

People in Our Community

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Bob and Kay Gaskill returned last Tuesday from a trip to Los Angeles with the Kansas City Lyric Opera Guild. They attended opera, instrumental, musical and concerts, as well as other events. Dave Gaskill, Golden, Colo., joined them en route to Weston, Mo., where they were all guests of their brother, John and Marian Gaskill.

Weekend guests of Nora Bearley, and Jerry and Montine Alstrom were Bob and Sharon Bearley, Kensington; Max and Bev Bearley and Isys, Hays; Jim and Sandy Allen, Littleton, Colo.; James and Carrie Allen, Hailey and Nicholas, Lakewood, Calif.; Jennifer Jones, Highlands Ranch, Colo.; Amanda Allen, Austin, Texas; Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley; Jessica Luck and Corbin, Wichita; Elma Lee Erickson, Herndon, and Wane Repshire, Russell Springs.

Eunice Martin returned home Thursday from a two-week vacation trip to Hawaii. She and her sister, Lila Thorson of Paulsbo, Wash., were joined by their daughters, Connie Robison, Littleton, Colo., and Julie Eslin, Munchie, Ind., on the trip. While they were gone Rod and Glenna Copeland of Vermont were in Oberlin with her father, Glenn Martin, and they helped him move from the Cedar Living Center to the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

—Seafood Buffet Friday, Feb. 29, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Spec. Jake Robinson and his wife, Spec. Katherine Robinson, came Thursday to visit a few days with his grandparents, Jerry and Marcia Lohofener. He is stationed at Fort Wane Wright Base in Alaska, and she will be returning to Iraq, where she is serving at Kalsu Forward Operating Base. They were married at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., on Jan. 12, 2007.

Lions district to honor former Oberlin man

Dr. Arris Johnson, a 1939 graduate of Decatur Community High School, will be among four long-time Lions members who will be honored for more than 60 years of service when the Lions of Western Kansas assemble for their district convention in Colby on Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8.

He has been serving since June 1, 1948, when he joined the Oberlin Lions Club as a charter member. In 1958, he became a charter member of the new Downs Lions Club while teaching music in the public schools. He is now a member of the Hays Lions Club.

Besides Dr. Johnson, Lion District Governor Donald Keihl of Goodland will also honor three other members, who have served their hometown clubs and communities for over 60 years each.

Lion J. Arthur Bryan joined the Scott City Lions Club March 1, 1933, and will soon reach his diamond anniversary of 75 years as a member of Lions Clubs International. He holds the distinction of being the longest serving Lion

Benefit dinner set for March 6

The Oberlin Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will sponsor its eighth annual homemade chicken-and-noodles benefit dinner for the Forget-Me-Nots program from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Masonic Temple dining room.

All proceeds will go to the Forget-Me-Nots program. Director Dennis

Program set at meal site

Nora McDougall Urban will sing from 11 to 11:25 a.m. on Friday, March 7, before lunch at the Oberlin Meal Site behind the Golden Age Center.

The meal will include creamed turkey, winter mix vegetables, biscuits, apple slices and pudding.

Everyone is welcome, said site director Helen Gee. Call her at 475-2389 for reservations.

Internet tonight
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He will be leaving in a few months for a 12- to 15-month tour of duty in Iraq and his wife will be returning to the states a short time later.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Max Carman, Veanna Carman, Wilma May, Henry Edgett, Dewaine Stapp and Doris Fringer. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet, Barb Solko, Veanna Carman, Kelva Dryden and Doris Gilbert. Winning highs at bridge were Annette Miller, Dorothy Cochran and Ila Ray.

Thursday visitors of Bob and Kay Gaskill were their son, Guy of Winona, and his guests, exchange student Tomas Marek from Horni Bela, Czech Republic, Tomas' parents, Michael and Sonja Marek and his sister Terresa, who came to help Tomas celebrate his 18th birthday, and George Spurney of Prague, Czech Republic. His son Krystof will also be visiting Guy in several days along with Timo Riedle of Germany, both former exchange students hosted by Guy. They visited the Decatur County Museum and other places of interest in Oberlin.

Amber Lorentz was named to the Dean's List Honor Roll for the fall semester at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She is senior and is majoring in biological sciences. Her parents are Lyn and Marcia Reynolds of Cedar Bluffs.

