

**THE OBERLIN HERALD —**  
**People in**  
**Our Community**  
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Dr. Doug Fair, who is retiring, will be seeing his last patient at Fair Chiropractic Clinic on Thursday. He and his wife, Sandy, will be serving cookies and coffee from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. They will spend some time at Donna, Texas, then will return to Oberlin later. Mail will reach them at 602 N. Victoria Rd., No. 2157, Donna, Texas, 78537.

Anthony Neil Marshall graduated cum laude for an academic average of 3.750 to 3.848 in December from Kansas State University. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts. He is the son of Troy and Deb Marshall of Norcatour. His grandparents are Neil Marshall, Oberlin; and Forrest and Inez Jackson, Norcatour.

**—Seafood Buffet Friday, Feb. 12, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.**

Jori Ann Fortin, daughter of Daren and Erica Fortin, was baptized Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Oberlin Sacred Heart Church by Father Mark Berland. Godparents are Kari and Josh Williby. After the celebration, lunch was held at the Fortin home. Those present were Josh and Kari Williby and Gage, Bob and Alice Stanley, Jerry and Jolene Fortin, Coop and Donna Spresser, Larry and Peggy Roe, and Father Berland.

Ralph and Norma Unger took Ardith Wayne to Hays on Thursday to meet her son, Chris Luedders. They spent several hours in Hays and returned home that evening.

Kevin and Sue Renk of Plainville spent Saturday with her mother, Elaine Bryan.

Doris McKenzie moved to Wichita to be near her son and his wife, Kirk and Sue Watson, not Wasson as reported last week.

Winning highs in pinochle at

the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Doris Fringer, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Dewaine Stapp and Ivis Hanson. Lows went to Max Carman, Ivis Hanson, Dewaine Stapp, Dorothy Moore, Veanna Carman, Neil Marshall and Doris Gilbert. Pitch highs were won by Max Carman and Henry Edgett with lows going to Dewaine Stapp and Neil Marshall. Bridge winners were Annette Miller, Cynthia Matson, Charlotte Meints and Beth Sebaugh.

**—Valentine's Brunch Buffet Saturday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.**

Among area Kansas State University students who earned semester honors include: Derek Chambers, Karli Fredrickson, the late Lora Marietta, Breck Simonsson, Nathan Simonsson, Jennifer Tally and David Bainter, Oberlin; Denton Bailey and Anthony Marshall, Norcatour; and Andrew Broeckelman, Selden.

Rob and Loretta McFee have returned home from Denver, where she underwent recent heart surgery in St. Joseph Hospital.

Ralph and Norma Unger traveled to Phillipsburg on Sunday and visited with former associates, the Rev. and Mrs. Joel Hiesterman and Mr. and Mrs. John White, with whom they served on various boards over the past 30 years. While in Phillipsburg they attended Sunday morning services at First Lutheran Church where the Rev. Hiesterman serves as pastor. Later in the afternoon they traveled to Norton and attended the monthly meeting of the Thrivent Financial Smoky Hills Chapter executive board of which Norma serves as financial director. They returned home late Sunday.

**Soil Conservation gives awards to area winners**

Jesse Carter, representing Farmers Bank and Trust, presented the 2009 Kansas Bankers Soil Conservation Award to Jim and Pam Wesch at the Decatur County Conservation District's annual meeting last Monday at The Gateway. The Windbreak Award went to John K. and Ann Gallentine. The meal, prepared by The Gateway staff, was provided by the Decatur County Bankers Association, which includes The Bank, Oberlin, Jennings and Norcatour, and First National Bank and Farmers Bank and Trust, Oberlin. Nora Urban sang, after which Chairman Carl Wahlmeier made introductions.

Bruce Larue was re-elected as a district supervisor. Other board members include Elden Huff, vice-chairman, and Brett Jennings and Amanda Sowers. Linda Wahlmeier presented 2009 county poster contest trophies to:  
**Grade 2:** Anna Carter, first; Kennedy Jensen, second.  
**Grade 3:** Madelaine Johnson, first (state entry); Zachary Corbett.  
**Grade 4:** Genna Randel, first; Cassidy Gillespie, second.  
**Grade 5:** Sierra Hendrickson, first; Dayton Kempt, second.  
**Grade 6:** Kaitlynn Fisher, first (state entry); Sabryn O'Gara, second.

**New alumni book needs info**

Information is being entered for the new Decatur Community High School Alumni book, which will go to press next month. Dick Carman and Sharleen Wurm have been working on the project, along with several fellow alumni at the Last Indian Raid Museum. Updates are still needed on addresses and the like. Mrs. Wurm has information for the 1930 through 1949 classes; Jody Betts is updating classes from 1940 to 1949; Joy Votapka, 1950 to 1959; Mary Lou Olson, 1960-1969; Jody Betts,

1970 to 1979; Arian Arnold, 1980 to 1989; Sharon Addleman, 1990 to 1999; and Connie Simonsson, 2000 to 2009. Anyone with information on classmates may contact these volunteers, e-mail or mail the information to the Last Indian Raid Museum, 258 S. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749; drop it off; or call (785) 475-2712 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The e-mail address [alumnidchs@gmail.com](mailto:alumnidchs@gmail.com).

