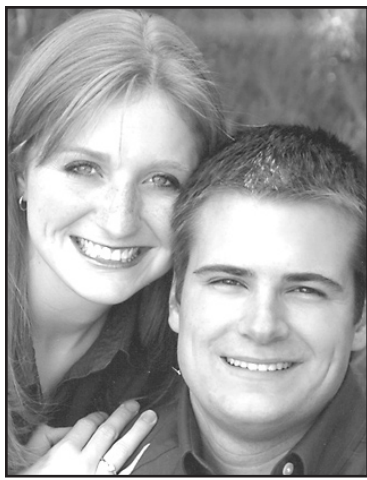


# Couple plans May wedding



E. Beck and M. Mangus

Emily Claire Beck of Manhattan and Michael Dewaine Mangus of Kanorado plan to marry on Saturday, May 31, 2008, at St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Manhattan.

The future bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Terry Beck of Manhattan. She graduated from Manhattan High School in 2004 and is a senior in bio-engineering at Kansas State University. She works as a pianist at the Blue Valley Memorial United Methodist Church and is a math tutor at Kansas State University.

Her fiance is the son of Danny and Charlene Mangus of Kanorado and grandson of Dorothy Man-

gus of Kanorado and Galen and Meme Carper of Jennings. He is a 2004 graduate of Goodland High School and a senior in mechanical engineering at Kansas State University. He works at the National Gas Machinery Lab at Kansas State University.

# Marketplace 29 A.D. set at Sappa Park June 3-5

A Vacation Bible School experience called "Marketplace 29 A.D." is planned for the evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 3 to 5, at the shelter house area at Sappa Park, for children from kindergarten through sixth grade.

Marketplace 29 A.D. recreates a typical scene in a Judean marketplace during the life of Jesus. The children will be arranged into tent families, said co-chair Johanna Mason, and will experience dramas, crafts, stories, demonstrations, games, dances and more.

The first school with this theme was held more than 20 years ago and due to its popularity, has been repeated about every five years, the last time in 2003, she said.

Churches here that have indicated an interest in participating so far are the Assembly of God, Church of Christ, Faith Lutheran, Lund Covenant, Oberlin Covenant, Oberlin United Methodist, and the United Church of Oberlin. Bulletin inserts will be distributed in participating churches with information, and registration forms will be available in April through the churches, the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce and businesses.

Co-chairpersons for the event are Mrs. Mason and Janice Ganje. The next planning session will be held at the Church of Christ at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 27. For information call Mrs. Mason at 475-2599 or Mrs. Ganje at 475-3126.

# Free Staters to perform American folk songs

Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will sponsor the Free Staters at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, at the Oberlin Gateway Center. This program replaces the KU Dancers, who canceled their performance.

The Free Staters took their name from the tough and determined men and women who settled in the Kansas Territory beginning in 1854. As the territory became a bloody battleground between those for and opposed to slavery, lines were drawn and sides were formed into "Pro-slavery" and "Free-State" or "Free Soil" factions.

In every performance, the Free Staters strive to take their audience back in the nation's history when life was far less complex. It was an era when families spent time together gathered around the piano singing popular songs. Neighbors sat on their front porches tapping their feet and clapping their hands to the sounds of a fiddle, banjo and bones. The Free Staters combine fiddle, early fretless banjo, parlor guitar, and buffalo bones to recreate the music you would have heard coming from an American front porch in the 1840's.

The Free Staters, who dress in

period clothing, include Betsey Goering who plays the fiddle and began playing the instrument at age 3. Her violin was made at the turn of the 20th century. She was classically trained for 14 years and has since learned to fiddle and play minstrel tunes because of her love of 19th century music.

Also playing is Jonathon Goering who plays the guitar and minstrel five-string banjo and sings. He plays the banjo in the "stroke style", a method crucial in recreating the sound of early to mid 19th century music. His banjo was made by James Hartel of New York, complete with calf-skin head and cat gut strings. He plays a Ventura classical guitar with nylon strings. He and Betsey are married and live in Wichita.

They play fast-paced, fun, popular music from 1850's America. Popular music by such composers as Stephen Foster came from this time period. Songs like "Old Dan Tucker" and "O Susanna" were also popular during this era.

This is a season ticket event or \$10 for adults or \$5 for students grades 1-12. For information, call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

# State accepting applications to harvest hay on right of way

The Kansas Department of Transportation is looking for farmers to harvest hay on highway rights of way.

Applications, available from department offices, are good for one haying season. Farmers with land adjacent to the right of way will be given priority until March 31, then permits will be issued in the order

received.

Anyone wanting to mow or bale hay on state right of way will need to submit an application to the district office in Norton, (785) 877-3315.

For information, call the Norton office or the Bureau of Construction and Maintenance in Topeka at (785) 296-3576.

