

People in Our Community

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Gib and Elizabeth Dean of Knoxville, Iowa, and Lyle and Fran Winder of Derby came to attend funeral services for their cousin, Dean Groneweg. Dean and Gib had served as best man for each other's weddings.

The Deans also visited her brother, Alvin and Sharon Johnson. Other guests at the Johnson home were their daughter and family, Jean and Roger Lavers and Kirsten of West Bend, Wis., and Eldon Johnson of Knoxville, Tenn.

Church on Saturday morning were Pat Abbey, Laurene Van Otterloo, Maxine Smith, Mary Ann Amack and Jody Betts.

A program about her daughter's mission trip to Haiti with the Heart to Heart project based out of Wichita was given by Jane Kersenbrock of Norton.

Judy Davis also helped with the program and before returning to Oberlin they visited her new home in Norton at 204 West Armory Drive.

Betty Brandt and her daughters-in-law, Janet Brandt and Karen Brandt and Lakota of Sweet Springs, Mo., were weekend visitors to their cousins, Dorothy Moore and Evelyn and Martin May.

Ken and Christie Morris have moved to Lincoln, Neb., to make their home.

Doris Sloan is hospitalized at Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin after suffering pelvic injuries in a fall.

Cletus and Janet Knipp of Hays visited on Sunday with her mother, Mary Lemman, at the Good Samaritan Center and had dinner with her sister and husband, Audrey and Murry Pavlicek.

Rowena Cathcart is recuperating at the Decatur County Hospital from a broken hip which she suffered in a recent fall at her home. She underwent surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Veanna Carman, Ardis Roe, Max Carman, Norma Anderson, Dewaine Stapp and Kelva Dryden. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Neil Marshall, John Cederberg and Veanna Carman. Chicken Foot domino winner was Kay Marcuson. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Dewaine Stapp and Pat Abbey. Bridge highs went to Charlotte Meints and Annette Miller.

Mike Jensen is hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. His wife, Janeil, is with him.

Youthville needs votes

Youthville of Wichita, a social services agency founded by Kansas United Methodists, has been hit hard by cutbacks, says Deanna Castle of Oberlin.

It has entered a contest with other nonprofit organizations across the country, sponsored by Vivint, a home automation and alarm company.

Youthville is requesting votes on Facebook. The charity with the most votes wins \$250,000, and the regional winner will receive \$100,000. Youthville is at No. 10 in the regional voting right now, Mrs. Castle said.

Youthville is one of the largest nonprofit child welfare agencies in Kansas, offering foster care, adoption, psychiatric residential treat-

ment and counseling and therapy. The agency's employees are passionate about its mission of "Giving Children Back Their Childhood" to kids who suffer from abuse, neglect, abandonment and trauma.

Here's how to vote:

- Go to the website www.vivint.com/givesbackproject/charity/1541.
- Click on the Facebook log in.
- If a window pops up, click the "allow" button. (This will allow the website to access your personal information and write to your Wall. Be sure you want to do this.)
- Click the "like" button.
- Scroll down to the bottom of the Youthville, United Methodist page and click "vote."

Acres deadline is Aug. 1

Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and fields that couldn't be planted, can prevent a loss of benefits for several federal farm programs, says the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports must be certified

by Aug. 1 on all feed grain crops, including corn, milo and feed, the agency says.

Acreage reports on crops eligible for Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) assistance were due in the county office by the earlier date of May 31 for small grains and Aug. 1 for all other crops, or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the crop being reported.



Zachariah and Emily Williams

Couple married in Tennessee church

Emily Jean Atchley and Zachariah Quinn Williams married at Hope Church in Knoxville, Tenn., on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

The bride is the daughter of Leah and Randy Atchley, Knoxville, and the granddaughter of Joan and Don Grafel, Herndon.

She carried a bouquet of hydrangea, stephanotis and white roses and a handkerchief which had been carried by her great-grandmother, Beulah Emily Tannehill Franke; her

grandmother, Gayle Franke Grafel; and her mother at their weddings.

Christine Williams and Miriam Atchley, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids.

John Petro and Moses Atchley, brother of the bride, served as groomsmen.

Josh Williams, son of the couple, was the ring bearer.

