

Couple plans June wedding

Danielle Angelique Urban and Eric Johnson plan to be married on Saturday, June 30, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland.

Parents of the bride are Larry and Jani Urban, Norton, and the late Vicki Urban. His parents are Robert and Linda Johnson, Goodland.

Miss Urban is a graduate of Norton Community High School. She manages the Dollar General Store in Goodland.

Her fiancé graduated from Goodland High School and North-



Eric Johnson and Danielle A. Urban

west Kansas Technical College in Goodland. He works for Dorman Brothers in Goodland.

June wedding planned

Cindy McKenna, Norton, and Patrick Shirley, Norcatour, are engaged to be married.

Parents of the bride are Beth Heikes, Norton; the late Paul Goethals; and step-father Kevin Heikes, Lenora.

She is the granddaughter of the late Reva and Lawrence Smith and Rose and Edward Goethals.

Her fiancé's parents are Dennis and Judy Shirley, Oberlin. He is the

grandson of Doris Sloan and Merle Shirley, Oberlin, and the late Cleland Sloan and Fay Shirley.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Norton Community High School. She is a para-educator at the school.

Mr. Shirley graduated from Decatur Community High School and is a farmer and rancher.

The wedding will be held Saturday, June 9, at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

Scotts hold reunion in Oberlin

The 28th Scott family reunion was held Sunday at Golden Age Center in Oberlin.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Scott, Wathena, and granddaughter, Lexi Naegele, Gardner; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Scott, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Thaniel Monaco, Madison and Lawson, Manhattan; Mr. and Mrs. Devan Castle, Rebekah, Maiah and Dane, Hoxie; Mr. and Mrs. James Shirley, Megan, Breanna, Ellen, Abby and Aaron, Olathe; Yolanda Whitney, Nola, Tera and Colton,

Prairie View; Janice Kurth, Imperial, Neb.; Alexandria Erickson, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goodnight, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Weber, Judy Scott, Valerie Faris, Mr. and Mrs. Mick Barth, David and Wiley Farr, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walston and Desirae, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Ketterl, Shawn, Ryan and Taylor, Shelby Brown, Carolyn Shirley, Shannon Harris, Shane Harris, Jude and Justice, Deanna and Bob Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Raile, Kariah and Alana, Bruce King and Doris Fringer, all of Oberlin.

Dean family holds reunion

The Dean family reunion was held Monday at Golden Age Center in Oberlin. Hosts were Frank and Marie (Dean) Kester of Ellsworth and Dean and Peggy (Peck) Groneweg.

Those attending by families were: Edna Dean Rubendall family; John and Mary Rubendall, Franklin, Neb.; Ardith Rubendall, Norton; Mary Rubendall, Pippin, N.C.; Richard and Lori Rubendall Lindsay, Zach and Jade, Norton; and Alice Rubendall Anderson, Franklin, Neb.

Walter Dean family: Frank and Marie Dean Kester.

Raleigh Dean family: Gib and Liz Dean, David and Kitty Dean, Knoxville, Iowa; Lyle and Frances Dean Winder, Ken and Linda Winder, Derby.

Goldie Dean Peck: Dean and Peggy Peck Groneweg, Robert and Judy Groneweg, Oberlin; Lynn and Donna Groneweg, rural Selden; Jim and Joyce Groneweg Jones, Cambridge, Neb.; Jim Plotts, uncle of Gib Dean and Fran Dean Winder.

Post Prom party draws 89 kids

After-prom chair Peggy Pratt reported on the success of the overnight party during the May 22 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

She said 89 students attended the event, sponsored by the club. A

thank-you card was read from the Decatur Community High School junior and senior classes for sponsoring the party.

Guests were Janice Shobe of the Atwood Rotary Club and Rebecca Hasty.

Agency offers to test wells

The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group offers water-quality testing for private wells.

The recent snow melt and standing water may have allowed contaminants to leach into wells, the

group says. Well testing for nitrates and bacteria is free.