Steve and Cynthia attended the Oklahoma Press Association meeting in Oklahoma City over the weekend.

Monica Minary, Alyssia and Ashlynn of North Platte, Neb., were Friday overnight and Saturday visitors of Phyllis McCartney. They joined other relatives for a party at the Pizza Hut in McCook on Saturday to help Alyssia celebrate her second birthday.

in Kansas, and the fourth longest serving in the country.

On Feb. 2, 1934, Lion Past District Governor Owen Wingfield became a member of Lions Club, and has now achieved 74 years tenure with his McDonald Lions Club and the Lions Association. This makes him the second longest serving Lion in Kansas and the sixth longest in the United States. He served as Lions District Governor for Northwest Kansas in 1960-'61.

Norton Lion Bill Belt became a member of the Norton Lions Club Jan. 1, 1949, and has marked his 59th year as a member.

The seven Northwest Kansas Lions clubs that are to be honored are Hays at 84 years; Oakley, 81 years; Norton, 78; McDonald, 71, and Plainville, Scott City and Wakeney, 76 each.

The International Association of Lions Clubs claims it is the world's largest community service organization with 1.4 million members in over 45,000 clubs in 202 countries. There are 850 Lions in northwest Kansas, serving in 35 clubs.

Brown uses the money to help the elderly in both Oberlin nursing homes, as well as those who live in their own homes, by preparing meals and providing activities.



Planning a Wedding?

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World Day of Prayer set

A World Day of Prayer service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 7, at Faith Lutheran Church. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler will speak and there will be congregational singing. A fellowship hour will follow.

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical movement of women in 170 countries and regions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March.

Each year, women in a different

country write the World Day of Prayer worship service. This year, the committee of Guyana developed the theme, "God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding." As the day is observed, organizers say, millions of people are suffering from violence, neglect, poverty and political injustice.

The offering will be used for international and domestic grants focusing on women's and children's issues and for development of the next annual program.

Club hears about radio

Bryan Loker, manager of High Plains Radio in McCook, spoke at the Feb. 19 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. He was introduced by Jim Hollowell.

Mr. Loker said that the radio group includes nine stations in southwest Nebraska, northeast Colorado and Oberlin. Their formats includes adult contemporary, oldies, classic rock and country, along with local news and basketball, football and wrestling events, plus farm news and updates. KBRL was the first radio station in southwest Nebraska,

he said, signing on in 1947.

KFNF in Oberlin is a 100,000 watt FM station covering northwest Kansas and southwest Nebraska. The station's target audience is people 18 to 64. KFNF 101.1 has been instrumental in the club's fundraising activity, Rotary Radio Day, which enables the group to support community and national projects. Scholarships and other local projects are paid for with money from the fund raiser. Rotary Radio Day will be Sunday, March 9, this year, Mr. Hollowell said.

Conferences changed

Parent-teacher conferences at the Decatur Community High School won't be held Thursday as scheduled due to the substate basketball tournament here. They will be held instead from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, said Principal Charles Haag.

Conferences at the Oberlin Elementary School will be held as scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday. There will be no classes on Friday at either school.

Diabetic program set

Hays Medical Center will present a program, "Seeing Through the Eyes of a Diabetic," next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Health Improvement Education Room.

This is part of the regular monthly programs, "Diabetes Doesn't Have to Rule Your Life: Strategies for

Living With Diabetes."

Dr. Thomas McDonald of Eye Specialists Associated will talk on diabetes and the perspective from the diabetic's point of view.

The program is free but registration is required. Call Shawna at (800) 248-0073, extension 2305, or (785) 623-2305 to register.

Farmers warned of scheme

The closing date for many federal crop insurance policies is right around the corner, and some insurance agents have been marketing their products a little too aggressively, said Diane Barrett, Decatur County executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

Farmers in some areas report that agents have approached them with promises of lower premiums, refunds or dividends, she said, but

most of these schemes are illegal.

The federal Risk Management Agency and state insurance regulators have stepped up their efforts to uncover illegal rebating, she said. Farmers found to participate in these schemes could not only lose their crop insurance coverage, but could also become ineligible for other government programs.