Brenna Atchley, niece of the bride, and Ava Atchley, a cousin of the bride, were flower girls.

Families hold reunion in Lexington, Neb.

The Farber-Keith family reunion was held June 25 and 26 at the home of LeArdis Frerichs in Lexington, Neb. Assisting was Janice Cassels of Oklahoma.

Time was spent playing games, visiting, taking pictures and looking at family scrapbooks and history books.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Jimmy Keith on his 74th birthday, which was June 25, and Happy 52nd Anniversary to Jimmy and Jeannene Keith on June 26.

The traveling elephants came from Connie Pazarena, Columbia, S.C., and will be making their home with Jackie Miller of Grand Island, Neb., for the next year. The traveling picture of the home place came from Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jumps, Centennial, Colo., and will be with Norene Jumps of McCook for a year. They will both be brought to the next reunion and given to someone else.

Those attending included: LeArdis Frerichs, John and Emily Robinson, Cassandra and Katrina Wolf, Angie, Glen, Caleb and Jalen Doyle, Kayne and Marley Gongalez and Raquel Frerichs, Lexington, Neb.; Janice and Kevin Cassels, Marietta, Okla.; Richard Frerichs, Elwood, Neb.; Anna Marie, Trevor and Shelby Yeutter, Anina Kostman, Cozad, Neb.; David, Teresa and Megan Kathka, Elgin, Ill.; Dennis Kathke, Danbury; Doug, Shauna, Jake and Logan Carroll, Conifer, Colo.; Jimmy, Jeannene and Kevin Keith, Phoenix, Ariz.; Arn Petersen, Denver; LeVerna Petersen, Jackie Miller and Cara Rauch, Grand Island, Neb.; Judy Miller-Weiland, Lincoln, Neb.; and Mrs. Jumps, and Emery and Delores Kathka, McCook.

The next reunion will be June 16 and 17 at the home of Emery and Delores Kathka, 508 E. 14th Street, McCook, with Mrs. Jumps assisting.

New judge speaks to club

Preston Pratt, the new chief judge of the 17th Judicial District, gave the program for the June 28 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. He was introduced by Rusty Adleman.

Judge Pratt was selected to fill out the remaining term of retiring Judge Bill Elliott by Gov. Sam Brownback. The district includes Smith, Osborne, Phillips, Norton, Decatur and Graham counties.

Judge Pratt explained the differences between a district judge and a district magistrate judge and the duties of each. District judges must be

lawyers, but a magistrate judge does not need a law degree, he said.

Mr. Pratt has been a practicing lawyer in Oberlin since graduating from the University of Kansas Law School. He was sworn on July 1 at the Decatur County Courthouse by Supreme Court Justice Nancy Moritz.

New officers for the club are Charles Haag, president; Duane Dorshorst, vice president; Karen Larson, secretary; and Jesse Carter, treasurer.

Janice Shobe, a member of the Atwood Rotary Club, was a guest.

Youth programs offered

"Thinking for a Change" and "Choices for Change" are two programs being provided by Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services at no cost to participants, with transportation provided for those that cannot make it to class on their own.

These programs have proven successful over the past two years, the agency says, serving 287 youths in 17 northwest Kansas counties.

"Choices for Change," an eight-week group, meets weekly. Students cover communication skills, thinking processes, anger and stress management, problem solving,

social development, abuse and life skills.

"Thinking for a Change," a 14-week group, meets weekly. It goes over communication skills, how our thinking controls our behavior, peer pressure and labeling, anger and stress management and problem solving.

Both are facilitated by Jason Archer and Alicia Arius, who have developed and provided the programs since 2008.

For information, contact them at (785) 528-8888.

Oberlin grad tells about Hays history

Arris Johnson of Hays, who writes the column "Generations" for the *Hays Daily News*, recently told about life in Hays 70 years ago when he was a student at Fort Hays Kansas State College.

He is a 1939 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a former band teacher at Oberlin.

Mr. Johnson said that the effects of the Wall Street crash of 1929 and the Bank Holiday of 1933 were still very much around when he got to Hays. There was a severe depression, and people had little or no money. Top it off with a severe drought and dust storms, and you get what things were like.

