

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Lucy Schissler, who has been hospitalized at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital in Denver for knee surgery, is now staying at Berkley Manor Care Center while undergoing therapy. Mail will reach her at the center, 7355 Locust Street, Room 103, Denver, Colo., 80224. Her phone number is (303) 320-4377.

Dick and Linda Weber have purchased a farmstead just north of Oberlin and have moved here from Casper, Wyo. He is presently in Africa, where they had served as missionaries, and will be returning to Oberlin soon with some of their belongings. Mrs. Weber is a sister of Doris Fringer, Ina Goodnight and Judy Scott of Oberlin and is employed in the kitchen at Decatur County Hospital.

—Benefit ham/bean feed for swimming pool, Thursday, 5-7 p.m., at Legion, by Auxiliary.

Marj Law of Lakewood, Colo., came Saturday to visit and care for her mother, Fern Jording, who had been hospitalized.

Corey Fortin, a junior majoring in animal science and agribusiness at Kansas State University, is the second recipient of the Congressional Fellowship offered by the Kansas Farm Bureau, with funding by the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation. The program is designed to provide vital hands-on experience in the workings of government. He is vice president of the Collegiate 4-H, has served as an ag ambassador and attended the 2004 Kansas Farm Bureau Governor's Farm and Ranch tour and the 2004 Changing Seasons Leadership development program. He is the son of Jerry and Jolene Fortin of Oberlin.

Goldie Raulston celebrated her 92nd birthday with a dinner for several invited guests on Thursday at Wheat Ridge Terrace. Her birthday was Saturday.

—Prairie Chapel Church pancake and sausage supper, 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. Freewill donation.

Arlo Wurm returned home Monday after being hospitalized since Wednesday at Decatur County Hospital. He is recuperating from heart surgery for two stents, which he underwent recently at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. His wife,

Bonnie, and all of his children were there for his surgery.

Phyllis Nicholson of Salina is recuperating from a shattered ankle, which she suffered when a car did not stop at a stop sign and struck her vehicle last week, near Grainfield. She was en route to Oberlin to visit her mother, Lora Zwickle, who has been hospitalized at Decatur County Hospital.

Bayley Bryan, Adam Overmiller and Adam Spanier of Oberlin were named to the President's List (4.0) at McCook Community College for the fall semester. They must maintain an overall 3.9 or greater grade point average to qualify. Aaron Stef of Oberlin was on the Dean's (3.5-3.89).

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Kelsey Jackson of Norcatar has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. To make the dean's list, students must earn at least a 3.0 grade point average. She is the daughter of Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson.

Howard and Carolyn Kuhn left Monday for their home in Topeka after spending a week with her parents, Byron and Phyllis McCartney. Mrs. McCartney was hospitalized several days with bronchitis, but has returned home.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Veanna Orr, Dewaine Stapp, Stephen LaBash, Lawrence Wenger, Doris Fringer, Max Carman, Vivian Bishop and Dorothy Moore. Lows were won by Aleen Van Vleet, Barb Solko, Floyd Edgett, Max Carman, Wilma May, Veanna Orr, Vivian Bishop, Henry Edgett and Steven LaBash. Winning highs in pitch were Henry Edgett and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Wilma May and Doris Miller. Senior potluck will be held at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Linda Weber, Judy Scott and Doris Fringer went to Imperial, Neb., on Sunday to visit their sister and her husband, Janice and Arvin Kurth.

Rebekah and Ian Peña were Monday callers and dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters. Mrs. Wolters is recuperating from recent surgery.

## Contractor elected treasurer

Kevin Kelley, president of Kelley Construction Co. Inc. of Topeka, was elected treasurer of Associated General Contractors of Kansas at the group's 71st annual convention recently in Overland Park.



Kevin Kelley

The group is the state's largest commercial and industrial building construction trade association, representing more than 275 general and specialty contractors and suppliers throughout Kansas.

Mr. Kelley is a 1974 graduate of Decatur Community High School and received his Bachelor of Science in Construction Science and Management at Kansas State University. He is a past board member of the Topeka Ronald McDonald House. He is a graduate of the "Leadership Greater Topeka" class of 1998 and is on the Kaw Area Technical School Business Advisory Council.

He is the son of Dick and Donna Kelley of Oberlin. He and his wife Debbie have two sons, Nathan and Seth, and live in Silver Lake.

## Church to sponsor concert

Oberlin Community Fellowship Church will host the Mid Valley Quartet in a worship/praise concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday at The Gateway.

The quartet is made up of three Schoon brothers, Kim, Don and Lyle, and a woman named Jacque. The Schoon family began its ministry in the 70s. Their music ranges from southern gospel, jazz, and blue grass to folk, ballad, country, and contemporary gospel.

The quartet will also present a concert at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the church, located at Highway 36 and Penn Avenue. A fellowship dinner will follow. The public is invited.

