

## Woman takes helm as Rotary president

Lynn Doeden took over as president of the Oberlin Rotary Club on July 1, replacing Rhonda May.



Lynn Doeden

Other new officers include Kurt Vollertsen, vice president; Duane Dorshorst, secretary; and Jesse Carter, treasurer. Mrs. Doeden, who is administrator of Decatur Health Systems and the Decatur County Hospital, was vice president last year, has served as secretary-treasurer and has been a member of the club's board for eight years.

"The community involvement of the Rotary Club really drew me to join eight years ago," she said.

The club has 42 members and among its projects are operating the ferris wheel at the Decatur County Fair, Rotary Radio Day on KFNF to help pay for scholarships for two seniors each year; the after-prom party for high school juniors and seniors, helping the Decatur County Food Bank, volunteering at Sunflower Cinema and other projects. The club also presents two scholarships annually from the estate of the late Charlie Corcoran, a longtime member.

"My goal this year is to try to become more community oriented and

provide service monthly for basics, whether monetary or hands-on," said Mrs. Doeden.

The new club president is a native of Hoisington. She earned her associate's degree in nursing at Barton County Community College, a Bachelor of Science from Fort Hays State University and a master's degree in nursing from the Independent University of California. She has worked at the hospital since she and her husband Rick and daughter Erin moved to Oberlin in 1986. She served as director of nursing from 1994 to 1999, before becoming administrator.

Her husband, a native of Claffin, has owned Custom Trophy and Engraving in downtown Oberlin for the past 10 years.

Erin earned a master's degree in clinical psychology at the University of Kansas and is assistant director at the Career Development Center at the university. Her husband, Rodger Wolfram, earned a Bachelor of Science at KU and works at Pine Family Farms near Lawrence.

The Doedens' son Kellen is a May graduate of Kansas State University. He will be teaching sixth grade at Wakefield and speech, drama and forensics at Clay Center this fall.

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Stewart and Ellen (Sauvage) Swain and Emily of Bentonville, Ark., spent several days visiting Maxine Sauvage. They also visited with Ellen's cousins, Trudy Stockham, Norton; Joan McKenna, Jennings; John and Donna Sauvage, Selden; and Bill Sauvage, Pat Chard, Michael and Cheryl Sauvage, and Tyler, Breckin and Talan Sauvage, Oberlin.

Guests of Joe and Candy Dejmala this week are their grandchildren, Madelynn and Madox Miller of Elm Creek, Neb.

Jeanie Hengst of Millerstown, Pa., and Sherrill and Janet Vermilion of El Dorado are visiting the women's mother, Mildred Holmdahl, and sister, Janeil and Mike Jensen this week.

Virginia Almquist of Smith Center and her sister, Cecilia Brown of Oberlin, attended funeral services on Tuesday morning at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland for their cousin, Leonard F. Zimmerman, 82, who died Friday. He was born at Selden, the son of Leonard Henry and Cecilia (Zodrow) Zimmerman. Survivors include his wife, the former Betty Racette, Goodland; three sons, Rick, Colorado Springs; Don, Westminster, Colo., and Randy, Goodland; and a daughter, Sheryl Bindeagle, Las Vegas.

Recent guests of Lyle and Leona Hilker were her children, Steve and Trina Krause, Gracie and Jacelyn, Syracuse, Utah; and Karla and Doug Wilson, Grant and Grayson, North Little Rock, Ark. On Thursday, they went to Herndon for pizza. On the Fourth of July Saturday, they all attended a Krause family reunion at the home of Dean and Linda Oman at Lake Maloney, near North Platte, Neb. Additional guests were Sandra and Delmer Van Lengen, Hastings, Neb.; Brenda Van Lengen, Shawnee; Neil and Audrey Van Lengen, Dax and Taya, Dodge, Neb.; Eric and Hayley Ryan, Wyatt, Jolee and Daisy, Overton, Neb.; Dustin Oman, Kearney, Neb.; and Sam and Angie Mohr, Jock and Kade, North Platte.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Dorothy Moore, Kelva Dryden, Henry Edgett and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Ardis Roe, Doris Fringer, Norma Anderson, Neil Marshall and Kelva Dryden. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Kelva Dryden with lows going to Dewaine Stapp and Dorothy Moore. Martha Fringer took high in chicken-foot dominoes and low went to Phyllis Screen. Bridge winners were Charlotte Meints and An-

nette Miller. Senior potluck, 12:15 p.m. Sunday; commodity distribution, 9 a.m. Tuesday; chicken-foot dominoes, 1 p.m. Tuesday, all at Golden Age Center.

