

Cajun music program at Gateway Saturday

Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission's final season ticket event of the 2005-2006 series is a Cajun music program set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Morgan Theater in The Gateway.

Wes Thibodeaux and the Cajun Travelers will bring typical Cajun music. Members of the band, from Baton Rouge, La., include Thibodeaux on Cajun accordion; Tom Gerald, fiddle; Leon Gautreau, guitar; and Charlie Gautreau, bass.

The group has entertained at bluegrass festivals, the christening of the USS Louisiana, the Kennedy Center in Washington (1998 and 1999) and at Silver Dollar City, Mo.

Today's Cajuns are descendants of French Acadians whom the Brit-

ish forced from their Nova Scotian colonial lands in the 18th century. Many settled along the eastern seaboard, but one group settled in the area just west of what is now New Orleans, mainly along the Mississippi River.

Cajuns bring not only lively music, but ethnic foods and a unique culture to the area. Mr. Gautreau said he played bluegrass before he started playing Cajun. He calls it as happy music.

Tickets for the event are by season ticket or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students in grades 1-12 at the door. For details, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557, or Mary Henzel, (785) 475-3329.

Pilots can get certified through class in Salina

Anyone who wants to become a private pilot can earn a certificate from Kansas State University at Salina this summer.

From May 22 to June 30, the Department of Aviation will offer ground school and flight training for the certificate. Licensed pilots can fly with passengers in good weather both day and night.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone who has been interested in getting a pilot's license in a short period of time," said Marlon Johnston, department chair. "This program is great for a young person wanting to get started as a pilot, as well as for someone ... who has always wanted to learn to fly. It gives everyone the opportunity to reach the first milestone of flight training — getting the private pilot certificate."

The classes will be offered through the K-State at Salina continuing education department. Students can take the Federal Aviation Administration written and in-flight examinations for a pilot's license on campus.

Classes will run Monday through Thursday, with Fridays free to get the required flight hours. Those completing the course can earn five hours of university credit. Students as young as 16 may enroll, but the government requires pilots to be at least 17.

Students must have a flight medical certificate before flying without an instructor.

Housing and dining are available on campus. For details, or to request enrollment information, call the continuing education office at (785) 826-2633.

Art on display in Logan

The exhibit "Omer Knoll: Sculptor, Artist and Designer" will be on display through June 25 at the Hansen Museum in Logan.

Mr. Knoll earned a bachelor of science and masters in art education from Fort Hays State University. He has completed undergraduate stud-

ies in architecture at Kansas State and design, photography and painting from the University of Kansas.

He was a community college art teacher before becoming a self-employed artist/sculptor in 1978. He has worked in production art, including pottery and relief designs.

Bowhunters to plant trees

The Kansas Bowhunters Association will be planting trees this summer at state parks and recreation areas across Kansas to provide cover for Kansas wildlife.

Doug Whitehead, program director for the group, has scheduled the first planting at Toronto Lake in

Woodson County. During the off season, the Kansas Bowhunters work with the Kansas Department of Wildlife to preserve and conserve public lands.

For more information, go to the web site at www.bowsite.com/kba

Norton quilters plan auction

"Sharing the Love of Quilting" is the theme for the 2006 Quilters auction Sunday at the 4-H Building, 126 East Park, in Norton.

Quilters from Prairie View, Long Island, Almena, Norton, Lenora and Colby have many quilted items to be sold.

Some of the items will be on display at the Sewing Box through Friday, then all will be on display at the

4-H Building starting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Jerris McMullen and Pam Cuthbertson are co-chairs. The public is invited to view the quilted items and enjoy dessert. Admission is \$2. The auction will start at 2:30 p.m. and door prizes will be awarded.

Proceeds will go for community service projects and to sponsor quilting workshops.

Free firearms locks available

The Police Department of Oberlin and the Decatur County sheriff's office are offering free firearms locks to gun owners during working office hours. The nationwide program is to help ensure safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage. The program was de-

veloped by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and supported by a U.S. Department of Justice grant.

A message for children: Remember, if you find a gun, don't pick it up. Just leave it alone, and go tell an adult right away!

Summer science classes set

From animal babies to butterflies to live snakes, the Sternberg Museum of Natural History in Hays will have classes for elementary students this summer.

Classes will accommodate children up through the fifth grade, but an adult must accompany kids who will be entering the first grade.

Class sizes are a minimum of four and a maximum of 10, and each will meet twice a week. If the minimum

is not met, the class will be canceled.

Among classes to be offered are Swallowtail Butterflies, June 21-22; Elephants! Mammoths!, July 5-6; Animal Babies, July 12-13; Rock Collections, July 19-20; So Many Snakes, July 26-27; Footprints, Aug. 2-3; Backyard Bugs, Aug. 9-10; My Own Monarch, Aug. 16-17.