## Pool benefit Thursday

The American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a benefit ham-and-bean feed for the Oberlin Swimming Pool Fund from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday at the Legion Hall.

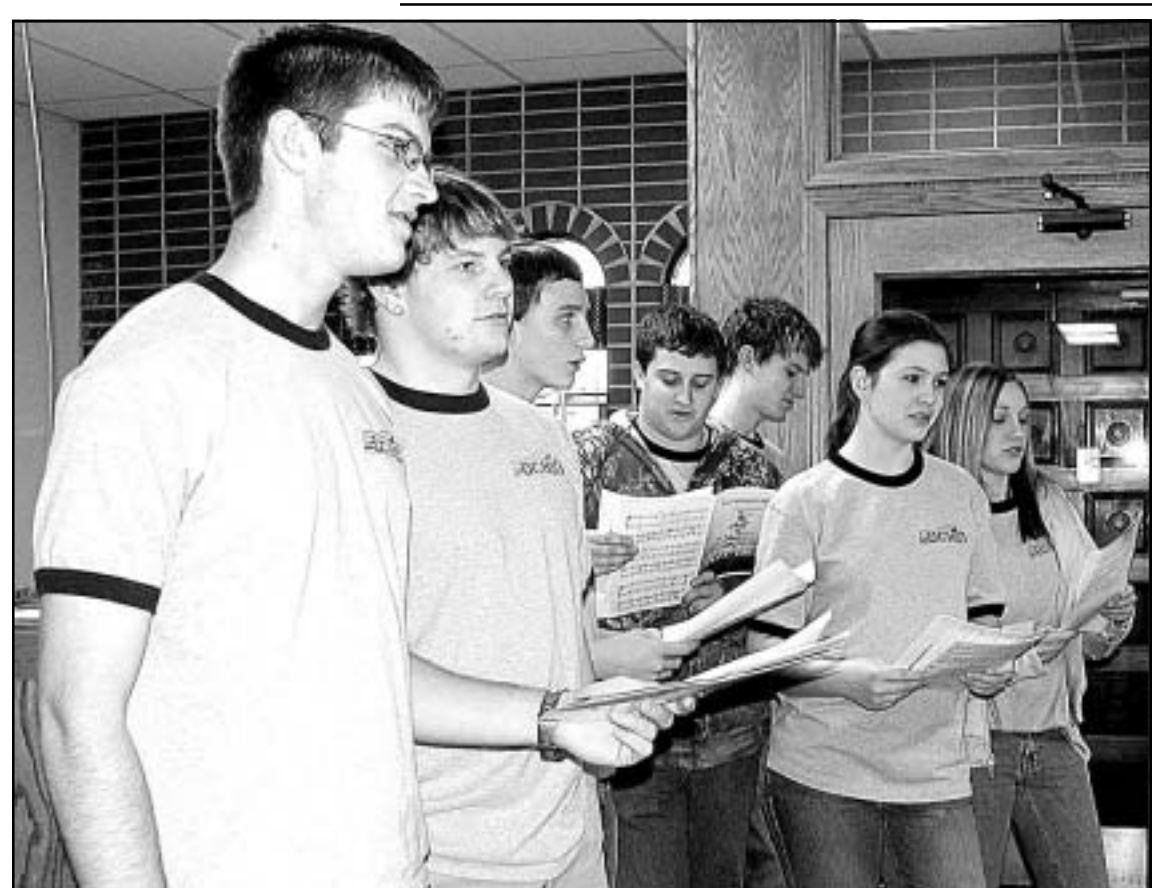
For details, call Anna Shaw at 475-2707, or Phyllis Metcalf at 475-2479.

## Scholarship deadline near

Deadline for high school students to submit Mid-Plains Community College scholarship applications is March 1. The purple forms are available from high school counselors.

Freshmen may be eligible for scholarships and tuition waivers for next year, but must reapply for their sophomore year.

Applications and a master scholarship list are available at the financial aid office at North Platte Community College or in the Welcome Center at McCook Community College.



THE DCHS SINGERS brought "Singing Valentines" to sweethearts, relatives and friends in Oberlin on Valentine's Day on Monday. The group was under the direction of Susan Nelson. —Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Eighth grader wins spelling contest

Alyssa Rippe, Oberlin eighth grader, won the Decatur County Spelling Bee held last Wednesday at Jennings, making her eligible for the second year in a row to represent Decatur County at state competition in Topeka.

She lasted through a list of 59 words to defeat five other contestants in the county competition. She correctly spelled "emphasis" and "bitterscotch" to capture the trophy. The daughter of Lynn and Joyce

Rippe, she will go to Topeka on March 26 for state competition at the Garvey Fine Arts Center at Washburn University.

Haley Barrett, also an Oberlin eighth grader, placed second, going out on the word "dromedary." Sixth grader Megan Wentz held out until round 10 to earn third place, going down on the word "tendency."

Keithen Fortin, Oberlin; and Jacinta Carter and Amanda Adams, Jennings, were other contestants.