Tom and Maxine Smith were recent overnight guests of their daughter, Amy and Tom Loftus, in Bloomington, Ill. From there they went to Mercer, Pa., to visit her brother, Dale and Jeanne Grimm for 10 days. While there, the Grimms took them to visit Mrs. Smith's childhood home and other points of interest at Newcastle, Pa. After their return home, another daughter, Janie Hatches, Blake and Trevor, of Wichita, visited a few days en route home from Colorado.

Chenaniah Langness, a graduate of Decatur Community High School, was named to the spring honor roll at the University of Kansas. He is an engineering undergraduate junior. His parents are Richard and Kimberly Langness and his wife is the former Kassia Bryan, daughter of Ron Bryan of Oberlin.

Gail and Kay Marcuson returned home Saturday from Denver and he is recuperating at home from quadruple heart by-pass surgery.

Kellen Doeden, son of Rick and Lynn Doeden, graduated magna cum laude with an academic average of 3.85 to 3.949 at from Kansas State University this spring. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and will be teaching sixth grade at Wakefield and speech, drama and forensics at Clay Center this fall.

Five youths from Faith Lutheran Church attended Confirmation Camp at Sullivan Hills, Lodgepole, Neb., from June 27-July 2. Molly and Morgan Jansonius, Ganon Henningson, and Kyle and Kelden Breth accompanied Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseier. The theme of this year's camp was "A New Creation" based on *II Corinthians 5:17*. Sullivan Hills is part of Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

K-State students who earned a 3.75 grade point average or higher for the spring 2010 semester were awarded semester honors. Students had to be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of graded course work. Among those from area included: Denton Bailey, son of Chris and Karen Bailey, Norcat; Chris Larson, son of David and Belinda Larson, and Nathan Simonson, son of Brian and Krista Simonson, Oberlin; and Andrew Broeckelman, son of Joe and Kathy Broeckelman, Selden.

## Emergency plan ready for public view

The county's emergency management director told the Decatur County commissioners the new hazard mitigation plan is done and a copy is sitting outside the clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse for public inspection.

Director Jacque Boultinghouse said at the meeting June 15 they had the first public meeting for the plan recently. The plan is in a red three-ring binder outside the clerk's office so people can look through it and comment, she said.

The plan has to be on display until Thursday for people to look at, she said. Maybe they could wait until the second week in July for the second public meeting. That way, at least some of harvest will be finished.

The director said she wants to get the corrections taken care of so that the plan can start out as accurate as possible. The plan would be used in case of an emergency like a tornado, large fire or other natural disaster.

Ms. Boultinghouse said it's possible that the recent weather could be declared a disaster, but she hasn't heard yet.

She said she called Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman to ask about damages. Commissioner Ralph Unger said Mr. Stallman looked and the county lost one little bridge on a township road. Commissioners asked if that was enough to merit all the red tape to get a disaster declaration unless more damage is found.

Nothing has been declared yet, said Ms. Boultinghouse.

She said she has several boxes with 800 megahertz radios to be taken upstairs. A console unit needs to be hooked up in dispatch, she said, but she needs to get a bid from someone to install it. There's money from homeland security,

she added. There are also hand-held radios for the sheriff's department and one mobile radio to go in her vehicle.

The group talked about a chemical spill in Oberlin. Ms. Boultinghouse said a man brought a tank to town that had some kind of fertilizer in it and washed it out in the driveway. The contaminated water ran down the street and a neighbor was complaining.

Assistant Fire Chief Larry Ayers put a lot of cat litter on the chemical to absorb it. She said she talked to the city police.

There wasn't enough chemical to call the state, she said, adding that she stressed to the man that it needed to be cleaned up and that a farm tank shouldn't be cleaned out in town. She said she couldn't remember the person's name.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Talked with Ms. Boultinghouse about working on a list for the kind of training county employees need for the National Incident Management System.
- Heard that Chris Koerperich, an emergency medical technician, had passed his instructor class. Ambulance Director Linda Manning said she is sending technicians Gaylen Huntley and David Depperschmidt to class so they can teach first responders.
- Held a 10-minute closed session for nonelected personnel. There was no action taken.
- Heard that the weed department is spraying musk thistle. Mr. Huntley, the county weed-control director, said he doesn't think he's seen it quite as bad as this in a long time.
- Held a 10-minute closed session for attorney-client privilege. There was no action taken.

## Son follows father in conservation field

A second-generation rangeland management specialist recently joined the staff of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service as a conservationist in Winfield.



Dusty Tacha

Dusty Tacha, grandson of Bob and Neoma Tacha of Jennings, previously was conservationist in Stevens County. He has a bachelor's degree in biology with an emphasis on rangeland management, and a master's in grassland ecology and range science. His parents are Roger and Peggy Tacha of Oakley.

