

People in Our Community

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Dick and Mason Ahlberg were weekend guests of the Keith and Roma Grafel family in Council Grove. They attended the semifinals and finals of the 3-A boys substate basketball tournament held in Osage City. Saeger Grafel is a varsity basketball player and Sydney Grafel is a basketball statistician for Council Grove High School. The Council Grove boys won the tournament and will advance to play at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Hutchinson at the 3A state basketball tournament. Council Grove beat the number 1 seeded Burlington team, then went on to defeat the number 2 seeded Osage City team for the championship. Dick and Mason also attended the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association College basketball tournament in Kansas City, where Fort Hays State was competing. Rusty Grafel is an assistant men's basketball coach for the Fort Hays State Tigers.

Gail and Kay Marcuson visited Rick, Sally and Grady Marcuson in Overland Park from Feb. 27 to March 3. On Sunday, they attended a 50th wedding reception in Topeka for Gail's cousin, Myron and Donna Anderson in Topeka.

Gabe Moore will be among 10 music students at Bethany College in Lindsborg, who will perform at a recital at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, in Presser Hall auditorium. He will play the euphonium. The free concert is open to the public. He is the son of Monte and Kelly Moore of Oberlin.

Roger and Angie Wilson returned home Saturday from Mission, Texas, where they had spent the past two months.

Frank McEvoy is recuperating satisfactorily after being hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., since last Wednesday. He was flown by helicopter from Benkelman, Neb., to Kearney, after suffering a heart attack in the emergency room at the hospital in Benkelman, where he had taken his brother, Curtis, who had fallen in his home. His brother was also transferred to Kearney for treatment

for an injured hip. Margaret, Lonnie and Stan McEvoy were in Kearney with them and Brian and Dawn Beckman and family of Grinnell visited them on Saturday. The others returned home Sunday night.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Willa Urban, Henry Edgett, Doris Fringer, Max Carman, Dorothy Moore and Barb Solko. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Neil Marshall, Barb Solko, Floyd Edgett, Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Barb Solko with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Neil Marshall. Winning highs at bridge were Dorothy Cochran and Merle Shirley. Senior citizens dinner, 12:15 p.m., Sunday, at Golden Age Center's new location.

—Legion serving meals 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Saturdays. 08-10

Rosella Shipley of Centennial, Colo., writes that her father, Jim Miller, formerly of Oberlin, is now living at the Cable Care Center, 656 Dillon Way, room 59B, Aurora, Colo., 80011. He celebrated his 95th birthday on Jan. 2 and would enjoy hearing from friends.

Dwayne and Twila Scott of Gardner, were houseguests of his sister, Doris Fringer, from Feb. 27 to March 3. Other sisters they visited were Linda Weber, Ina Goodnight, Judy Scott; also Janice Kurth of Imperial, Neb. Linda's husband, Dick Weber, underwent surgery for two heart-bypasses on Feb. 26 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., and returned home on March 2.

Richard and Clara Russ spent the weekend in North Platte, Neb., where they visited their granddaughter, Megan and Adam Nelson and their 5-week-old son, Levi Beau. On Sunday, they attended the dedication of Levi Beau at the Harvest Fellowship Church. Among other relatives attending were Mrs. Nelson's parents, Ed and Vivian Russ and family of WaKeeney, and several of his relatives.

Student receives scholarship

Anikka Martin of Herndon is among students at Kansas State University who have been chosen to receive CHS Foundation Scholarships.

She is the daughter of Bob and Liane Martin, and a granddaughter of Raymond Kircher of Oberlin.

Miss Martin is a senior in agricultural economics with a minor in mass communication. A member of the Kappa Delta sorority, she serves on the College of Agriculture Student Council.

She also participates in AgEcon/AgBusiness Club and in 2007 participated in the Purpan School of Agriculture Student Exchange to Toulouse, France.

She is a farm assistant for Reverse-Half-Box-K Land and Livestock. After graduation, she plans to work in rural economic development.

She and her family are affiliated with several areas co-ops, including Decatur Cooperative Association and Prairie Land Electric Cooperative.

To be eligible, a student must be a college sophomore, junior or senior working toward an agriculture-related degree to pursue a career in production agriculture or agribusiness.

CHS, formerly Cenex Harvest States, is a diversified energy, grain and food co-op serving much of the Midwest.

FFA plans benefit and sale

The Decatur Community High School FFA chapter will have a benefit work auction from 8 a.m.

to 3 p.m. on Thursday at the school cafeteria. FFA members will be on the block for eight hours of work.

