.

Club News

Rock Island Rockets meet

The June meeting of the Rock Island Rockets 4-H Club was called to order by President Brett McKenna. Ten members and three mothers responded to roll call.

The president reported a good response to the club's food drive for the Decatur County Ministerial Association's food pantry. Treasurer Marcus McKenna noted there was a nice turnout for the club's annual Good Friday bake sale.

Josh Ritter told about attending Rock Springs Camp and the club voted to help out with \$30 of his expenses. The club set a

date of June 14 for the highway clean-up project, with Josh and Seth Ritter providing the beverages.

Project talks were given by Courtney Gillespie and Kaitlyn Gillespie. Treats were provided by Jade and David Cressler. The annual 4-H Club Tour will be held at 7 p.m. on July 28. The group will start at Marcus McKenna's, then travel to Adam and Brian Miller's, on to Gillespies', and back to the United Methodist Church for the remainder of the project displays and snacks. Beverages will be provided by Brett McKenna.

Widows hear about hugs

Widows and Friends met on July 9 for breakfast at the Frontier Restaurant. Doris Sloan read a story about hugs for devotions.

Attending were Edla Olson, Mildred Holmdahl, Bertha Schwisow, Eileene Grose, Nadean Stoney, Millie Lippelmann, Dorothy Jackson, Esther Carl-

son, Goldie Raulston, Alice Shirley, Martha Nemeth, Louise Pollnow, Alice Bobbitt, Martha Fringer, Lora Zwicke, Doris Sloan and Cindy Sauder.

The group will meet at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the LandMark Inn for dessert.

Club holds 4-H tour

By CLAY ANDERSEN
The Stick-to-It 4-H Club held its club tour at 3 p.m. on July 13. The afternoon was spent traveling to members' homes and viewing livestock and projects

for the Decatur County Fair. Afterwards, everyone met at the City Park for a short meeting, potluck supper and swimming.

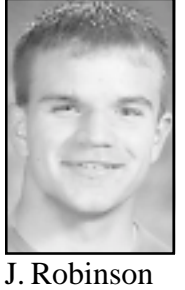
Summerfield scholar named

Jake Robinson of Oberlin is among more than 50 incoming freshmen who have been named Summerfield and Watkins-Berger scholars at the University of Kansas. He is the son of Merlou Robinson and Mike Robinson.

The incoming freshmen will receive \$2,500 per year for four years. The scholarships are awarded to recognize outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership and service from Kansas high school graduates. Students are eligible for consideration if they have a 3.5 cumulative high school grade-point average and a score of 31 or higher on the American College Test.

Summerfield scholarships for men are funded through an endowment established by the late Solon E. Summerfield, who was a Lawrence native and KU graduate. Watkins-Berger scholarships for women are financed by the estate of the late Elizabeth M. Watkins of Lawrence and an endowment in memory of Emily Berger, a KU student, by her brother, the late Arthur Berger of Dallas. The KU Endowment Association manages the funds for both.

The KU Office of Admissions and Scholarships will announce additional Summerfield and Watkins-Berger scholars in the fall.



J. Robinson

Woman honored on 80th

Nadine Anderson was honored with a party on Saturday afternoon at the Oberlin Covenant Church in observance of her 80th birthday. Hosts were her children and their families.

Family members who attended included her husband, Donald Anderson, Oberlin; Marilee and Dave Lambert, Littleton, Colo.; Rollie Anderson, Topeka; Alan and Guynn Anderson, Baytown, Texas; Kary and Jackie Anderson and Dane, Oberlin; Kent Anderson, San Diego, Calif.; Roger Anderson and

Brett, Lenexa; and Jeff and Gwen Anderson, Council Grove.

Mrs. Lambert emceed the program, which included tributes from Nadine's children. Other memories were shared by Eris Young, Jack Metcalf, Kieth Alstrom, Joyce Hartzog, Violet Holle, Gail and Kay Marcuson and Eloise Smith. Pastor Heidi Wiebe gave the prayer.

Other out-of-town guests included Fran and Violet Holle, Atwood; Larry and Diana Alstrom, Hoxie; and Elden and Eleanor Odle, Prairie View.

Advisory council to meet

The board of directors and the advisory council of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29,

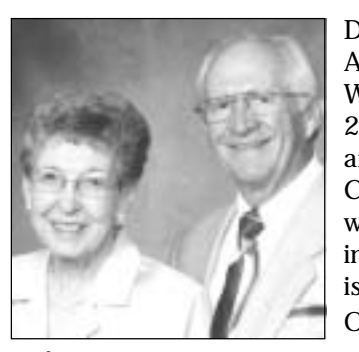
at the Q-Inn Restaurant in Quinter. For details, call (800) 432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

New Arrival

Elijah N. DeKnight

Dave and Vicky DeKnight are the parents of a son, Elijah Nathanael. He weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. He

has an older sister, Emelie. Grandparents are Bill and Sheila DeKnight, Stockton, Mo., formerly of Oberlin; and Bill and Sybil Millar, Lawrence.



Donald and Patricia (Sanders) Ater will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 27, 2003 from 2:00 - 4:00 in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Lamar, Colorado. They were married on July 28, 1953 in the Federated Church which is now the United Church of Oberlin, Kansas.

Before retirement, Patricia was owner and the director of Miss Pat's Preschool and Donald was the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for the Lamar School District. They have two children, Samuel Ater and Leslie (Roger) Stagner and two grandchildren, Annessa and Bronson Stagner.

A story, a memory, or a picture would be a lovely gift for the Anniversary couple. If you are unable to attend, please send these to: Don and Pat Ater
P.O. Box 524
Lamar, Colorado 81052



Happy Birthday

DCHS Class of '51

Those who are 70+ or 70- please join your classmates for lunch at 12 Noon Friday, August 1 at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin

Call Joy (Cathcart) Votapka at 785-475-2982 or email jvotapka@pchorizons.com by Tuesday, July 29 for reservations.

Don't miss a chance to celebrate Scott's 50th Birthday!

Love,

From: Your wife

Kids

Grand kids

Dance at the Red Crown July 26 • 9-1

Happy Birthday Scott Another Year Older Another Year Wiser!!!!