Call the Decatur Health Department office at (785) 475-8118 or call the group's office in Colby at (785) 462-8636 to schedule an appointment.

Wheat plot tour set for June 7

Farmers and others are invited to the annual Decatur County wheat plot tour starting at 7 a.m. Thursday, June 7.

The tour, hosted by the May family and Kansas State University Research and Extension, will start with breakfast at the 4-H Building at the Decatur County Fairground.

The demonstration plot is about 2 1/2 miles west of Oberlin on U.S. 36 on the May farm. Twenty-four varieties of wheat include Bond, Cut-

ter, Danby, Fuller, Hatcher, Infinity, Jagaline, Jagger, Keota, Millenium, NuFrontier, NuHills, Overly, Post-rock, RonL, Santa Fe, Shavano, Smokey, Hill, T136, T81, TAM 111, Thunderbolt, Trego and Wesley.

Brian Olson, agronomist with K-State extension; James Shroyer, a crop specialist; and Dan O'Brien, an agronomist, will be at the tour to talk about the varieties and how the crop has fared so far.

Appraisers check farm land

County employees will check appraisals on rural real property in seven Decatur County townships and one city this year.

Employees with the Decatur County appraiser's office started the process last week, said Appraiser Alan Hale. They will be working in Grant, Harlan, Sherman, Beaver, Olive, Roosevelt and Lincoln townships and in Norcatour.

The staff will talk with property owners or leave a form to be completed and returned to the courthouse. Property to be reviewed includes rural homes, farm buildings and agricultural land.

The state requires appraisers to inspect property every six years, said Mr. Hale, to verify the accuracy of information used to set tax values.

The appraiser's office would appreciate everyone's cooperation, he

Student perfect in Latin

Nicholas Chomowicz, an eighth grader at Center School in New York, achieved a perfect score on the 2007 Introduction to Latin national exam.

Only 463 students out of over 16,553 who participated in the United States, as well as Australia, Mozambique, Canada, England, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, China, Poland, and Zimbabwe had a perfect score, said John Hall, co-chair of the National Latin Exam committee.

The son of Esther Ready, a 1970 graduate of Decatur Community High School, and her husband, David Chomowicz, Nicholas has been accepted in piano at the LaGuardia Performing Fine Arts High School in New York, where he will enroll this fall.

His grandparents are John and Muriel Ready of Oberlin and Fred and Lucille Chomowicz of Portland, Ore.



Chomowicz

Student wins scholarship

Marcus McKenna, son of Pat and Shelley McKenna of Jennings, has won the 2007 Elsie C. Robinson Scholarship given by the Decatur County Extension Council.

Mr. McKenna is vice president of the Sappa Valley 4-H Club and a former officer of the Rock Island Rockets 4-H Club. The Hoxie High spring graduate is a six-year member of the Decatur County 4-H Council. He has been active in beef, foods, woodworking, and arts and crafts projects.

He plans to attend Fort Hays State University to study biology and premed.



M. McKenna

Woman earns degree

Kristen Michelle McGowne graduated with honors from the University of Southern California on Friday, May 11, with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance and marketing and a minor in music industry.

Her father, Larry McGowne, is a 1977 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Her paternal grandparents are Rex McGowne and the late Lois (Hackney) McGowne.

She plans to begin her career in the music business in Los Angeles. During college, she maintained a 3.5+ grade point average and played on the women's polo team.



K. McGowne

Library offers reading plan

Sign up for the Oberlin City Library individual summer reading program for children, preschool ages on up, beginning Monday.

Treats will be given to those who complete the program, courtesy of Addleman Drug, Oberlin Pizza Hut and the library.

For details, stop by the library or call (785) 475-2412. Librarian Carol Smith invites children to "Come read with us this summer."

2007 Walk Kansas completed

Can you meet the challenge of walking 423 miles, the equivalent of walking across Kansas?

