

# People in Our Community

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Frances Vacura spent two weeks at the home of her daughter, Gayle and Jeff White, Amanda, Josh and Megan, in Goddard, while Gayle and Amanda attended the Outback Bowl Band Festival in Florida. The Goddard marching band, flag team, jazz band, percussion group, concert band and orchestra were chosen by audition tapes to compete in the festival. Amanda is a member of the flag team and the concert band. The school earned 12 first place trophies and other honors. The flag team was the only one chosen to accompany the Marine Color Guard troop in the pre-game ceremony of the Outback Bowl game in Tampa and the marching band performed with 11 other bands at half-time. They also participated in parades in downtown Tampa and at Universal Studios and Disney World in Orlando.

Bernice Martin accompanied her son, Lee Martin, to Salina on Saturday, where they made the acquaintance of their new great-grandson and grandson, Christian Lee Erickson, son of Kris and Farah (Wendelin) Erickson of Lindsborg. He was born Jan. 7, 2009, at the Salina Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds.

Eldon Smith returned home Jan. 5 from Traverse City, Mich., where he spent Christmas with his sister, Gladys Schichtel. Joining them were her daughters, Dr. Karen Schichtel, and Kay Schichtel and husband Barry Lesht, Chicago; and their daughters, Alison Lesht, a student at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and Dena Lesht, Boston.

Fern Jording spent the holidays with Phil and Marj Law in Lakewood, Colo. They were joined for

Christmas dinner by Cindy and Rob Wood and Cody, Littleton, Colo.; and Lori and Peter Lowrance, and their foster son, Jared, Westminster, Colo. Mrs. Law came on Dec. 23 and her mother accompanied her home. They returned to Oberlin last Monday and Mrs. Law left Wednesday.

Destry Jackson was among students who were named to the fall 2008 honor roll at Bethany College in Lindsborg. To be recognized, a student must be full-time with a semester grade point average of at least 3.50 on a four-point scale for the fall semester. She is the daughter of Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson of Norcatour.

Elsie Wolters was a Friday morning caller of Lucille Wicke and Tillie Henningsen of the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Funeral services were held on Saturday at the Codell Baptist Church for May Dougherty, 91, of Larned, who died on Jan. 5. She was a sister of Ruby Poe of Oberlin.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Kelva Dryden, Henry Edgett, Doris Fringer, Ardis Roe and Marie McKisson. Lows went to Floyd Edgett, Doris Fringer, Kelva Dryden, Neil Marshall and Dorothy Moore. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Neil Marshall and Dorothy Moore. Winning highs at bridge were Judy Shirley, Carol Shirley, Merle Shirley and Cynthia Matson. "We're Moving" benefit taco supper, 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday at Golden Age Center for the new center. Senior potluck, 12:15 p.m., Sunday at Golden Age Center.

## Last supper a benefit at Golden Age Center

A farewell benefit taco-salad-and-dessert supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Golden Age Center before the group moves across the street to a temporary location.

Work will begin soon on demolition of the Golden Age and Sunflower Cinema so they can be replaced by a new building this spring.

Dorothy Moore and Helen Gee said that meals will be served and activities held in the former Donut

Shop building, owned by Mike and Vicki Sylvester, on the east side of Penn Avenue until construction is completed, beginning Monday, Feb. 2. The last meal and afternoon social time will be Friday, Jan. 30, at the present location. Plans are to begin demolition on Feb. 16, weather permitting.

"We invite everyone to come out and help us celebrate," they said. Proceeds will go to the building project.

## Alumni banquet set for May

The Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23, at The Gateway.

A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a roast beef dinner. The Gateway staff will serve

the meal. A social hour with music is planned following the banquet. Cost of the meal is \$15.50 with 50 cents going to the Smick Memorial Fund.

Officers are Pete Zander, president; Janice (Wesch) Shobe, vice president; Arian (Olson) Arnold, secretary; and Doc Franklin, treasurer.

The deadline for reservations is Saturday, May 9. A coupon can be found on this page.

## Club hears FFA program

John Meitl and Kortnie Fisher, members of the Decatur Community High School FFA, presented the program at the Jan. 6 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

They were introduced by Ken Morris, program chair for the day. They said that the FFA program combines education and work experiences as well as training for leadership roles.

There are 25 members and Jason Ketterl is advisor.

They said that FFA gives students a chance to learn the many phases of agriculture, from raising livestock to judging animals.

Fund-raising activities each year help members to attend activities such as the Officer Retreat at Lake of the Ozarks and the National Western Stock Show in Denver.

A Greenhand Leadership Conference orientates new members. Members also offer a service to the Oberlin community by helping with various things.

Groups needing volunteers should call Mr. Ketterl or any FFA member.

Guests were Austin Gilley, formerly of Oklahoma, who is the new Oberlin city administrator; Karli Fredrickson; and Junior Rotarians Alyssa Rippe and Emma Merrill from the high school.

