

School board hears plan for science class

The Oberlin School Board last week told two high school science teachers to work with the curriculum committee to add another science class because graduation requirements are changing.

Teachers Caleb Howland and Mark Bricker met with the board to go over the idea of a general science class which would be offered starting a year from now.

Decatur Community High Principal Charles Haag said the class of 2009 will need three sciences and three math courses to graduate. He said most college-bound students already take three science courses, but those kids who don't go to college don't normally take all three.

The idea of the new science class is to give those students not going onto college a third option, he said.

Mr. Howland said there would be two tracks then. The first one would include the new class at the beginning, then biology 1 and physical science. That would be for students not as strong in the subject.

Then second would be the way most students go now, the college prep track, which is biology 1, physical science and chemistry.

General science would get the students ready for the next science, said Mr. Howland, while also is giving them some earth/space science, which currently isn't taught at the school.

He said he and Mr. Bricker wanted permission to go look at textbooks and start getting a curriculum in place.

Oberlin Elementary Principal Duane Dorshorst said the idea needs to go to the curriculum committee. He said the state Board of Regents requirements are changing so that all students need the three sciences, but general science won't count. It

has to be a specific area. If the class is going to be heavy on earth science, he asked, why not just teach that?

Has the district had an earth science class in the past? asked Superintendent Kelly Glodt. Mr. Bricker said he taught one, but doesn't now because he has a full schedule and Mr. Howland isn't certified to teach it.

Mr. Haag said Randy Olson could teach the general science class, but it wouldn't count for Regents requirements. The other problem is that students take the state assessments at the beginning of their sophomore year, he said, and may not know what they need with only taking a general science class.

Are the students prepared for biology 1? asked Mr. Glodt. Mr. Howland said there are eight to 10 kids each year who struggle with the class. Then there are around six who are at the other end.

Maybe general science isn't the right class, said Mr. Haag, but there needs to be something and maybe something that prepares the students better.

If science is put on the curriculum committee schedule, would there be time to get a class going next year? asked Board Member Dewayne Jackson.

If the class is added on in the junior year, then there are really three years for that to be done, said Mr. Haag. This year the committee will be doing reading and a few other minor things, said Mr. Dorshorst.

Mr. Haag said it may only be eight or 10 kids who need the class at the beginning.

Mr. Jackson said he would like to see the issue hammered out in the curriculum committee and then see what happens.

Lunkenheimer reunion held at Leoville church

The 14th reunion of the Joseph and Eve (Meitl) Lunkenheimer family was held Sunday, June 6, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

A family heritage tour at 12:30 p.m. was followed by lunch. The Rosalia Stephens family conducted the tour to the original homesites of Joseph and Eve Meitl Lunkenheimer, Mary and Ferd Reichert, Frank and Mary Meitl, Louise and George Schroer, John and Bertha Meitl, Margaret and John Heim, and Anna and Frank Dempewolf.

Families present included: Mr. and Mrs. John Juenemann; Evelyn Meitl, Donna Boswell, Brayden Kauckenbush, Jerry and Velma Meitl; Duane Meitl, Lorene Reinert,

Dennis Meitl, Greg Stephens, Rose Chancellor, Jeanie Johnson, Gerard, Sue and Danny Stephens; Phil, Joyce, Audrey and Kelsie Morel; Patty, Ron, Sean, and Shayla Gray; Mariah Thompson, Feather Vigo, Tony and Pauletta Bieker; Travis Bieker, Loretta Meitl, Rosella and Walter Meitl; Annabelle and Ray Heim; Helen Kruse, Irene Kruse, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Heim; Rosalia Stephens, Bryce, Linda, and Demetria Stephens; Dave and Janet Meitl; Ben, Andrew, and Jamie Meitl; Zach, Dawson, and Dylan Spresser; Steve Knopp; Rose and David McFarland; and Frank Knopp.

The next reunion in 2007 will be hosted by Irene Kruse, Maxine Shipley and Pauletta Bieker.

Dempewolfs meet in Wichita

The biannual family reunion of descendants of Frank and Anna Dempewolf was held at Boston Park in Wichita on June 5.

Hosts were the Carolyn Peterson family — Larry and Glenda Peterson, and Ken and Judy Peterson and family, Wichita; Linda Kaufman and family, Derby; and Edith and Jim Williams and family, Houston.

Those attending, by families, included:

Richard and Jean Dempewolf, Colby — Charles and Dana Dempewolf and family, Steve and LaDonna Dempewolf and family, Colby.