**Group adds second meeting**

The McCook Al-Anon Family Group is adding a second meeting, at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday, beginning this week.

The group currently meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at 709 West Second Street. Enter at the south door.

**Woman observes 105th**

By HARRIET GILL  
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 Still feisty at 105, Alta May (Huff) Van Gundy, formerly of Lyle, celebrated her 105th birthday on Jan. 31 at the Andbe Home in Norton. She was born Jan. 31, 1905, in a sod house near Devizes, in Norton County, the daughter of Noah and Martha Huff. "No doctor, just my dad and Mrs. Woods, a neighbor who was a midwife," she said. Mrs. Van Gundy was a licensed practical nurse. She worked in the Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings, Neb., for many

years and was also a reflexologist with a large clientele. She has outlived three husbands, her first husband was a farmer near Lyle; her second husband was a farmer and a veterinarian who taught her his secret recipe for "leaf oil," a liniment; and her third husband died after they both retired. She was unable to have children, but she has many nephews and nieces. Now a resident of the Andbe Home, she enjoys visits and cards. "People think you can't enjoy yourself when you get my age, but you can," she said.



Van Gundy

**Scout earns top award**

Zachary Kuntz, son of Gordon and Kara Kuntz of Hays and a grandson of Doyle and Kay Brown of Jennings, received the Eagle Scout award Jan. 17 at the Hays United Methodist Church. Zachary is a member of the Wheatland District of the Coronado Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. Among Scout leaders present were Scoutmaster James Mulkey, Assistant Scoutmaster Dana Cunningham and the pastor of the church, Jerre Nolte. He has been involved with Boy

Scouts since first grade, when he joined the Tiger Cubs. He joined Troop 133, chartered to First Presbyterian Church in Hays, in March 2005. He has served as senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and assistant patrol leader. He is also a brother of the Boy Scouts Honor Society, Order of the Arrow. He has earned 278 merit badges on his path to the Eagle Scout Award, including first aid, swimming, personal management, camping and emergency preparedness.



Z. Kuntz

**Church plans annual supper**

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church plans to hold its annual benefit pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21, including eggs and grilled sausage. Coleen Rippe said that everyone is invited to bring their friends. "You never know," she said. "There might be a surprise, as there was at the last church social event,

when three very talented musicians showed up." Proceeds will go to the church.



**New Arrivals**

**Mitchell David Wasson**  
 Michaela has a new baby brother, Mitchell David Wasson, born on Jan. 30, 2010, at Community Hospital in McCook. He weighed 8 pounds, 14.6 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Michael and Kelly Wasson, Dresden. Grandparents are James and Laurie Wasson, Oberlin, and Kimmi Lewis, Kim, Colo., and the late Dave Lewis. Great-grandparents are Donald Wasson, Selden, and the late Maxine Wasson, and Floyd and

Dottie Lotker, Oberlin.  
**Jori Ann Fortin**  
 Daren and Erica Fortin of Oberlin are the parents of a daughter, Jori Ann. She was born Nov. 20, 2009, at McCook Community Hospital. She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Bob and Alice Stanley, and Jerry and Jolene Fortin, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Rex Schroeder, Ardis Roe and June Fortin, Oberlin.

**Pastor gives lesson**

Oberlin United Methodist Women met at the fellowship hall of the church on Wednesday. Fifteen members answered roll call by giving a Bible verse from *1 John*.

Laurene Van Otterloo displayed sample of the health kits which the United Methodist Committee on Relief is collecting for Haiti. They will be taken to Quinter on Feb. 14 then on to Wichita for shipment.

Devotions, based on love, were given by Elaine Bryan. Pastor Doug Hasty presented the lesson, "For the Love of God: John's Letters."

The lesson for the March 3 meeting will be given by Jody Betts with devotions by Violet Shaw. Hostesses will be Maxine Smith and Elaine Bryan.

A donation was given for the conference, "Bridges Toward the Future" project and plans were made to mail care boxes to college and vo-tech students by Valentine's Day. An offering was received for the Day of Prayer and self-Denial meeting in January, which was canceled due to the snowstorm.

Refreshments were served from tables decorated in a Valentine theme by Bernice Martin and Marian Fraker. Each member chose a stem of fresh flowers from a vase of asters and mums.

**Teacher conferences today**

Parent-teacher conferences will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday at Oberlin Elementary School and Decatur Community Junior/Senior High. There will be no classes on Friday.

be held to 10 minutes so that all parents will be able to meet with these teachers.

At the grade school, parents of fifth and sixth grade students will not have assigned times, said Principal Duane Dorshorst. Parents will meet with teachers Carol Dixon, Cricket Ketterl and Belinda Jones in the gym. Conferences should

Mardi Lohoefer, Marty Olson and Sheila Jansonius will be available for conferences in their rooms both days. Jeff Jones, Terri Woolsey, Susan Nelson and Sarah Bricker will be available in the gym on Friday. Junior and senior high conferences will be held in the high school cafeteria, with parents asked to come anytime during those periods.

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**Stop by the Fair Chiropractic Clinic Open House to wish Dr. Douglas Fair well on his retirement on Thursday, Feb. 11 from 3 to 6 p.m.**  
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