## Vows set for May 30

Stephanie Mae Juenemann and Kyle Derek Spresser plan to be married on Saturday, May 30, 2009, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

Parents of the couple are Tom and Jan Juenemann, Selden; and Carl and Deb Spresser, Rexford.

The bride-to-be works at Fairview Estates Retirement Community and Swartz Veterinary Hospital in Colby.

She is attending Colby Community College and will graduate in May with an Associate of Arts Degree in Elementary Education.

Her fiancé works at Schwarz Feedlot, in Menlo.

After they are married, the couple



Kyle Spresser and Stephanie Juenemann

plans to move to Goodland, where he will attend Northwest Kansas Technical College and major in diesel mechanics and she plans to earn a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

## Girl Scout cookie sale will start Saturday

Girl Scouts across 80 Kansas counties are gearing up for the 2009 Girl Scout Cookie Sale from Saturday through Monday, March 9.

This year, Girl Scout Daisies (kindergarten and first grade) will be selling cookies for the first time.

Eight varieties are available for \$3.50 per box. A new cookie, Daisy Go Rounds, will be offered in single-serve packs in honor of the Daisy troops.

Proceeds from the sale are used to help girls pay for summer camp, buy uniforms and much more. The sale helps pay for programs and services throughout the year and help ensure

that Girl Scouting will be available in the future.

For more than 90 years, the Girl Scout Cookie Program has helped girls foster a sense of personal and collective empowerment by promoting skills they will use throughout their lives. Through this annual sale, girls 5 to 17 learn how to set goals, develop action plans, work as a team and cultivate a sense of business ethics.

Anyone interested in buying cookies may contact any Girl Scout or call Terese Vontz, Oberlin service unit leader, at 475-7127, or Becky Ayers at 475-3311.

## New Zeta Nu officers named

Zeta Nu club met on Thursday at the home of Eloise Smith. Eight members answered roll call.

A thank you was read from the Veterans Administration for the club's contribution.

The nominating committee report was given by Janice Winters. Since the club has new guidelines, they will only have a president and secretary-treasurer.

Joy Votapka was nominated

for president and Eloise Smith, secretary-treasurer. A resignation letter was read from Marie Zimmerman.

Members will meet in February at the Good Samaritan Center to entertain those with birthdays. Mary Waldo and Kay Marcuson will be hostesses. Mary Henzl's piano students will present the program. The March meeting will be at the home of Joy Votapka.

## Museum plans benefit

A benefit pancake feed will be served by the Decatur County Museum from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Bohemian Hall.

Proceeds will be used for maintenance and operations of the museum, said Director Sharleen Wurm.

**DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON**

The DCHS, Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 23, 2009 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 \$15.50 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund. Social hour and music to follow.

Alumni's Name	Class	Year to be seated with
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## K-State student voted as outstanding senior

Michael Mangus, son of Dan and Charlene Mangus of Kanorado, has been voted the most outstanding senior by the faculty in the Mechanical Engineering Department of Kansas State University.

He is a grandson of Dorothy Mangus of Kanorado, and Galen and Mary (Meme) Carper of Jennings.

The award is given to the graduating senior who excels in both the classroom and extracurricular activities. Mr. Mangus was nominated by the faculty and received the most votes after two rounds of voting.

He graduated with a 3.3 grade point average and was active with the university chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He was chapter president for 2007-08 and

a member of the SAE Aero Design team, K-State solar car team, marching band and Cat band.

For the last three years, he worked at the National Gas Machinery Laboratory at K-State, where he was a project manager and worked with natural gas companies to perform engine and turbocharger tests.

In the spring semester, he will start on graduate courses at K-State and teach a lab. He plans to transfer with his wife Emily to another university.

He will be working on a Master's Degree in mechanical engineering specializing in fluid mechanics and heat transfer.

He is a 2004 graduate of Goodland High School.

## Commissioners approve copier for courthouse

The Decatur County commissioners approved the purchase of a copier to be shared by the register of deeds and road and bridge offices on the first floor of the courthouse.

Judy Gaumer, register of deeds, and Tim Stallman, road and bridge supervisor, asked about the copier at the last meeting in December, but wanted it to come out of the 2009 budget. The commissioners said they would have to wait to make a decision in that case.

The copier will cost \$3,385 from Office Works of Colby.

Mrs. Gaumer said since her office has the trade-in copier, Mr.

Stallman's office will pay more for this copier and then it will be shared equally. The register of deeds will pay \$505 while road and bridge office will pay \$2,879.

Mrs. Gaumer said she would like to do a service agreement, which would cost .0195 cents per copy. The agreement covers labor, mileage, repairs and toner, she said.

With past copiers, they haven't had a service agreement, she said, but she thought it would be the same cost as paying to fix the copier if it had a problem.

The two offices, said Mrs. Gaumer, would split the cost.

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