While he was an undergraduate at Hays, he worked through the service's trainee program, doing stints at Ness, Greenwood and Reno counties from 2003 to 2005.

He could have been placed immediately in a permanent position, but instead opted to go to graduate school.

"I gave up my competitive advantage and opted for grad school, but I decided I'd take my chances," he said. "It was a personal goal to go

to grad school."

Now that he has more education to help him with the job in Cowley County, he said, he already sees significant differences in ecology between Stevens and Cowley counties.

"Brush encroachment is basically nonexistent there," he said, noting that Cowley County gets about double the amount of rainfall.

His father is a 33-year veteran of rangeland management, having worked in the Logan County office.

"Growing up enjoying the outdoors with my father," he said, "I became a 'chip off the old block.'"

"My dad's career most certainly had a big impact. It steered me to my route for my education and that led me to going on to a get master's degree in the field."

He is also a grandson of Rozalia O'Leary of Pretty Prairie and the late Harold O'Leary. His father is a 1970 graduate of Jennings High School.

## Alliance discusses canopies

The Oberlin Business Alliance talked about the possibility of painting the canopies downtown and how to get started on the project.

Gary Anderson, owner of the LandMark Inn, said at a meeting last Wednesday it's probably time to start talking about painting the steel cover over the sidewalks. He said he wasn't sure if they should form a committee to look at the project or not, adding that he has no idea what the project would cost.

Kurt Vollertsen, owner of Ward Drug Store, asked if the city has talked at all about the canopies.

Mayor Joe Stanley, owner of Stanley Hardware, said that he has heard.

Someone said the canopies were never meant to be painted, but no one was sure of that.

Mr. Stanley said he would check with Brad Weisenberger, with BWR, an engineering firm out of Kansas

City, because his father worked on the project, and see if he has any information on the canopies.

The members decided to donate \$50 for the fireworks show on the Fourth of July. The group talked briefly about the events and the success of the celebration for the day. Mr. Vollertsen suggested sending a thank-you letter to Kem Bryan for her work organizing the events.

In other business, the alliance members:

- Talked about the upcoming U.S. 36 Border to Border Treasure Hunt the weekend of Sept. 17-19.
- Heard that the alliance will hold a tailgate party before the Decatur Community High School football game Friday, Sept. 24.
- Heard that the back-to-school picnic will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 11. The alliance normally pays for one-third of the meat.

## Man injured in accident

Donald "Butch" Stanley of Oberlin is recuperating satisfactorily at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., from injuries which he suffered Saturday afternoon while mowing on a township road near Lyle.

His daughter, Carrie Morford, said that the accident happened when he stopped to clean out the radiator and the tractor started moving, running over him. He was pinned under the tractor and was not found until three hours later by

Howard Sumner, who drove the tractor off of him and called for an ambulance. Mr. Stanley does the mowing for Grant and Harlan townships.

He was brought to Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin, then transferred by helicopter to Kearney.

Mrs. Morford and his other daughters, Kellie Stanley of Oberlin, and Chris Stanley of Mitchell, S.D., have been in Kearney with him and reported Monday that he has no broken bones.

### Cost Share Funds (Non-Point Source)

The Decatur County Conservation District will be taking cost share applications from **July 12 through July 30**.

"Funding is provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriation from the Kansas Water Plan Fund."

**Please apply now to upgrade your "failing" SEPTIC SYSTEM.** (Other eligible practices are): livestock wells/pipelines, and the plugging of abandoned wells.

Our office is located on South Hwy 83 in Oberlin. For more information call 785-475-3131 Extension 101. Ask for Diana Solko.

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### Water Resource Cost Share Program Funds

will become available to the Decatur County Conservation District Office. Applications for the cost share funds will be accepted from July 12 through July 30.

Some of the eligible practices are: terraces (including rebuilds), diversions, livestock wells, pipelines, tanks and grass seedings.

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Applications will only be taken (July 12 through July 30) at our office located on South Hwy. 83 in Oberlin. (Office hours will be from 8-11:30 a.m. and from 12:30-5 p.m.)

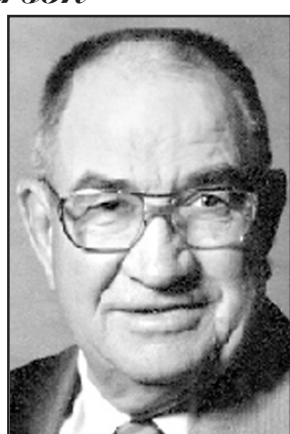
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### Happy 90th Birthday Lloyd Emerson

Come and help Lloyd Emerson celebrate his 90th Birthday at an Open House at the American Legion, July 17, from 2-4 p.m.

Cards can reach him at:  
118 South York  
Oberlin, KS 67749

No gifts please



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