For details, call Cami Liggett at (785) 628-5502 or cliggett@fnhsu.edu.

Club News

Maverick 4-H Club meets

By CALEB KOERPERICH
The Maverick 4-H Club met on April 9 at the Bohemian Hall. The meeting was conducted by the Junior Leaders. Junior President Kaylee May called the meeting to order and roll call was answered by 18 members.

We heard that the other Decatur County 4-H clubs would vote at their next meetings on whether they wanted to help work at the fireworks stand with our club this summer. They will let us know their decision so we can make plans for it.

We discussed helping at the Last Indian Raid Museum as a community service project when they have a work day planned. It was tabled until we find out the date.

The club voted to give a financial donation to the Schiessler family, who lost their hog barn in a recent fire.

We made grassheads as our activity. The Macfee family brought the supplies and we had fun making this project outside. Treats were provided by the Metcalf family.

Members attending were Nathan, Marissa and Jordan Baker, Shawn Baker, Keagan and Jakobi Blau, Andy Dempewolf, Kennedy Fortin, Alexis and Gatlin Hissong, Caleb Koerperich, Sierra Lohoefer, Kaden, Taylor and Madison Macfee, Kaylee and Kelsey May, and Marci Metcalf.

The next club meeting will be on May 14 at the Bohemian Hall.

Feng shui is club topic

The Chinese art or practice of feng shui was presented for the program at the April 10 meeting of Monday Evening Club at the home of Barbara Dehlinger. Arian Arnold was co-hostess and there were 18 members present.

Guest speaker was Kathy Brainard, who explained that feng shui is the positioning of objects and furniture so that positive effects can be obtained for the individual. She distributed handouts listing the nine areas of bagua which affect the environment and suggested choosing just a few to begin making changes,

stressing that clutter and accumulation of unused objects have a negative effect on a household. She recommended two books, "Clear Your Clutter" by Karen Kingston, and "Move Your Stuff and Change Your Life" by Karen Carter.

New officers elected include: Roxie Erickson, president; Kay Moon, vice president; Mary Ann Erickson, secretary; and Sue May, treasurer. They will be installed at the May 6 brunch to be held at 9:30 a.m. at the LandMark. The time for meetings next year will be changed to 7 p.m.

Music students perform

Oberlin United Methodist Women met on April 5 at the Quiet Room of Good Samaritan Center with 21 answering roll call. Guests were Edla Olson, Eva Bryan, Ruth Laidig, Janice Shobe and Myrtle Warner. Hostesses were Fern Moore, Eris Young and Elaine Bryan.

Easter devotions were given by Pat Wright. After the business meeting, the group went to the main room to hear a musical program presented by vocal students at Decatur Community High School under the direction of Susan Nelson. Mary Jo Lohoefer

was accompanist. Selections included solos which had been presented at the Regional Music Festival held on April 1 in Oberlin. Additional guests for the program and refreshments were the residents of Good Samaritan Center.

Roll call at the May 3 meeting to be held at the church will be to share an idea for conserving our natural resources. The program, "Stewards of the Earth," will be given by Jody Betts, and devotions by Helen Derby. Hostesses will be Pat Abbey and Mary Ann Amack.

Women plan potluck supper

St. John's Lutheran Women's Missionary League met in the fellowship hall on April 12. Janice Cundiff was hostess.

Dorothy Moore had devotions, "In the service of our Lord." "Joy! Salt! and Light!" was the topic given by Karen Eskew.

It was decided to give a donation to the church for remodeling the kitchen and rewiring the par-

sonage. The next meeting will be a potluck supper at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10. Guest speaker will be Alan Marietta, who will present a program on New Orleans following the hurricane, including pictures. Families of St. John's Lutheran Church and their guests are invited.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met April 12 for an Easter breakfast at the Frontier Restaurant. Prayer thoughts were given by Doris Sloan, Delphia Biggs and Cecil Hess. Beth Sebaugh wore an embellished black velvet hat, a special keepsake made by her mother, Anna Kintigh.

Attending were Bertha Schwisow, Nadean Stoney, Millie Lippelmann, Mary Ann Amack,

Alice Shirley, Doris Fringer, Delphia Biggs, Martha Fringer, Cecil Hess, Laurene Van Otterloo, Beth Sebaugh, Esther Carlson, Dorothy Jackson, Bernie Fred, Phyllis Screen, Virginia Spratling, Eileene Grose and Doris Sloan.

There will be no May meeting and plans for June will be announced later.