This question and several others were answered recently about the 2007 Walk Kansas program. Eighteen walking teams consisting of 108 individuals participated in 2007 Walk Kansas in Decatur County. Fifteen of the teams reported walking more than the 423 miles needed to do a virtual walk across Kansas. The team reporting the most miles walked was the Roadrunners, captained by Kasey May. The Roadrunners team walked a total of 1,029 miles during the 8-week walking period.

Other teams that walked enough miles to cross Kansas and their captains included the City Slickers (Karen Larson), 758 miles; Flying Squirrels (Merlou Robinson), 693 miles; the Meadow Sparks (Jennifer Wolters), 658 miles; Cranky Cruisers (Byron Hale), 629 miles; Walking Wonders (Megan Carter) 605 miles; Changing Challengers (Regina Stanley), 593 miles; Green Bean Machine (Karen Eskew), 583 miles; Good Sam Energizers (Montine Alstrom), 575 miles; Tenny Runners (Marilyn Horn), 574 miles; First National Bank (Alvera Bruggeman), 555 miles; Angels of Mercy (Shelley McKenna), 554 miles; Huffin' and Puffin' (Henrietta Juenemann), 458 miles; Trunks Up (Linda Schroer) 453 miles, and Team USDA (Candi Ketterl), 430 miles.

The top five individual walkers whose reports were turned in, their teams and the number of miles walked were as follows: Kasey May (Roadrunners), 281 miles; Stephanie Blau (Roadrunners), 230 miles;



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

Connie Olson (Green Bean Machine), 223 miles; Dana Marintzer (Walking Wonders), 215 miles; and Fern Moore (Green Bean Machine), 196 miles.

Another feature of 2007 Walk Kansas was to encourage participants to keep track of the number of servings of fruits and vegetables consumed on a daily basis. A surprising number of the walkers were not able to meet the minimum of five servings (5 cups) a day of a combination of fruits and vegetables. This has been true of walkers in many counties.

This year it was an eye-opener for many to see how few fruits and vegetables were actually being consumed by most participants. The only four individuals who met the minimum of eating 280 servings of fruits and vegetables for the 8-week time period were Steve Cullen (Cranky Cruisers), Anita Ketterl (First National Bank), Gary Walter (Changing Challengers) and Deena Zodrow (Cranky Cruisers).

None of the teams met the minimum of 1,680 cups of fruits and vegetables for the 8-week period. Team placings were as follows: City Slickers (Karen Larson), 1,326; Cranky Cruisers (Byron Hale), 1,298; Changing Challengers (Reg-

ina Stanley), 1,252; Trunks Up (Linda Schroer) 1,029; and Good Sam Energizers (Montine Alstrom) 982.

This number of fruits and vegetables was arrived at because of the minimum servings of fruits and vegetables for most people, which is five cups per day, which has increased since the release of the new Food Pyramid Guidance System by the USDA in 2005.

Congratulations to all of the participants for a very good year in the Walk Kansas program.

If you would like to participate in Walk Kansas 2008, start to plan now. Walk Kansas is an easy way to increase fruits and vegetable consumption as well as improving your health and physical fitness. It is also an exceptional opportunity to promote health and fitness for the entire family, and also a great way to enjoy time together as a group or one-on-one with a child or teenager.

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Club plans parade to Selden

The Mini Sappa Antique Club will sponsor a Tractorcade to the Selden Tractor Show on Sunday.

Tractors and drivers will gather at the Decatur County Co-op bulk plant south of Oberlin on the east side of Highway 83 and leave at 8:30 a.m. Tractors which are 35 years old or older with road gears are wel-

come. The speed will be 10 mph. The tires and mechanical condition need to be safe for a 20-mile run and standard-equipment brakes need to be working.

Appearance is not a part of the criteria, as many older tractors still working on farms today are capable of making the trip. Anyone with a

1972 or older tractor is encouraged to participate.

