

Jennings prepares for Fun Day

The 20th annual Jennings Firemen's Fun Day, always held on the fourth Saturday of August, will fill the southeast Decatur County town with folks on Saturday, Aug. 27, for food, a health fair, parade, contests and events.

The theme this year will be "Celebrate Kansas' 150th Birthday," but the day will also commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"We are pleased to have World War II veterans George Launchbaugh and Gayle Bainter as special guests," said Mayor Marge Hartzog. "They, with the assistance of Cindy Schnelle, will present a slide show in the City Hall of their Honor Flight trip to Washington."

See a schedule of events in next week's paper for times for their presentations.

The day will start with a health fair and a kolache coffee from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Senior Center. Physician Assistant Sean Conroy, with the Decatur Health Systems Family Practice Clinic in Oberlin, will answer health questions and do skin checks.

The health fair offers lab tests covering many areas at a minimal price. This year a new test, vitamin D level, will be offered. This test, without insurance coverage, costs over \$200 by itself. The price at the Health Fair will be \$25, Mrs. Hartzog said, in addition to the fee for the regular tests. Heart disease, depression, gum disease, ability to fight off infections and bone health may be affected by insufficient vitamin D, she said.

"Other early activities include a bake sale and garage sale in the American Legion building," said Mrs. Hartzog, "and the sale of homemade kolaches in the firehouse. The Jennings women bake over 100 dozen kolaches, but early morning sales and sales prior to the event deplete the supply rapidly."

Greg Otter of Lenora will be on hand with his train to entertain the little folks. Other events for kids will include a dunk tank, coin search, pony rides, giant slide and Nextech's Wii game.

Of interest to both young and old are a cake walk and Bingo. A Wobble Trap Shoot will begin at 10 a.m. at the Kenny Wildeman farm north of Jennings. Bring your own shotgun and plenty of ammunition.

"The Czech Museum, one of the best museums in the area, will be open," the mayor said. "There is no

admission charge, but donations are welcome. The children of the summer reading program have made posters, which will also be available for viewing in the city hall. You may vote for your favorite by putting small change in the cup below each picture."

The parade begins at 1:30 p.m. and will be led by the Jennings American Legion Post motorcycle group. All entries, walkers, bikers, floats, vehicles, machinery and animals, are welcome. There is no registration or entry fee, but entrants need to be at the south end of Pennsylvania (School) Avenue between 12:30 and 1 p.m.

Women of any age are encouraged to enter the queen contest. Registration will be at the parade entry site, and candidates will be introduced during the parade. The public can vote for the queen at the speaker's stand until 5 p.m. Ashley Vacura of Omaha is the reigning queen.

Afternoon events include the children's tractor pull, which is sanctioned for the Kansas State Fair and is sponsored by the Great Northwest Insurance Agency of Oberlin. There will also be a drawing for bicycles. Children 12 and younger can register to win a free girl's or boy's bike and helmet. They must be present to win. The bikes are donated by the fire department and emergency medical technicians.

Other afternoon events include the firemen's team barrel competition, crowning of the queen, an auction of items donated by area people and businesses and a raffle of a television, surround sound system and a portable video disk player. Drawings will be held throughout the day for smoke alarms and fire extinguishers.

The lunch stand opens at the fire house at 11:30 a.m. and a hog roast will be available at 6 p.m. Sno-cones and funnel cakes will be available during the afternoon.

A street dance with a deejay from Mobile Music Express will conclude the evening.

"The purpose of the event is to make a day of fun and games for the kids of the area," Mrs. Hartzog said. "It also serves to bring area residents, former residents and friends together for a day of reminiscing."

"The money raised from this event goes to the volunteer fire department and other local civic organizations."

Students talk about camp experiences

Three Decatur Community High School students, Matthew Helm, Tyler Shields and Miki Dorshorst, talked about their experiences at a Rotary-sponsored leadership camp at the Aug. 9 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

The students were introduced by Herschel Betts, program chair. All attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp at Camp Aldrich, near Hoisington, this summer. Tyler said that there were 27 participants, which made it possible to communicate easily and participate fully in all activities.

Working together and the importance of solving situations with others were stressed through activities, the teens said. Team work was important. Miki said that the small number of participants allowed for great exercises and activities. They learned a lot about team building

and also had a lot of fun.

Matthew talked about the speaker, Judge Tom Webb, who impressed him with his personal experiences. The judge spoke about the kindness of others and how it related to him, as he was adopted at the age of 7. The students all felt it was a great learning experience and that much of what they learned can be used in their everyday life and school situations.

