

# People in Our Community

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Mabel McLaughlin of Sturgeon, Mo., has been a houseguest of Laurene VanOtterloo the past week. She accompanied Frank and Margaret McEvoy to Grinnell on Friday, where they were supper guests of Brian and Dawn Beckman, Ethan and Jordyn.

Shirley and Gaylord Shields, Connie Simonsson, and Dr. Steve LaBash, members of the Decatur County Master Gardeners, will be giving free seminars hourly at the Home and Garden Show on Saturday at The Gateway.

Ila Ray received word last week of the death of a cousin's husband, William Eiswerth, 78, of Riverside, Calif. His wife is the former Margie Coulter, a 1948 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Mail will reach Mrs. Eiswerth at 8345 Bruce Ave., 92503-1442. A daughter, Kim, and her husband also survive.

Dennis and Judy Shirley returned to their home in Oberlin on Thursday from Kearney, Neb., where he had been hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital since suffering a stroke. He is undergoing therapy at Decatur County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stapp of Holcomb spent the weekend with his parents, Don and Goldie Stapp, to help Goldie celebrate her birthday.

**—Santa Bucks expire March 31, 2006.**

Four of the Moore brothers, Melvin of Benkelman, Neb.; Rex of McCook; Francis and Loyd of Oberlin and a friend, Neil McCoy of Arapahoe, Neb., attended the Big 12 Basketball Tournament in Dallas last week. Loyd also visited his granddaughter, Allie Moore, who was playing with the K-State Pep Band. They met their other brother, Stanley of Montgomery, Texas, at Dallas so all of the men could be together last week.

Marj Jording came last Tuesday to help her mother, Fern Jording, after she was dismissed from Decatur County Hospital. She had been hospitalized several days with influenza.

**—St. Patrick's Brunch Buffet, Sunday, March 19, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. For reservations call 475-2340.**

Dave Gaskill of Golden, Colo., was a recent guest of his brother and wife, Bob and Kay Gaskill. He accompanied them to Weston, Mo., to visit John and Marian Gaskill. Bob

and Kay then flew from Kansas City with the Kansas City Lyric Opera and enjoyed five performances at the Metropolitan Opera in Carnegie Hall. They heard Samuel Ramey, who spent his early years in Winona, former home of the Bob Gaskills. Dave Gaskill accompanied them home on March 1.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Dewaine Stapp, Veanna Carman, Floyd Edgett and Wilma May. Lows went to Barb Solko, Floyd Edgett, Doris Fringer, Harry Edgett, Helena Bruggeman and Veanna Carman. Pitch highs were won by Helena Bruggeman and Henry Edgett with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet. Bridge winners were Leone Purton and Annette Miller.

Rusty Addleman, Herb Shirley and Randy Ostmeier of Oberlin attended the Big 12 Basketball Tournament in Dallas. They were joined by Allen Jeffus of Topeka.

Jean Earlywine of Louisville, Colo., accompanied her sister, Ila Ray, home last Tuesday after she had visited in her home. Jean is recuperating from a broken leg which she suffered in a recent fall, and is spending two weeks here.

Doris Sloan entertained with a birthday party on Sunday, March 5, to honor Donald Wasson, Jim Wasson, Leanna Sloan and Joe and Vickie Schmidt on their birthdays. Joe and Vickie were unable to attend. Those present included Tom and Leanna Sloan of Hoxie, Donald Wasson, Jim and Laurie Wasson, Dan Wasson and Nolan, LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt, Chris Schmidt, Judy Shirley, Tom and Tami Wasson and family, and Michael and Kelly Wasson.

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Roger and Angie Wilson returned home Wednesday from Mission, Texas, where they had vacationed the past two months.

Helen Gee was in Kearney, Neb., from Tuesday through Friday with Arlene Billington of Atwood while her husband, Guy Billington, was hospitalized. He was transferred to the Rawlins County Hospital on Friday and Mrs. Gee returned home Friday evening.

Lori Gaskill of Edgewater, Colo., has been a houseguest the past week of her parents, Bob and Kay Gaskill.

## Benefit planned for family

A pancake and sausage benefit will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall for Kevin and Julie Schiessler.

The couple lost livestock and equipment when their barn burned

to the ground recently. The benefit is sponsored by ThriVent for Lutheran Members of Decatur County. Donations received will be supplemented with funds from Smoky Hills Chapter of ThriVent for Lutherans.

## Alumni banquet May 27

The Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at The Gateway, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

Officers of the Alumni Association are Ken Badsy, president; Gaylen Huntley, vice president; Karen Waterman Eskew, secretary; and Rose Pachner Riffle, treasurer.

A coupon for the banquet is printed on page 7A in this week's *Oberlin Herald*. It also will be published on April 12, April 26, and May 3. Deadline for reservations is May 19.

