

Oberlin graduate chosen for training

Amos Alstrom, a 1996 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is among 30 new members chosen for the statewide leadership training experience, Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership.



A. Alstrom

The two-year course offers intensive study, training and travel for emerging leaders in agriculture and rural communities.

"KARL Class X represents small Kansas community and urban viewpoints," said Director Jack Lindquist. "The education, motivation and experiences that will come from within the group 25- to 53-year-old members will be as important as the curriculum."

Participants will begin their two-year course this fall and will have nine in-state seminars. Study tours over the two years include a national seminar entitled Blue Chip, which is a review of a Fortune 500 corporations' strategic management process, a tour to Washington and an international study tour to Vietnam in 2011.

The experience carries a value of nearly \$17,000 per person. No tax money is used for the program, and the budget comes from contributions from the private sector.

Mr. Alstrom has worked for Frontier Farm Credit for nine years, the past three in Marysville. He and his wife Toni have four children, Austyn, Bryclin, Edyn and Vyvian.

He is the son of Rod Alstrom of Oberlin, and Terri and Eddie Anderson of Goodland. His grandmother is Myrna Kelley, a resident of the Good Samaritan Center in Goodland, but formerly of Oberlin.

For information, go to www.karlprogram.com.



AREA CHILDREN sang out patriotic songs from World War II at a celebration held Sunday afternoon at the Masonic Hall and Opera House in Jennings. More than 150 attended the event.

— Photo by Marjorie Hartzog

Jennings show honors WW II vets

About 150 people attended a tribute to World War II veterans on Sunday at the former Opera House and Masonic Hall in Jennings.

The event was organized by the Jennings Historic Building Preservation Committee to raise money to restore the Opera House. The Norcat Royal Neighbors of America Lodge co-sponsored the event and provided \$1,000 to match the receipts, making the total in excess of \$2,000, said one of the organizers, Marj Hartzog.

A large collection of World War II memorabilia was displayed by John McDermott, including a complete surgical suite and an Army "mule" with flags from all branches of the service. The Norton National Guard unit provided a Hummer and a wrecker for display and the Jennings Czech museum displayed items from that era. Many individuals displayed personal items, including an Army uniform complete with underwear and an overcoat formerly owned by Harry Allen.

A Boy Scout troop from Hays presented and retired the colors and performed a flag-folding ceremony while explaining the meaning of each fold. The remainder of the program included World War II songs sung by a group of area children, solos by Jacinta Carter and Terri Hanke and readings by Mike

McKenna and Jesse Carter.

Guest speaker Joanne Emerick gave a moving reading from her soon-to-be-published book, "Courage Before Every Danger," a narrative of her father's experiences in the Army Air Corps. The book begins in 1938 with the 31st Bomb Squadron's transfer from the U.S. mainland to Hawaii and follows the squadron through the attack on Pearl Harbor and the ensuing four years of U.S. involvement in the war.

Ms. Emerick said her father died when she was 22, and she believes he never got over his war experiences. She said she initiated dialogue with members of her father's squadron 17 years ago in an attempt to better understand her father and his war experience.

Jesse Carter led a discussion with

World War II veterans. Following the program, a meal consisting of fresh garden produce, a chicken dish over biscuits, Spam and baked dishes prepared from World War II recipes was served. Food at that time was much heavier than people are accustomed to now, due to the rationing and shortage of many items such as sugar and shortening. Recipes were shared with the diners.

Organizers were pleased with the turnout, which included people from Jennings and all surrounding communities, Mrs. Hartzog said.

"The donations collected are vital to restoration of the Opera House so that it can be used as a place for communities to gather and share in events such as this one," said Mrs. Hartzog.

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Nine Decatur Community High School students spent last week at the Butler Summer Show Choir Showcase in El Dorado. The camp prepares students for musical routines for the upcoming school year. Students who attended were Hunter Nedland, Ashley Horton, Jacob Larue, Rhiannon Davies, Nolan Henningson, Lizzy Nedland, Miki Dorshorst, Cassidy Shields and Annamarie Larue, who will be a student at Butler Community College next year.

and Jeremy Henderson, Amarillo, Texas; Holly Schultz and friend, Enrique, San Diego; and Tim and Diane Leffler, Norcat. He expects to return to the Decatur County Hospital today.

Leslie Nolette, and children, Thomas and Danielle, returned home Thursday from Little Neck, N.Y. They were accompanied home by her mother, Sandy Nolette, who is moving to Oberlin and is living at the Parkview Apartments.

Duane and Pat Dorshorst and Miki visited Sunday afternoon with Earl and Char Barber in Hays.