Siren testing starts Monday


Starting Monday, Decatur County will be testing tornado sirens in Oberlin, Norcat, Jennings and Dresden every week. Tests had been suspended for the winter.

Tests will be every Monday between 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. unless the area should be in a tornado watch or warning at that time, said Jacque Boultinghouse, emergency preparedness director for Decatur and Sheridan counties.

"This testing is to insure that sirens will work when we need them," she said. "If anyone finds that a siren in their area does not work, please let us know at 475-8100."

The group is also planning a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Teens for Christ building on South Rodehaver Avenue. Students may be "bought" for eight hours of work there also.

Proceeds will go for FFA projects.



Happy 1st Birthday!
Love,
Daddy, Mommy
and Katrina

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Couple sets June vows

Amanda Marie Brewster and Jonathon Scott Richards plan to be married on Saturday, June 6, 2009, at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Studley.

Parents of the couple are Bob and Dana Brewster, Hoxie; and Barry and Patti Richards, Oberlin.

Her grandparents are Carolyn Bell, Quinter; Verlin Bell, McPherson; and Gerald and Betty Brewster, Hoxie.

His grandparents are Lois Bryant, Oberlin; and the late John A. Bryant; Norman Richards, Oberlin; and Karen Thompson, Oberlin.

The bride-to-be graduated from Hoxie High School and from Colby Community College, earning an associate degree in arts and sciences.

Her fiancé graduated from Decatur Community High School and will complete his associate degree in criminal justice from Colby Community College in the spring.

They plan to move to Hays and attend Fort Hays State University in the fall.



Jonathon Richards and Amanda Brewster

April wedding planned

Megan Barrett and Wellington Sage plan to marry at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, at the St. John's Lutheran Church. A reception and dance will follow at the Oberlin American Legion.

Parents of the couple are Jim and Diane Barrett, Oberlin; Kathryn Sage, Salina; and Ken and Brenda Sage, Holiday Island, Ark.

The bride-to-be will receive her bachelor's degree in social welfare from the University of Kansas in May.

Her fiancé is in the Army and stationed at Fort Riley.



Wellington Sage and Megan Barrett

Club News

Women observe Lent

Oberlin United Methodist Women held their Lenten meeting on March 4 at the fellowship hall of the church.

Mary Ann Amack and Pat Abbey were hostesses and 18 members and one guest were present.

Devotions by Marian Fraker were based on the theme of remembering not to take our blessings for granted. The program, "Lent: This is the Fast I Choose," was given by Jody Betts, assisted by Violet Shaw, Nadeane Haag, Fern Moore, Mary Ann Amack and Laurene Van Otterloo.

They gave examples of how the group's mission-supported projects have made a difference in the lives of women and children in the United States and in third world nations. Suggestions were

made for those present to make additional mission contributions during Lent.

Twenty-four care boxes were delivered to college and vo-tech students during February. It was voted to make a donation to the Bridges to the Future project; World Vision for medications for homeless children and purchase men's socks to be taken to Denver by the youth of the church on their mission trip during spring break.

The April 1 meeting will be at the Good Samaritan Center with music furnished by the high school music department. Hostesses will be Linda Hollowell, Mary Waldo, Marian Fraker and Judy Davis. Devotions will be given by Pat Wright.

Group enjoys hymns

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met in McCook on March 4 at the home of Nadene Lafferty.

President Cheryl Metcalf opened the meeting by all singing, "Are Ye Able?" and seven members answered roll call with a favorite hymn.

Ethel Railsback gave devotions and read a poem, "This is My Father's World," followed by prayer by Mrs. Metcalf. Dates to remember include the Spiritual Growth Workshop at Camp Lakeside on April 17 and 18; breakfast at the

church on March 15, and World Day of Prayer at the Catholic Church on March 6.

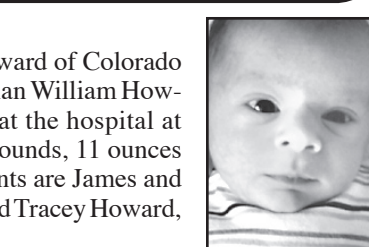
Mrs. Metcalf gave an interesting program entitled, "God's Mission; God's Song" with the group singing different hymns as she told a little about each one. The meeting closed by repeating the Purpose of United Methodist Women. The hostess served a delicious lunch with the St. Patrick's theme.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, at the home of Lucille Townsend.

