

# Couple honored on 50th

Eugene and Beverly Witt of Danbury, Neb., were honored by their 13 children and families with an open house on Saturday, Nov. 22, at the community building in Cambridge, Neb.

Beverly Wurm, daughter of E. J. "Swede" and Iris Wurm, and Eugene Witt, son of Clarence and Sarah Witt, were married on Nov. 21, 1953. Both are graduates of Decatur Community High School and farm in the Danbury area.

Those attending the open house from Nebraska included: Bruce, Cindy, Megan, Matt and Marc Howe, Wood River; Troy Paben, Charleen Frerichs, and Evelyn Lundeen, Kearney; Becky Benson, Central City; Ernie and Bonnie McCook, Robert and Shirley Lenneman, Franklin; Gordon Monie, Jake and Joan Mowry, Arapahoe; Robert and Avis Ray, Veryl and Eleanor Walters, Chris and Peggy Beck, Cy and Bev Haag, Tosha Beck, Kevin and Katlyn Gerih, Bill, Michele, Chandler and Rachel Witt, Junior, Kerrie, Alex, Josie and Monique Witt, Elder Dan Warcup and Elder Joshua Farnsworth, McCook; Ron and Vera Cumming, Gordon, Gina, Konnor and Reegon Witt, Gene and Shirley Axtell, Linda Thieben, Dean and Helen Berndt, Danbury; Gary and Thelma Witt, Dave and Patty Chambers, Shaun Kircher and Crystal Witt, Culbertson; Patricia Sayer, Julie, Jared, Taylor and Clay Sayer; Sarah Schaben, Pam and Gary Frecks, Cambridge; Sandra



Eugene and Beverly Witt

Nicholson, Lebanon; Jan, Rick, Justin, Jessie and Terry Mowry, Lillian Lemaster, Ruth Ruf; Dick and Bette Martin, Wilsonville; Ginny, Rod, Deidre and Shane Volberding, Ogallala; Lindsay Witt and Lance Madron, Curtis; and Shob Hyke, Wilsonville.

Those from Kansas included: Dwayne and Melberta Lambert, Smith Center; Wesley Haring, Wichita; Ben and Shannon Richardson, Salina; Vic and Flossie Mowry, Hoxie; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; Jeff, Annette, Shawn and Stephanie Troyer, Ellinwood; Ed, Melba and Kylee Witt, Crista Rhoades, Norton; Iris Wurm, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Gary and Carol Allen, Bill and Donna Goss, Dennis and Pat Wurm, James, Kimberly, Keely, Tyler, Ashley and Whitney Witt, Anita, Jenny and Joseph Hirsch, Oberlin.

Those from Colorado were: Tonya, Vianne and Kaylynn Witt, Lakewood; Michele, D.J. and Kyler Witt, Carter and Lois Class, Denver; Norman and Delores Troester, Steve and Joan Class, Englewood; Darrel Witt, Agate; Jesse, Nikki and Cory Witt, Littleton; and Tracy Hesser, Lochbuie.

# Christmas piano concert set

Piano students of Elisabeth Orr and Mary Henzel will perform in a Christmas concert at the Good Samaritan Center at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

Pianists include: Tyler Bruggeman, son of Gary and Alvera Bruggeman; Jacob Helm, son of Mike and Deb Helm; Alexis Hissong, daughter of Travis and Abby Hissong; Molly and Morgan

Jansonius, daughters of Ron and Sheila Jansonius; Sierra Lohoefer, daughter of Seth and Mardi Lohoefer; Taylor Macfee, daughter of Dennis and Shelly Macfee; Erin Russ, daughter of Ed and Vivian Russ; Haley Schiessler, daughter of Kevin and Julie Schiessler; and Jordyn Wasson, daughter of Tom and Tammy Wasson.

# 'A Christmas Carol' at Colby

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" will be presented at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, at the Colby High School auditorium.

A powerful story of redemption, it has enchanted audiences the world over with its simple message of selfless giving. This new adaptation of

the classic is produced by Troupe America Inc., now in its 18th season of producing for the touring theater market.

It is sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association. Admission is by season ticket or \$15 for adults and \$8 for students at the door.

# Junior high music concert set

The Decatur Community Junior High School band and vocal department will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday at the high school auditorium.

The program will include selec-

tions they have learned throughout the year, as well as several holiday numbers. Deanne Spanier is band instructor, and Susan Nelson, vocal director. The public is invited.

# Christian singer performs

Clay Boepple of Des Arc, Ark., is being heard on Christian radio stations in the area.

