

**THE OBERLIN HERALD —**  
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**Our Community**  
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Tyler Cassidy

**Spellers**  
**win top**  
**honors**

Tyler McHugh, a fourth grader at Oberlin Elementary School, won the school's annual spelling bee Monday by correctly spelling the word "genius." He is the son of Randy and Kristin McHugh of Oberlin.

Runner-up was Cassidy Gillespie, a fifth grader. Her parents are Sonja Gillespie of Oberlin and Elton Gillespie Jr. of Jennings.

Principal Duane Dorshorst pronounced the words in the competition, held in the school cafeteria.

The winners will compete in the county spelling contest to be held Monday, March 31, against the top spellers from Decatur Community Junior High School.

John and Connie Simonsson recently returned from Innsbruck, Austria, where they spent a week over New Year's. While there they visited the ski jump at Berg Isel and the Wilten Basilica which is one of Austria's finest examples of a Rococo style church. An evening was spent enjoying a sleigh ride around the lake at the village of Seefeld and another day was spent in Salzburg, the "Sound of Music" city. They also made a stop at Oberndorf, the famous "Silent Night" village, at Vipitano, Italy, and in Mittenwald, Germany.

Eileene Grose celebrated her 93rd birthday with her family on Saturday, Jan. 8, at the home of Sid and Cheryl Metcalf. Others present were Pam Van Vleet, Ravyn and Alyssa, Oberlin; Kim and Mark McConville, Indianola, Neb.; Brooke and Atleigh Nelms, Omaha, Neb.; Gary and Deanna Grose, Berthoud, Colo.; Todd and Morgan Grose, Longmont, Colo.; Shannon Metcalf and Jaime Sauder, Danbury, Neb.; and Shad and Jody Metcalf, Bryson, Seanna and Jude, Colby.

Visiting Mary and Stuart Henzel during the Christmas holidays was their son, Barron Henzel, of San Diego.

Elsie Wolters was a Thursday morning caller of Lucille Wicke at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Bill, Carol and Audra Duncan returned Friday from a trip to Lubbock, Texas, to visit Greg and Tamara Duncan, Matthew and one-month-old Andrew J. Duncan. They spent a week there, and avoided the arctic cold wave that hit Oberlin. They had also planned to visit a grandson Jon Paul, in Abilene, Texas, but were unable to due to the southern ice storm.

Gary Anderson and former Oberlin resident Eric Scott of Rochester, N. Y., attended the Pinstripe Bowl game in New York City to see the K-State-Syracuse football game.

Phyllis McKay is recuperating after suffering a broken femur in her leg in a fall. Mail will reach her at 402 W. 117th St. S, Jenks, Okla., 74937-4201.

Rod Steinmetz, who was injured when a semi tire blew out and struck his face last fall, is undergoing treatment for infection at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Denver. Mail will reach him at the hospital, 1719 E. 19th Ave., room 5222, Denver, Colo., 80218.

Guests of Eula Juenemann on Dec. 23 for Christmas dinner and supper were Fred and Lesa Juenemann, Adam and Kade, Brewster; Chelsey and Scotty Meshler, Lakin; Chase and Dana Juenemann and girls, Hays; and David and Joyce Juenemann, Selden.

Sherri Kyte, a radiologic technology student at Southeast Community College in Nebraska, was

named to the Dean's List for the 2010 fall quarter. To be recognized, a student must complete at least six quarter credit hours of the term with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5.

Ella Betts spent the holidays with her daughter, Jan Ray, in Palm Desert, Calif.

Jessica Bremer was named to the fall semester President's Honor Roll at Washburn University in Topeka. To be named to the list, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 graded semester credit hours and attain a semester grade point average of 4.0.

Dorothy Moore is recuperating satisfactorily at home from knee surgery, which she underwent on Dec. 29 at Community Hospital in McCook. Her daughter, Debbie Nickels of McLouth; and her sons, Eric Moore, Manhattan; and Brian Moore, Las Vegas, have spent time with her since her surgery.

Chay Moss of Las Vegas, Nev., and Jan Evans of Rose Hill were in Oberlin on Friday, Jan. 7, and took their aunt, Cecil Hess, and her sister, Mary Lou Olson, out for lunch. They had visited their brother, David and Linda Porter in Winona.

