

# People in Our Community

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Dixie Russell of Amarillo, Texas, left Thursday after visiting a week with her brother and his wife, Murry and Audrey Pavlicek.

Len Harington of Klamath Falls, Ore., visited from Saturday to Tuesday with Barbara Dehlinger. They served together as principal and vice-principal at a school in Klamath Falls. He was en-route to Birmingham, Ala., to visit his son.

Steve and Anita Hirsch traveled to the Minneapolis, Minn., area last week. He is director of and attended the National Volunteer Fire Council board meeting from Wednesday to Saturday. They both toured the Waterous Company plant in St. Paul on Wednesday. Waterous makes fire pumps and fire hydrants. On Tuesday, they went to Superior, Wis., and Duluth, Minn., to see the sights around Lake Superior. The Duluth/Superior area is the largest inland port in the world, serving as one of the largest ports for ships carrying grain overseas.

Ronda Haskins of Broomfield, Colo., came Thursday to visit her mother, Barbara Castor, who has been hospitalized in Oberlin. She was dismissed and returned home on Thursday and her daughter returned home Saturday.

**—Bridge Tournament at Good Sam, Oct. 17 at 2. Call 475-2245 for details.**

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Tim and Kim Davis and daughters spent the weekend in Dacono, Colo., to help his mother, Brenda Davis, celebrate her birthday.

Verna Mae Anderson has moved and would appreciate mail. Her address is Rolling Hills Health Center, 2400 Urish Rd., Topeka, Kan., 66614.

Dawn Sheaffer spent a day recently at the home of Wayne and Lois Larson and taught them how to make Indian bread.

Guest in the home of Charlotte Meints on Friday, Sept. 17 was Connie Stuckey, Lincoln, Neb. Arriving on Saturday, Sept. 18, to surprise her for her birthday were Marcia Stecklein, Topeka; Lexie Muehlenkamp, Hays; Rod and Donna Carlson, Grand Island, Neb.; Mark Walinder, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; and Mike Walinder, Milford, Neb. Joining them for a steak supper

to celebrate her birthday, which was Sept. 20, as well as Mike's Sept. 18 birthday were Heather and Garrett McDougal, Jude, Justice and Jesiah, and Dewaine Stapp.

Dr. Ryan Unger of Unger Chiropractic Clinic has successfully completed advanced clinical training in Biomechanics and Orthotics and is certified in the use of sole supports gait-referenced casting technology.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Norma Anderson, Dorothy Moore, Dewaine Stapp, Elden Haas, Kelva Dryden and Ardis Roe. Lows went to Max Carman, Kelva Dryden, Veanna Carman, Dorothy Moore, Neil Marshall, Norma Anderson and Elden Haas. Eleanor Boyles was chicken foot domino winner. Pitch highs were won by Veanna Carman and Henry Edgett with lows going to Max Carman and Elden Haas. Bridge winners were Ila Ray, Marty Munson, Dorothy Cochran and Charlotte Meints. Commodity distribution at 9 a.m. next Tuesday at Golden Age Center.

**—125th Anniversary Hats \$10 at Good Sam or Ward Drug.**

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Nikki Lincoln earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Kansas this summer. She is the daughter of Tracy and Monica Lincoln and is a graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Norton for Marcella "Sally" (Campbell) Wahlmeier, 83, who died Sept. 22, 2010, in Salina. Survivors include three sons, Jim, Pat and Stan Wahlmeier; a son-in-law, Ivan Bohl; six daughters, Michaelene Morgan, Maria Schmidt, Susan Bechard, Jeanette Nelson, Diann Dinkel and Sheri Holmes; a brother, Edward Campbell, 44 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis "Wally" Wahlmeier, and four children, Theresa, Bernard, Steve and Cathy. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery. Enfield Funeral Home of Norton was in charge of arrangements.

Mabel McLaughlin is visiting relatives and friends in the area. She is a house guest of Laurene Van Otterloo.

## Pastors attend celebration

The Revs. John and Charlotte Strecker-Baseler participated in the 100th anniversary celebration of St. Paul Lutheran Church at Galatia on Sept. 11 and 12. St. Paul's is Pastor Charlotte's home church.

