

People in Our Community

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Those who helped Theresa Tally celebrate her birthday on Thursday with lunch in McCook were Rita Erdman, McCook; Jenny Kasson, Wilsonville, Neb.; and Juanita Williby, Lacy Tally, and Kay Jones, Oberlin. They spent the afternoon at the Erdman home.

Marianna Bendon and Karla Jones visited Vendla Tacha in Norton on Wednesday afternoon. She lives at the Bieber Apartments.

Destry Jackson, daughter of Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson of Norcatur, and Gabe Moore, son of Monte and Kelly Moore of Oberlin, were among members of the Bethany College Chapel Choir, which served and sang in Greensburg recently. The group volunteered wherever they were needed in the town, which is rebuilding following a tornado. The choir also performed at morning worship services on Sunday at the Greensburg United Methodist Church.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore,

Ivis Hanson, Barb Solko and Doris Fringer. Lows went to Floyd Edgett, Barb Solko, Elden Haas and Ivis Hanson. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Elden Haas and Barb Solko. Winning highs at bridge were Cynthia Matson, Annette Miller and Alice Shirley.

Jeremy and Jenny Tally of Manhattan came for the musical production, "Anything Goes." His brother, Jordan Tally, and her brother, Joe Hirsch, were in the cast. They are spending their Thanksgiving break with their families.

Tim and Kim Davis traveled to Vancouver, Wash., on Wednesday, Nov. 12 to take part in the wedding of her younger brother, Trey, and Kari Perrin, on Saturday, Nov. 15. The wedding was held at a vineyard in Salem, Ore.

While in Washington and Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Davis went to Mount St. Helens, Multnomah Falls, ate dinner at a seafood restaurant on the Columbia River and enjoyed various other sight seeing ventures.

Christmas concert set for Sunday, Dec. 7

The Oberlin Area Concert Band will present a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Decatur Community High School auditorium in Oberlin. The opening act will feature Joel Shaw on guitar and Lonnie McEvoy on harmonica.

Band members are from Oberlin, Danbury, Atwood and McCook. The band will feature the vocal quartet of Mirla Coleman, soprano; Susan Nelson, alto; Jim Buchholz, tenor; and Robert Rouse, bass. Instrumental soloists are Joan Glading, saxophone; Donnie McCorkle, French horn; and Lonnie Weyeneth, trumpet. The show will include patriotic, sacred and Christmas music, from serious to fun.

Band members include Christie Morris, Rhonda May, Peggy

Cabrina and Charissa Huff, flute; Darbi Rouse, oboe; Pam May, Cheryl Metcalf and Brooke McCorkle, clarinet; Nikita Bose, tenor saxophone; Robyn Rouse, bassoon; Weyeneth, Joanne Wendelin and Sarah Bricker, trumpet; Kathy Almqvist, McCorkle and Elizabeth Nedland, French horn; Ken Morris and Tim Larson, trombone; Mary Jo Lohoefer, baritone; Robert Rouse and Paul Wood, tuba; and Mike Ford, Gary Anderson and Joy Russell, percussion. Director is Neal Russell.

This is an Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission season ticket event. Admission at the door will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For details, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

New gift shop opens

A grand opening is planned from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday for Gifts and Things, Oberlin's newest gift store, inside Oberlin Tire at 1165 Highway 83.

Owner Kelli Dickinson said she and her daughter, Ashley, 16, live in Oberlin. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Ms. Dickinson said that she will carry all types of gifts, including things for women, men and children, as well as

home decorations, seasonal items, angels, clocks, tables, jewelry, candles, rugs, Christmas and western items, and more. She said she plans to add garden ornaments in the spring and customers may place orders from her catalog. She offers free gift wrapping during the holidays.

Refreshments will be served on Friday, she said, and those stopping by may register to win a gift basket valued at \$200.

Oberlin grad wins seat as new county attorney

Paul Kitzke, a 1997 graduate of Decatur Community High School, won the election for county attorney as a Republican in Stevens County.

After winning the Republican primary in August, he ran unopposed in the general election.

He grew up in Oberlin and was a Rotary Exchange Student in England from 1997 to 1998. He graduated from Fort

Hays University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2002, then attended Washburn School of Law, where he received his Juris Doctorate in 2005.

He has been an associate attorney since then with Tate Law Office in Hugoton.