The club voted to donate \$100 to the hospital golf benefit and also gave approval to apply for a district matching grant of \$750 for a digital directory proposed for the Oberlin Cemetery as a club project this year.

Other guests were Ben Jimenez, the new high school principal, and Mark Shobe, son of Rotarian Ken Shobe.

Disaster deadline nears

Thursday, Sept. 1, is the application closing date for crops under the federal Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, which covers crops not eligible for regular insurance.

It is also the final date to obtain coverage for small grain crops used for grazing, except oats, aquaculture, canola, Christmas trees, nursery crops, speltz, and turf grass. The

fee is \$250 per crop per county not to exceed \$750 per county or \$1,875 fee for several counties.

The program provides a payment of 55 percent of the average market price if a natural disaster causes a production loss of 50 percent or greater.

Contact the Farm Service Agency county office at 410 S. Buffalo, 475-3131, before the closing date.

People in Our Community

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Guests of Lyle and Leona Hilker for the Decatur County Fair were Steve and Trina Krause, Gracie and Jacelyn, Syracuse, Utah, and Karla Wilson, Grant, Grayson and Brooklyn, Little Rock, Ark.

Kate and Grace Berkheimer of York, Neb., visited during the fair with their grandparents, Bob and Yuki Berkheimer. Their father, Jim, met his parents in Holdrege, Neb., then he came to McCook to get them on Sunday.

Jim and Denise Abbey spent the weekend in Salina at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Kenzie and Garrick Reichert and grandchildren, Grace and Porter. They had a celebration to celebrate Grace's third birthday at Salina's Kenwood Cove Water Park with a dinner following at the Reichert home. Also visiting were Chad and Brooke Young, Chloe and Colton, Wichita.

Houseguests of Dennis and Judy Shirley from July 28 through Aug. 9 were their children, grandchildren and friends: Vicki Waldron and Steve Ruggiero, Lauren Waldron, Kasey Waldron, and Elaine Ryno, Bangor, Pa.; Kyle Weaver, Hershey, Pa.; and Becky, Cash and Shelby Barlow, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. Frequent visitors were P.T. and Cindy Shirley and Shelbi McKenna, Cindi Sauder, Hannes Geysler and Matt Sloan and Melissa, Hoxie. Following the open house for the Shirley's 50th anniversary, the above were joined for a meal by Dorothy Laidig, Clay Laidig and Alyce Conti, Guy Laidig, Brad Sauder, Anne Marie Wasson and Frank Emert, Dan and Carol Wasson, Tom, Leanna and Jaylei Sloan, Beth Heikes, Merle Shirley, Doris Sloan, Daisy Schmidt, and Chris and Sherri Schmidt.

Visitors of Leone Porsch last week were her three daughters, Julia Otter, Hays; Lorraine Ackerman, Columbus, Mont., and Connie and Joel Bryan, Scott City.

Lloyd Waldo has been hospitalized the past week for tests in Olathe and underwent spinal surgery on Monday. His daughters, Susan Waldo-Wright, Lawrence, and Jana Oliver, Raleigh, N.C., are with him. Mail can be sent to him in care of Susan Wright, 2803 Gill Ave., Lawrence, Kan. 66047.

Guests of Steve and Marilyn Horn for the Decatur County Fair were their grandsons, Dustin and Kyle Horn, sons of Darren and Cynthia Horn of Kersey, Colo. On Friday, they were joined by their daughter, Diana Wilson and Hannah and his nephew, Richard and Becky Horn, Jesse, Jeryn and Jeyda, all of Denver.

Connie Grafel, Kade, Isabel, Kel and Reece Grafel held their second annual back-to-school all-terrain vehicle ride and picnic on the banks of the Beaver Creek Sunday afternoon.

Among Pollnow relatives who attended funeral services for Jannette (Pollnow) Hutfles at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon on Thursday were Gene Hutfles, Andy and Sherry Hutfles, Arvada, Colo.;

Terry and Pat Hutfles and Eric, Phoenix, Ariz.; Chuck and Libby Hutfles, Hannah and Avery, Thornton, Colo.; Brian and LaDawn Powell, Golden, Colo.; Dave and Jeannine Crow, Hermiston, Ore.; Terri Zook, Gresham, Ore.; Andy Chambers, Culbertson, Neb.; Shane and Amanda Johnson, Judson and Jackson, Benkelman, Neb.; Greg Pollnow, McCook; and Luetta Pollnow, Sam and Diana Steinmetz, Gary and Kay Matheny, Louise Pollnow, Sharon Addleman, Everett and Dorene Shuler, and Gary and Mev Guinn, Oberlin.

