

# Club News

## Club visits school library

Shanna Richards hosted the Pi Alpha Club on Feb. 23 when they met at the Oberlin Elementary School library with Rosella Meitl assisting.

Mrs. Richards read, "What If" and "I Wish for You" as devotions. The 12 members present named a favorite book for roll call and Elaine Bryan won the hostess gift.

Mrs. Richards, librarian at the school, reviewed many of the new books for the year, some of which were beautifully illustrated. These included junior fiction and other children's books. She concluded by reading the story, "Bear Snores On." Marty Olson read the Hans Christian

Andersen story, "The Princess and the Pea."

Nine members met on Feb. 18 at Cedar Living Center to celebrate the February birthdays of Berenece McKay and Delores Mumm. Each were presented a pink carnation. Members sang several songs. Rosella Meitl led in group singing with Wenger as accompanist, after which they visited with residents.

It was noted that the Jan. 26 and Feb. 9 meetings were canceled due to the weather.

The club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 8 for a Dutch treat at the Frontier Restaurant with Eileene Grose and Nora Bearley as hostesses.

## Lutherans attend rally

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Lutheran Laymen's League Spring Rally was held on Feb. 9 at the First Lutheran Church at Phillipsburg.

Amos Bolay, a native of Liberia, spoke about Liberia and the mission work there. He will graduate with a masters degree from the seminary at St. Louis in the spring. The Lutheran congregations of the Northwest Zone are funding a trip for his wife to

attend his graduation, then he and his wife will return to Liberia, where he will train others as missionaries. Later the group toured an Orphan Grain Train warehouse to see many items which will be shipped to areas in need.

Those attending from Oberlin were Dorothy Moore, Peggy Groneweg, Ralph and Norma Unger, Dennis Euhus, Wilma May, Karen Eskew, and Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

## Leap-year coffee held

Royal Neighbors of Oberlin hosted a leap-year coffee at Golden Age Center on Feb. 26 for 27 members and guests.

Members from the McCook, Wilsonville and Norcatour camps attended along with other guests. A short program was held and

several guests added some favorite jokes. Coffee, tea and rolls were served. Lora Arnold of Norcatour won the large prize. Small prizes, including some delicious rolls, were given to other lucky guests whose names were drawn.

## Highway hay available

The Kansas Department of Transportation is issuing permits to anyone wanting to harvest hay on Kansas highway right of way.

Applications, available at any department office, are good for one year or a specific haying season.

Those with land adjacent to a highway right of way will be given

first priority until March 31. After that date, permits will be first come, first served.

For details, call the Bureau of Construction and Maintenance in Topeka at (785) 296-3576 or go to [www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org), then click on Public Info.

## Sunflower Singers to perform

The Colby Community College Sunflower Singers, directed by Dr. Phillip Shuman, and the Colby Community College Jazz Ensemble, with Dr. David Mruzek, will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, at the St. Francis

High School Auditorium.

They will provide a variety of selections, including secular, pop and show tunes and old standards.

Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association season pass, or \$8 for adults or \$4 for students.

## Alumni banquet is May 29

The Decatur Community High School Alumni Association is gearing up for its annual banquet on Saturday, May 29.

The banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. at The Gateway, with doors open at 6 p.m. for those who want to

get there early and mingle.

The meal will cost \$12.50 a person, and the association needs reservations back by Wednesday, May 19. Mail checks to Alumni Assn., Box 201, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Waste lesson set for March 10

Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Cathy Musick will present the lesson, "Away With Waste" at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10,

in The Gateway community room. The public is invited. For details, contact the Decatur County extension office at 475-8121.

## New Arrivals

### Lexi Rae Bennett

Mike and Jesse Bennett are the parents of a daughter, Lexi Rae, born Jan. 1, 2004, at Mercy Hospital in Independence. Her mother is the former Jesse DeGroot, a graduate of Decatur Community High School. Grandparents are Jim and Stacey Bennett, Independence; Scott and Darla DeGroot, Ames, Iowa; and Frank and Julie Barnard, McPherson.



L. Bennett

Great-grandmothers are Thelma DuLohery, Independence; and Mary Noone, Oberlin.

### Floyd Grant Bryan

Blayne and Shellee Bryan of Victoria are the parents of a son, Floyd Grant, born Feb. 21, 2004, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita on his mother's birthday. He weighed 3 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 16 inches long. Grandparents are Floyd and Dale Marie Bryan, rural Oberlin; and Harold and Julie Stefan, Goodland. Paternal great-grandparents are Floyd and Elaine Bryan, Oberlin.

# Group promotes activities

The STAR (Stop Along the Road) committee at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center has promoted several activities to create a more comprehensive bond with co-workers.

Members include Linda Hollowell, chairperson; Andrea Scott, secretary; Angela Musgrave, Joan Evans, Frannie Nothdurft, Paula Corcoran, Violet Krizek and Judy Jordan.

