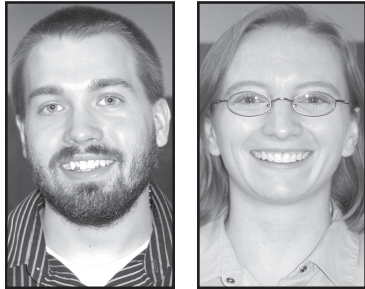


People in Our Community

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C. Nelson S. Nelson

Pastors installed at church

The Rev. Chris Nelson and his wife, the Rev. Sharon Nelson, were installed as new pastors of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Oberlin during morning services on Sunday.

Conducting the installation service was the Rev. Rick Mylander of Castle Rock, Colo., associate superintendent of the Midwest Covenant Conference.

Mr. Nelson said he is a native of Paxton, Ill., where he grew up on a corn and soybean farm. He graduated from Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School, then enrolled at North Park University in Chicago. He graduated from North Park Theological Seminary in December 2007. He has an older sister.

His wife is from Bellfonte, Calif., and graduated from high school in Carlmont, Calif. She attended Bethany College at Scotts Valley, Calif., before enrolling at North Park Seminary. She graduated in May 2008. She has a younger brother.

Both said they felt the call to the ministry while in high school. He said his favorite hobby is playing the trumpet.

Both said they are looking forward to getting acquainted with the people of Oberlin and working with their new congregation. They have rented a house on North Griffith.

Sunday services at the church, 810 W. Cedar, include morning worship, 9:30 a.m.; fellowship, 10:30 a.m.; and Sunday School, 11 a.m. Bible study is at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Pianists give performances

Twenty-four piano students, representing Oberlin, Phillipsburg and Stockton, participated in the Kansas Music Teacher's Association Music Progressions on Saturday in Oberlin.

Students of Mary Henzel and Cheryl Metcalf from Oberlin were Kade Grafel, Danny and Daisy Rhein, David and Michael Noren, Dakota and Mollie Tate, Caitlin Shields, Molly and Morgan Jansoni, Emily Larson, Elizabeth Neland, Caleb and Luke Koerperich and Isaac Carman.

Judges were Jonathon Sokasits, Hastings College; Pat Ziegelmeier, Colby Community College; and Susan Nelson, Decatur Community High School.

The students auditioned two pieces and various scales and intervals, rhythms, and sight reading, with listening and theory tests part of the requirements to participate.

Rotary hears musicians

Members of the Oberlin Rotary Club enjoyed a program of music when they met April 14 at The Gateway for lunch.

Program Chair Ken Morris introduced Sarah Bricker, band teacher for the Oberlin schools. She introduced Christie Morris and Alyssa Rippe, flutists, who played a number. Jacob Helm played a number by Handel on the clarinet, accompanied by Cheryl Metcalf. Mrs. Morris and Miss Rippe closed the program by playing "The Entertainer."

Guests were Mrs. Morris and Theresa Ruff.

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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Spouse or Guest	Class	Year to be seated with
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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 9, 2009.



FOLDING AN AMERICAN FLAG sent to the Oberlin American Legion Post by 1st Lt. Brent Jennings, who is serving in Iraq, were John Bremer (far left) and Walter Pennell (far right). Others shown (from left) were Bob Tacha, Kenneth Krizek and Lawrence Jennings, members of the Jennings American Legion Post, and Greg Cundiff, a member of the Oberlin post. The Jennings American Legion also received a flag from Lt. Jennings.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Flags from Iraq given to Legions

Two American flags which flew over the headquarters of the 287th Sustainment Brigade at Tallil Air Base, Iraq, were given recently by 1st Lt. Brent A. Jennings to the Jennings and Oberlin American Legion posts.

Lt. Jennings said that if anyone wants to donate a flag to an individual or an organization, he has to coordinate with the Command Group on a chosen day and inform them to whom the flag is being donated.

"I chose to send flags to my hometown American Legions," Lt. Jennings said. "Oberlin is where I grew up, went through all 13

grades of school to graduate with the Class of 1987. When I retire from the military, I plan to return to Oberlin and farm with my brother, Brent Jennings.

"I joined the Army National Guard in 1986. My first duty station was in Scott City, and in 1991 I transferred to the 170th Maintenance Company. After receiving my 20-year letter at the rank of sergeant first class, I decided to go to Officer Candidate School and graduated at Fort Benning, Ga., in June 2007."

He said his first platoon assignment was with the 170th in Russell. The 287th was deploying to

Iraq and the unit asked him to fill a vacant slot. He was activated in October 2008 and should return this fall. He said that Wichita is home base for the 287th.

