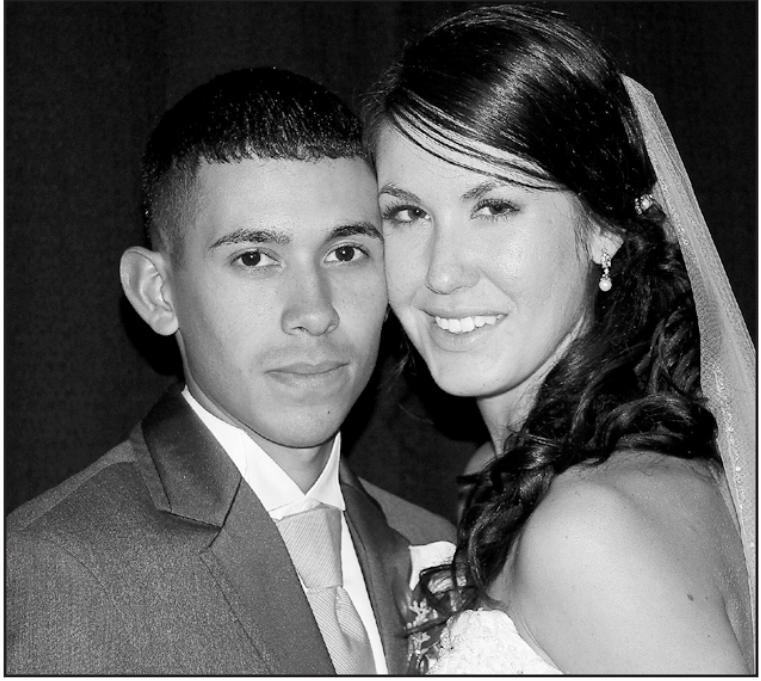


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Danny and Amber Blanco

Couple married by bride's father

Amber E. Mason and Danny R. Blanco were married Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at Exploration Place in Wichita with her father officiating. The bride is the daughter of Doug and Johanna Mason of Oberlin. The bridegroom is from Houston. Both are soldiers at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs. The bride graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2008. She holds an Associate of Arts degree from Cowley County Community College.

Couple to wed in July

Molly Coleman and Brent Olson of Oberlin plan to be married on Saturday, July 14. Parents of the couple are Micheal and Mirla Coleman and Randy and Sharon Olson, all of Oberlin. The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She graduated in 2010 from the Baker University School of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She is a registered nurse at Community Hospital in McCook. Her fiancé graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2002 and earned a degree in agronomy from Fort Hays State University in 2007. He farms southeast of Oberlin.



Molly Coleman and Brent Olson

Champion spellers named

Zeke Jimenez, a sixth grader at Oberlin Elementary School, was named champion at the school spelling bee held Monday morning in the lunchroom. Runner-up was Alex Hayward, a fifth grader. His parents are Jeff and Penny Hayward. Alex went out on the word universally, then Zeke spelled it correctly, as well as the word zenith, from the spelling bee at Decatur Community Junior High School, though the date for their spelling bee had not been set.



Zeke and Alex

Monument designs sought

Designs for etching on the veterans' monument at the Oberlin Cemetery, which is being restored, are being sought by the Oberlin American Legion, Sons of American Legion and Legion Auxiliary. Ruth Miesner said the capstone is 30 inches tall and 35 inches wide. Designs should be submitted to her at 302 N. Ingalls in Oberlin or e-mailed to ramnjim@att.net by March 1. Donation jars and flyers have been placed around town for the project. A brunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Legion Hall to raise money for the project. Individual donations may be sent to or left at the United Northwest Federal Credit Union, 117 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin.

Club hears about center

Program chair Duane Dorshorst gave a demonstration on how the new theater can be used for special events and business purposes when members of the Oberlin Rotary Club met at the Decatur Rec bowling alley Jan. 17. He said that rental for Sunflower Cinema is based on what needs to be supplied by the theater. It has seating for 110 and the stage is wired for sound, projection and computer video, he said. He showed a Rotary Foundation video to demonstrate what can be seen on the screen. Junior Rotarians from Decatur

Virginia Spratling and daughter Jackie Anderson spent Saturday, Jan. 14, in Hays visiting at the home of their daughter and sister, Betty and Robert Hiser. They went especially to make the acquaintance of Mrs. Spratling's great-grandson, Landon Oldham, infant son of Kevin and Annie Oldham, who were visiting from Lee's Summit, Mo. Landon was born a month early on Oct. 4, so he weighed only 4 pounds, but he is doing fine now.

to evaluate annual goals. Among those from Oberlin who attended graveside services Friday afternoon at Memorial Park Cemetery in McCook for James Thompson were Royce and Vicky Leitner, Mike Gawith, Peggy Ream, Herschel and Joan Betts, Lairy and Beth Goltl and their son, the Rev. Scott Goltl of Wichita who officiated at the graveside service, as well as the funeral service held earlier that day in Beloit. Lairy and Beth Goltl also attended the funeral services in Beloit. His wife, the late Phyllis Thompson, was an aunt of Beth Goltl.

