

# People in Our Community

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Word was received of the death of Dr. Warren Kump, 83, on Saturday. He was a 1944 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Funeral services were held on Tuesday in Minneapolis, Minn. His parents were the late Lee and Hazel Kump. A complete obituary will be carried later. Mail will reach his family at 8008 Bass Lake Road 168, Lake Elmo, Minn., 55042-9312.

Jaime Sauder of Lewisville, Texas, came Friday to spend two weeks visiting her mother, Cindi Sauder, and help with the Hoedown on Saturday at the Oberlin American Legion, sponsored by Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

Faye Meitl returned home Saturday from Yukon, Okla., where she had visited since Nov. 15, with her daughters and their families.

Kurt and Becky Vollertsen were in Garden City on Thursday to meet their new granddaughter, Charly Rianna, who was born that day at the hospital there. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Becky Vollertsen remained to help care for her.

Weekend guests of Rod and Pat Fringer were Kim and Brian Brumley and Kourtney of McPherson. Kourtney remained to spend spring break with her grandparents.

Starla Russ and Jane Dingus of Garden City spent the weekend with Richard and Clara Russ and Julie Cunningham.

Melissa Hasty, a student at Baker University in Baldwin City, is spending spring break with her parents, the Rev. Doug and Sara Hasty.

Gabe Moore will be among 45 students who will join the Bethany Oratorio Society in performing Handel's "Messiah" and Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" in the Messiah Festival of Arts at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 28, and Sunday, April 4, in Presser Hall in Lindsborg. He is a student at Bethany College and the son of Monte and Kelly Moore of Oberlin.

Dick Carman left Saturday for Georgetown, Texas, to visit his daughter, Becky Turner, and family. Her husband, Garland Turner, has been hospitalized over two weeks in the intensive care unit with complications following pneumonia.

Jeremy and Karen Bryant, Jason and Ethan of Manhattan visited Jer-

ald and Elaine Leitner on Saturday and they all enjoyed lunch at the Pizza Hut to help Ethan celebrate his fourth birthday. The Bryants recently moved to Manhattan from Carl Junction, Mo.

Marj Law of Lakewood, Colo., is spending time with her mother, Fern Jording, at Cedar Living Center.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral services for Eleanor Demmer on Thursday were Carole Unger, and Cindy and Pat Traphavan and Tara, Yuma, Colo.; Marcia Emig, Goodland; Marilyn Henke, Manhattan; Mike Tupa, Salina; Ray Rome, Pratt; and Tracy Rome, Topeka.

Debbie Nickels and Emma of McLouth visited their mother and grandmother, Dorothy Moore over the weekend. They visited on Saturday afternoon with Martin and Evelyn May.

Keith and Roma Grafel, Sydney and Saeger of Council Grove were visiting in Oberlin on Monday.

Jared Marcuson, Great Bend, and Leslie Nelson, Topeka, spent spring break with their parents, Brad and Elaine Marcuson. On Friday, Elaine, accompanied by Gail and Kay Marcuson, went to Oakley to see Sarah Marcuson perform with the Sunflower Singers and the Colby Community College Jazz Band at the Oakley High School on their return trip from their southwestern Kansas tour.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Max Carman, Dorothy Moore, Kelva Dryden, Ardis Roe, Doris Fringer and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Neil Marshall, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett, Doris Fringer and Ivis Hanson. Pitch highs went to Henry Edgett and Dewaine Stapp with lows going to Kelva Dryden and Neil Marshall. Bridge winners were Cynthia Matson and Dorothy Cochran. Senior potluck Sunday, 12:15 p.m., Golden Age Center.

Andy and Sherri Ahlberg and Dreyvn of Fort Collins, Colo., were weekend guests of his parents, Dick and Suzanne Ahlberg and Mason.

Cynthia Haynes spent Sunday with her mother, Emma Desilet, a resident of Mount Joseph Nursing Home in Concordia, and attended church and had lunch with her.

## Benefit planned at Norcatcur

A whole-hog benefit will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 28, at the Norcatcur City Building for cancer victim Randy Allen.

Mr. Allen was diagnosed with colon cancer in December and underwent surgery in Denver in February. He had planned to donate a kidney to Ron Temple, who is on kidney dialysis, but the cancer was discovered when he underwent tests for the transplant in Omaha.