Lt. Jennings is stationed at Tallil, in the suburbs of Nasiryah, Iraq. He is a member of the Jennings American Legion. His parents are Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Jennings, and Judy and Lee Ploussard, Oberlin.

His wife, the former Rhonda Fringer, also an Oberlin native, lives in Wichita. Her parents are Rod and Pat Fringer of Oberlin. Grandmothers are Clara Fringer and Margaret Vacura of Oberlin.

Bee Hansen has returned home after spending 17 days in Englewood, Colo., helping with the care of her new great-grandson, Arick Bradley Maglowsky, who was born March 26. His parents are Kaycie and David Maglowsky. Marvin Hansen spent the weekend with them after he was born.

Joan Russell of Wichita came Saturday to visit her brother and his wife, Neal and Joy Russell, and attend the organ and piano concert on Sunday by Joy Russell and Gary Fredrickson.

Lyle and Leona Hilker returned home recently from Weslaco, Texas, where they had spent the winter months. Her daughter, Karla Wilson, Grant and Grayson of Little Rock, Ark., visited them in Texas during the last week of March. Their husband and father, Doug Wilson, flew into the Harlingen International Airport on Wednesday and they met him there. Later, the Wilson family spent two days at Sea World in San Antonio.

Dick and Linda Weber and Doris Fringer went to Gardner to visit Dwayne and Twila Scott on Friday, April 10. The Webers and Scotts attended "Phantom of the Opera," then returned home Sunday. Mrs. Fringer spent a week with her son, James and Heather Shirley, before returning home April 18.

Ruth Martin and her daughter-in-law, Paula Martin, Dallas, and Pam Munford, Kansas City, Mo., came last week to visit Mabel Bailey. They all attended funeral services for Les Leochner, Sr., at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood on Thursday morning.

Della Russ of Springfield, Mo., flew to Oberlin on Saturday of Easter weekend with friends to spend the day with her parents, Richard and Clara Russ. Other weekend guests at the Russ home were Starla Russ, Garden City, and Jane Dingus,

Holcomb. On Sunday, they and Julie Cunningham went to WaKeeney to attend church services where their son and brother, Ed Russ, is pastor.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Veanna Carman, Floyd Edgett, Ardis Roe, Dorothy Moore, Kelva Dryden and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Barb Solko, Neil Marshall, Dorothy Moore, Elden Haas and Henry Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Floyd Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Elden Haas and Barb Solko. Winning highs at bridge were Cynthia Matson, Marie McKisson and Alice Shirley.

Fern Jording spent Easter with Phil and Marj Law of Lakewood, Colo., and their family. Mrs. Law brought her mother home on Wednesday.

Bob and Kay Gaskill returned the end of last week from a trip to Jekyll Island, St. Simon Island, and Savannah, Ga., followed by a tour of Beaufort en route to Charleston, S.C. They visited museums of the area, homes, plantations, and private city gardens. St. Francis high school classmates with Kay on this tour were Glorriane Elmer, Salida, Colo.; and Eunice Burnham, San Antonio, Texas. Weekend guest of the Gaskills was Loretta Hiatt, Denver.

Andrew Dempewolf and Kyle Glodt were elected into the Fort Hays State University Student Government Association last Thursday. They are now senators for the College of Education, and Health and Human Performance, respectively. Andrew ran for one of three seats for the College of Education, and Kyle was one of six running for Health and Human Performance. Both are graduates of Decatur Community High School. Kyle is the son of Kelly and Sue Glodt of Pierre, S.D., and Andrew's parents are Mike Dempewolf, Oberlin, and LeAnna Schwab, McCook.

Club News

Club enjoys young talent

Joyce Ploussard was hostess for the April 13 meeting of Pi Alpha Club at the Sappa Valley Manor with Joy Russell assisting.

Brittani Farr performed a graceful ballet dance to the music, "I Hope You'll Dance." Heather Ploussard and Alyssa Rippe, high school speech students of Leigh Davis, were introduced and presented a humorous duet act titled, "Off the Rack." Tiffanie Farr and Sandy Rush were guests for the program.

For devotions, Mrs. Ploussard read, "Three Women on a Hike."

from "God's Little Devotional Book." Vice President Gerry Neff conducted the business meeting in the absence of the president, Marty Olson. Fourteen members answered roll call and the hostess prize was won by Ila Ray.

Members were told that the Oberlin Elementary School cake walk will be held on Thursday, April 30, and is open to the public. The final meeting of the club year will be held Monday, April 27, with Janette Votapka as hostess and Rosella Meitl co-hostess for a "Game Night." Dues will be collected.