Pauline Ritter, Dresden — Ann Middleton, Goodland; Gerald and Phyllis Ritter and family, Shawnee; Mary Jane Ritter and Ford Wiltrout,

Wichita. Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin — Douglas and Chris Dempewolf and family, Dave and Patty Stapp and family, Norcat; Linda Schlip, McCook; Bob Dempewolf, Oberlin.

Delores Zerr, Andover — Jessica Padgett, Becky and Richard White and family, Wichita.

Don and Laurene Dempewolf, Oberlin — Kevin and Donna Juenemann and family, Colby; Larry and Kim Dempewolf and family, Central City, Neb.; Michael and Jennifer Driskell, Kansas City, Mo.

Myron and Dianne Kleidosty, Simi Valley, Calif.

Vona Lea Dempewolf, Rapid City, S.D., was unable to attend for health reasons.

Seventh grader honored

Christopher Larson, a seventh-grader at Decatur Community Junior High School, was honored on June 6 at the Kansas Recognition Ceremony, sponsored by the Duke University Talent Identification Program.



Chris Larson

Students attending the ceremony at the University of Kansas qualified by earning a math or verbal score on one of the college entrance tests higher than 90 percent of college-bound high school seniors.

Christopher is the son of David and Belinda Larson, brother of Tim and Emily Larson, and grandson of Merlin and Carolyn Rippe and Wayne and Jo Larson of Oberlin and Donna and Terry O'Brien of Omaha.



CANCER SURVIVORS waited to receive balloons to carry on the first lap of the Relay for Life Friday evening in downtown Oberlin, as family members were on hand to cheer them on. The balloons were released into the sky after the walk was completed.

—Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Hats, head adornments on display

An exhibit, "Hats and Head-dresses: Adornment of the Head from Around the World," will be on display at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan from July 16 through Sept. 12.

It will include some 100 hats and headaddresses from a private collection of 225. The museum says they are a tribute to the diversity of the

world's cultures and not only speak to man's ingenuity and creativity, but knowledge of the hat provides insight into a culture's history, customs, values, beliefs and environment. Hats are worn to protect the head, but also can confirm religious values, mark life passages, identify an occupation, indicate social status and reflect the wearer's cultural and

personal affiliations.

The showing is part of a 17-city national tour over a four-year period, developed and managed by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, an exhibition tour development company in Kansas City, Mo.

New Arrivals

Jonah Nathaniel Rupe

Luanne and Jeremy Rupe of Hays

are the parents of a son, Jonah Nathaniel, born June 13, 2004. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and has two brothers, Joshua, 4, and Jonathan, 20 months. Grandparents are Dale and Cheryl Votapka, Oberlin; Sherman and Jo Rupe, Madison Lake, Minn., and Sue Rupe, Hays.



Jonah Rupe

His maternal great-grandmother is Odene Koehler, Oberlin.

Breckin M. Sauvage

Justin Sauvage and Nikki Dolan are the parents of a son, Breckin Michael, born June 16, 2004, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. He weighed 8 pounds, 8.5 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are Scott and Cindy Dolan, and Michael and Cheryl Sauvage, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Keith and Maxine Sauvage, and Bonnie Dolan, Oberlin; Mary Arehart, Norton; and Virginia Baker, Cambridge, Neb.

Club News

Calico Gals honor couple

Gaylord and Shirley Shields were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary when 14 members and 22 guests of Calico Gals met at the Oberlin City Park for a picnic supper on June 16.

Barbara Young gave a reading and the group sang several old-

time songs. The honored couple was presented with a gift and anniversary cake. Shirley Euhus and Gaylord Shields were married on June 26, 1954.

The next meeting will be a 10 a.m. brunch on Sept. 15 in the garden at the home of Mrs. Shields.

Family potluck supper held

Thirty-five members and guests of the Oberlin Royal Neighbors Camp met at the Golden Age Center on June 17 for a family potluck supper. Members from McCook, Wilsonville and Norcat were guests.

Oracle Nadean Stoney wel-

comed the guests and Millie Lippelmann gave the invocation.

Jim Huston, new field representative, was a guest and spoke following the meal. The program included entertaining articles and jokes. Charles Haag and Vivian Bishop won the door prizes.

Group enjoys salad luncheon

Diabetes Under Control group enjoyed a salad luncheon on June 16 at the United Church.

They discussed what they

would like to know more about and what their main interests are. The next meeting will be announced later.



The children of Dole and Phyllis (Eiler) Metcalf are hosting a card shower in honor of the couple's 50th anniversary, July 8. Their children are Pat and husband Steve Ranz, Fertile, MN., and Joe and wife Lolita Metcalf, Danbury, NE. They have 5 grandchildren.

Happy 50th Anniversary
Cards of congratulations will reach the couple at 205 N. Marks, Oberlin, KS 67749

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