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Memorial services were held on Friday, Jan. 7, at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley for Martin Heyen, 56, who died Dec. 31, 2010, in Oakley. He was a brother of Dale Heyen of Oberlin.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Dewaine Stapp, Ivis Hanson, Max Carman and Norma Anderson. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe, Max Carman, Neil Marshall and Ivis Hanson. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Kelva Dryden with lows going to Max Carman and Dewaine Stapp. There was no bridge. Community distribution at Golden Age Center at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Memorial services were held Saturday morning at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby for Lorna Jo Nichols, 62, a former resident of Oberlin. She died Jan. 11, 2011, at Via Christi-St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita. Survivors include her mother, Lee Nichols, St. Francis; two brothers, Loyall and Barbara Nichols, Colby; and Dru and Tracy Nichols, Laramie, Wyo.; two sisters, Denise Packard, Grainfield, and Dawn Nichols, Colby. Her father, Virgil Nichols, preceded her in death. Her mother is a former employee of *The Oberlin Herald*.

Dennis J. Dwyer, 75, of Russell died Jan. 8, 2011. He was a native of Jennings and a son of John Thomas and Florence Marie (Bates) Dwyer. Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Almelo on Saturday.

**Club elects new officers**

Marian Fraker was elected president and Dorothy Cochran secretary treasurer when seven members of Zeta Nu Club met on Jan. 9 at the Good Samaritan Center. Mary Waldo had devotions. President Joy Votapka conducted

the meeting and led in the flag salute and club collect. The by-laws and constitution, as well as memorials, were discussed.

Charlotte Meints will be hostess for the February meeting.



**GIVING A SMILE** as she prepared to give a pint at the Oberlin Blood Drive on Friday was Frieda Goetze of Oberlin. The drive was sponsored by Decatur County Health Systems; a total of 53 units was given, 10 above the goal, said Suzanne Ahlberg, director of nurses.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

**Branson on the Road show**  
**coming to Gateway Jan. 29**

The Branson on the Road show will be bringing together fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, upright slap bass, rhinestone costumes, comedy and classic country, bluegrass, rockabilly and gospel music to The Gateway in Oberlin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29.

The group, with over 20 years of performing in Branson, is the first national touring show named for the Missouri resort. The show delivers the Branson tradition of family fun.

Because many people cannot attend the shows at Branson, promoters decided to take the Branson stage show directly to the people. Members include Debbie Horton, the only woman who played lead guitar for the great Johnny Cash; Donnie Wright, a versatile on fiddle, mandolin, guitar, banjo and bass; and Brian Capps, who plays upright bass and sings with a voice reminiscent of Marty Robbins or Hank Williams.

Branson on the Road is a regular featured act on the national television show "Midwest Country" on the RFD-TV network. Go to www.BransonOnTheRoad.com to learn more.

This program is sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. Admittance is by season ticket or \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students at the door. For details, call Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218 or Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557.

**Program**  
**cut-off**  
**is March 4**

The cutoff date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program Organic Initiative will be Friday, March 4, says State Conservationist Eric B. Banks of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Kansas farmers transitioning to organic agriculture or already certified organic may apply for financial assistance to meet their conservation goals, Banks said, up to \$20,000 per year or \$80,000 over six years. The service, which administers the program, has set aside a pool of \$1.4 million to help Kansas organic farmers.

"EQIP has always been available for organic producers to treat resource concerns on their land," he said, "but the 2008 Farm Bill allows for dedicated funds to be set aside to assist organic producers. Hopefully, with the specific EQIP funding for the Organic Initiative, Kansas will have more organic crop acres enrolled across the state."

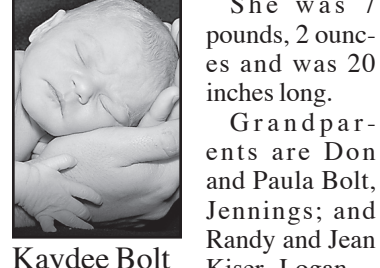
Applications will be taken throughout the year, but to be considered for fiscal year 2011 money, farmers need to have an application to their local office by March 4.

Eligible practices include cover crops, crop rotations, fencing and watering for rotational grazing, pest management and field borders.

Stop by the county office at 408 S. Buffalo, or call District Conservationist Matthew Barnes at 475-3131 for details, or go to www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/ and click on Kansas 2011 EQIP information.

**New Arrival**

Kaydee Rose Bolt, daughter of Tyler and Lisa (Kiser) Bolt of Topeka, was born Dec. 15, 2010, at Stormont-Vail in Topeka.