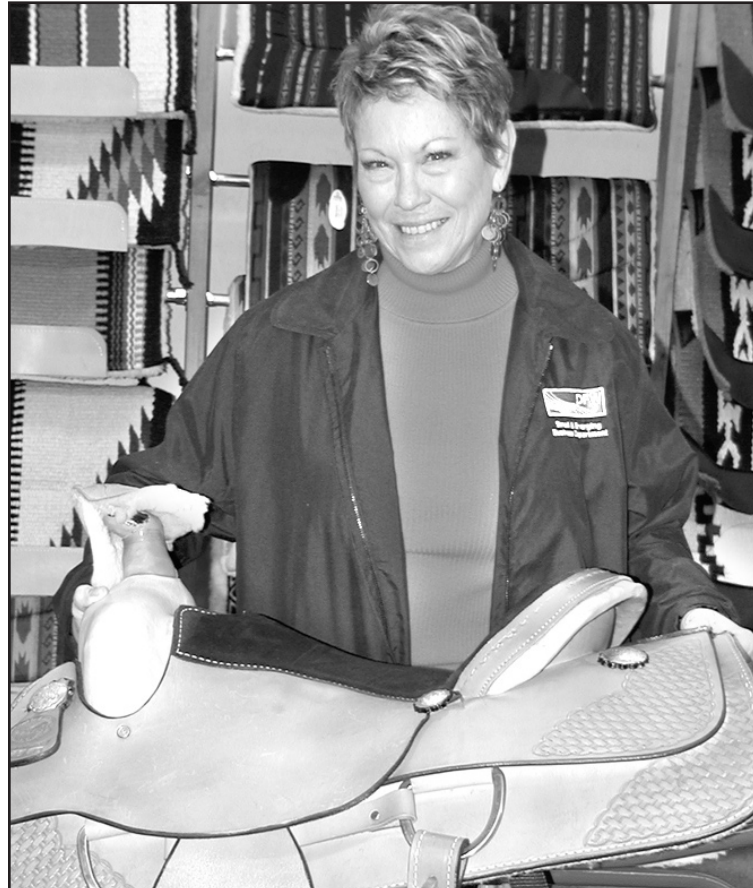
He left on Monday for Denver

to meet with doctors to find out his treatment options.

Mr. Allen, a handyman and carpenter, has no medical insurance.

The supper is being sponsored by Mr. Temple and the Norcatcur Commercial Club. Hogs have been donated and others may bring salads and desserts. Donations also may be sent to The Bank, Box 156, Norcatcur, Kan., 67653.

For questions, call Jerry West at (785) 871-7863.



**CHECKING OVER WESTERN** items at Rocking R for decorating for the Hoedown on Saturday night at the Oberlin American Legion was Cindi Sauder. She is resource development manager for the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, which is sponsoring the benefit auction, dinner and dance.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Hoedown Saturday to benefit Good Sam

The lucky 120 people who purchased tickets for the Hoedown dinner, dance and auction before the deadline on Monday are looking forward to an evening of fun Saturday night at the Oberlin American Legion.

Proceeds will go to the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

Others who want to participate may still buy a \$5 ticket at the door at 8 p.m. for the auction and dance only. The four-piece country and western band "Wanted" will play.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for the silent auction, including items donated by area merchants and individuals. At 7 p.m., a prime rib dinner will

be served, with dancing to follow at 8. Bidding will continue on auction items and winners will be announced later in the evening.

"Money raised from this event will go to a variety of projects at Good Samaritan Society-Decatur County," said Cindi Sloan-Sauder, resource development director. "We are a nonprofit organization and rely on tax-deductible donations to fund projects that benefit the residents."

"This will be a good opportunity for people to enjoy good food and dancing, and raise money to help our elders live the best life they can," said Administrator Janice Shobe.

## New Arrivals



Taylor Blake

### Taylor Madison Blake

Bradley and Lindsay (Haynes) Blake of Augusta, Ga., are the parents of a daughter, Taylor Madison Blake, born at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Doctors Hospital in Augusta. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Steve and Cynthia Haynes, Oberlin, and Jerry and Roberta Blake, Naperville, Ill. Emma Desilet, Concordia, is her maternal great-grandmother.

