

Church plans concert at City Park Saturday

The United Church of Oberlin will sponsor its third annual Concert in the City Park on Saturday, featuring "The Bridge," a band from the Norton United Methodist Church. At 5 p.m., barbecued beef sandwiches, beans, chips and water or pop will be served for \$3.50 a plate, followed by the concert at the band shell. A donation will be taken during the show for the band. Bring lawn chairs. The band is an outgrowth of a contemporary worship service, the Bridge, at the Norton church. The weekly service began in December 1998 to unite generations of wor-

shippers with praise music and other forms of worship, including the use of a big screen for videos and showing lyrics for singing along. Throughout the past nine years, many musicians have been involved in the group's unique and ever-changing sound. In addition to performing popular Christian rock songs, the group has written its own. Members include Kelly Jones, bass and vocals; Chuck Look, guitar and vocals; Dan Sturgill, keyboards and vocals; Kyle Douglas, guitar and vocals; Valerie Lee, vocals; Janet Look, drums and vocals; Leeann Shearer, vocals; and Troy Leiker, guitar and vocals.

Evaluation assessor training scheduled to be held in Hays

Training for new client assessment, referral and evaluation workers in northwest Kansas will be Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Commerce Bank, 718 Main Street, in Hays. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the training will conclude at 4 p.m. Anyone seeking nursing home placement must have an assessment required by Kansas law. The Kansas Department on Aging, in cooperation with the Area Agencies on Aging, provides the service, which

must be conducted by a qualified assessor. To qualify, an assessor must attend the training session and have a bachelor's degree in gerontology, social work, counseling, human development, health, or other related area or be a registered nurse licensed to practice in Kansas. There is no cost, and six continuing education units are available. For details, call (800) 432-7422 or (785) 625-2037.

District governor visits club

District Gov. Bob Steimel and his wife Lorene of Concordia were guests at the Aug. 28 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. The governor spoke about Rotary International President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, who has served in many capacities during his 44 years as a Rotarian. He reminded members that Rotary began in 1905 and currently has over 1.2 million members and 32,000 clubs worldwide. President Wilkinson's theme for

the year is "Rotary Shares." Gov. Steimel spoke about the "Rotary Magic" which allows ordinary people to do extraordinary things through club service, vocational service, community service and international service. He gave a "Rotary Shares" banner to club Vice President Jesse Carter. Guests were Janice Shobe of the Atwood Rotary Club, and Jody Betts, Kay Brown and Megan Carter.

Disaster loan deadline nears

Farmers and ranchers in Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties have until Sept. 24 to file applications for emergency disaster loans from the U.S. Farm Service Agency. John C. Vogt, farm loan manager for the agency, said farmers needing farm credit as a result of severe storms from Dec. 28 to 31, 2006, should apply at the Norton County

office, 11640 Pineview Drive, or Box 365, Norton, Kan., 67654, before the expiration date. To be eligible for an emergency disaster loan, he said, an applicant must be operating a family-size farm or ranch, unable to get credit elsewhere and have suffered a qualifying loss from the disaster.

Childhood screening set

Early childhood screening will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Monday for infants, toddlers and preschool children in the Oberlin School District. All pre-schoolers from birth to age 5 who will not take part in the kindergarten screening are invited.

Children will be screened in four developmental areas: communication, vision and hearing, cognitive, and gross and fine motor skills. Parents are asked to call the Oberlin Elementary School office at (785) 475-2122 to set up an appointment.

Teens for Christ meets Sunday

The Oberlin Teens for Christ chapter kicks off its year Sunday night with the "Amazing Race in Oberlin." The group, open to students grades 7-12, will meet at 6 p.m. at the Teens for Christ building at 118

S. Rodehaver. The date was reported incorrectly in last week's paper, but the event will be this weekend. The group is open to teens of all denominations and there is no charge to be a member, he said.