The coupon with payment is to be returned to Box 201, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Benefit Saturday in Norcatur

A whole-hog roast will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Norcatur school cafeteria as a benefit for Jim and Teresa Arnold.

Mr. Arnold has leukemia. All proceeds will go to help with his medi-

cal expenses. He is undergoing treatment at the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver. Mail will reach him at the hospital, 4200 East 9th, Denver, Colo., 80220.



**READY TO PLAY** his piano selection at Decatur County 4-H Day was Kade Grafel, son of Dan and Melinda Grafel. He received a blue ribbon.

—Staff photo by Kimberly Davis

## Decatur County 4-H holds Club Day Friday

Decatur County 4-H Club Day was held Friday at the Oberlin Elementary School.

The following results include regional blue winners, who qualify to go to Regional 4-H Day at Brewster on March 31, as well as blue and red ribbon winners.

**Intermediate project talks:** Britta Noren, B; David Noren, B; Jacob Helm, B; Zach May, RB; Ryan May, RB.

**Public speaking:** Rebecca Helm, RB; Aaron Helm, RB; Aaron Dempewolf, R.

**Junior demonstration:** Michael Noren, RB; Hannah May, B; Kelly Brown RB; Isaac Carman, B.

**Intermediate demonstration:** Christian Rittmann, B; Kade Brown, B; Timothy Helm, RB; Matthew Helm, RB.

**Intermediate illustrated talk:** Cheyanne Soderlund, RB; Hunter Nedland, B; Kira Meitl, B.

**Junior piano solo:** Michael Noren, Alt. RB; Madison Monaco, B; Hannah May, RB; Kade Grafel, B; Gabe Anderson, B; Caitlin Shields, R; Caleb Koerperich, B.

**Intermediate piano solo:** David Noren, B; Britta Noren, RB; Jacob Helm, B; Sarah Langness, B; Ryan May, R; Zach May, R; Cheyanne Soderlund, R; Elizabeth Nedland, R; Chris Anderson B; Samantha Anderson, B; Jessica Fredrickson, B; Mikeala Dorshorst, R.

**Senior piano solo:** Sarah Marcuson, R; Anne Wasson, R; Nolan Wasson, R; Lora Marietta, RB.

**Intermediate piano duet:** Nehemiah Langness and David Noren, R; Hannah May and Elizabeth Nedland, RB; Zach May and Samantha Anderson, Alt. RB; Chris and Gabe Anderson, B.

**Intermediate piano solo:** Jacob

Helm, B; Kira Meitl, B; Samantha Anderson, B; Hunter Nedland, B; Jacob Larue, RB; Cassidy Shields, B; Sara Kyte, R; Mikeala Dorshorst, B.

**Senior vocal solo:** Anne Wasson, Alt RB; Erica Dorshorst, R.

**Junior vocal duet:** Caitlin Shields and Madison Monaco, RB.

**Intermediate Vocal Duet:** Zach May and Samantha Anderson, Alt RB; Cassidy Shields and Cheyanne Soderlund, B.

**Intermediate vocal solo:** Matthew Helm, R; Jacob Helm, B; Cassidy Shields, B; Samantha Anderson, B; Kade Brown, B; Mitchell Unger, R; Mikeala Dorshorst, R; Zach May, B; Elizabeth Nedland, R.

**Senior instrumental solo:** Marci Metcalf, B; Everet Urban, R; Aaron Helm, B; Rebecca Helm, RB; Chenaniah Langness, B.

**Intermediate instrumental duet:** Zach May and Mikeala Dorshorst, B; Brooklyn O'Hare and Brianna Klima, R.

**Junior reading:** Madison Monaco, B; Kelly Brown, Alt RB; Michael Noren, RB; Emily Larson, B; Isaac Carman, B.

**Intermediate reading:** Matthew Helm, B; Jacob Helm, R; Timothy Helm, R; Ryan May, RB; Ryan May and Mikeala Dorshorst, B; Mikeala Dorshorst, Alt RB.

**Senior reading:** Rory Wendelin, Alt RB; Rebecca Helm, RB; Aaron Helm, Alt RB.

**Novelty:** Britta Noren and Sarah Langness, RB.

**Gymnastics:** Jamie Soderlund, RB.

**Skit or Other:** Maverick 4-H Club, RB; Sappa Valley 4-H Club, B.

**Dance:** Star Valley, RB.

**Model Meeting:** Stick To It 4-H Club, RB.

## Oberlin grad to perform in concert at Gateway

Donna (Kump) Tucker, a 1969 graduate of Decatur Community High School, will give a vocal concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, at The Gateway, sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association.

A vocalist, musician and songwriter, Mrs. Tucker is the daughter of Don and Jean Ann Kump of Kingman, formerly of Oberlin. She began her career in Dallas as a jazz singer and pianist, also working as a television-commercial actress and voice-over narrator, and recording jingles.

