

People in Our Community

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Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the First Lutheran Church in Phillipsburg for Gerrit Jansonius, 90, who died Sept. 6. He was the father of Ron Jansonius of Oberlin. Other survivors include his wife, Erma, Phillipsburg; a son, Gary, Lahoma, Okla.; two daughters, Amy Hansen, Lawrence; and Julie Satter, Topeka; two sisters, Annette Heim, Troy, Mich., and Elsie Allen, Denver; and eight grandchildren. Memorials were designated to the church or Hospice Services. Contributions may be sent to Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, 1115 Second St., Phillipsburg, Kan., 67661.

Jacob and Jenni Cummings, Caiden and Lincoln of Lee's Summit, Mo., were weekend guests of this grandmother, Ella Betts.

Doris Fedro of Waco, Texas, and daughter, Diane Lane of Lake Jackson, Texas, spent from last Saturday to Thursday with her sister, Frances Schiessler and other friends and relatives. On Sunday, a get-together was held at her home. Additional guests were Violet Schiessler, Danny and Steve Schiessler, Carol Martin, Cindy and Gary Gillespie and girls, and Christopher Schiessler.

John and Jan Sater attended funeral services on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at the David Dunkerton Funeral Home in Windsor, Colo., for his brother-in-law, Bill Schneider, 78, who died Sept. 1. His wife is the former Donna Sater. Among others attending were Robert and Judy Groneweg of Oberlin.

—Seafood Buffet Friday, Sept. 17, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Dewaine Stapp and Charlotte Meints drove to Mount Vernon, Ind., to visit Randy and Karen Stapp. They were guests in the home of Karen's parents, Freeland and Betty McGee. On Saturday, Sept. 4, Charlotte attended a baby shower for Kimberly (Stapp) Tetrick, of Omaha. Dewaine golfed with the men while the women attended the shower. On Labor Day, Dewaine and Charlotte drove to Memphis, Tenn., to visit with Charlotte's brother, John Rowberry, who has been hospitalized. While there, John died and the funeral was held Friday afternoon, after which they returned to Oberlin. Also attending the funeral were his niece, Marcia

Stecklein, Hutchinson, and her daughter, Tara Stecklein, Shawnee. John was a 1954 graduate of McCook Senior High School.

Reece Grafel accompanied his grandmother, Connie Grafel, to Manhattan for the K-State-Missouri State football game on Saturday.

Mabel Zimmerman reports that she is moving to Cedar Living Center temporarily after three months of health challenges. Her current phone number will remain the same, (785) 475-2509 and she said she would appreciate mail or visits. Her new address is 810 W. Columbia, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ardis Roe, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Kelva Dryden and Elden Haas. Lows went to Neil Marshall, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore. Lila Keenan was chicken foot dominoes winner. Pitch highs were won by Elden Haas and Max Carman with lows going to Henry Edgett and Veanna Carman. Bridge winners were Sally Henningson and Merle Shirley. Senior potluck at 12:15 p.m., Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Larry and Karen Thompson were in Rochester, Minn., on Aug. 27 for the wedding of their granddaughter, Kay Richards and Jordan Mason. The bride is the daughter of Doug and Kristy Richards of Rochester. After their honeymoon in Cancun, they are making their home in Ham Lake, Minn. The Thompsons did some sight-seeing in the Ozarks in western Missouri and Arkansas on their way to visit her sister, Sandra and Gene Gardner in Mount Vernon, Texas. They were joined by another sister, Mary and Mike Stephenson of Leavenworth. On Sunday evening, they all celebrated a belated 50th wedding anniversary for the Gardners. Others attending the dinner were their sons, Robert Gardner, Mount Vernon, and Richard and Linda Gardner and Brandon, Mount Pleasant, Texas.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes went to Denver on Friday. They visited the King Tut exhibit at the Denver Art Museum, then attended the Rockies baseball game. They returned on Saturday. Mrs. Haynes visited her mother, Emma Desilet, in Concordia on Sunday.

Women's program is Sept. 22

Doris Johnson of Abilene will recall days of the past at the "Women in Denim" program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Wednesday at the Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby.

Mrs. Johnson is the author of the book "Gutsy Women," which exhibits her enthusiasm and desire to help children, especially girls, become all they can.

A program on women's health will be given from 10:15 to 11 a.m. with lunch at noon, catered by Bob Amos and entertainment by the "Wild Rose Poet," Helene Landenberger of St. Francis.

A program on composting begins

at 1 p.m., with a farm safety presentation to follow. A tour of music is scheduled from 2:25 to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$30 and deadline to register is Saturday. Send reservations to Debbie Potter, 915 E. Walnut St., Colby, Kan. 67701. There is a limit of 50 women.

The program is sponsored by the Northwest Kansas Conservation and Environmental Alliance, representing conservation district managers from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties, who work together to provide educational programs their districts.

Alateen meets Mondays again

Alateen will start meeting again at 6 p.m. on Mondays at 709 West Second St. in McCook. Use the door on the right.

Alateen is a fellowship of youths 9 to 18 whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. This is an opportunity to learn how to find happiness whether the friend or family member is still drinking or not.