Diane Newcom, Denver; and Pam Samuels, San Diego, Calif., were houseguests of Gail and Kay Marcuson last weekend. Additional guests for a barbecue Saturday evening were Brad, Elaine and Jared Marcuson.

Gregory Unger was named to the all A honor roll at Pittsburg State University for the spring semester. He was enrolled in Vocational-Technical Education and took classes in Salina. He is the diesel mechanic instructor at the Kansas Technical College at Goodland and is the son of Evan and Sheryl Unger of Oberlin.

Winning highs in pinocle this week at the Golden Age Center were Dewaine Stapp, Dorothy Moore, Ardis Roe, Kelva Dryden, Max Carman and Veanna Carman. Lows went to Neil Marshall, Kelva Dryden, Dorothy Moore, Floyd Edgett, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett and Ivis Hanson. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Neil Marshall and Floyd Edgett. Winning highs in bridge were Cynthia Matson and Shirley Simpson.

Jeanette Diederich was honored by the Oberlin Sacred Heart Church with the 2009 Volunteer of the Year Award for her outstanding contributions of time and talent and commitment to the community and service to others.

Jerry and Montine Alstrom joined Jim and Sandy Allen, Littleton, Colo.; James, Carrie, Hailey and Nicholas Allen, Lakeside, Calif.; Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley; and Mark, Jessica, Corbin, Camden and Cyler Luck, Hays, for a week of vacationing at Avon, Colo. during the week of July 5. Additional weekend guests were Brian and Jennifer Jones, Highlands Ranch, Colo.; and Amanda Allen, Littleton.

John Schultz was transferred by plane from Colby to Hays Medical Center last week, where he was a patient in the intensive care unit for several days. He underwent surgery on Friday for a heart pacemaker and defibrillator. Those who have been with him were his wife, Gloria, Oberlin; Darren Schultz and Ashley Woolsey, and Dan and Angela Schultz, Fritch, Texas; Amanda Schultz, Cimarron; Wesley Schultz, Melrose; Bernice Reid and Debbie, Denver; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Scott McVay, Hays; Derick Schultz and Jessica McCandless, Paula Henderson and Shaun,



NAKITA BOSE OF OBERLIN (left) shows off a fish she caught during Girl Scout Camp to Amber Ulmer of McCook. The camp was held at Lakeview Lodge, near Stratton, Neb. Kala Bose of Oberlin, Nakita's mom, was camp director.

Girl Scouts enjoy camping at lake

Girl Scouts from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska, from kindergarten through high school sophomores, spent a week camping at the Lakeview Lodge, east of Stratton, Neb., recently.

Director of the camp was Kala Bose of Oberlin, and her daughter, Darian, was a counselor. Others from this area attending were Na-

kita Bose; Taylor Chessmore, Eliza Kastens and Dalyn McFee, and two adults, Vicki Chessmore and Hope McFee, Atwood; and Megan Arehart and Abbie Smith, Norton.

Anita and Joe Hirsch of Oberlin, spent one day at the camp teaching a class on photography.

Camp activities included fishing, decorating cupcakes, leather tool-

ing, relay games, crafts, ceramics, games, hikes, first aid, sewing, cookouts, parachute games, origami and more.

Lakeview Lodge Girl Scout Camp is always held the same week in June. For information, contact Mrs. Bose at [krgbgs@hotmail.com](mailto:krbgs@hotmail.com) or (785) 475-2394.

50 Golden Years

Wayne and Noneral Steinert, Concordia, Kansas, will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Colorado Springs with a family vacation hosted by their children Kevin and Susan Steinert of Concordia, Kelly and Hilary Steinert of Houston, Texas, and Kori and Ron Beilman of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The couple was married August 2nd, 1959 in Larned, Kansas. They have six grandchildren. Congratulations can be sent to 1404 Crescent Lane, Concordia, Kansas 66901.

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Pet parade set

During Decatur County Fair Week, Aug. 4 to 8, the Decatur County 4-H Council will again sponsor a pet parade at the Good Samaritan Center.

Kids of all ages are invited to bring their pets to share at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug 7. Participants do not have to be members of a 4-H club, said Nolan Wasson, one of the organizers.

Theme will be "Animal Planet," so any type of pet may be entered. Owners must keep their pets under control and use proper restraints, which include three-foot leashes for dogs and cats, and cages or aquariums, as appropriate. Judges will ask the owners to introduce their pet and answer some basic questions about it.

Prizes will be awarded to each exhibitor. Kids are encouraged to participate in this fun activity.

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