The anniversary theme was based on Psalm 100: "His Love Endures Forever." Saturday afternoon featured a Service of Music and Praise in which the Strecker-Baselers sang in the 100th anniversary choir and sang a duet, and Pastor Charlotte sang a solo. St. Paul's has a musical congregation which she said she fondly calls "the Singing Church." Her mother, Norma Strecker, has been organist and choir director for 54 years.

Saturday evening events included a hot dog supper and homemade ice

cream social at which three Gospel music groups performed under a big tent.

A Service of Holy Communion continued the celebration on Sunday morning under the direction of the Rev. Adam Wutka, who serves St. Paul's of Galatia and St. Mark's of Great Bend. The Rev. Dr. Gerald Mansholt, bishop of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, preached and presided at Communion. He was accompanied by his wife Anita.

Boor's BBQ of Great Bend catered a dinner Sunday after worship. A host of friends, neighbors, former members and their families, and people from neighboring churches attended the two-day event.

## Cutoff deadline is Nov.15

The application deadline for two conservation programs offered by the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, is Monday, Nov. 15.

Eric B. Banks, state conservationist for the service, said the Quality Incentives program is available for natural resource concerns involving organic farming systems. Organic farmers, or those transitioning to

organic, may apply for the program, he said.

"These two programs are very popular with farmers in Kansas, and our service wants to give them time to get a conservation plan developed and get an application submitted," said Mr. Banks.

Interested landowners may stop by the county office at 408 S. Buffalo in Oberlin for an application, call 475-3131 or go to offices.usda.gov.

# Kids Aid Backpack founder honored

Mike Berry, founder of the Kids Aid Backpack Program in Grand Junction, Colo., was named "Volunteer of the Year" in the 2010 National Community Leadership Awards, given by the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation and Investment News, a weekly newspaper for financial professionals.

He is the son of Duane and Phyllis (Peterson) Berry, both graduates of Decatur Community High School. He was among 15 finalists invited to the awards ceremony in New York and was recognized for the program he founded to feed hungry children over the weekend during the school year and during the summer.

"It surprised me" he said of his reaction to winning the top prize of \$15,000 for the backpack program. "I had three minutes to speak and I'd prepared nothing."

There were more than 650 guests at Sipleanna's near Park Avenue and 42nd Street. Guest speakers were Sean and Leigh Anne Tuohy, the family portrayed recently in the hit movie, "The Blind Side."

"They said you don't have to be perfect when doing something nice for somebody. You just have to do it," Mr. Berry said.

He said he and his wife Debbie enjoyed their trip, taking in some of the tourist attractions as well as the show "Jersey Boys" on Broadway.

He said that the money will be used to buy more food, helping to bridge a gap in donations just before the holidays.

Mr. Berry said he took a leap of faith and expanded the backpack program to include all 37 elementary schools in the district this year. More than 1,700 kids enrolled in the program receive food each Friday to take them over for the weekend.

"I wasn't sure how we could do it, but this money helps," he said.

A partner at Colorado West Financial Advisors, he was nominated by his business partner, Linda Eden. He is a nephew of Eva Bryan and a great-nephew of Edla Olson of Oberlin.

## Rock-A-Thon Oct. 16

Residents are getting ready for the Sixth Annual Decatur County Good Sam Rock-A-Thon scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16.

Participants will set their chairs to rocking to raise money to pay for their annual service project. This year, most of the money will again stay in Decatur County. The residents would like to help with the completion of the new bowling alley downtown and small donations will go to Victory House in Brewster, Shepherd's Staff in Rexford and Ray of Hope Ranch in Dewey, Okla.

Residents who will rock are Alice Bobbitt, Eva Bryan, Opal Bryan, Shirley Hayward, Faye

Miller, Doris Marintzer, Edla Olson, Evelyn Olson, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor, Amy Rehm, Lucy and Violet Schissler, Myrtle Ross, Dean Groneweg, Loren Schrock and Betty May.