She was 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Don and Paula Bolt, Jennings; and Randy and Jean Kiser, Logan.

Great-grandparents are Dewayne and Dee Kiser, Delphos; Carolyn Rauch, Belleville; Maxine Zollinger, Hutchinson, and the late Orland Zollinger, Jewell and Roselyn Bolt, Goodland, and the late Cyril and Kiliana Schmidt, Hays.

**Philadelphia orchestra showing**  
**here will include wine and dinner**

Plans are underway for a simultaneous presentation of Tchaikovsky and Macmillan by the Philadelphia Orchestra at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Sunflower Cinema from Specticast.

The evening will begin with a dinner of teriyaki chicken, rice, veggies and salad at 6 p.m. at the LandMark Inn. Dessert and wine will follow at 7 p.m. in the Golden Age Center, with background piano music by Dr.

Gary Fredrickson.

Cost for the evening, which includes the meal, wine social and concert, is \$50 per person, with a limit of \$50 for the meal. Cost for those wishing to attend only the wine social and concert will be \$35 each. Becky Vollertsen is in charge of decorations.

The event is sponsored by the Oberlin Rotary Club and Oberlin-Decatur County Area Development

Corp. Profits will go to help with the operation of the cinema and bowling alley.

"We have had many who have said they enjoyed the first presentation," said Connie Grafel, marketing director for the corporation.

For details or to make reservations, call her office at (785) 475-2091 or the Chamber of Commerce office at (785) 475-3441.

**Scholarships offered by foundation**

The Greater Salina Community Foundation, which operates investments from the Decatur Community Educational Foundation for Decatur Community High School graduates, has scholarship dollars available for high school seniors and college students, including:

**The Decatur Community Scholarship:** For students graduating from the Oberlin School District.

**The Erik Erickson Memorial**

**Scholarship:** For students graduating from Decatur Community High School.

**The Jody Fredrickson Nursing and Health Scholarship:** For Decatur Community High School graduates planning to major in nursing or a health-related field.

**The Glenn L. and Edna M. Mott Memorial Scholarship:** For students graduating from Decatur Community High School.

**The Col. Delbert Townsend Scholarship:** A two-year scholarship for students at Decatur Community High School with plans to attend an institution other than Kansas State.

Applications are available at www.gscf.org. For information, contact Jenny Stack, program/scholarship coordinator, at (785) 823-1800 or e-mail jennystack@gscf.org.

**Physician assistant talks to Rotary**

Robin Williamson, the new physician assistant at the Decatur County Hospital, presented the program at the Jan. 4 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

She and Lisa Thornton, the new receptionist at the hospital's clinic, were introduced by Dr. Gary Fredrickson program chair for the week. Ms. Williamson said that she was a nurse for 29 years before becoming a physician assistant. She said she attended Wichita State University, where she took 44 hours of prerequisites, then was admitted on her first application.

A physician assistant is a medical professional licensed by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, she said. They are required to maintain 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years to renew their license. They must first have a four-year degree, preferably in some area of science, then must attend a graduate program for 26 to 36 months.

Physician assistants can practice autonomously but must be supervised by a physician. Before coming to Oberlin, she worked in a rural family practice in Satanta.

Guests were Janice Shobe, a member of the Atwood Rotary Club, City Administrator Karen Larson and Cameron Nedland.

Program Chair Chuck Frickey invited Pam May and Penny Arnoldy of the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley, to give the program at the Jan. 11 meeting of the club.

Ms. Arnoldy spoke about the Head Start Program which is funded for 269 children in Northwest Kansas. The program has been in Oberlin for the past 17 years and is held five days a week for four hours. Parents must apply to get children enrolled.

Most at risk children are accepted. Ten percent must be special needs children.

Children are tested in language, motor skills and their health conditions including obesity. Nine parent meetings are included each year. Children are enrolled as early

as 3 years of age. Goals for each child include social, academics and health. Early Head Start is an early learning program for expectant parents and parents with children birth to age three.

Mrs. May spoke about Parents As Teachers, which is based on the philosophy that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers. It focuses on the child's early years as the most critical for optimal development and provides the foundation for success in school and life. It is a 12-month voluntary program provided at no cost to parents. It includes home visits by a parent educator and also assists with locating resources for additional family needs, such as medical or financial.

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