

# Graduation set Sunday at Golden Plains school

Sixteen seniors will receive their diplomas during commencement exercises at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Golden Plains High School in Rexford.

Pianist Janell Antholz will play “Pomp and Circumstance” for the processional, after which Dan Rogers will give the students’ prayer. Jennie Staats will show a video of the class. Class members will present flowers to their parents. The valedictorian and salutatorian, which have not been named, will also speak.

School Board President Teri Brantle and Joe Broeckelman, a board member, will award the diplomas. Superintendent Mary Ellen Weishhon will present the class.

Janell Anthony will play “Canon in ‘D’” for the recessional. Areception will follow with refreshments in the little gym.

The class motto is “Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind,” by Dr. Seuss. Class colors are red and black and the class flower is the calla lily.

Other members of the class are Timothy Beeck Jr., Andrew Broeckelman, Samantha Dice, Brandy Ginther, Micah Goscha, Jacob and Joshua Korte, Tiffany Kyle, Caitlyn Moss, Brittany Ritter, Daniel Rogers, Jordan Rogers, Victoria Schwarz, Devin Spresser, Jennie Staats and Klint Wessel.

## Woman to perform in cantata

Theresa Smith will be traveling to Philadelphia on Friday, where she will be a guest soloist when the Gloria Dei Church of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., church will be presenting their Spring Cantata.

The celebration will be presented by the Gloria Dei Church Cathedral Choir and will feature Schubert fs “Mass in G”

with a full orchestra with guest soloists.



Theresa Smith

Miss Smith s a soprano and a graduate of Emporia State University. She is currently teaching music at Village Elementary School in Emporia.

She is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and her parents are Karen and Larry Smith of Oberlin.

## Baccalaureate will be May 14

Pastor Rick Langness will speak at baccalaureate services to be held at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday for graduating seniors at the Decatur Community High School auditorium.

Alyssa Rippe will play prelude music on the flute. The processional will be played by Cheryl Metcalf on the piano.

The congregation will sing, “On Eagle’s Wings.” A brass ensemble, which includes Rhiannon Davies, Nolan Henningson, Samantha Anderson, Katie Gading, Brett Ashley and Jaxen Alstrom, will play for the recessional.

The Decatur County Ministerial Association is sponsoring the event. The public is invited.

## Club allowed to serve beer

The Decatur County commissioners approved a cereal malt beverage for the Oberlin Country Club, allowing the club to serve beer at its clubhouse.

Although people can drink beer on the greens and fairways, said County Clerk Marilyn Horn during the meeting Tuesday, April 22, it can’t be sold outside, only in the building.

This isn’t the same building that the former clubhouse and restaurant on the west side of the property, Mrs. Horn said; that is privately owned.

The country club paid a \$50 fee for the permit.

Later, Chief Dispatcher Jeanne Pachner told commissioners she talked with Bruce Hardesty of R&S Digital about having cross reference maps made for the 911 system, with the new addresses and road names on them.

These would cost around \$2,100, she said. The appraiser’s office needs some too, said County Clerk Marilyn Horn, so the departments might be able to share.

The recorder in the dispatch office is six years old, said Ms. Pachner, so it might need to be replaced. She

said she found a grant called the Governor’s Grant to help pay for a new one. The commissioners gave her the OK to apply.

The commissioners also gave approval for Ms. Pachner to apply for a grant to help pay for maintenance of the 911 computer system.

Commissioner Doyle Brown presented Commissioner Ralph Unger with a gift certificate for 35 years of service.

“We can’t say enough about all the wonderful things you’ve done,” said Mr. Brown.

Commissioner Stan McEvoy said he checked on the insurance for Cirque Circus, the group which planned to use the fairgrounds on Sunday. After making a phone call, Mr. McEvoy said, he found that the insurance was good.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved \$999 paid to Pitney Bowes for postage.

- Held a closed session to discuss attorney/client privilege for 10 minutes with the commissioners and county attorney. There was no action taken.

## Club News

## Club to donate money

By CHEYANNE SODERLUND

The April 13 meeting of the Stick-To-It 4-H Club was held at the Catholic Church.

