

# Gospel music show set at theater in McCook

Regional talent will take the stage at the first Golden Plains Gospel Music Show at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at the Fox Theater in McCook, including a sisters act from Oberlin.

Combining to present an inspirational program of religious music will be the 4Hymns, Kindred Flame, Capella Nova, the McCook String Quintet and Derek Beck, master of ceremonies.

The groups will be joined on stage by 9-year-old Shelby Stevens, who will sing, "He's Still Working on Me," and 88-year-old Veldron Hall, who will play introductory piano selections.

"We are fortunate to have a talented array of gospel groups in the Golden Plains region," said Gene O. Morris, executive director of the theater. "We invite people from throughout the area to come enjoy what we hope is the first of many gospel music presentations at the Fox."

A family singing tradition will be showcased at the show by Angela

Fortin and Amy Carman, sisters from Oberlin who perform together as Kindred Flame.

The string quintet, composed of the Christner and Miller families, will open the show with Craig Christner on string bass; Cheryl Christner, viola; Jonathan Christner, cello; Leanne Miller, first violin; and Tim Miller, second violin. Next to perform will be Capella Nova, a newly named brass quartet. Members include Lonnie Weyeneth, Danbury; Joanne Wendelin, Oberlin; and Paul Wood and Donnie McCorkle, McCook.

One of this region's most accomplished gospel quartets, the 4Hymns, will round out the program. They include Bruce Lester, lead; Jim Ladd, tenor; Dan Stevens, baritone; and Jesse Stevens, bass. The group will also feature Jesse's daughter, Shelby.

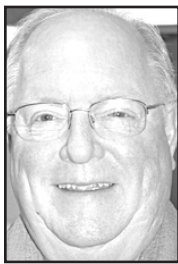
For the final number, all the performers will join on stage to sing "I'll Fly Away."

Admission is free but donations will be accepted.

# Pastor plans to retire in June

The Rev. Ray Gilstrap, who has been serving the Almena, Norcatur and Clayton United Methodist Churches, plans to retire on June 30.

He said that he and his wife will move to Beloit, where they lived from 1997 to 2001. He said they have enjoyed being in northwest Kansas the past two years, but want to be closer to their family, home and old friends.



Mr. Gilstrap

# School physicals set for May

The Oberlin Clinic will be giving physicals for students from grades 3 through 12 in May. Cost is \$10 and parents are encouraged to attend with their students.

Physicals are needed to participate in any school-sponsored athletic program at Decatur Community Junior-Senior High School. Boys grades 3 to 6 need them if they

plan to play youth football. Wednesday, May 7, doctors will give physicals for girls: 6 p.m., grades 7 and 8; 6:30 p.m.: grades 9 and 10; 7:15 p.m., grades 11 and 12. Thursday, May 15: Boys: 6 p.m., grades 3 through 8; 7 p.m., grades 9 and 10; 7:30 p.m., grades 11 and 12.

# Workshop set for Saturday

The ninth in a series of 12 Anna Seeber Shaw Basic Drawing Workshops will be held at the Oberlin Covenant Church at 1 p.m. Saturday.

A one-time fee of \$20 is charged to take the workshops. Each workshop is a stand-alone class and no experience is necessary. For details, call Mrs. Shaw at (785) 475-2707.

# Handbell concert at Quinter

The Handbell Ensemble from Bethany College will give a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Quinter High School Auditorium, sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association.

Handbells have gathered increasing respect and appreciation in the last decade, moving from the church choir loft into the symphony house.

They provide a unique listening experience, and an opportunity to observe the coordination the ringers display.

This will be the final event of the association's season. Admission will be by season pass or \$7 for adults and \$3 for children at the door.

# Club News

## Club plans scholarships

Decatur Professional Women met for their April meeting at The Gateway.

Eleven members answered roll call with "What is one thing you do at home or in the office to be green." Sarah Fredrickson was a guest.

President Dori Pauls conducted the meeting and read a letter requesting that members volunteer at the Decatur County Fair.

A clean-up is planned by members at the Centennial Park at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6. Supper and a brief business meeting will follow at the Pizza Hut.

Plans were made to meet on April 27 to choose recipients of

scholarships from 17 applicants with interviews set from 1 to 5 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. The recipients and monetary amounts will be determined at the May 6 meeting.

Members were asked about having a team for Relay for Life on June 13-14 and some volunteered to be on another team.

It was voted to give a \$25 donation to The Gateway in memory of Kent Ploussard and also buy a table for Sappa Park.

Sarah Fredrickson with the Decatur County Recycling Program gave an informative program and told about items which can be recycled.