New Arrival

Rylan William Howard

Blake and Davi Ann (Hardy) Howard of Colorado Springs, are the parents of a son, Rylan William Howard, who was born Jan. 16, 2009, at the hospital at Fort Carson, Colo. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are James and Christina Hardy, Oberlin, and Bill and Tracey Howard, Leavenworth.



R. Howard

Local students win Hansen scholarships

Seven seniors at Decatur Community High School are among 250 from 61 northwest Kansas schools named as winners in the Dane G. Hansen Foundation's 34th annual scholarship competition.

Another nine scholarships were awarded by the foundation, based in Logan, to Kansas community college students who plan to continue at a Kansas college.

The scholarship committee considered proficiency in verbal and writing skills, as well as academic records, test scores and community service, in choosing the winners. Decatur County winners include:

Hansen Scholar: \$3,000 renewable for one year:

Christopher Larson, son of David and Belinda Larson, Oberlin. He plans to attend Kansas State University to major in chemistry and biochemistry.

Hansen Student, \$2,000 renewable for one year:

Nathan Simonsson, son of Brian and Pam Simonsson, Oberlin. He plans to attend K-State, where he will be in the Reserve Officers Training Corps, and major in science.

Alyssa Rippe, daughter of Lynn and Joyce Rippe, Oberlin. She plans to major in wildlife and fisheries at Kansas State University.

Derek Chambers, son of Jerry and Melissa Chambers, Oberlin. He plans to major in engineering at K-State.

Jacinta Carter, daughter of David and Diane Carter, Jennings. She plans to major in English and music at Fort Hays State University.

Vocational Education: \$2,000 each:

John Meitl, son of Mark and Leta Meitl, Dresden. He plans to enroll in welding and electrical at the Northwest Kansas Technical College at Goodland.

Jordan Tally, son of Gene and Tonya Tally, Oberlin. He plans to attend Nebraska Technical College of Agriculture at Curtis.

Among other area students who earned scholarships are:

Keegan Peckham, son of Charles



Carter Chambers



Larson Meitl



Rippe Simonsson

and Connie (Peterson) Peckham, Atwood; Hansen Leader of Tomorrow, \$5,000 renewable for three years.

Marcus Cahoj, Atwood, son of Larry and Suzanne (Temple) Cahoj, Hansen Student, \$2,000 renewable for one year.

Brandy Bussen, Rexford, Community College Scholarship, \$2,000 renewable for one year.

Oriana Beltran, Tate Bruggeman and Angel Lobato, Golden Plains, Rexford, Vocational Education, \$2,000.

Members enjoy school band

Kurt Vollertsen was program chair at the March 3 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He introduced Oberlin Elementary Principal Duane Dorshorst, who introduced sixth-grade band director Sarah Bricker.

The band members introduced themselves and explained that each was dressed in the attire of the profession they wish to become as

an adult. One, dressed as a Colorado Rockies fan, said that she wanted to be the wife of a Rockies player. The 16-member band played several musical numbers.

Other guests were Melissa Riley, Sarah Fredrickson and Christie Morris.

Rotary Appreciation Night will be Tuesday, March 17, at The Gateway.

Club plans for 4-H Day

By HALEY SCHIESSLER

The monthly meeting of the Maverick 4-H Club was held on March 8 at the ambulance barn. The meeting was called to order by President Taylor Macfee. Luke Koerperich led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Cody Wurm led us in the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was your favorite summer activity. There were 18 members present.

The parliamentary tip was given by Jamie Soderlund. The minutes of the February meeting were read by Alexis Hissong and approved. She read a thank you from Cedar Living Center for the cookies and from the K-State Extension office. Taylor Macfee told of upcoming events and the dates they are taking place. We discussed who was going to the County 4-H Camp. Our 4-H club is paying the fee for our members to attend.

Alexis and Gatlin Hissong were installed as officers since they didn't attend the installation meeting.

Haley Schiessler made a motion that the April meeting take place at the 4-H Day at Oberlin Elementary School since it was originally scheduled for Easter Sunday and Jamie Soderlund seconded it. After the meeting, we practiced our dance for 4-H Day and will practice again at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 20, at the grade school. Snacks were provided by the Bryans.

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St. Patrick's Dance
Saturday, March 14
9 p.m. to Midnight
Mobile Music Machine
Oberlin American Legion
Oberlin, Kansas



You Are Cordially Invited To
An Open House
Come and Help Welcome
Dr. Obed Saint Louis
To Our community
2:00 PM
Sunday, March 15
Specialty Clinic Lobby
Decatur Health Systems