Calico Gals meet in Colby

Eight members of the Calico Gals Club met on April 15 at the China Buffet in Colby for lunch with Barbara Duell as hostess.

Present were Donna Kelley, Phyllis Screen, Marylu Brown, Detta Anderson, Millie Lippelmann, Betty Grout, Barbara Duell and Shirley Shields. Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Shields were the drivers.

After the meal and fortune cookies, the group had their pic-

ture taken by the museum for their newsletter. Mrs. Shields won the hostess gift.

The group visited the Prairie Museum which included the huge barn, old farm house, sod house, one-room schoolhouse, old church and the main building with lovely displays.

The next meeting will be at the home of Shirley Shields on May 20. Roll call will be a spring poem.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met last Wednesday at the Frontier Cafe for an Easter prayer breakfast.

Those present included: Mildred Holmdahl, Pat Abbey, Eileen Grose, Mabel Zimmerman, Martha Fringer, Doris Fringer, Eula Juenemann, Joy Votapka, Phyllis Screen, Cecil Hess, Bertha Schwisow, Nadean Stoney,

Dorothy Jackson, Doris Sloan and Mary Ann Amack.

Following the breakfast, Mrs. Sloan welcomed the group and gave the invocation. Mrs. Amack read "An Easter Trilogy."

The Wednesday, May 13, meeting will be a 3 p.m. tea party at the LandMark Inn and those attending are asked to wear a hat.

New Arrivals

Noah Harrison Black

Kyle and Leslie Black of Wichita are the parents of a son, Noah Harrison Black, born March 12, 2009, at Via Christi-St. Joseph Campus in Wichita. He weighed 8



Noah Black

pounds, and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Terry and Sue Black, Oberlin; and Tony and Persilla Zimmerman, Pratt. Great-grandparents are Bonnie Weskamp,

Oberlin; Jim and Lelanne Zimmerman, Pratt; and Laurie Zimmerman, Hugoton.

Cyler Vincent Luck Camden Allen Luck

Corbin John Luck, 3, has twin brothers, born on April 10, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. Cyler Vincent weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. Camden Allen weighed 5 pounds, 6.8 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Parents of the boys are Mark and Jessica Luck, Hays. Grandparents are Jerry and Montine Alstrom and Larry Long,



Camden Luck



Cyler Luck

Oberlin; and Robert and Lynette Luck, Colby. Great-grandparents are Nora Bearley and Kieth and Dorothy Alstrom, Oberlin; Helen and Harvey Ehrlich, Brighton, Colo.; and Agnes Lyon, Norton.

Center marks Volunteer Week here

The Decatur County Good Samaritan Center is joining other organizations across the country to celebrate National Volunteer Week, which is set aside each year to show appreciation for those who contribute their time to society.

"Volunteers play a key role in the Christian mission and ministry of the Good Samaritan Society by sharing their individual gifts and talents with us," said Activity Director Lisa Paulson.

The Points of Light and Hands On Network sponsors the national week, which is this week. The week began in 1974 when President Rich-

ard Nixon signed an executive order establishing an annual celebration.

The Decatur County center is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, a nonprofit organization that operates more than 240 long-term care and retirement living centers across the country.

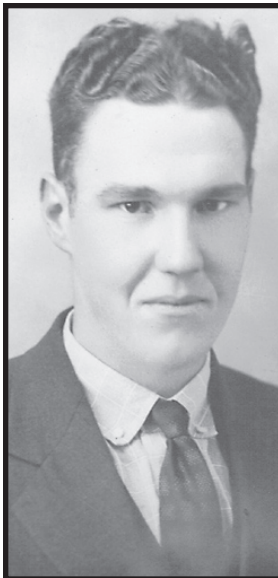
The society's mission is to "share God's love in word and deed" by providing shelter and services to seniors and others in need, believing that "In Christ's Love, Everyone is Someone."

If you would like to volunteer, call Mrs. Paulson at (785) 475-2245.

Card Shower

The family of
Forrest Jackson
is requesting a card shower to help him celebrate as he turns 90 on Thursday, April 23rd.

Please send cards to:
Forrest Jackson
611 Rd. K
Norcatur, K8 67653



Happy Anniversary



The family of
Dale & Roberta Blake
invite you to a dance in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Saturday, May 2nd, 7-10 p.m., at the Bohemian Hall in Oberlin. Music by Clueless.

Card Shower

Leroy Wessel, Selden, will be honored with a card shower for his 80th birthday on April 25.

Please send cards to: Leroy Wessel, c/o Rose Wessel, 806 Amber, Oakley, Kan. 67748.