The Oberlin students were accompanied by Duane Dorshorst, principal at Oberlin Elementary School.

Lois Heilman and Judy Rogers were the judges and Julie Carter pronounced the words.



Alyssa Rippe

## Herndon man celebrates 80th with open house

Don Grafel of Herndon was honored with an open house on Sunday afternoon at the Herndon Senior Center for his 80th birthday.

Hosts were his wife Joan, and his children, Keith and Roma Grafel, Oberlin; Kent Grafel, Culbertson; Kyle and Cindi Grafel, Herndon; Leah Atchley, Knoxville, Tenn.; and Kurt and Kristin Grafel, Utica, and families. The family enjoyed supper together following the reception.

Those who signed the guest book included Roger and Joan Franke, Hutchinson; Keith, Roma, Rusty, Egan, Teryn, Sydney, and Sager Grafel, Tom and Kay Franke, Steve, Susan and Makenzie Nelson, Ralph and Violet Shaw, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt; Erlene Schroer, Barb Castor, Vic and Opal Bryan, Thelma Spiers, Elaine Bryan, Cecil Hess, Gene and Marcella Leitner, Oberlin. Kate Grafel and Don Soucek, Lincoln, Neb.; Chris and Kristyn Clapp, Betty Rouselle, Kent and Carolyn Grafel, Culbertson, Neb.; Kurt and Kris Grafel, Keaton, Kayla and Kourtney, Utica;

tin, Elma Lee Erickson, Herndon; Ellen Palmer, Don and Em Threlkel, Verol and Rosemary Bergling, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Creighton, Atwood; Ray and Barb Grafel, Gladys Crocker, Cloyd Hoyt, McCook; Charlotte Smith, Topeka; Leah Atchley, Knoxville, Tenn.; Archie Aman, Loveland, Colo.; Beulah Brown, Fort Morgan, Colo.; and Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell.

## New Arrival

### Brennan C. Wunderly

Nate and Jade Wunderly of Olathe are the parents of a son, Brennan Cole, born Feb. 5, 2005, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Grandparents

are Carol Morford, Oberlin; Woody Morford, McCook; Don and Peggy Wunderly, Fort Scott. Great-grandparents are Obert Skarphol, Madelia, Minn.; Margaret Grillo, St. Paul, Kan.; and Geneva Morford, Oberlin.

## Club News

### Auxiliary chooses delegates

Five junior girls from Decatur Community High School who are interested in attending Girls State presented the program at the Feb. 9 meeting of the Oberlin American Legion following a potluck supper.

Those introduced by Mary Lohofener, Girls State chairman, were Nikki Lincoln, Anne Wasson, Lora Marietta, Danica May and Jennifer Shaw.

President Phyllis Metcalf gave the welcome, and the flag salute and prayer were led by Vice President Joan Evans.

After hearing the reports, the group decided to send all five. Ron Bryan will sponsor one and

the auxiliary will sponsor the other four. The girls were informed the following morning at school.

A report was given of the Jan. 27 meeting with the Legion and Sons of Legionnaires which was attended by five auxiliary members.

The ham and bean, cornbread and pie supper for the benefit of the swimming pool project will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday at the Legion. Letters were read from the district, June Harold, the Maxine Chambers family, and Jerry Chambers. The meeting was closed by reciting the preamble.

### Valentine coffee enjoyed

Thirty-five members and guests met at the Golden Age Center for a Valentine coffee on Saturday afternoon, sponsored by the Oberlin Royal Neighbors.

Members from Norcatar, McCook, Wilsonville, and Oberlin, as well as other guests, were present.

The group enjoyed visiting and listening to music provided by Myrna Jones, along with valen-

tine poems and a quiz, for entertainment.

After cinnamon rolls and coffee or tea were served, door prizes were drawn and winners were Karen Scott of McCook, and Millie Lippelmann of Oberlin. Other guests were winners of valentine table decorations.

The next regular meeting will be on Friday, March 11, at Golden Age Center.

### Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met for breakfast at the Frontier Restaurant on Feb. 9 with 12 present.

Doris Fringer read, "Annual Rules for the Summer Garden" for devotions.

Those present were Nadean Stoney, Millie Lippelmann,

Phyllis Screen, Bertha Schwisow, Esther Carlson, Bernie Fred Eileene Grose, Doris Sloan, Cecil Hess, Elaine Bryan, Dorothy Jackson and Doris Fringer.

The group will meet for an 11:30 a.m. luncheon at Keeno's Road House on March 9.



The family of **Christine (Ricketts) Richards** request a card shower for her 80th birthday on Feb. 28, 2005

Friends and relatives are invited to send cards to her at **1404 E. Oxford Pl., Olathe, KS 66062**



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The Decatur County Conservation District is sponsoring a farewell open house for **Lee Copeland, DC, NRES** on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005. Please join us for refreshments at the **USDA Service Center, Oberlin** between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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