New Arrival

Josie Lynn da Silva
Doug and Kristin da Silva are the parents of a daughter, Josie Lynn da Silva, born Aug. 23, 2007, at Bass Medical Center in Enid, Okla. She weighed 8 1/2 pounds and was 20 1/4 inches long. She has a stepbrother, Austin da Silva, of Kalispell, Mont. Grandparents are Lynn and Donna Groneweg, Selden, and Wayne and Linda da Silva, Enid.



J. da Silva

Great-grandparents are Howard and Janette Votapka, and Dean and Peggy Groneweg, Oberlin; Annette da Silva, St. Paul, Minn.; Joe and Catherine da Silva, Cooper City, Fla.; and Frank and Mary Ellen da Silva, Hernando, Fla.

Drawing workshop Saturday

Oberlin artist Anna Seeber Shaw plans the second of a series of 12 basic-drawing workshops at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Oberlin Covenant Church, this time working with charcoal. The series is sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. There will be a \$20 registration fee for first-time attendees. For details, call Mrs. Shaw at (785) 475-2707 or Mary Henzel at 470-0218.

Jennings man injured in road accident

Doug Cressler, 48, Jennings, remains in a Wichita hospital after suffering severe arm and other injuries in an accident near Grinnell on Aug. 6.

His parents, Alfred and Betty Cressler of Jennings, said they have been in Wichita to be with him since the accident, along with other family members. They said his arm was pinned between two vehicles and he was taken by air ambulance to Wichita. He works for the Kansas Department of Transportation. Mail may be sent to him at Wesley Medical Center, room 401, 555 N. Hillside, Wichita, Kan., 67214.

Golden Age benefit held

The Royal Neighbors of America Chapter of Oberlin held a matching-funds benefit supper for the Golden Age Recreation Center building fund Saturday at the center, serving taco salad, desserts and beverages. Some 125 people attended and proceeds totaled \$2,080, which will be matched with \$1,000 by the Royal Neighbors home office in Rock Island, Ill.

Henry Foundation donates to college

With a recent contribution of \$100,000, the Pete Henry Foundation was the first to fulfill its pledge to the Colby Community College Foundation Association's "Fifty at Fifty" campaign. The foundation donated \$150,000 last year, bringing the total contribution for physical plant improvements to \$250,000. The college was one of several organizations notified of a donation by the foundation board, which includes Kenton Krehbiel, Bill Biel, Bill Dowell, Lou Hines and Wayne Carpenter. "Pete was very supportive of education and helping those who really had a need," said Krehbiel. "The foundation also awarded many scholarships this year to area students..." Mr. Henry was born in 1910 and raised on a farm near Campbell, Neb. His mother died when he was

13 and he had to take care of his four younger brothers and sisters while his dad struggled to earn a living. He left Nebraska when he was 21 years old for California. Times were hard, forcing him to sleep in cars and wash dishes for food. He eventually rented a garage to live in for \$6 a month. Mr. Henry signed on with the Civilian Conservation Corps to harvest trees and build roads. Although he had only an eighth-grade education, the forester recognized Henry's innate engineering talent and assigned him as librarian, where he immersed himself in a surveying course. Mr. Henry became the head of the surveying crew which built many roads and fire lanes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Late in the 1930s, he was hired by Douglas Aircraft Co. to work in the engineering department designing and constructing fighter planes. The

1940s found him in and out of the Army Air Corps, where he was flight engineer on B-17, B-24 and B-29 bombers. He participated in top-secret training, with some of the airmen from his base chosen to drop the atomic bomb. In 1949, Mr. Henry rented ground south of Brewster from former neighbors in Nebraska, adapting his Nebraska farming experiences to western Kansas. He saw each acre as unique and managed each type of soil differently to achieve maximum productivity. He worked until he was 88 and until his death in 2002 made all the management decisions for the farm. The foundation helps students with academic and technical training scholarships in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties.