Weekend guests of Alan and Judy Marietta were Jeremy and Loni Jensen and Alaxis, Newton.

Irene Shaw, Sherri Shaw, and Lorraine Capley of California visited recently with Laurene Van Otterloo, who was hospitalized in Hays. Mrs. Van Otterloo was later transferred to Oberlin and is a patient at Decatur County Hospital. Her granddaughter, Marie Lopez of La Junta, Colo., visited her over the weekend.

Mabel McLaughlin and Mike McLaughlin of Vacaville, Calif., were in Oberlin for the 50th wedding anniversary celebration, which honored Dr. Ren and Beverly Whitaker.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Norma Anderson, Kelva Dryden, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe, Max Carman, Dave Olson and Veanna Carman. Lows went to Max Carman, Neil Marshall, Dorothy Moore, Henry Edgett, Norma Anderson, Ivis Hanson and Doris Fringer. Bingo winner was Diane McPhillips and blackout were won by Neil Marshall, Diane McPhillips and Carol Vesterby. Pitch highs were won by Veanna Carman and John Cederberg with low going to Max Carman. Bridge highs went to Cynthia Matson and Annette Miller. A senior potluck will be held at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Jerimee Smith of Denver visited from Friday to Sunday with his grandparents, Tom and Maxine Smith.

Helen Kisinger of Orchard, Neb., visited from Thursday to Saturday with her brother and his wife, Richard and Clara Russ. Additional weekend guests were Jane Dingus, and her son, Anthony and Adrian Dingus, Holcomb.

Bob and Terri Woolsey returned home Aug. 6 from Roseville, Calif., where they visited Joana Tanner and Kaori Woolsey, Mojo and Nami. He is presently training to fly the new MC-12 airplane. They went from there to Las Vegas to visit Tucker and Tonya Woolsey, Trae, Taite, Trenneddy, and Talulah. After returning home, their other son, Tyler and Rebecca Woolsey, Mary Jane and Eriann of Hays visited them.

Bonnie Weber of Gilbert Ariz., and her son, Jeff Weber, of Denver, visited Saturday morning with her aunt, Elaine Bryan. They came to attend the Grafel reunion in McCook on Sunday.

Student receives honor

Kade Grafel, son of Dan and Melinda Grafel of Oberlin, was one of 947 Kansas seventh graders who qualified for state honors based on the Duke University Talent Identification Program.

He and his family attended recognition ceremonies at the University of Kansas in Lawrence on June 8.

In addition to the state-level award, he was also recognized during the grand recognition ceremony for a score in the top 90th percentile of all students, including high school juniors and seniors, who take either the ACT or SAT college-entrance tests.

The Duke program was founded in 1980 to identify academically talented students based on test scores and to help them find educational opportunities.



Kade Grafel

Happy 80th Birthday on August 25th Gary 'Curly' Metcalf

Cards may be sent to him at 2673 S. Johnson Circle Lakewood, CO 80227

Couple's son named 'Veteran of the Year'

Anthony Stewart, program manager for the Naval Special Warfare Basic Training Command and American Legion Post commander at Chula Vista, Calif., was named the 2011 Veteran of the Year by Rep. Rud Ramirez of California.

He is the son of Police Chief Wade and Nancy Lockhart of Oberlin.

The award recognizes someone who distinguished himself as a service member and civilian, "displaying exceptional integrity, leadership, professionalism and trustworthiness." The final selection is made by the Chula Vista Veterans Advisory Commission.

"When we recognize the Veteran of the Year, we're showing the dedication of their time and energy" said Mr. Ramirez. "We can't forget the sacrifice and hard work these veterans give."

Mr. Stewart's wife and daughter joined him at the Chula Vista City Hall for his proclamation, during

which he thanked them for their unfailing support during his military and civilian careers. He told how his colleagues and friends supported and encouraged his community service.

"I'm truly inspired by all that make up the veterans community," he said, "most especially, the Chula Vista veterans community, my mentors, my comrades and my friends. Thank you for the honor. I will work hard to continue to earn this award."

He is involved in veterans activities in the San Diego area, including the Veterans Stand Down in which he enlisted the help of 26 other San Diego area American Legion Posts that manned food tents and served two meals to more than 1,000 homeless veterans. He also organized a Wounded Warriors barbecue at the Balboa Hospital, where he led a group of volunteers to serve more than 200 meals to men and women recovering there.