# Club News

## Women study Ephesus

United Methodist Women met at the fellowship hall of the church on March 5 for a program about the city of Ephesus given by Joy and Neal Russell.

Members were told that although the ancient Biblical city of Ephesus once had 300,000 residents, today the ruins in Turkey, are not occupied and because the river channel changed over the centuries, it is no longer a seaport. Despite earthquake damage, their photos still showed the architectural splendor that once existed.

President Pat Wright conducted the meeting and it was voted to

collect men's socks for the youth group to take on their mission trip to Denver during spring break. Boxes will be placed at both entries of the church.

The women learned that Camp Lakeside near Scott City has met all requirements to be a nationally approved camp.

The April 2 meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the quiet room of the Good Samaritan Center. A vocal program from the high school music department will follow for residents and guests. Hostesses will be Doris Sloan, Marian Fraker, Pat Wright and Jody Betts.

## Sisters entertain group

Nora Urban conducted the meeting of the Decatur Business and Professional Women when 15 members met for lunch at The Gateway last Wednesday. Roll call was answered with "What are you looking forward to about spring?"

Guests were Denise Abbey, Amy Carman and Angie Fortin and seniors Rory Wendelin, Jessica Bremer, Lacy Ream, Lacey Alstrom and Kaitlyn Gillespie.

A card was signed for Tim Davis, husband of Kimberly Davis, who was to undergo eye surgery in Denver. A check for \$600 was received from the Seeds

of Hope Telethon. The club will entertain for the birthday party at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Good Samaritan Center. Walk Kansas was discussed and the DPW team includes: Dori Pauls, Kimberly Davis, Carol Morford, Cynthia Haynes, Pam Wilson and Deanna Castle. Deadline for the club scholarship is April 1. A team for Relay for Life, as well as the parade which is planned for the 50th anniversary of the Last Indian Raid Museum, were discussed.

The sister duo, Amy Carman and Angie Fortin, as Kindred Flame, presented a musical program.

## Students give program

Monday Evening Club members met March 10 at the home of Shirley Shields with Carol Morford as co-hostess.

The program presented by Decatur Community High School speech students of Leigh Davis included freshman Joe Hirsch, who gave a history lesson full of drama and comedy while perched on a step stool; senior Jessica Bremer entertained with her experiences at a dance, and junior Annamarie Larue gave an informative speech on the art of instant messaging.

The club purchased a new vacuum cleaner from R&M Service Center for Sunflower Cinema with donations from club members and the balance will be used to purchase bags. A slate of officers for the coming club year was presented.

The final meeting of the club year will be a 9:30 a.m. with brunch on Saturday, April 26, at the home of Barbara Dehlinger with Karen Bennett, Judith La-Bash, Judy Shirley and Jody Betts as co-hostesses. New officers will be installed.

## Group elects new officers

Officers elected at the Feb. 8 meeting of Royal Neighbors of Oberlin include Lois Lamb, president; Phyllis Screen, secretary and Edna Mott, treasurer.

The group decided to give their donations for the year to Royal Neighbors Disaster Fund, Dogs for the Deaf, Habitat for Human-

ity, Kansas Scholarship Fund, Forget-Me-Nots, Seeds of Hope, Oberlin Swimming Pool fund, Golden Age Building Fund and the Last Indian Raid Museum.

The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 11.

## Members sponsor tea

Nineteen members and guests of the Royal Neighbors met at the Golden Age Center on Saturday afternoon for a St. Patrick's Tea Party. Guests were members from the McCook, Wilsonville and Norcatat chapters.

Myma Jones entertained with piano music, along with some group singing. After refresh-

ments, a drawing was held for door prizes. Winners were Carol Wehrheim, Bertha Schwisow, Marion Thornton, Nadeane Haag, Beth Sebaugh, Dorothy Woods, Wilma May and Myrna Harper.

The guests brought a nice supply for food items for the Decatur Food Pantry.

## Widows and Friends meet

The Widows and Friends group enjoyed breakfast at the Frontier Cafe last Wednesday. Coordinator Doris Sloan read "Power of Love" as a greeting.

Attending were Eula Juenemann, Norma Richards, Millie Lippelmann, Bertha Schwisow, Delphia Biggs, Donna Frandsen,

Martha Fringer, Doris Fringer, Marty Munson, Doris Sloan, Nadean Stoney, Cecil Hess, Willa Urban, Elaine Bryan and Mabel Zimmerman.

The April 9 meeting will be an 8:30 a.m. breakfast at the Frontier.

# Good Friday service at Methodist Church

A community Good Friday service will begin at 12:10 p.m. Friday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church, sponsored by the Decatur County Ministerial Association. The theme will be, "Were you there: Sensing the Power of the Crucifixion."

