

People in Our Community

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Chris and Sharon Nelson, pastors of the Oberlin Covenant Church, attended the annual meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Chicago last week.

Jordan Tally was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, Neb. To qualify, a student must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4-point schedule.

—**DCHS Singers Singing Valentines, Mon., Feb. 14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Oberlin. \$10. Call (785) 475-2231 or any member.**

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Dewaine Stapp, Dorothy Moore, Ardis Roe, Max Carman and Ivis Hanson. Lows went to Norma Anderson, Neil Marshall, Henry Edgett, Kelva Dyden, Max Carman and Ivis Hanson. There was no pitch. Bridge winners were Judy Shirley and Cynthia Matson.

—**25% off Tallgrass Chocolate Toffees for Valentine's Day, Oberlin Mercantile Co.**

Herschel and Jody Betts attended a luncheon on Saturday of Rotary District Governors and spouses which was held in Ness City at the Ness County Bank Building which was built in 1888 and is on the Kansas and National Register of

Historic Landmarks. Host for the meeting was Peter Marcus of Ness City who is the current governor of District 5670. Also attending from this area were Gayle and Ruth Bainter of Hoxie.

—**Valentine Sunday Brunch Buffet Sunday, Feb. 13 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Tracey Hartzog of Norcatr was named to the fall honor roll at the Northwest Kansas Technical College, Hays campus. She is enrolled in the Medical Assistant program. Students must obtain a 3.5 grade point average or greater to be listed.

—**Valentine Buffet Monday, Feb. 14, 6-8 p.m. featuring Beef Burgundy, Chicken in white wine, shrimp and desserts, \$25/person. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations**

Bessie Peterson is a patient in the Rawlins County Health Center after undergoing surgery at Hays Medical Center. She is recuperating from two broken legs, which she suffered in a recent fall. Mail will reach her at P.O. Box 47, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

—**Prime Rib Saturday night. LandMark Inn.**

Good Samaritan plans Hoedown on March 26

The Decatur County Good Samaritan Center plans to hold its second annual Hoedown at the Oberlin American Legion Hall on Saturday, March 26.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the evening will include both silent and live auctions and a prime rib dinner at 7 p.m. Dancing will follow. Silent auction winners will be announced later in the evening.

Tickets are \$25 each, or sponsored tables may be purchased. Pictures will be taken with western background for \$5 each. Seats are limited, and dinner tickets must be purchased by Monday, March 21.

"Money raised from last year's event benefited each department," said Cindi Sloan Sauder, resource development director. "We purchased new dinnerware, various items for the nursing staff, physical therapy department and beauty shop. We are a nonprofit organization, and rely on tax-deductible

donations to fund the projects that benefit the residents.

"Although we receive funds from the county for building maintenance, anything extra we wish to do to maintain a healthy and positive atmosphere for the residents comes from memorials and donations."

"This will be a good opportunity for the community to enjoy good food and dancing and raise money to help our elders live the best life they can," said Administrator Janice Shobe. "This year's proceeds will be used for a number of projects, including a new exercise bicycle for physical therapy."

Dress is casual western. To purchase tickets or donate an item for the auction, call Ms Sloan Sauder or Montine Alstrom at (785) 475-2245.

Tickets are available at the center or from Dianne Bremer at the office of Great Northwest Insurance Agency and Johnson Realty.

Program Wednesday for garden enthusiasts

A free program on new varieties for garden enthusiasts will begin at 6 p.m. next Wednesday at the Twin Creeks Extension District office in Oberlin.

"All American Gardens" will be presented by Keith Van Skike, Norton County Extension agent.

He will talk about the newest and hottest garden produce, flower and

rose selections. There will also be information on common insect and disease problems. There will be time for an exchange of ideas.

Reservations should be made by Friday so materials can be prepared. Call (785) 475-3121, or stop by the Decatur County extension office to sign up.

Group plans Valentine tea

The Stop Along the Road (STAR) Committee at the Decatur County Good Samaritan plans to hold its annual Valentine's tea at 2:30 p.m. on Friday. A benefit bake sale for the group will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday at Raye's Grocery.

Linda Hollowell, a member of the group, said that the center is a

place where you can grow in your faith journey by working, sharing and praying with others. The committee provides an interaction between staff and residents through its monthly activities. Members began the year with a "winter blast" popcorn social hour on Jan 24.

Pianist to perform at dinner theater

Pianist and entertainer Ronnie Kole will perform for a dinner theater at The Gateway in Oberlin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, and also at a program which will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Morgan Theater.

The "Around the World on 88 Keys" Dinner Theater is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. Reservations are required for the dinner by Tuesday, Feb 15, for everyone, including season ticket holders.

Mr. Kole is popular both in his own country and overseas. The New Orleans-based musician spends much time abroad in Europe and Asia, playing refined venues and making guest appearances with symphonies.

Born in Chicago, he was afflicted with heart trouble as a child.

That landed him in the Spaulding School for the Handicapped and led to involvement with charitable and civic organizations. He began his professional career on television, gaining exposure on Johnny Carson's Tonight Show. A protégé of Al Hirt, he had his own club in New Orleans.

Kole was the fifth person to be inducted into the New Orleans Musical Legends Park, in the French Quarter. His stands along side of Hirt, Pete Fountain, Fats Domino and Chris Owens.

The dinner-theater is an Arts and Humanities season ticket event. For others, cost for dinner and theater is \$30. Tickets for the theater only will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For details, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

Couple will wed March 26

Kelsey Gallentine and Caleb Peters plan to be married on Saturday, March 26, at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Parents of the couple are Gene and Kristi Gallentine, Clayton; and Randy and Lynda Peters, Oberlin.

Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Don and Lois Fredrickson, and Norman and Julie Gallentine, Oberlin.