A. Stewart

Couple honored on 50th anniversary

Dennis and Judy Shirley of Oberlin were honored for 50 years of marriage with an open house at The Gateway on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Hosts were their children, Vicki Waldron, Bangor, Pa.; P.T. and Cindy Shirley, Norcatur; and Becky and Cash Barlow, Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and their families.

Judy Sloan and Dennis Shirley married Jan. 29, 1961, in Norton. They farmed in the Norcatur area until moving to Oberlin.

Out-of-town guests for the open house were Dorothy Laidig, Clay Laidig and Alyce Conti, Seattle; Guy Laidig, Menlo Park, Calif.; Dennis and Pat Barnett, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; Brad Sauder, The Colony, Texas; Pam McClelland, Shawnee, Okla.; Tiffani O'Toole, McCook; Barbara Marta, Las Vegas, Nev.; Barry and Larry Wilkerson, Manhattan, Mo.; Bev Greenwood, Milford; Anne Marie Wasson and Frank Emert, Manhattan; Elmo and Margaret Lund, Hays; Veda and Marvin Orth, St. Francis; Tom, Leanna and Jaylei Sloan, Hoxie; Joe and Vicki Schmidt, Ludell; Jerry

and Delores Dellere and Dan and Carol Wasson, Selden; Beth Heikes, Dale and Leota Goss, Norton; Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson, Stan and Carol Miller, Ron and Gina Montgomery, Rodney and Janice O'Hare, Von and Joy Johnson, Gary Anthony, Lisa Rhodes, Ron and Jerry Temple, Monty and Linda Hunt, Robbie and Jeni Henningson, Norcatur; and Steve and Arian Arnold, Herndon.

Guests from Oberlin were Merle Shirley, Doris Sloan, Daisy Schmidt, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, Jaime and Shannon Metcalf, Lolita Metcalf, Ila Ray and Marla, Lawrence and Dorothy Wenger, Gary and Annette Miller, Marion Wenger, Alice Shirley, Bill and Dorothy Woods, Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Karen Thompson, Donna Mapes Warren, Marty Munson, Herb and Carol Shirley, Herschel and Jody Betts, Mary Ann Erickson, Loyd and Fern Moore, Bob and Anita Montgomery, Roger and Sue May, Roberta Johnson, Kay and Bob Gaskill, Rusty and Sharon Addleman and Jim and Laurie Wasson.

Family gathers in Colby

The Carman-Shaw family held a reunion Aug. 7 at the Colby Community Building with 39 in attendance.

Those present to enjoy the carry-in dinner and visiting, by families:

Artie Carman descendants: Pat Carman, Tom, Cheryl and Kaycee Williams, Roger Sauer, St. Francis; Kelly Carman, Gene, Lynn, Talan and Kayana Riley, Haigler Neb.; Wes and Barb Gilstrap, Larry, Tyler, Elizabeth, Ariel and Jordyn Gilstrap, Wray Colo.; Bob and Kaye Passmore, Omaha, and Linda Immel, Baliva Ohio.

Archie Carman descendants: Mary Carman, Matthew Heinrich, Audry and Christopher Cope,

Colby; Doc and Rochelle (Carman) Mather, Clayton; Emilee Schomp and Hunter Brooks, Clovis, N.M.

Floyd Shaw descendants: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Colleen (Shaw) Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Scott and Janet Shaw, Hoxie; Chris, Andrea (Shaw) and Jonathan Graham, Stockton.

Ernie Shaw descendants: Doris Gene (Shaw) Oliver, Rexford; Myrtle Shaw, Colby.

Clifford Shaw descendants: Nancy Robinson, Colby.

The group decided to meet every other year, so the next reunion will be the first Sunday in August 2013, with the location to be determined.

Food project set in Oberlin

Plans are underway to hold a "Feed My Starving Children" work day in Oberlin next summer, says Robin Williamson, a physician assistant at the Decatur Health Systems clinic.

She said she took part, along with other volunteers from Oberlin, in a food project at the Crossroads Wesleyan Church in Imperial, Neb. Mrs. Williamson said she was impressed, and she felt this is something Oberlin could do.

She said Dr. Charles Hardison, who works at the hospital and medical clinic in Oberlin two weeks of each month, along with his wife, Phyllis and their two sons, went to

project headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn., where they also helped pack food for shipment.

"I am really excited about this," she said. "I have a heart for finding a way to help feed hungry children, both here and abroad."

She said the work day will be Saturday, June 2. No location has been set, she said, but she will make plans this fall.

The project will cost \$24,000 for a total of 100,000 meals, she said, so both donations and volunteers will be needed. Anyone interested in helping should call her at the clinic, (785) 475-2015.

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Happy 40th Anniversary

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