Parents and family members who have such a youth in their lives are encouraged to come to the weekly meetings. Anonymity is a foundation of the group; what is said at the meetings and who attends will be held in confidence.

For details, call (308) 345-9997.

Workshop planned for Oct. 5

A seven-week quilting workshop will be held weekly from Tuesday, Oct. 5, through Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan.

Janie Lowry of Stockton, who is

well-known in the area for her quilting expertise, will be the instructor. The first class on Oct. 5 will be an orientation class.

For details or to register, call (785) 689-4846.

FFA officer attends conference for leaders

Megan Wentz of the Decatur Community High School FFA Chapter participated in the Kansas FFA District Officers Conference at Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14 and 15.



M. Wentz

Megan, who is northwest district reporter for the Kansas FFA, is the daughter of Darren and Lois Wentz of Norcatour.

A Disney-inspired theme, "Where Dreams Come True," encompassed the elements of professionalism, personal growth and team development throughout the conference.

The conference included sessions on "Knowing the Script," which outlined the roles and expectations for each leader, and "Developing Character," by learning the

importance of continued personal growth, outlining principles and understanding the part these play in life decisions.

Inspiring words came from national officer candidate Nellie Hill of Centre (Lost Springs), and Dr. Don Boggs, associate dean of the Kansas State University College of Agriculture for academic programs.

Later, the officers focused their energy on developing facilitation skills. In the last session, teams explored opportunities for team development and learned how to improve trust and communication among members.

At the close of the conference, district officers enjoyed an ice cream social sponsored by the Kansas FFA Alumni.

Educators learn strategies

Almost 200 educators from northwest Kansas and southwest Nebraska learned strategies on how to stimulate the brain on Monday at The Gateway.

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst of the Oberlin School District said Dr. Marcia Tate from Atlanta was here to talk about 20 instructional strategies with teachers and other educators. The class was set up to teach the educators how to use the strategies to help their students.

Mr. Dorshorst said teachers from the Oberlin, Atwood, Hoxie, St.

Francis, McCook and Golden Plains school districts took part in the day-long class.

He said he first heard Dr. Tate at a principals meeting in Wichita.

This is the first time, said Mr. Dorshorst, that the districts have worked together to bring a trainer in. It's expensive to bring in a nationally recognized speaker, he said.

Monday afternoon, Mr. Dorshorst said the training was going well. A lot of teachers were asking if the districts could do something like this again.

Quilt show planned Oct. 1-2

Quilters and quilt owners across the county are preparing for a quilt show the first weekend in October as part of Oberlin's 125th Anniversary celebration.

Ruth Miesner, who is helping organize the show, said the quilts have to either been made by someone who lives in Decatur County or owned by someone who lives here. The group would like both old and new quilts for the show.

Mrs. Miesner said they are thinking about the theme being something along the lines of "Quilts through our history."

They would like to have around 125 pieces, including quilts, quilted

garments, table runners and wall hangings.

The group will start accepting quilts at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, on the east side of the Golden Age Center on Main Street. There will be an entry form for people to complete so each of the pieces can be identified, she said.

Registration forms are available at the Golden Age Center or people can contact Mrs. Miesner for one.

The show will be open from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2. Owners can pick up their quilts from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the center.

Four concerts set in McCook

The McCook Concert Association will again offer four concerts this season.

The group is selling memberships through Monday, Oct. 11. Adults are \$40, family \$80 and students \$10. Admission is by season ticket only, the group says. No single tickets will be offered.

The concerts, all at the Fox Theater, will include:

- Redhead Express, Monday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m., Bluegrass, gospel and

old-time music.

- Leon Williams, Monday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., Christmas concert by a former member of the Harlem Boys Choir.

- Simon and Son, Saturday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., Father-son piano team.

- The Marlins, Sunday, April 10, 3 p.m. Four brothers.

For details, call Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler at (785) 475-3055.

Performance set for Monday

The group Rhythm and Passion will appear at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College, sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association.

The group was founded by internationally acclaimed dancers Gloria and Claudio Otero from Argentina.

The performance, which will be in two acts, goes back in time to the

origins of tango in the seedy bars of 1920s Buenos Aires, then whisks the audience to the streets and nightclubs of the 1950s Caribbean to experience the vibrant celebration of love and life that is salsa. The second act conveys contemporary interpretations of these dances.

Admission is by Western Plains season ticket, or \$15 for adults and \$7 for students at the door.

Rotarian gives program

Program chair Ryan Unger talked about a recent family vacation trip to the Grand Canyon in northwestern Arizona at the Sept. 7 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He spoke about the massive size of this natural wonder, 277 miles long and along the South Rim and 8 to 16 miles wide, depending upon where you choose to measure.

The canyon was carved out by the Colorado River beginning about 70 million years ago. It is often described as earth's greatest geological showcase, an ensemble of stunning dimensions, the melding of depth, width and length.

No other geological feature has such a dazzling variety of colorful rock layers, impressive buttes and shadowed side canyons, he said.