Several area churches will observe Holy Week services; **COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**

Easter Sunday services will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Fred Dycus in charge. A friendship dinner will follow.

**OBERLIN, LEOVILLE, SELDEN CATHOLIC**

Holy Thursday services will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Selden and at 7:30 p.m. in Oberlin. Good Friday services will be at 1 p.m. in Selden; 3 p.m. in Leoville and 7 p.m. in Oberlin. On Holy Saturday the Easter vigil begins at 8 p.m. at Leoville. Easter Day services will begin at 8 a.m. at Selden and 10:30 a.m. at Oberlin.

**JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST**

Maundy Thursday communion and prayer service will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Dresden United Methodist Church. A Good Friday tenebrae service will begin at 5 p.m. at the Jennings church. Easter morning services will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Dresden church. An Easter potluck brunch is planned from 9:30 a.m. to morning worship service at 11 a.m. on Sunday at the Jennings church.

**PRAIRIE CHAPEL OBERLIN METHODIST**

Maundy Thursday services will begin at 7 p.m. at Prairie Chapel. Good Friday services are scheduled at 7 p.m. at the Oberlin church. Easter morning worship services start at 9 a.m. at Prairie Chapel and at 10:45 a.m. at the Oberlin church.

**HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Good Friday services will begin at 7 p.m. and Easter Sunday services start at 9 a.m., with both services at the Don Grafel home.

**OBERLIN UNITED CHURCH**

A Maundy Thursday communion service will begin at 5:30 p.m. Easter morning worship will be at 11 a.m. Sunday.

**FAITH LUTHERAN**

Holy Week services include Maundy Thursday Holy Com-

munion at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday service at 7:30 p.m.; and Easter Sunday Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. with a potluck Easter brunch to follow.

**LYLE METHODIST**  
Jim Plotts will speak 7:30 a.m. at the Easter sunrise services, which will be held on the steps of the church. Breakfast will follow at the community building.

**CLAYTON, NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**

Easter Sunday services will begin at 10 a.m. at Norcatat and at 11 a.m. at Clayton. Maundy Thursday joint service will be at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Almena.

**OBERLIN COVENANT**

A Passover Seder Service will be at 7 p.m. on Maundy Thursday. An Easter breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., followed by morning worship services at 10 a.m.

**LUND COVENANT**

Maundy Thursday services will begin at 6 p.m. An Easter sunrise service is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. at the Cow Palace. Easter morning worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School.

**HERNDON COVENANT**

Maundy Thursday services will begin at 7 p.m. at the Herndon Covenant Church. Easter sunrise service starts at 7:15 a.m. at the church. A breakfast will follow. The children are to practice their musical numbers at 9:30 a.m., and morning worship will follow at 10 a.m. with Pastor Tom Smith as guest speaker.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN**

Maundy Thursday communion services and Good Friday services will begin at 7 p.m. An Easter morning sunrise service is scheduled at 7:30 a.m., followed by breakfast served by the Lutheran Youth Fellowship. Sunday School will follow at 9:15 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HERNDON**

Holy Thursday service will begin at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass is scheduled at 8:30 a.m.

**GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER**

A Good Friday service will begin at 7 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Center. The public is invited.

# Speech class gives program

Leigh Davis, speech teacher at Decatur Community High School, brought three members her class who gave the program at the March 4 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. She was introduced by Buzz Matson.

Ms. Davis said they represent three categories of public speaking competition. She introduced Makenzie Nelson in informal speaking. Makenzie explained the myths and obstacles that face left-handed people, along with some of the positives and negatives for them.

Jacob Larue gave "Eight Simple Rules for Dating My Daughter" for the interpretive speaking category. Cindy Carter, in the acting category, spoke and acted the parts of "A Trip to Camp Sunshine," which featured many characteristics of summer camp.

Janice Shobe was a guest from the Atwood Rotary Club and junior

Rotarians present included Rebecca Helm and Melissa Hasty.

Several Rotary Club members gave updates for the program at the March 11 meeting. Jim Hollowell reported on Rotary Radio Day, which raised \$3,925 for scholarship programs and other local and national projects; Oberlin Rotary Appreciation Night will be held next Tuesday; Colleen Rittmann is in charge of the post-prom activities; exchange student Patricia Gomez will graduate from college in Panama with a degree in business and a money gift will be sent. Lynn Doeden reported on progress of the doctor procurement committee.

Junior Rotarians present were Heather Glodt and Cody Haas. Miss Glodt gave a report on her brother, Kyle, who continues to recover from skiing injuries and is attending college.

You Are Invited to help Margaret "Toots" Magers celebrate her 90th Birthday, Saturday, March 22nd, 2 - 4 p.m. at the Lyle Kansas Community Building. Let your presence be her presents.

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