"I grew up on a farm near Kanona, where the storms were severe," he wrote. "When a dust storm struck, my father would tie twine to a post in the front yard when going to do chores and follow it to the barn and then back to the house because it was impossible to see any distance."

For those who wanted to go to college, there was not much choice. No money was the prevalent factor. Clarence Rarich was president of Fort Hays, and he was interested in finding a way for students to receive an education in spite of the circumstances.

He formed a committee of faculty who put together a plan that ended with the formation of Lewis Field. They began with contacting the administrators of schools in the western part of Kansas for names of students who were either valedictorians or salutatorians of their classes and whom they would recommend as students.

Lewis Field began with the purchase of nine buildings formerly owned by the Golden Belt Fair Association at a sheriff's sale for \$2,000. These buildings had been used as horse barns, etc., and were moved to the area north of where Lewis Field Stadium now stands. They were used for a short time by the Civilian Conservation Corps,

then some were used as residence halls for male students.

Lewis Field Stadium, where Mr. Johnson stayed, was distinct in that it was one of the first in the United States to be used for more than just athletic needs. It was built also to house students. Construction began in 1935 and was completed so students could use it in 1937. It was built by the federal Works Progress Administration at a cost of \$175,000.

He said that when he went there as a freshman in 1939, there were about 300 men living at the field. Life in the barracks was basic.

"We took all our meals at what was then called Cody Commons, now the Memorial Union," he wrote. "The Methodist Church furnished meals on Sunday evening for 15 cents and the cost for one month in Lewis Field was \$17.50, with \$5.50 for room and \$12 for board.

Students had no cars, he said, so they walked everywhere. Most had a job, many on campus, and the pay was 25 cents per hour or \$12 per month for 48 hours of work.

Tuition for 15 hours of credit was \$28. Today, five hours of credit approaches \$2,000. Textbook cost for the first semester was \$6.25. Today, a single textbook may exceed \$100.

Other costs included \$24.50 tuition for the first semester; haircut, 25 cents; supper 15 cents at the church; postage for mailing laundry home, 25 cents; new pair of shoes, \$3.15.

He said that no one had money, but they had a lot of fun.

In 1942, the number of men at Lewis Field began to drop as World War II began to take them. Many did not return. A plaque may be found at the university listing those.

Mr. Johnson wrote that Lewis Field left a wonderful heritage for those who planned for it, for those who fulfilled those plans, for all of those who participated in it.

Infant baptized here

Brennen Jon Louderback, infant son of Dawn and Alex Louderback, was baptized during morning worship services Sunday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Officiating was Pastor Linda Willey. His grandparents are Dean and Ardith Louderback, and Rae Walker, Oberlin, and Bill Walker, Kearney, Neb.

Family attending were Spring and

Kerry Louderback, and Holly and Aspen Gallentine, Oberlin; Sam, Tiffani, Parker and Peyton O'Toole, McCook; Gage Soderlund and Sarah Martin, Colby; Dallas Soderlund and Gus Cortez, Hugoton; Krent and Kalen Townsend, Danbury; El- leigh Walker and Solomon Russel, Kearney, Neb.; and Asia and Amaya Tegels, Omaha.

Thank You!

I am overwhelmed by the good wishes, the cards, letters, and the visits since I received my kidney.

The surprise was that I was turned down twice before I got this kidney. I pray for God to shine on you and yours forever.

Sincerely,
Ron Temple

Congratulations on celebrating your 69th anniversary of your 21st birthday!!

In other words . . .

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90th
Birthday!!

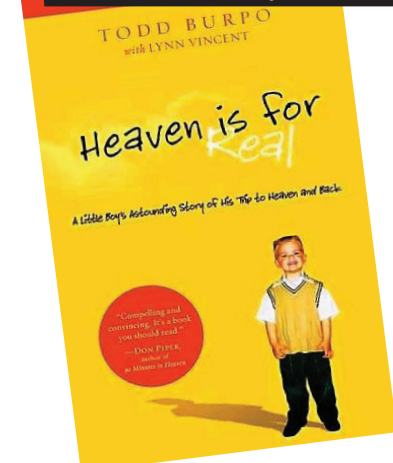


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The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of

Bennie and Rosalie Desmond

invite you to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 23



Chief Motel, poolside
612 West B Street, McCook, Neb.