## Brunch ends club year

Monday Evening Club members met at the rural home of Barbara Dehlinger Saturday morning for a brunch to end the 2007-2008 club year. Assistant hostesses were Karen Bennett, Judith LaBash, Judy Shirley and Jody Betts. Kay Moon, who has spent the winter in Arizona, was a guest. She and her husband were en route to their summer location near Fort Collins, Colo.

Peggy Pratt conducted the business meeting during which a \$50 donation was approved toward

the purchase of a bench at Sappa Park. A thank you was read from Sunflower Cinema for the Oreck vacuum cleaner which had been purchased with donations from club members. It was agreed to help at the Rik-A-Sha game booth during fair week.

Program suggestions for the coming year were discussed. Officers will be Peggy Pratt, president; Karen Metcalf, vice president; Shirley Shields, secretary; and Sharon Addleman, treasurer.

# Club hears speakers

Neal and Joy Russell gave a program on their cruise trip to Olympus, Greece, and Ephesus, Turkey, for members of the Oberlin Rotary Club when they met on April 22 at The Gateway.

The Russells said the cruise ship they booked had 3,100 passengers. After arriving in Greece, they saw the architecture and the amount of marble used in the many ancient structures.

They also visited Ephesus, the final home of Mary, mother of Jesus, as well as the Wall of Rags, Mary's Well, the Temple of Commerce, the ancient library, arenas and many

temples. Colleen Rittman reported there has been increased attendance at the Sunflower Cinema. A reader of *The Oberlin Herald* donated \$500 to the theater fund, along with donations from various local groups and clubs. The club gave \$150 to the theater and will do so every three months. The Rotary board also voted to donate to the food bank quarterly, said President Marilyn Noone.

Guests were Joy Russell and Travis Castle. Junior Rotarians from Decatur Community High School were Jessica Bremer and Joe Carter.

# McDonald festival Saturday

The third Annual McDonald Springfest will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, on Main Street in downtown McDonald, featuring crafts, garage sales, baked goods and displays by in-home businesses at the American Legion Hall.

New this year will be a Teddy

Bear Show and Contest at the McDonald Senior Center at 11 a.m.; with horseshoe pitching tournament at 1 p.m.; a coin toss for children at 1:30 p.m.; and a mother-daughter tea at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

For details, call Iris McIntosh, (785) 538-2475.

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The DCHS, Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open for Social Hour at 5:30. Mail reservations and remittance to Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Price per plate is \$14.00 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name	Class	Year to be seated with
Spouse or Guest	Class	Year to be seated with

Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name and year you wish to be seated with. Deadline for reservations is May 17, 2008.

# New Arrival



Kenna Woods

## Kenna Ann Woods

Aaron and Kayla Woods of Inman are the parents of a daughter, Kenna Ann, born April 22, 2008, at the Hutchinson Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. She has a sister, Kambrey, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Michael and Cheryl Sauvage, Oberlin, and Lissa Woods, Beloit. Great-grandparents are Keith and Maxine Sauvage, Oberlin; Mary Arehart, Norton, and the late Rod Arehart, and Vicky Robertson, Beloit. Great-great-grandmother is Yvonne Mann, Glasco.

# Exhibit to stop in Logan

The Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition, "A Magic Web — the Tropical Forest of Panama's Barro Colorado Island," will be on display at the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan through June 22.

Forty large-format color photographs provide views of the forest

and its spectacular diversity of inhabitants, and show many of the activities that give the forest its character and lend structure to its community.

For details, call (785) 689-4846 or go to [www.hansenmuseum.org](http://www.hansenmuseum.org).

# Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Thursday evening the siren sent a warning to the city of a tornado which was sighted north. At the time, a Middle and High School Music Concert had ended and the Sophomore Auction was in progress. The city was fortunate in not receiving any significant damage.

The wind broke loose the Colorado/Main Street sign, but it has been recovered. Thank you to the county Sheriff's Office for calling and inquiring if the sirens did go off.

Our neighboring town, Selden, was hit by the hail, rain and wind, damaging vehicles and homes. The Golden Plains Elementary School roof was damaged causing school to be canceled for grades K-5 on the following day.

The City Sidewalk Project has

continued and work is being done along Kansas and Main.

The community extends sympathy and prayer to Marjorie Leh on the loss of her sister.

Those celebrating a birthday this week include Kelton Jones on April 27.

The school year is approaching the end. Baccalaureate will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5, at the Rexford Church. This event is for both seniors and eighth grade graduates. The High School choir will perform. The Class of 2008 will graduate at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 11; 8th grade graduation will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13. Kindergartners will graduate on Thursday, May 15.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

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