His grandparents are Willie Peters, Oberlin; and the late Peggy Wurm, and Arvel and Ruth Wilson, Lubbock, Texas.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Decatur Community High School, and a 2008 graduate of McCook



Kelsey Gallentine
Caleb Peters

Community College, Bellevue University. She works at the McCook Clinic, and Payroll Plus in McCook and is also an independent representative for Signature Homestyles.

Her fiance graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2006 and is employed by Dan and Greg Grafel at D&S Grain in Traer.

School conferences set

Parent-teacher conferences will be held at both the junior/senior high school and Oberlin Elementary School from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today and from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Principal Charlie Haag noted that all staff will be available tonight at one of the buildings and teachers who teach at both buildings during the day will be available at one of

the buildings on Wednesday and the other building on Thursday. Mr. Haag will be available tonight only.

"We hope all our parents can attend as this time of the third nine weeks to monitor how your child is progressing," he said, "because it allows time for students to bring grades up before the end of the nine-week period, which is March 11."

Benefit to be held at Jennings

The Historic Building Preservation Committee will hold a benefit soup luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Jennings Community Hall. Soup and desserts will be available for a donation.

Proceeds will be used to help purchase a new furnace for the building, the former Masonic Hall and Jennings Opera House. At present, only one of the three furnaces works and the building cannot be used during cold weather.

Following the meal, the Jennings City Council will hold a discussion meeting at 2 p.m. Everyone is

invited and encouraged to attend, whether they are Jennings residents or not.

Steve Hirsch, Jennings city attorney, will be present to answer questions. This will be a chance for everyone interested in Jennings to share their ideas and complaints. Those unable to attend but who would like an issue brought before the group should contact the mayor or one of the City Council members. Council members are Pat Hall, Rick Foster, Clint Krizek, Louise Cressler, and Stann Hartzog.

Flight program set for Colby

A discussion of the Kansas Honor Flight program will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Thomas County Office Complex conference room, 350 S. Range Ave. in Colby. Presenters will be LaVeta Miller of Great Bed and Mark Rine of Tribune.

Kansas Honor Flight has flown more than 1,000 veterans of World War II to Washington to see the memorials built in their honor.

For details, call (785) 462-7671, extension 5.

Music festival is next week

The Junior High Music Festival will be held next Wednesday at Colby Community College in Colby.

Oberlin performances begin at 8 a.m. and will run to 2:45 p.m. The band plays at 8:45 a.m. in the Frahm theater and the choir sings at 1 p.m. in the same place.

"We encourage parents to come," said Susan Nelson, vocal director, and Sarah Bricker, band director.



DICK AND LINDA WEBER greeted Robin Williamson, the new physician assistant at the Decatur Health Systems Family Practice Clinic. An open house Jan. 30 in the Specialty Clinic lobby at the Decatur County Hospital honored her. She sees patients of all ages and has been giving presentations on health care to civic clubs and organizations.

—Photo by Othelia Vacura

Wetlands sign-up approval Feb. 22

The U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service will approve applications for the Wetlands Reserve Program under the 2008 Farm Bill on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Eric B. Banks, state conservationist for the service, said applications that have been determined eligible and have had site visits and ranking worksheets completed will be considered for 2011 funding on that date. Subsequent applications that score 50 or higher may be approved as long as monies remain

available. Offers to landowners will be based on Geographic Area Rate Caps, posted at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/support_info.html.

Fields may be eligible for the program if they are frequently flooded, have had drainage systems installed in the past or has water ponds.

For details, stop by the county office at 408 S. Buffalo in Oberlin or call 475-3131.

Club News

Lions to gather in Hays

Lions members from 70 clubs across the western half of Kansas will gather at the Memorial Union on the Fort Hays State University campus in Hays on Saturday, Feb. 19, for the annual District 17-L Convention.

Special guests will be International Director Gary D'Orazio, who will speak, representing the International Association of Lions Clubs.

District Gov. Kerry Hookstra

and his wife Renetta of the Downs Lions Club will serve as hosts.

Other Kansas Lions will attend and serve as instructors and presenters for various workshops and information seminars. These are designed to help club officers and members develop leadership skills to improve service to their towns.

For details, call Denny Smith at (785) 625-4146 or e-mail les_herman@yahoo.com.

Teacher speaks at Rotary

Candy Dejmaj spoke about vocational education and the new career and technical education programs being taught at Decatur Community High School and other Kansas schools at the Feb. 1 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

She was introduced by Charlie Haag, high school principal, who was program chair for the week.

She said that this program includes all teachers working in vocational skills along with their regular subjects. The program helps schools focus on preparing all student for careers, she said. It builds linkages between academic education and career and technical education and between high school and college. It also provides a model to engage economic development and workforce development with

education.

Career and technical education is for all students and geared toward all careers, she said, and aligns and supports academics.

The program uses career clusters include human resources and services, health and science, business, marketing and management, industrial manufacturing and engineering systems, arts, communication, and environmental and agricultural systems. These are offered to the students and at the level that they wish to participate in, along with their regular subjects.

This program offers an introduction to vocational careers for those who are not headed for college. Possible careers include farming, medical and dental assistants, the service trades and the construction industry.

Habitat cut-off date set

The signup cutoff date for applications for a special conservation initiative for lesser prairie chicken habitat in Kansas will be Friday, March 4.

For details, stop by or call the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 410 S. Buffalo or call (785) 475-3131.

Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary

Love of a Lifetime

Paul and Mildred Welter were married February 16, 1946

Best of Wishes from your family:
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Joe & Sherry Welter
Barbara & Ric Ranf
Lorraine Welter-Kreutzer
Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren.

Celebrating their 65th Anniversary

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