There are several requirements and details are available by contacting the officers: Elden Huff, president, (785) 896-2382; Penny Fringer, secretary, (785) 475-3641; Gary Orr, (785) 678-2269; or Bob Martin, (785) 322-5563.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

A Golden Plains 2003 alumnus, Chris Flores, graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland on Saturday in Automotive Technology. Chris is one of the top five qualifiers for the Vic Edelbrock Sr. Scholarship. Vic Edelbrock Jr. began the scholarship program with the school in 1996 to honor his father, Vic Sr., born in Eudora, who founded Edelbrock Corp. in 1938. Chris is the son of former resident Tracy Gilchrist.

In celebration of Paula Halvorson's graduation from Fort Hays State University, a luncheon with friends, Brenda Kinderknecht and Bev Vaughn, Colby, and myself, was held at Twisters in Colby on Thursday.

Paula began working on her degree in general studies in 1999 and survived breast cancer during that period. She works at Colby Community College and lives in Gem with her husband Bruce.

A family reunion was held, May

20 and 21, at the home of Doris Jean Oliver in Rexford. Those in attendance on Sunday were Rita White, Fort Myers, Fla.; Betty Wharton, Elkhart, Ind.; Darlene McCall, Hurst, Texas; Aremene Micek, Claremore, Okla.; Carol Bollig, Aliso Viejo, Calif.; Donald and Maurine Fortin, Topeka; Daryl and Marjorie Hartzog, Jennings; Tex and Charlene Shaw, Selden; and Doris Jean Oliver, Rexford. All had a great time sharing memories.

May 26th was our 7th anniversary and Dennis and I had dinner at Crazy R's in Goodland. The saloon/restaurant has an enchanting atmosphere bedecked with antiques. We also saw several people from the Rexford surrounding area: Tracy Gilchrist, Chris Flores, Bernard Ritter and Harold Sulzman.

A bridal shower for Niki Spresser, of Lawrence, was held at the Rexford Community Church on Saturday. Friends, Kristin Wark, Lawrence; Darcie Spresser, Wichita;

and an aunt, Shawn Spresser, Dresden, hosted the event. Afterwards, a supper was held at the home of Annette Spresser, mother of the bride-to-be, in Gem. Niki and Brent Moss will be married on Saturday, June 9.

Loretta Trevino celebrated her birthday Sunday.

Josiah Allen will be leaving for Afghanistan on Saturday. The community is proud of his endeavors.

Dog tags need to be renewed or purchased from the city. Bring current rabies records with you.

At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows to play pinocle were Maryanne and Lawrence Juene-mann, Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Rex and Betty Carswell, Grace Cheney, Lawrence Horinek, and Dick Sanford. This week at Koffee Klatch were Delores Dible, Evelyn Proffitt, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Berneda Zoberst, Eunice Sanford, Doris Jean Oliver and Sondra Barnett.

Schools need volunteers for summer session

The Oberlin School District needs adult volunteers for its summer school program to help younger kids learn over the next couple of months.

Teacher Tina Williams said the volunteers will read, participate in interactive activities or use their talents or skills with grade school kids

during the program.

Two sessions are scheduled at the grade school, a reading camp from Monday, June 18, to Friday, June 29, and a second session Monday, July 9, to Friday, July 20. All session will go from 8 to 11 a.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any one or more of the dates

should call Mrs. Williams at 475-2231, extension 332. She said people can leave a message and she will call them back.

Mrs. Williams said summer school invitations have been sent out and families should call her at the same number. The deadline to register is Friday.

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However, we need the information within five weeks of the marriage. Write-ups received after this date require a \$10 charge for each month past the deadline date.

Stop by our office for a wedding form.

You are invited

to attend the Open House for Martin and Evelyn May, in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, June 3 2-4 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church Oberlin, Kansas

Hosted by their children: Ernest May, Marvin May, Janice Cundiff No gifts, please