Diabetes group meets

Diabetes Under Control met at the United Church on April 11 with Elaine Thomas as hostess. The group discussed the importance of understanding your Hg A1c. They also discussed the

importance of having a special speaker.

Elsie Wolters distributed diabetic recipes for the summer. Jay Kump gave the treasurer's report.

Hospice group observes National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week will be next week and Hospice volunteers say it is a time to recognize the efforts of the thousands of men and women in this country who give of their time and talents to help others.

Hospice volunteers accompany people on one of life's most challenging journeys — the end of life.

"Time and time again, I watch our hospice volunteers inspire by example," said Amanda McKenzie, Hospice Services director of volunteers. "They come with a caring heart, willing hands, and a listening presence. They make a difference."

Nationwide, the agency said, more than 500,000 volunteers provide over 10 million hours of service annually to Americans coping with illness and to their families. They provide compassion, friendship and dignity at a time when they are

needed most. Hospice Services volunteers record more than 1,500 hours per year, but many more hours are shared than are ever recorded.

Hospice involves a team approach of expert medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support tailored to the patient's wishes. Support, training and care are provided to family and loved ones. Help with the grief that accompanies death is offered for a year following the loss. Hospice volunteers make this possible.

During National Volunteer Week April 23-29, everyone is urged to remember and appreciate those who give of themselves volunteering.

For information on Hospice or volunteering, contact Hospice Services at (800) 315-5122, or Carol Duncan at (785) 475-3259.

New member joins Rotary

Pastor Rick Langness was welcomed by President Gary Shike as a new member of the Oberlin Rotary Club on April 11.

Congratulations were extended to Ryan Unger, who was married the previous weekend to Darci Zwegardt of St. Francis. Guests were Janice Shobe, Connie Grafel, Dick and Doris Kelsey, Jim Turnball, Gary Walters, Roberta Johnson and Heath Bechler.

Bob Gaskill introduced Mr. Kelsey, a state representative and the new director of the Sappa Valley Youth Ranch. He said they planned to open Monday with 21 boys and

they will work toward 36 in the near future. He said most of the previous staff had been rehired.

Mr. Kelsey said reopening of the ranch will benefit the area by hiring workers, increasing school revenue and getting the churches and business people involved with assisting and training boys.

The ranch will be helping troubled youths as a for-profit operation. He said that marketing director Connie Grafel was instrumental in providing the opportunity to reopen the ranch and that Peggy Pratt, regional manager for juvenile justice, was involved.

Oberlin graduate in operetta

Theresa Smith, a graduate of Decatur Community High School, played the part of Patience in the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Patience" on Friday and Saturday at Emporia State University.

The operetta, a satire on the aesthetic craze of the 1890s, casts a "fleshy poet" and an "idyllic poet" as rivals for the affections of the milkmaid, Patience.

Miss Smith is a senior at the university majoring in music education. Her parents are Larry and Karen Smith of Oberlin.



T. Smith

New Arrivals

Jace Randall Ostmeyer

Matt and Kristy Ostmeyer of Ellis are the parents of a son, Jace Randall, born at 5:55 p.m. on March 20, 2006, at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Randy and Judy Ostmeyer, and Sharon Olson, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Ruben and Darlene Feikert, St. Francis; Dorven and Rosemary Beckman, Grinnell; Toby Ostmeyer, Oakley; Eunice and Glenn Martin, Oberlin; and the late Lowell Olson.



J. Ostmeyer

Mackenzie Clydesdale

Randy and Teresa Clydesdale of Norton are the parents of a daughter, Mackenzie Joanne. She was born on Feb. 26, 2006, weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19 inches long. Grandparents are Robert and Sally Clydesdale, Edmond; Frieda and Bernard Goetze, Oberlin; and Victor Ritter, Jennings. Great-grandparents are Doris Clydesdale, Lenora, and Lloyd and Glenna Sproul, Edmond.



M. Clydesdale

Gerald "Ged" Diederich will celebrate his 75th Birthday

with an open house from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, at the Golden Age Center, 220 N. Penn, in Oberlin, hosted by his children and families. Family and friends are invited. He has 7 children, 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Cards and greetings may be sent to him at: Rt. 3, Oberlin, Kan., 67749



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The Decatur County Landfill

Will Offer One Free Dump per family during regular hours from May 1 through May 6.

Weekdays are open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 6th, from 8 am. - Noon. The free dump can be used for business or residence but not both.

Limited to five (5) passenger tires.

Refrigerated appliances must have certificate of evacuation or will be charged a \$30 fee.

For more information call: 785-475-8111.

Remember the Free Compost available at the south end of the county shop east of town.

Ward - Oh my, you're already forty!

Happy Birthday!

Love, Your family