They promote and encourage interaction between staff and residents and create greater staff involvement through various activities.

Each month the committee hosts a social hour for residents and staff, which includes decorating a wall with the residents' names, according to that month's theme. They also sponsor several large events throughout the year, including free resident shopping for Christmas, making it possible for each resident to give their family a gift, and a Valentine tea using fine china to serve homemade cookies and beverages.

A Bunny Hop is planned in April with a live band, and a quarterly potluck birthday lunch for staff is also held. The committee raised money for these projects by selling candles, through the candy machine, holding a rocking chair giveaway and recycling pop cans.

The committee expressed appreciation to the staff, residents and their families, and the Oberlin merchants who support them throughout the year with donations and their willingness to volunteer their time and efforts.

## Emergency loans offered

Farmers in Phillips, Norton, Decatur and Rawlins counties who suffered crop losses because of severe drought last year may apply for Farm Service Agency emergency loans.

"Loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at 3.75 percent interest rate," said John C. Vogt, farm loan manager. "They are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay," he said.

Loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes) lost through this disaster. The money may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, to make payments on real estate and chattel debts, or for essential operating and living expenses.

To be eligible, an applicant must be operating a family-size farm or ranch and unable to get credit elsewhere.

Farmers who suffered at least a 30 percent reduction to at least one crop may have a qualifying loss. Emergency loans cover up to 100 percent of qualifying losses up to \$500,000, less the outstanding principal balance of prior emergency loans.

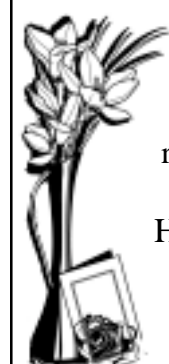
Farmers can make applications at the Farm Service office in Norton, 113 N. Norton Ave., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## World Day of Prayer is Friday

World Day of Prayer will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin.

Theme will be "In Faith, Women Shape the Future." The public is invited.

The family of  
Loyal Springer  
request a  
Card Shower  
for his  
60th Birthday  
March 6



Cards will reach him at:

HC 66 Box 21  
Bartley, NE  
69020



THE MEITL FAMILY is shown in this five-generation picture. They include (front row) Debby Sigwing, grandmother of Brayden Lee Quakenbush, who is held by his father, Terry Quakenbush (center). To his right is Brayden Lee's great-grandmother, Donna Boswell, and to his left, his great-great-grandmother, Evelyn Meitl, Dresden. All of the others are from Wichita.

## Eastern Star benefit set for March 11

The Oberlin Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will sponsor a homemade chicken and noodle benefit dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, for the Forget-Me-Nots, at the Masonic Temple dining

room.

An elevator is available to the second floor.

All proceeds will go to the Forget-Me-Nots for its projects. The program is under the direction of Den-

nis Brown, who uses the money to help the elderly in both nursing homes, as well as those who still live in their own homes, by preparing meals and other activities.

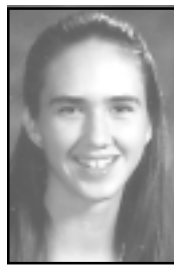
Donations will be accepted.



M. Coleman



K. Dorshorst



R. Hasty



S. Heikes



A. Moore



Brent Smith

## Area Hansen Scholars named

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan has named six seniors at Decatur Community High School in Oberlin as winners in its 30th annual scholarship competition.

They include: Matt Coleman, son of Mike and Mirla Coleman, and Allie Moore, daughter of Monte and Kelly Moore, who received \$3,000 for one year, which may be renewed for one additional year if they maintain a satisfactory academic record.

Kelsey Dorshorst, daughter of Duane and Pat Dorshorst; Rebekah Hasty, daughter of the Rev. Doug and Sara Hasty; Brent Smith, son of

Larry and Karen Smith; and Serina Heikes, daughter of Nita Lavielle, received non-renewable Hansen Student Awards of \$2,000.

Among other area students who received awards were: Ashley Stephenson, daughter of Orba and Kelly Stephenson, Selden, and Jeffrey Wessel, son of William and Carol Wessel, Dresden, who were awarded \$2,000, renewal for one year with satisfactory work; and Alicia Bergling, daughter of Dave Bergling and Cindy Bergling, Herndon; Justin Grafel, son of J.R. and Phyllis Grafel, Herndon; Dana

Broeckelman, daughter of Joe and Cathy Broeckelman, Selden; and Kelsey Spesser, daughter of Dennis and Shawn Spesser, Dresden, who received \$1,500 Vocational Education Awards.

In selecting award winners, the scholarship committee considered proficiency in verbal and writing skills, as well as other important factors including academic records, test scores, and community service in which the student may have participated.