Come celebrate the life of Cathy (Castle, Ferguson) Miller at the American Legion 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 For more information, call Brenda Coryell at 785-475-2147

Classified ads get results! Call Pat at 785-475-2206

Club News

Tour planned for Sept. 28

Members of the Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary learned at their Sept. 8 meeting that the American Legion-Veterans Affairs Coffee Tour will stop from 3:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Oberlin American Legion Hall.

Anyone having questions about veterans issues is urged to attend.

President Angela Corcoran opened the meeting with prayer in the absence of Chaplain Lois Lam. Four officers and three

members were present.

Letters from the district were read. It was decided to join the American Legion members for an entry in the parade honoring Oberlin's 125th birthday and members were urged to participate.

Vice President Carol Morford presented the planned programs for the coming year. Candy DeJmal will talk about "Changes in School Set-up" at the meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13. The public is invited to attend.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends gathered at Coffee, Tea and Me on Sept. 8 for a tasty luncheon with 12 present.

Coordinator Mary Ann Amack conducted the meeting and it was decided to have an 8:30 a.m. breakfast on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Frontier Cafe. Cecil Hess read a humorous squib titled

"Grandma's Pie" for entertainment.

Others attending were Eula Juenemann, Laurene Van Otterloo, Millie Lippelmann, Nadean Stoney, Virginia Spratling, Marty Munson, Phyllis Screen, Elaine Bryan, Dorothy Jackson and Doris Sloan.

Family gathers in Oberlin

The annual Jennings family reunion was held at the Oberlin Senior Center on Sunday, Sept. 5. Hosts were Emery and Delores Kathka of McCook.

After a potluck dinner, everyone enjoyed viewing family pictures and scrapbooks as well as visiting and catching up on family history. Pictures were taken for the scrapbooks and family history books.

Those present included Jerry and Waunita Stoney, Nadean Stoney, Delores and James Jennings and Brett Jennings, Oberlin; Agnes Urban, Wilma Kathka, Andrew Urban, Rachel Urban, Marvin Urban, Colby; Dennis Kathke, Danbury; Don-

na and Wes Stratman, Pueblo, Colo.; Bonnie Core, Tulsa, Okla.; Pauline and Glen Eaton, Salina; Roger and Delores Tupper, Naponee, Neb.; Hope Kathka, Indianola, Neb.; Ron Moriscki, Orleans, Neb.; Kevin, Janet and Ashley Myers, Arvada, Colo.; Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Jennings; Julie, Allen and Jorden Miles, North Platte, Neb.; Jerred, Angie, Jordan and Javen Stoney, Great Bend; and Emery and Delores Kathka, McCook.

Waunita Stoney of Oberlin and Delores Kathka of McCook will be hosts for the next reunion on Sept. 4, 2011, at the same place with a potluck dinner.

Low vision fair is Sept. 25

The 2010 Western Kansas Low Vision Fair will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History in Hays.

The free fair, one of the largest meetings devoted to the visually impaired, will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is sponsored by the Northwest Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired, a nonprofit support group for those who are

legally blind or visually impaired.

There will be exhibits on display from low-vision-aid dealers and various agencies, as well as presentations throughout the day from low-vision and eye-care experts from across the state.

Those who attend will receive free admission to the museum that day. For details, call (785) 628-6055 or 625-3937.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The City Council began acknowledging a yard of the month during the season to establish positive recognitions from the residents. The "yard" winners receive freecity utilities for the month.

Congratulations, Reed and Jody Rogers, who were selected in July; Wes and Jeannette Bencken in August; and Maxine Ross in September, which will be the last one for the season. The selection process will begin again in the spring. The council and mayor are exempt.

My daughter, Kristin Wark, Mission, and two of her friends from Overland Park, spent Thursday night at their home. They were on their way to Colorado to attend the wedding of another friend in Estes Park. After breakfast and a short tour of Golden Plains High School, Kristen attended, they were on the road by 10 a.m.

Last week, Marjorie Leh and four other members of the area rode together to attend the Oberlin Chapter

of the Order of Eastern Star. This was the first of the meetings for the year since July and August are free from meetings.

Saturday evening was the first Bingo held at the Red Barn. My calendar was not marked to attend, so we forgot, or we would have been there. Bingo is held the second Saturday of the month.

It disgusted me when told about the break-in of Gilbert's building on Main Street in town. Sometime Friday night, between the hours of midnight and 7 a.m. Saturday, an individual (or individuals) threw a heavy chunk of concrete through the front plate glass window of the building in order to break in and steal a "32" Flat Panel Toshiba television. Any person who may have information regarding this crime is encouraged to come forward and report the information to Sheriff Rod Taylor.

Until next time, enjoy making those memories.

Matt Finnesy turns 80 on Sept. 24th.
Honor his special occasion with birthday wishes!
Cards may reach him at:
Box 103
Selden, KS 67757

The St. Francis Community Services, Inc. is currently seeking applicants for the following positions:

Part-time Foster Care Homes Worker (Colby): Prefer licensed social worker or therapist. Must have bachelors degree in human services. Provide support to foster families in Western Kansas.

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