—York Street Market. Premier Designs Jewelry 50-70% sale.

Barbara and Barry Brooks of Atlanta, Ga., and Debbie Crider of Oakridge, Tenn., left last Tuesday after visiting since Friday with the women's parents, Bill and Dorothy Woods.

—Check out 60% off sale rack during January Clearance at The Oberlin Mercantile Company.

Duane and Marilyn Waldo of Tucson, Ariz., left Monday for Blue Rapids to visit her mother, Ina Roeth, who will be honored on her 100th birthday with an open house at the nursing home there this weekend. The Waldos had come to Oberlin to attend the 100th birthday celebration for his stepmother, Myrtle Carman Waldo on Sunday and also visited Loyd and Mary Waldo and other relatives and friends.

Janeil Jensen had lunch on Monday with her cousin, Mary Verla Rath of St. Francis, who came to Oberlin to attend funeral services for her uncle, Dale Brunk. Her mother, the late Fausta Nicodemus, was a sister of Mrs. Dale (Nila) Brunk.

—Oberlin Kids Wrestling Club is selling "Red Devils" window decals for \$20. Contact Amanda @475-7163.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Doris Fringer, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe, Kelva Dryden, Norma Anderson and Willa Urban. Norms went to Norma Anderson, Neil Marshall, Willa Urban, Ivis Hanson and Charlotte Meints. Pitch highs were won by Dewaine Stapp and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Pat Abbey and Henry Edgett. Carol Shirley, Cynthia Matson and Charlotte Meints had highs in bridge. Commodities distribution will be at 10 a.m. next Tuesday at the Golden Age Center.

—York Street Market. Premier Designs Jewelry 50-70% sale.

Rory Wendelin, a senior at Concordia University of Seward, Neb., will be part of the IMPROVables comedy troupe as the group takes the stage for its first performance of the spring semester at 7:30 and 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, in the Music Center's studio theatre. Both shows are free and open to the public. Each performance will feature musical games and a variety of other improvisational techniques, including both long- and short-form comedy. She is a 2008 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is the daughter of Norman and Joanne Wendelin of Oberlin.

—York Street Market. Premier Designs Jewelry 50-70% sale.

Among immediate relatives who came to attend funeral services for Verna Mae Anderson were Christi Wesch, Jerry and Petrina Murphree and Josh, Topeka; Linda and Clifford Mills, Chandler, Ariz.; Katherine and Ron Haug, Buena Vista, Colo.; Michael and Sarah Wesch, Wilson and Henry, Manhattan, and Dorothy Marvin and daughters, Norton.

—Sunday Brunch Buffet Sunday, Jan. 29, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Connie Modlin of Durham, N.C., left Thursday after visiting since Jan. 14 with her mother, Marjorie Olson, and other relatives.

—Winter Merchandise is slashed to 50% off @The Dresser. New fashions and accessories are arriving daily.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, president of the Oberlin Lions Club, attended the annual Mid-Winter Rally of Kansas Lions held in Salina, which was held from Friday, Jan. 13, through Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Ramada Inn. Kansas Lions played host to Past International Director Haynes and Donna Townsend of Dalton, Ga. The Kansas Lions Council of District Governors holds four meetings each year to assess progress towards goals for community service by the 7000 Kansas Lions who serve with the 290 clubs from all parts of the state. In addition, most of the state committees and Lions Foundation boards met

Kansas Day show Sunday

The Jennings Czech Memorial Museum will sponsor a Kansas Day program at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings. Guest speakers will be Joy Russell of Oberlin and Arian Arnold of Herndon, who will talk about the

Last Indian Raid in Kansas. Anyone who would like to bring early Kansas memorabilia for display is urged to do so.

For details, call Lila Jennings at (785) 678-2299 or Neoma Tacha at (785) 678-2470.

'Blues Brothers' show set

"The Official Blues Brothers Revue" will do a live concert show at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Oakley High School Auditorium.

Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door, adults \$20 and students \$10.

The revue will showcase musical hits from the 1980 musical comedy film, "The Blues Brothers," which

starred John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd as brothers Jake and Elwood Blues.

Church here plans songfest

Faith Lutheran Church will host its "fifth Sunday" Community Praise Sing at 7 p.m. Sunday. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. The Oberlin United Methodist Church Praise Team will lead the singing. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler says everyone is invited to come and enjoy the evening.

A Reminder ...