She and her trio, which included Pat Coil, a jazz pianist and composer; Dan Groger, bass; and Tim Grogan, drums, perform at Arthur's, a jazz club in Dallas.

The Big Band sound became part of her work as she began performing and producing concerts that included North Texas State University One O'Clock Lab Band mem-

bers. In 1999, she began a long-running contract with the Westin Tokyo hotel and spends several months a year performing there six nights a week. After moving back to Kansas to be near family, she was hired by Friends University in Wichita as an artist-in-residence to develop a vocal jazz ensemble. Mrs. Tucker, who lives in Kingman, said one of her passions is to give to students what she has collected over the years as a singer and musician.

"I truly believe that a student of jazz, whether it be instrumental or vocal, cannot learn unless they are exposed to those professionals out there doing it," she said.

Admission is by season ticket or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at the door. Mrs. Tucker also will give a concert at Scott City High School at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25.



D. Tucker

## Infant baptism held Saturday

Katrina Lou Neal, infant daughter of Kendal and Tammy Neal of Oberlin, was baptized Saturday, March 11, at Sacred Heart Church in Oberlin. Officiating was Father George Kochuveikkakam.

A family baby shower followed at their home. Those present were Kendal and Tammy Neal and Katrina, Oberlin; Jack and Mary Gutchewsky, Herndon; Varlan and Catherine Shields, Oberlin; Brian

and Krista Gutchewsky, Kearney, Neb.; Joel and Sarah Urling and Addyson, McCook; Kayla and Brandon Korte, Rexford; Shirley Axtell, Danbury; Phyllis Zeller, Ravenna, Neb.; Lori Beeby, Cassidy and Cadde, Lebanon, Neb.; Mary Karnes, Allen Neal, Hoxie; Ruby Wennihan and Pam Simonsson, Oberlin; and Opal Rolland, WaKeeney.

## New Arrival

### Kate Maris Addleman

Noel and Chad Addleman of Olathe are the parents of a daughter, Kate Maris, born March 6, 2006, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Overland Park. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Evelyn and Gary Roe, Downs. Maternal great-grandparents are Neva and Francis Roe, Downs. Paternal grandparents are Sharon and Rusty Addleman, Oberlin. Her paternal great-grandmother is Louise Pollnow, Oberlin.



K. Addleman

## Club News

### Auxiliary sells magazines

American Legion Auxiliary met on March 8 with seven members present. Hostesses were Laurene Dempewolf and Laurene Van Otterloo.

Correspondence was read by Angela Corcoran, president, which included a thank you card from the platoon in Iraq for the box of goodies which was sent, as well as parts of their newsletter.

It was decided to sell the "Av- enue of Flags" magazines for \$10.

Members voted not to be in charge of the bingo, but continue to have the lunch stand.

Phyllis Metcalf presented the program using material from the national president with concerns of remedial legislation that would shut down a judicial practice of allowing misuse of taxpayer's money.

People interested may contact Mrs. Metcalf for details.

### Club installs new officers

Chapter BH, P.E.O. met at Sappa Manor on March 9 with Candy Dejmaj and Betsy Haag as co-hostesses.

Election and installation was held for new officers: Joy Russell, president; Jeannie Martin, vice president; Peggy Roe, treasurer, and Kay Moon, corresponding secretary.

The soup supper committee re-

ported that it was a success and thanked all who helped. Greetings and news were shared from members Betty Jones, Marjorie Nitsch, and Deanne Spanier.

The next meeting will be March 23 at the LandMark Inn for a Dutch-treat dessert. Jeri Buchholz will be hostess with Becky Vollertsen assisting.



**Card Shower to celebrate BERNICE MARTIN'S 85TH BIRTHDAY March 20th**

Cards will reach her at:  
116 S. York  
Oberlin, KS 67749

Happy Birthday from your children, grandchildren and Gavin



**Card Shower**

Please join the family of Elsie Wessel in celebrating her 90th Birthday on March 26, 2006, with a card shower.

Cards can reach her at:  
PO Box 167, Apt 104,  
Hoxie, KS 67740

**We're Celebrating Another 90th Birthday**

Please join us in a card shower for **George Launchbaugh's 90th Birthday on March 21.**

Greetings will reach him at:  
HC 1 Box 204  
Dresden, KS 67635

**DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON**

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 27, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30. Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Deadline for reservations is May 19, 2006. Price per plate is \$12.50 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name	Class
Spouse or Guest Name	Class

Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name.

If spouse/guest is also an alumni, please indicate the class year he/she would like to be seated with:

Late registrations accepted, but no guarantee on sitting with your class.

**St. Patrick's Dance**

Friday, March 17

9 p.m. to 12 p.m.

**Mobile Music Machine**

\$3 Single • \$5 Couple

**Oberlin American Legion**  
Oberlin, Kansas