ReliefRockets are Hubert Mumm and Leona Helmkamp.

There will be live entertainment all day.

"Our goal is to raise \$150 for each rocker, or \$2,550," said Activities Director Lisa Paulson. "Plan to join us for this exciting endeavor."

Call Mrs. Paulson or Anita Hirsch for more information. Sponsor sheets are available at the Good Samaritan Center, at stores throughout town and at churches.

## Workshop to be Oct. 12

Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development will sponsor a "Complete Fundraising Workshop" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Prairie Museum of Art and History conference room in Colby.

The presenter will be Shannon Martin of Professional Grant Services. Workshop topics include fund-raising basics, long-range and special event planning, grant-writing basics, and publicity and marketing techniques.

Ms. Martin's experience as a grant writer, coupled with a back-

ground in marketing and fund raising, allows her to help people from schools, nonprofit organizations, government officials and others who need to raise money and/or learn marketing techniques.

The registration fee of \$100 will include information, a resource packet and lunch.

Co-sponsors for the event are Farm Credit of Western Kansas, Edward Jones Investments, Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby and Kansas Quick Lube. For registration information, call (785) 462-7671, extension 5.

## Program sign-up to begin

The Kansas Conservation Commission will begin accepting applications for the Water Right Retirement Program on Friday.

This is a voluntary program designed to help restore overused aquifers and streams in critical areas. The Prairie Dog Creek Basin has been selected as a pilot project target area because it is significant in the efforts of Kansas to maintain compliance with the Republican River compact.

Applicants will be compensated in exchange for the permanent retirement of a water right. Priority is given to retiring water rights in areas which would have the greatest impact on the stream system.

High priority areas in Phillips, Norton, Decatur, Sheridan and Thomas counties need stream restoration and aquifer recovery and are now closed to further appropriation of water.

A fixed price of \$2,000 per acre-foot of historic consumptive use is available for eligible water rights. Offers are approved on the basis of competitive bids.

Sign-up will run through Wednesday, Nov. 15. If money is still available, a spring sign-up will be held from Feb. 15 to March 31.

For details, call (785) 296-8964, (785) 462-3915 or go to www.scc.ks.gov.

## Canadians in Hoxie Sunday

Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians with Al Pierson as director, will perform at 3 p.m. on Sunday in the Hoxie High School Auditorium.

Many remember with nostalgia the tradition of Guy Lombardo with his Royal Canadians playing at New Year's Waldorf Astoria on New Year's Eve. The band was formed in 1916, claims to be the

longest running act in show business, with the band now performing to great-grandchildren of original audiences.

The program is sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Commission. Admission is by season ticket or \$15 for adults and \$7 for students at the door.

## Club News

### Chapter elects officers

New officers were sworn in when the Oberlin Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees met on Sunday at Sappa Manor in Oberlin.

They include Rob McFee, president; Keith Van Skike, vice president; and Annette Miller, secretary-treasurer. Eleven members and guests were present.

Following the business meeting, Ron Katt of Grainfield, area 5 vice president of the group, presented a program. The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in Norton.

Members of the Oberlin chapter include active and retired federal employees of Decatur, Norton and Rawlins counties.

### Group makes donations

The Oberlin Chapter of the Royal Neighbors of America has completed several projects for the third quarter of the year.

They donated to the fireworks fund, individual members entered

an exhibit at the Decatur County Fair; gave pencils and pens with the Royal Neighbors logo to students at the Oberlin Elementary School and donated groceries to the food pantry.

## Students speak to Rotarians

Dakota Soderlund, Keithen Fortin and Samantha Anderson presented the program at the Sept. 14 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. They were introduced by Kurt Vollertsen, program chair.

The three students attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp at Rock Springs, which this year was dedicated to the late Lora Marietta, a former Decatur Community High School student.

Each student spoke of their experiences, which included participating in "trusting" activities with students that they did not know and hearing speakers, including Father Mike Scully and Judge Tommy Webb. They said the emphasis was on trusting others, solving problems, speaking up and helping others to understand issues and points.