Cottonwood Ranch sets fall festival

Cottonwood Ranch, the state historic site near Studley, will hold its fall harvest festival and barbecue competition from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22. The activities are co-sponsored by the Kansas Historical Society and the Friends of Cottonwood Ranch. The festival includes historical demonstrations including black-

smithing, corn shelling, rope making, and churning. A new event is "Cookin' at the Cottonwood," a barbecue competition including ribs, chicken, brisket, pork and chili. All entries will be judged on appearance, texture and taste. During the full day of cooking, the public is invited to visit with the cooks.

After 4 p.m. and the various categories are judged, the foods will be offered for sampling for a nominal fee. To enter the barbecue competition, call Russ Garrett at (785) 675-2386, or for details about the festival, call Don Rowilson at Cottonwood Ranch at (785) 627-5866.

Logan museum to hold craft fair Sept. 15

The Dane G. Hansen Museum at Logan will sponsor the 34th annual Hansen Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Hansen Plaza Square on Main Street. Crafters will open their booths at 10 a.m. and food vendors will line two sides of the square, flanked by a 22-foot slide, an obstacle course

and an Enchanted Castle. Tad Felts (known as Tadpole) will be master of ceremonies for the 32nd year and "bag ladies" will be strolling along the sidewalks. At the museum gallery a photo exhibit, "Impossible to Forget: The Nazi Camps Fifty Years After," will be on display. The band "Wild Clo-

ver" will perform at 10 a.m., and 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Stanton Nelson, a talented young musician from Long Island, will play the violin at 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For details, call Shirley Hendrickson at (785) 689-4846.

Low Vision Fair set for Friday, Sept. 14

The 2007 Western Kansas Low Vision Fair will be Friday, Sept. 14, at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History in Hays. The free fair, one of the largest meetings devoted to the visually impaired in the state, will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is sponsored

by the Northwest Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired, a nonprofit support group for people with serious vision problems. Low-vision aid dealers and representatives of agencies working with the visually impaired will have exhibits. There will also be presenta-

tions throughout the day from low-vision and eye-care experts from across the state. Those attending will receive free admission to the museum that day. For details, call (785) 628-6055 or (785) 625-3937.

Kansas Senior Citizens Spelling Bee planned

The first state of Kansas Senior Citizens Spelling Bee will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Bicentennial Center in Salina. Judges will be Nancy Kassebaum Baker, former U.S. senator; Max Falkenstien, the broadcast voice of the Kansas Jayhawks; and Josh Svaty, a state representative from the Salina area. The grand prize will be a trip for two to the National Senior Citizens

Spelling Bee competition in Cheyenne, Wyo., next June. The Salina Senior Center, City of Salina Parks and Recreation 50 Plus program, the American Association of Retired Persons of Kansas, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Salina, the Kansas Association of Retired School Personnel, Kansas Area Agencies on Aging and Kansas State University of Salina are sponsors for the event.

Competition is open to any Kansas resident 50 or older by Oct. 1. There is a \$5 entry fee payable by check to the Salina Senior Center. Entry forms may be obtained online at www.salhelp.org/aging/spellingbee or by calling (785) 827-9818. These are due back by Tuesday, Sept. 21, to the Salina Senior Center, 245 N. Ninth, Salina, Kan. 67401.

Concerts set for McCook's Fox Theater

The McCook Concert Association will offer four concerts during the 2007-2008 season, with a membership campaign running through Saturday, Sept. 22, offering discount admission to the series. The schedule includes the Scarborough Trio (flute, bassoon and

piano) at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2; the Denver A Cappella Project at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16; Sally Harman at 7:30 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 1; and Riders in the Sky at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, all at the Fox Theater. Season tickets are \$35 for adults;

\$10 for students; and \$75 for family membership. Admission to concerts is by season ticket only. For details, write to Mary Eklund, publicity chairman, McCook Concert Association, Box 585, McCook, Neb., 69001.

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