He is the grandson of the late Jerry and Clay Moreland of Hoxie and the son of Gwyn (Moreland) Boepple, a 1965 graduate of Hoxie High School. He is also a nephew of Virginia and Bob Arnberger of Winona.

Clay began singing in junior high and high school in Ellinwood, was a member of the Mystic Blues, and attended college at Barton County

Community College, where he majored in music.

After receiving a degree from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo., he went to Des Arc, where he is the music/youth minister. His CD "For His Glory" is available in area stores, including the His Shop and The Hairitage Shop, Colby; Great Plains Automotive and Supply, Hoxie; and the Olive Branch Christian Book Store in Oakley, or by calling (877) 475-8601.

# Club News

## Club enjoys cross-stitching

The Nov. 24 meeting of Pi Alpha Club was hosted by mother-daughter members, Joan and Kristy Evans.

Thirteen members were present and told of their special projects for roll call. Joan read an inspirational story, "The Tablecloth," which related to her daughter's program of displaying her extensive cross-stitch projects. Many are framed and included in the wall decor. Joan also showed some of her stitchery projects, in-

cluding a bedspread for her daughter's Christmas.

Donations were collected for the Christmas Angel Tree, sponsored by the Jaycees. Eunice Martin won the hostess gift, a cross-stitched Christmas card.

The annual Christmas tasting tea will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 at the home of Gerry Neff with Pat Wright as co-hostess. The gift exchange will be an angel ornament or tree decoration.

## Couple observe 50th year

Duane and Marilyn Waldo of Manitou Springs, Colo., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 22.

They were married on Nov. 22, 1953, in Waterville and have lived in the Colorado Springs area since 1957. He is a 1948 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a son of the late Ralph and Alice Waldo. Myrtle Waldo of Oberlin is his step-mother and he is a nephew of Genola Claussen and Loyd Waldo of Oberlin.

They have two sons, Mark and Laura Waldo, Kona, Hawaii, and Brett and Stephanie Waldo, Tucson, Ariz. The family celebrated with a



Duane and Marliyn Waldo

week together in California in September

They live at 345 Via Linda Vis, Manitou Springs, Colo., 80829.

## Christmas concert Sunday

The McCook Community Chorus will present a Christmas concert at 4 p.m. Sunday at the United Methodist Church on Norris Avenue in McCook.

Music will range from contemporary Christmas songs by Amy Grant to classical works of Haydn and

Vivaldi. Several will be accompanied by a brass ensemble, pipe organ and grand piano.

Ken Morris of Oberlin is in the brass ensemble, and Dr. Gary Fredrickson sings in the chorus. The public is invited.

# K-State student named American Star Farmer

Orrin Holle, rural Oberlin, a senior in agricultural economics at Kansas State University, was named the National FFA 2003 American Star Farmer at the 2003 National FFA Convention held recently.

The award is the highest honor the agricultural education organization can bestow in production agriculture.

He is the son of Kevin and Mary Holle of Achilles and a grandson of Fran and Violet (Anderson) Holle of Atwood and Roy and Georgia Bauer of Pawnee Rock. His grandmother, Violet Holle, is a 1941 graduate of Decatur Community High School in Oberlin.

A graduate of Atwood High School, he has been involved in the organization for more than seven years. As a part of his FFA-supervised agricultural experience program, he established his own production agriculture farm operation. What began as two calves purchased when he was 12 has since grown into an operation of 172 head of cattle and 1,123 acres of farm ground.

The dream to farm has been there from the start, he said. "I've always known what I wanted to do and that's driven a lot of the goals that I set in life," he said.

He will be the fifth generation in his family to continue at the family farm. In December, following his graduation, he will return home to help his father, who will be recovering from a full hip replacement, with the winter calving. He will be getting married in early June and

looks forward to raising a family just as he has been raised—in production agriculture.

"I just want to keep expanding this operation and be able to pass it down to my kids so that they can pass it down to their kids," Holle said. "I want this to be a viable family farm for future generations."

This isn't the first time that he has been recognized for his achievement in production agriculture. In 2001, he received the FFA grain production proficiency award. In 2000, he was elected to serve as a Kansas state FFA officer for the State Sentinel. That same year, he was named the State Star Farmer.

He credits his success to his roots. "I would not have been able to be successful without the backing of my parents, grandparents, FFA adviser and many others who have helped to develop my potential and have given me the courage to succeed," he said.

As recipient of the American Star Farmer award, he received \$2,000 and was offered the opportunity to participate in an international experience tour to Costa Rica at the end of June. However, this farmer doesn't think that he will have the time. Between a week off for his honeymoon in June and two weeks for the Costa Rica tour, that would mean almost a month away from the farm. In the middle of wheat harvest, that just isn't doable, he said. That's the life of a Kansas farmer.