### Jace Riddick Bergling

Jace Riddick Bergling, son of Alicia Bergling and Sid Lampman of Oberlin, was born at 11:15 a.m. on Jan. 22, 2010, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. He has two sisters, Kelly and Trinity, to welcome him home. Grandparents are Dave and Sherry Bergling, Oberlin, and the late Cindy Bergling, and Vicki Lampman and Rick Lampman, McCook. Quentin and Olive Bergling, Atwood, are his great-grandparents.



J. Bergling

## Club News

### Manager gives program

City administrator Austin Gilley presented the program, "Oberlin in a New Decade," at the March 8 meeting of the Monday Evening Club at the home of Peggy Pratt.

Shirley Shields and Joan Betts were co-hostesses and Ann Dowling Williams was a guest.

Mr. Gilley used audio-visuals to show that his job is to help the citizens of Oberlin reach their goals and said that the mayor, council members, city administrator, department managers and workers have a part in making that happen. A list of the 2010 City Council priority rankings

was discussed, with questions answered about updating the electrical infrastructure, street improvements, the airport runway, blighted property as well as meeting federal requirements for water treatment.

Susan May thanked members who helped operate Sunflower Cinema during February.

The next meeting will be guest night at 7 p.m. at the new Golden Age Center. Hostesses will be Ann Anderson, Karen Thompson and Judith LaBash. The program will be "The Other Wild Bill." Roll call will be a suggested program for the coming year.

### Club meets at manor

The Pi Alpha Club met March 8 at Sappa Valley Manor with Joyce Ploussard as hostess and Mert McEvoy as co-hostess.

Mrs. Ploussard gave devotionals with thoughts from *Matthew 7* and a quote, "If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably has no end."

Joy Russell, whose father had been a disaster preparedness director, presented a timely program on the importance of every family having a designated storm shelter, usually in the basement, supplied with a disaster kit before the storm siren blows. She had a printed list of disaster kit items

and demonstrated packing a large collapsible bag for two people with items that could be included. She gave everyone a small kit containing the list, a whistle and a bar of soap.

Fourteen members were present, including Pat Wright of Oakley. Eunice Martin won the hostess gift. Kristy Evans gave each member a small bag of M&M's labeled, "MS Fact — One Hallmark of MS is its unpredictability."

The club will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, at the home of Marty Olson for finger foods.

### Auxiliary fills reports

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary met at the post on March 10 with eight members present.

President Angela Corcoran conducted the meeting. Chaplain Lois Lamb led in prayer, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance and preamble. Phyllis Metcalf read the minutes and

Dolores Koerperich gave the treasurer's report. The president read letters from the district and Relay for Life.

There was no program, so time was spent filling out reports to be sent to district officers. Hostesses were Laurene Van Otterloo and Laurene Dempewolf, using the St. Patrick's theme.

### Group enjoys desserts

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the LandMark Inn at 5 p.m. on March 3 for desserts followed by the meeting.

President Cheryl Metcalf opened the meeting by the group singing, "The Old Rugged Cross," followed by prayer. Joyce Rippe gave the Prayer Calendar Moments and Charissa Huff led devotions. Roll call was answered

by seven members by naming a disciple.

The pancake supper, which was postponed, was rescheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 7. World Day of Prayer was to be held on March 5 at the United Church.

Lucille Townsend presented the program on Easter and closed with prayer.

### Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends enjoyed a chicken-and-noodle soup luncheon at Coffee, Tea and Me when they met on March 10.

Present were Dorothy Shimek, Esther Carlson, Eula Juenemann, Phyllis Screen, Virginia Sprattling, Elaine Bryan, Laurene Van Otterloo, Eileene Grose, Bertha

Schwisow, Cecil Hess, Mary Ann Amack, Millie Lippelmann, Doris Fringer, Marian Dempewolf, Martha Fringer, Delphia Biggs, Doris Sloan and Dorothy Jackson.

The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, at the Frontier Cafe.

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Blood Draws for the Health Fair will be taken  
**March 24 and 25**  
**7:30 to 9:30 a.m.**  
Decatur Health Department  
(Must be fasting)

The Health Fair will be held  
**Thursday, April 8**  
**2 to 7 p.m.**  
Golden Age Center