He is the son of Laura Kitzke (Moore) of Placencia, Newfoundland, Canada, and Texi and Del Kitzke, Salina.



K. Dickinson



P. Kitzke

Former administrator receives service award

Former Oberlin City Administrator Gary Shike was honored in early November when he received the Gilbert E. Hanson Outstanding Service Award at the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency's annual meeting in Wichita.

The award, established by the group in 1999, honors leaders who have made significant contributions over a period of years to municipal joint action, and who are recognized for their contributions to their community, the electric utility industry or to public power.

Mr. Shike worked for the City of Oberlin for 18 years, first as city superintendent, then as administrator until he resigned in September 2008, the group said, but his service record doesn't stop there. He also presided over the Oberlin Rotary Club and served on the Kansas Municipal Utilities board for eight years.

A member of the Municipal Energy Agency's board for 18 years, he served on its executive committee for seven, holding the posts of president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

He was the state coordinator and one of five regional coordinators for the group's Mutual Aid Program,

which mobilizes city power crews to help neighboring towns during power emergencies, when lines are down due to tornadoes, ice storms and straight-line winds.

His colleagues describe him as "articulate and well-read," a person "respected by his peers and associates across the state of Kansas."

He is also an accomplished photographer, entering many competitions and providing his services to nonprofit organizations.

"Gary was a leader and a valuable resource when it came to municipal power and community issues," said Jim Widener, the agency's general manager. "His wisdom and energy will be missed by his colleagues and friends in the power industry, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors."

The Hanson Award is named for the group's first general manager who led the agency from 1979 to 1997. A strong advocate of public power, Gil Hanson worked tirelessly at the state and national level to advance the causes of municipal joint action and public power, the group says.



Gary Shike

Chamber hires woman for secretarial position

Tina Watson has been hired as the secretary for the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce.

She said that she and her daughter, Brentney, 16, moved to Oberlin two years ago from Cherokee, Okla. Brentney is a freshman at Decatur Community High School. Ms. Watson's mother, Kay Frisk, a retired police officer at Aurora, Colo., also lives with the family, and her son, Josh, 20, recently

City, Colo., where her father is a major at the Colorado State Penitentiary. She attended high school in Cherokee. Her hobbies include fishing and reading. She said she will continue to work on Saturdays at Stanley Hardware.

Hours at the Chamber office, in the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center at 104 S. Penn, are from 9 a.m. to noon, and from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number is (785) 475-3441.



Tina Watson

Medicare workshop planned

Anyone who will be new to Medicare or is already established with a Medicare prescription-drug plan is encouraged to schedule a free appointment for the Medicare Part D Workshop at the Decatur County Hospital Wednesday, Dec. 3 and 10.

Some people who choose to change plans this year could save up to half over what they paid in 2008, said Othelia Vacura, public information chairman at the hospital.

Medicare Part D provides insurance coverage for prescription medicines. From Nov. 15 to Dec. 31, you can change plans or enroll in a Medicare Part D drug plan. Your new plan choice will begin on Jan. 1. If you do not have drug coverage, this is your chance to enroll.

If you decide not to enroll in a plan for 2009, your next opportunity will be a year from now.

Plans change. People change. Understanding options and choosing the right plan can be complicated and intimidating. Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas representatives will be available at the hospital to provide free assistance to anyone with questions.

The program is provided by the Kansas Department on Aging. Appointments may be made by calling (785) 475-2208, Extension 224.

Remember, the plan you have for 2008 may or may not be your best option for next year.

Please be sure to bring your list of prescription medications and your Medicare card.

Junior high band to perform

The Decatur Community Junior High band and vocal department will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school auditorium.

Sarah Bricker is band director and vocal director is Susan Nelson. The public is invited.

New Arrival

Jackson Charles Schlimmer

Erik and Amy Schlimmer of Volga, S.D., are the parents of a son, Jackson Charles Schlimmer, who was born at 11:34 p.m. on Nov. 21, 2008, at the Brookings Hospital in Brookings, S.D. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. His grandparents are Leon and Marita Portschy, Herndon; and Leland and Virginia Schlimmer, Volga, S.D.



J. Schlimmer

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Club News

Calico Gals enjoy dinner

The Calico Gals Club met for its Thanksgiving meeting on Nov. 19 at the Oberlin Covenant Church. Twenty members and husbands enjoyed the catered dinner prepared by Jeanette Diederich. Two members, Betty Grout and Lois Carlson, were unable to attend.