Other guests were Junior Rotarians Bret Ashley and Tiffany Anderson from Decatur Community High.

Program Chair Warren Weibert

of the Decatur County Feed Yard began the Sept. 21 program by saying that the feed yard is not for sale nor is it on the market to be sold at this time. He said they receive many inquiries each week pertaining to a possible sale of the business.

He presented a video and talked about handling cattle with trained dogs. The video showed a cattle operation in Cottonwood Falls with Charles Trayer explaining how trained dogs work cattle. A demonstration was given of the proper way the dogs work the cattle, usually with very little help from the cowboy.

Greg Lohofener told about the Philadelphia Philharmonic Symphony Spectra Vision Show which will be shown at the Sunflower Cinema at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10, as a fund raiser for the bowling alley. Contact him or Connie Grafel for details.

Guests were Kay Brown and Junior Rotarians Killian Dellere and Nakita Bose.

## Christian conference Oct. 9

Women of all ages invited to attend the Adoring Christ Conference from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the McCook Christian Church, 507 West B Street.

Speaker will be Kori de Leon, founder and president of Adoring Christ Ministries. A Bible teacher, speaker and writer, she graduated from seminary with a Master of Arts

in Theology. Women from junior high and up are encouraged to attend. No daycare will be provided.

To register, call (308) 340-6064 or mail a check for \$20 to: Adoring Christ Ministries, c/o Cathy Broz, 1105 Country Club Dr., McCook, Neb., 69001. Registration will be accepted first come, first served due to limited space.

## Children's program to start

FaithWeaver Friends for kids in first to sixth grades will meet weekly from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Registration forms are available at the library and at Raye's

Grocery.

For details, call Pastor Linda Willey at (785) 475-3067 or Pastor Chris or Sharon Nelson of the Oberlin Covenant Church at (785) 475-2769.

## New Arrivals

### Thomas W. Gawith

A son, Thomas William, Gawith, was born July 17, 2010, to Bradley and Wendy Gawith of WaKeeney. Grandparents are Bill and Kristy Gawith, Jennings; Teri Elston, Hays; and Rodney Travis, Omaha. Great-grandparents are Bill and Charlotte Nelson, Jennings; Dean and Dalene Gawith, Dresden; and Ann Gay, Texas.



Thomas

### Aubrey Joy DuBois

Wes and Ann DuBois of Norton are the parents of a daughter, Aubrey Joy, who was born at 11:43 p.m. at the the Norton County Hospital on Aug. 8, 2010. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. She has two sisters, Abby and Madison. Grandparents are Ken and Julie Carter, Jennings; Tami DuBois, Idaho Springs, Colo., and the late Dave DuBois. Great-grandparents are Rachel Carter, Jennings; Max and Norma Ward, Clayton; and Don and Mayme DuBois, Great Bend.



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## Leoville Fall Festival

**Sunday – October 10**  
**3 p.m. to ???**  
**Leoville Parish Center**  
★★★ Raffle Prizes ★★★  
**1ST – QUEEN SIZE QUILT WITH PILLOWS**  
**2ND – FERN TABLE (MADE BY KEITH MUIRHEAD)**  
**3RD – \$50.00 CASH**

<b>Dinner</b> Roast Beef & Turkey 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.	<b>Bingo</b> 3:00 P.M.	<b>Games</b> Fish Pond Games of Chance Country Store Many More
<b>Adults \$7</b> <b>5 - 12 \$3</b> <b>4 &amp; Under Free</b>	<b>Auction</b> 6:00 P.M.	

**Come celebrate**  
**Daryl Hartzog's**  
**80th birthday**  
1-3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 3.  
*An Open House will be held at the family home,*  
**103 West Main St., Jennings, KS 67643.**  
*Cake and punch will be served. Everyone is welcome.*  
**No Gifts Please.**

**Call 475-2206**  
**for all your advertising**  
**needs**

**The family of**  
**Goldie Anderson**  
**would like to honor her**  
**with a card shower**  
**on her 100th birthday**  
**on October 13.**  
*Her address is:*  
*2309 Independence*  
*Caldwell, Idaho 83605*