Farmers should report suspicions of illegal offers to (800) 424-9121.

Masked marvel to perform

The Western Plains Arts Association will sponsor the Masked Marvel at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Rawlins County High School auditorium in Atwood.

Visual artist Michael Cooper will give a family show, which includes

mime and humor using masks. He says his mission is to inspire creativity in his audience.

Admission is by season ticket or \$10 for adults and \$5 for children at the door.

Relay for Life needs teams

The Decatur County Relay for Life committee needs more volunteers to serve on the planning group and more teams to walk during the event this summer.

This year's relay is set to start Friday, June 13, and last until the early morning hours of Saturday, June 14, the high school football field.

Last year, the relay had 13 teams of walkers, said Lynn Doeden, and this year the committee would like

to have 20. Each team has eight to 15 members who take turns walking on the track throughout the evening, night and early morning.

Anyone who wants to sign up for a team should call Leslie Jones 475-2585.

Anyone who wants to be a member of the Relay for Life committee should contact Mrs. Doeden at 475-2208 or Tiffanie Farr at 475-2234.

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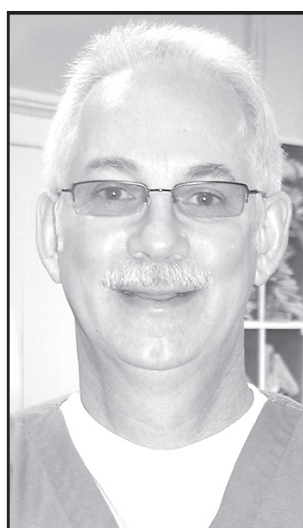
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Club News

Women enjoy luncheon

The Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the LandMark Inn on Feb. 20 for lunch and a meeting. There were no meetings held in January or on Feb. 6 due to the weather.

President Cheryl Metcalf opened the meeting with prayer. Roll call was answered by 10 members with "First Love." Coleen Rippe gave devotions from the book, "Beside Still Waters" and closed with a prayer. Charissa Huff gave Prayer Calendar Moments. A letter was read about the Met Tour and at this time no one is interested.

The prayer list was updated and will be given to the Rev. Doug Hasty. A page will be added to the Oberlin United Methodist Church letter with happenings at Prairie Chapel. Information must be in the Oberlin office the first part of each month. A program on prayer and self denial was given by Mrs. Metcalf and an offering was taken.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. in Angel Lane dining room at the Good Samaritan Center on March 5. An Easter program will be presented by Mrs. Huff.

Club makes garden plans

The Garden Lovers Lunch Club held its first meeting of the year at the LandMark Inn on Feb. 19 with nine members present.

After lunch, Shirley Shields gave the program, "What Grows Where" in this area. She discussed flowers and shrubs that will grow best in full sun and/or shade and gave watering needs for the various plants. She had a list of annu-

als, perennials, shrubs and trees, along with their requirements for sun and water.

The next meeting will be at noon on Tuesday, March 25, at the LandMark Inn. Everyone is invited to join the group to get in the mood for planting summer gardens and landscapes, share lunch and get ready to garden.

Calico Gals Club meets

Calico Gals met Wednesday at the LandMark Inn with Donna Kelley as hostess. Roll call, "Your favorite month and why," was answered by six members: Detta Anderson, Phyllis Screen, Marylu Brown, Millie Lippelmann, Sandy Counter and Donna Kelley.

the hospital: Arlo Wurm, Lora Zwickle and Fred Counter. The books were filled out for the year. Mrs. Lippelmann won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, at the Good Samaritan Center Quiet Room for a St. Patrick's Day party.

Cards were signed for those in

New Arrival

Stryker Lee Shaw

Cody and Tawny Shaw of Pratt are the parents of a son, Stryker Lee Shaw, born Jan. 31, 2008. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 10 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Rick and Tammy Shaw,

Selden, and Sandra and Mark Rice, Medicine Lodge. Great-grandparents are Carol Shaw, Selden; Reed and Marilyn Griest, Jewell; and Irene Rice, and Floyd and Rosalie Spade, Medicine Lodge.

Happy Birthday



The family of

Marjorie Nitsch

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90th Birthday

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