It was voted to give Nanette Zander \$70 for the orphanage and school in Haiti to help with the teacher's salary.

A thank you note was read from Betty Hackney for those who helped with the funeral dinner following services for her

husband, Donna Kelley led the group in Thanksgiving games and Jan Hackney showed pictures of flowers from Alaska. Opal Bryan won the hostess gift.

New officers elected include Mrs. Kelley, president; Margaret McEvoy, vice president; Shirley Shields, treasurer; Millie Lippelmann, secretary and reporter; and Sandy Counter, courtesy chairman.

The next meeting will be lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Pizza Hut on Wednesday, Jan. 21. A meeting will follow at the home of Mary Waldo.

Couple plans wedding

Lisa Marie Kitten and Nikolaus Austin Martin plan to be married on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Plains.

Parents of the couple are Bernard and Shari Kitten, Plains, and Robert and Liane Martin, Herndon.

The bride-elect graduated from Southwestern Heights High School in 2002 and from Kansas State University in 2006, earning a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. She is a doctoral student in biomedical engineering at the University of Oxford in Oxford, England, where she conducts research toward improvement of anterior cruciate ligament replacement surgical techniques and outcomes.

The prospective groom graduated from Herndon High School in 2003 and from Kansas State University in 2007, earning a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. He is



Nikolaus Martin and Lisa Kitten

an engineer at Honeywell Federal Manufacturing and Technologies in Kansas City, Mo., where he is part of the Secure Transportation Engineering department.

Rotary enjoys jazz band

Members of the Oberlin Rotary Club enjoyed music by the "Red Hot Jazz Band" from Decatur Community High when they met on Nov. 18 at The Gateway for lunch.

The band director, Sarah Bricker, and the band were introduced by Jim Hollowell, program chair for the week.

The band includes musicians from grades 7 through 12. The students practice two days a week before classes and receive no course credit. Mrs. Bricker said that the key

to jazz playing, especially solos, is the art of improvising.

Past District Gov. Herschel Betts was presented with his Paul Harris "Plus 5" pin for his contributions to the Rotary Foundation and outstanding service to Rotary by President Jesse Carter.

A sympathy card was sent to Marilyn Noone, past president of the club, following the recent death of her father.

Janice Shobe was a guest from the Atwood Rotary Club.

Logan painting workshop set

Master Pastelist Kaye Franklin will hold a four-day painting workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 3 to Dec. 6, at the Hansen Plaza Community Room at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan.

Mrs. Franklin taught oil and pastel classes at the museum in 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2007, and has been asked to return by popular demand.

She began her art career in 1975 while living in Pagosa Springs,

Colo. She and her family moved to Graham, Texas, in 1979 and it was then she began a serious quest for the best schools and instructors. She has studied at the Scottsdale Artists School and with Connecticut artist William Henry Earle. She has received national awards and honors and has taught in Canada, Mexico, England, France, Spain, Italy and the Pacific Northwest.

For details, call the museum at (785) 689-4846.

Boy Scouts plant peony bulbs

The Oberlin Boy Scouts transplanted peony bulbs at the Oberlin Cemetery on Saturday which had been donated by Marcia Lohoefer from the Lohoefer farm.

Those helping were Cub Scouts A.J. Zillinger and Trevor Bruhn, and Boy Scouts Jonathon Rorick

and Adam Zillinger.

Jen Zillinger is den leader, assisted by Janet Rorick. The Scouts are taking donations for community projects, they said.

Anyone interested in helping should call Mrs. Rorick at (785) 475-2284.

Knights donate to schools

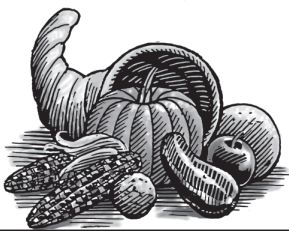
The Oberlin Knights of Columbus donated \$1,016 to the special education department of the Oberlin School District.

This is 80 percent of the donations

collected by the group in its annual Tootsie Roll drive.

The other 20 percent goes to the Kansas Special Olympics.

The Residents at the Good Sam would like to thank everyone for helping to make our Rock-A-Thon a huge success!



God Bless you and Happy Thanksgiving

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