## GRAHAM COUNTY, KS ABSOLUTE LAND AUCTION

### 560 ACRES IRRIGATED, DRYLAND & GRASS

**SELLERS:**  
Goddard Family

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**  
SE/4 of Section 16-6-24, Graham County, KS (includes well)  
NE/4 of Section 16-6-24, Graham County, KS  
SE/4 of Section 9-6-24, Graham County, KS  
N/2NW/4 of Section 16-6-24, Graham County, KS  
Pivot on Tract 2 - 1989 T&L 9-tower sprinkler  
Pivot on Tract 1 - 1976 T&L 10-tower sprinkler

**LAND LOCATION:** From First Security Bank in Lenora, KS, follow the river road East approximately 1 mile, then go 3 miles South to the county line, then 1/2 mile West, then 1 1/2 miles South to the NE corner of the property. SIGNS WILL BE POSTED!

**MANNER OF SALE:** This real estate will be offered in 6 tracts and in combinations of tracts.

**TERMS:** 10% down day of sale, balance to be paid on or before April 9, 2004, or upon such terms as may be acceptable to the Seller. Personal and corporate checks are acceptable for the down payment with the final payment to be made in certified funds. All funds will be held by the Auctioneer in their trust account or by an identified title/escrow company. Bidding is not contingent upon financing. Financing, if necessary, needs to be arranged and approved prior to the auction. **Announcements made day of sale take precedence over printed material.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS:** Each successful bidder will be required to enter into a Farm & Ranch Real Estate Purchase Contract immediately following the auction. Copies of the contract will be available from the auctioneer prior to the sale.

**EVIDENCE OF TITLE:** Seller will provide title insurance to the Buyer(s) in the amount of the purchase price with the premium to be paid one-half by the Buyer(s) and one-half by the Seller. Title evidence will be provided on sale day. Buyer(s) may close as soon as closing documents are prepared - no later than April 9, 2004.

**CLOSING & POSSESSION:** Date of closing will be on or before April 9, 2004. Possession will be date of closing.

**MINERALS:** All of the Seller's interest will transfer to the Buyer(s) at closing. Mineral rights are believed to be 100% intact.

**TAXES:** Seller will pay taxes for all of 2003 and prior years. Taxes for 2004 will be paid by the Buyer.

**CROPS:** Buyer will receive 100% of the 2004 growing wheat crop. (Approximately 50 acres)

**FSA INFORMATION:** Buyer will receive 100% all FSA payments associated with the 2004 crop year.

**IRRIGATION INFORMATION:** Tract 1 has one irrigation well that is authorized for 159 AF at 745 GPM under Water Right File No. 26,542.

**ACREAGES:** Acreage figures are considered to be approximate and are from reliable sources, based on (USDA) FSA figures. All FSA information is subject to change. FSA acres may not be the same as deeded acres.

**INSPECTIONS:** Each potential bidder is responsible for conducting their own independent inspections and due diligence concerning pertinent facts about the property. Neither Seller nor Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., its agency & representatives are making any warranties about the property, either expressed or implied.

**EASEMENTS:** This sale is subject to all rights-of-way and easements, whether recorded or not, and to any oil and gas leases of record.

**AGENCY & ESCROW:** Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., its agents and representatives, are the Exclusive Agents of the Seller.

Tract 1 includes a Detroit 6 cylinder diesel irrigation motor and fuel tanks.

**TRACTS 5 & 6:**  
There is a salvage offer of \$10,000 on Tract 5 and \$5,000 on Tract 6 which will be the opening bids at the auction on these respective tracts.

TRACT	LEGAL	CROP LAND ACRES	IRR ACRES	GRASS ACRES	WHEAT BASE/YLD	OATS BASE/YLD	CORN BASE/YLD	GR SORG BASE/YLD	BARLEY BASE/YLD	2003 TAXES
1	SE/4 of 16-6-24	154.9	129.0+		93.8/38	13.6/44	11.2/128	27.1/90	4.4/36	\$555.99
2	NE/4 of 16-6-24	151.2	122.4+		91.1/38	13.3/44	9.9/128	24.9/90	4.9/36	\$878.80
3	SE/4 of 9-6-24	89.4*		70.6+	53.9/33	8.1/44	5.2/128	13.5/90	2.1/36	\$259.60
*The cropland acres on the SE/4 of Section 9 include some old grass acreage that is still considered cropland per Graham County FSA										
4	N/2NW/4 of 16-6-24	40.8		39.2+	24.6/38	3.6/44	3.0/128	7.2/90	1.2/36	\$185.76

The cropland acres and base acres for each tract have been split by Graham County FSA

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**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** This land has been in the Goddard family for many years. Due to its distance from the farm headquarters, this land is being sold. The irrigation well was tested and pumped at 950 GPM this winter. The sprinklers are being offered separately from the land for those buyers who want to install a new sprinkler. You can buy the land and then buy a sprinkler to match your land, or the existing sprinklers will be removed by the date of closing.

The family of  
Veda Heisel  
requests a card shower  
to honor her  
85th Birthday  
on March 6th.

Cards will reach her at: HC-01 Box 269, Lenora, KS 67645

Internet tonight  
475-2206