To make your reservations for our annual meeting
 Coming February 6

Deadline is
 Friday, January 27

Please call our Oberlin office at (785) 475-3131, Ext. 101

Decatur County Conservation District

Club News

Members enjoy pizza lunch

The Calico Gals Club met Wednesday at the Pizza Hut for lunch, then went to the home of Millie Lippelmann for a meeting. Present were Detta Anderson, Marylu Brown, Phyllis Screen, Mrs. Lippeleman and Margaret McEvoy. The club collect and flag salute were given and roll call was answered with show and tell of your favorite Christmas gift. A gift was given in memory of a former member, Verna Mae Anderson, who died recently. Detta Anderson reported on delivering the Christmas gifts to the nursing home. Donna Kelley furnished a box of greeting cards to be used by the club courtesy committee. The treasurer's report was given and club dues will be collected next month. The new club books were completed. Mrs. Anderson won the hostess gift. The next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Coffee, Tea and Me for lunch and a meeting. Roll call will be something about Presidents Day.

Club meets to elect officers

Zeta Nu Club met on Jan. 12 at the home of Norma Anderson with Mary Ann Amack as co-hostess. Mrs. Anderson gave devotions. Marian Fraker called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the club collect repeated. Twelve members answered roll call. Thank-you letters were read from the Department of Veterans Affairs and from Cedar Living Center for the birthday party the club held on Nov. 10. Mrs. Amack nominated Charlotte Meints as president and Joan Larue as secretary for the next year and both were approved by members. The club agreed to drop the office of parliamentarian. Mrs. Amack and Mrs. Anderson put on a skit. Mrs. Anderson showed an old embroidered friendship bed cover that has been handed down to her, along with some old family photos.

Reception honors woman

Myrtle Carman Waldo was honored by her family with an open house on Sunday afternoon at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin for her 100th birthday. Relatives attending included Peggy Carman, Larry and Diana Alstrom, Tom and Deb Campbell, Charlie and Cindy Ostmeyer and Karl, Jodee and Cash Stillman, Hoxie; Anne and Chelsea Heskett, Wichita; Mark, Cathy and Ashley Carman and Adam Kuehl, McCook; Ryan and Kylie Carman, York, Neb.; Jim, Lynn and Jeremy Herbic, Salina; Holly, Taryn and Jace Horning, Steve, Carrie, Morgan and Avery Meier, Hutchinson; Elizabeth Kerr-Quintana, Richard Longacre and Lois Tressler, Denver; Duane and Marilyn Waldo, Tucson, Ariz.; and Max and Veanna Carman, Duane and Norma Carman, Colton Berg, Dick Carman and Loyd and Mary Waldo, Oberlin. Other guests who signed the guest book were Doris Gilbert, Joan Betts, Opal Bryan, Amy Rehm, Alyce Avery, Ivis Hanson, Doris Fringer, Lucy Schissler, Elaine Bryan, Earl Brown, Mary Ann Amack, Mirla Coleman, Fern Moore, Kelly Moore, Becky Alstrom, Anita Montgomery, Judy Gaumer, Deanna Richards, Charlotte Meints, Dewaine Stapp, Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Loretta McFee, Lisa Paulson, Cheryl Miller, Laurene Bryan Van Otterloo, Marian Fraker, Dorothy Alstrom, Cecil Hess, Dorothy Pryor, Eula Juenemann, Violet and Ralph Shaw, Merle Shirley, Doris Sloan, Cindi Sauter, Marie McKisson, Marguerite Bailey, Norma Richards, Teresa Shaughnessy, Coleen Rippe, Jerry and Montine Alstrom, Melanie Anderson, Louise Pollnow and Pastor Judi Stricker.

Coupon class is next week

A program called "Cash in with Coupons" will be presented by Karen Shepard, a family and consumer science Extension agent, at noon Tuesday in the parlor of the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin. Clipping coupons hardly sounds like a lesson on high finance, she said, saving 50 cents apiece on cat litter, dish soap or a few boxes of cereal. Who has the time? An increasing number of people do, the agent said. Make reservations with the Twin Creeks Extension District office in Oberlin at 475-8121 by Friday. A minimum of five people must sign up in order to have this program, the office says.

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

Rexford 4-H members have finished up their pizza sales — just in time for the Girl Scouts to start selling their cookies! Many local girls are part of the area Girl Scout chapter, so be sure to track one down and place an order. Betty Nickols has joined us back in Rexford after almost two months. She had a knee replaced and went through the necessary recovery. We're glad to have her back. The Thomas County Community Foundation met at Shepherd's Staff last Monday evening. They held a board meeting and then a short retreat before enjoying dinner. It looks like we're in for some beautiful weather this week — and hopefully we'll all have a chance to get out and enjoy it. Don't forget: we'd like to publish the events and happenings that are important to you. You can leave news in the jar by the door at the Red Barn, call it to me at 687-2076 or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com.

Oberlin Arts and Humanities Presents

Ronnie Kole
 Pianist/Entertainer
 Saturday, Jan. 28
 7:30 p.m.

Ronnie Kole will be performing at the Gateway Civic Center. This qualifies as a season ticket event. Other ticket sales are as follows: Adult-\$12 Students 1-12 \$7.

For more information call
 Ella Betts 475-3557
 Mary Henzel 470-0218