The club conducted its regular business meeting. The mowing committee reported that we would probably have to mow before Memorial weekend. Community Involvement reported that

we will be planting flowers at the library at 2 p.m. on April 27. They also reported that our club could donate \$500 for a picnic table at Sappa Park for improvements at the park. Song leader Elizabeth Nedland led us in the “ABC song”.

Our next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. on May 4 at the Catholic Church.

## Members enjoy games

Pi Alpha Club concluded the year with an evening of fun and games at the Golden Age Center on April 28. Hostess was Janette Votapka with Pat Wright as co-hostess.

The games included a list of 20 challenging questions such as “There are (how many) ways to make change for a dollar, which created much pondering, guesses and laughter as questions were

reviewed. The answer is 293.

The group was introduced to the game, “Bunco” which was new to most.

Three tables of cards rotated with losers moving up when someone had a “Bunco.” A gift was given to the winner.

Twelve members were present and Eunice Martin won the hostess gift. A social evening followed.

# Biking across Kansas to begin next month

The 34th annual Bike Across Kansas ride will bring around 800 bicyclists through Oberlin along U.S. 36 next month.

The riders will start the 496 mile ride at the Colorado line west of St. Francis on Saturday, June 7, and finish in

The cyclists’ final night together will be in Horton on Friday, June 13. The following morning they will cycle to the State line at Atchison where they will finish and then enjoy a celebration picnic.

The riders won’t stay in Oberlin

overnight, so the Last Indian Raid Museum staff is planning a sandwich and salad bar on Sunday, June 8, at the Bohemian hall.

The bicyclists plan to stay overnight in Atwood, Norton, Smith Center, Beloit, Washington, Sabetha and Horton.

Organizers say bicyclists from Kansas, Canada, New York, Maryland, Vermont, Massachusetts, Arizona, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maine, Wisconsin, Iowa and California have registered so far.

# Club enjoys jazz band

The Decatur Community High jazz band, directed by Sarah Brickner, presented an outstanding musical program at the April 29 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club.

The band includes 16 members, mostly high school students, but a couple from the junior high, who

play piano, drums, trombones, trumpets, bass guitar and saxophone. They meet at 7:30 a.m., before school starts, to practice.

Junior Rotarians present from the high school included Lacie Alstrom, Chantelle Beneda and Kassia Bryan.

## Relay auction needs donations

Donations are needed for an auction during the Relay for Life on Friday, June 13, to help raise money for the American Cancer Society and Decatur County Relay for Life.

Chris Dempewolf of Norcatur anyone interested in giving craft

items or new items for the auction should call her at (785) 693-4315 or bring the items to the Relay that night.

The Relay for Life walk will be from 7 p.m. Friday, June 13, through 7 a.m. Saturday, June 14, in City Park.

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Justin and Shelley Cooper

# Vows read in Las Vegas

Newlyweds Justin and Shelley Cooper entertained with a reception on Saturday at the historic Oxford Hotel in downtown Denver. It is the oldest hotel in Denver and the theme was “Old Denver.” They were married Feb 25, 2008, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Parents of the couple are Jay Cooper, Wichita, and Shirley Richardson, Yukon, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Larson accompanied their daughter and her husband, Suzanne and Jay Cooper of Wichita to Denver to attend the reception.

The bride is a business software consultant and her husband is a pre-construction manager for G.E. Johnson Construction in Denver. They live in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

## New Arrival

Matthew Ian Berls

Randy and Peggy Berls of Goodland are the parents of a son, Matthew Ian, born April 12, 2008. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 inches long. He was welcomed home by three brothers, Christopher, Ryan and Mason. Grandparents are Dave and Connie Horton, Alma, Neb., and Bob and Marie Berls, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are J. B. Horton, Alma, Neb., and Janice Hager, Dolores, Colo.



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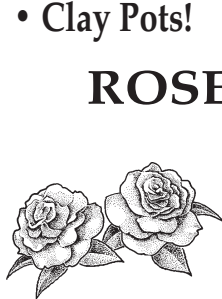
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Shelli's Hair Design welcomes Cathy Fraker as our new stylist.

Cathy will start on Monday, May 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays Only.

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