Orrin Holle

## Support group meets

The early stage Alzheimer's Support Group met in McCook with five members present.

Marjorie Grimm presented a video for those with early stage Alzheimer's. It included directions and suggestions for family and caregivers, and was followed by a

group discussion.

Regular meetings will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the second Saturday of the month, beginning on Jan. 10, at 502 Missouri Ave., Circle Community Room, in McCook.

For details, contact Mrs. Grimm at (308) 345-5041 or Chuck Beebe (308) 345-6221.

# Business group plans farm market

The Oberlin Business Alliance decided to try something new this year and hold a winter farmers market downtown Oberlin from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 13.

The idea is that groups and individuals will sell homemade foods, products and produce. Some of the things the alliance encourages people to sell are garden produce, baked goods, jellies, canned,

cooked and homemade items.

There is no fee for the event, but exhibitors will need to bring their own table.

To sign up, call the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce office at 785-475-3441 by Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The market will be held on Main Street in the vacant store front north of Stanley Hardware.

# Public meeting to focus on sewer rebuilding

The Oberlin City Council will hold a public meeting to talk about the planned rebuilding of the sewage treatment plant at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at The Gateway.

The meeting is part of the appli-

cation process for the city to get a loan. The council invites all sewer users to the meeting so council members can gather opinions on what users want to do about the plant.

# Manufacturer recognizes Oberlin dealer for sales

Reinke, a leading manufacturer of mechanized irrigation systems, recognized Southwest Implement of McCook and Oberlin as a Reinke Pride Gold dealer at the firm's annual sales convention in St. Paul, Minn.

Out of 160 Reinke dealers, only 23 qualified for the Reinke Pride Gold level.

The incentive program distinguishes gold, silver and bronze achievement levels according to an evaluation based on the dealership's exterior and interior housekeeping and maintenance, indoor and outdoor displays, safety, retail environment, merchandising, professionalism, promo/event participation and market share.

"It's an honor for Reinke to be represented so well by so many out-

standing dealers," said Tim Goldhammer, vice president of marketing. "This year we presented more Reinke Pride awards than ever before. That speaks tremendously of these dealers' dedication to service."

Reinke Manufacturing Co., founded in 1954, is one of the world's oldest and largest manufacturers of center pivot and lateral move irrigation systems. Reinke is the pioneer of mechanized irrigation technology, designing the world's first reversible, electric-gear-drive center pivot system.

Headquartered in Deshler, Neb., Reinke says it focuses on quality, service and customer satisfaction. Reinke systems are used throughout the United States and Canada and in more than 30 countries worldwide.

# Marketing course planned

A daylong course, "Marketing for Business," is scheduled at McCook Community College from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17.

The class, co-sponsored by the Great McCook Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the Hormel Center for Business and Technology in McMillen Hall, room 213.

The class will show business

people how to hit sales targets with a good marketing plan and will take participants through the marketing plan decision-making process from promotion to advertising, sales to direct mail. John Dieseth, president of Business Performance Group, will be the presenter.

For details, call (308) 345-8122 or (800) 658-4348, extension 8122.

# Church offers ministries

The Biblical Education Center at 122 S. Penn in downtown Oberlin offers several ministries and they plan to have an open house from 1 to 5 p.m. today.

The center, a ministry of High Plains Baptist Church, also includes a Bible book store, lending library,

and recreation room, where foosball, air hockey and ping pong are available for kids. It is open from 3-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pastor Steve Smith says the public is invited to use any of these facilities.



# Planning a Wedding?

The Oberlin Herald

is happy to run pictures and stories of weddings.

However, we need the information within five weeks of the marriage.

Write-ups received after this date require a \$10 charge for each month past the deadline date.

Stop by our office for a wedding form.

## New Arrival



S. Metcalf

### Seanna Kay Metcalf

Shad and Jody Metcalf of 2310 Courtney Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80919, are the parents of a daughter, Seanna Kay Metcalf, born Nov. 21, 2003. She weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces and was 18 inches long. She has a brother, Bryson, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Bob and Kay Gaskill, and Sid and Cheryl Metcalf. Great-grandparents are Eileene Grose and Charles Corcoran.

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This is our own Sappa Creek that runs through the golf course.

Only 175 prints will be available. Before Christmas these prints are \$68.00 After Christmas they will be \$95.00 Call 785-475-2707 now to reserve a print. They are also available at the LandMark Inn.