

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
People in
Our Community
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Kel Grafel was honored with a pizza party in Indianola, Neb. on Saturday night by his parents, Greg and Amanda Grafel. Other guests were his brother, Reece Grafel, Connie Grafel, and Dan and Melinda Grafel, Kade and Isabell.

Visiting with Charlotte Meints the weekend of Jan. 21-22 were Mark Walinder and Jenna Patterson, Denver; Donna and Rod Carlson, Grand Island, Neb.; Mike and Glenda Walinder, Cambridge, Neb.; Heather and Garret McDougal and Jessiah, and Dewaine Stapp, Oberlin. They were celebrating a belated Christmas, as well as the birthdays of Mark and Donna.

Hunt Brothers Pizza. Eat-in or carry-out. Sunflower Recreation. Now open Wed. & Thurs. 5:30 to 8:30.

Dinner guests last Monday night of Bob and Kay Gaskill were Ed and Sharon Noyce of Dallas, Texas. They came from Republican City, Neb., where they had driven after attending a Dallas Aubudon meeting. It was reported at the meeting that there had been a sighting of Snowy Owls near that rural location and they were successful in seeing one in a nearby pasture of that community.

Pastors Charlotte and John Strecker-Baseler attended the Rocky Mountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Theological Conference in Fort Collins, Colo., from Monday to Thursday. This was a continuing education event for the couple.

Marian Haase of Omaha spent the weekend visiting her father, Vernon Haase.

Surf & Turf Buffet Friday, Feb. 3, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Three Decatur Community High School Choral students attended the Kansas State Vocal Arts Day in Manhattan on Saturday. Grace Randel, Miki Dorshorst, and Cassandra Canto worked with members of the K-State choral staff and students. They were also introduced to many of the vocal opportunities offered at the university from choral music, to opera, to a contemporary a cappella vocal group. Susan Nelson, vocal director, also attended and participated in several interest sessions for choral directors.

Sunday supper guests of Greg and Amanda Grafel and Reece to honor Kel Grafel on his birthday were Bill and Tammy Steinmetz and Hanna, Norton, and Bud, Jamie and Blake Steinmetz, McCook.

At the 5th Sunday Community Praise Sing on Sunday evening at Faith Lutheran Church, Pastor

Technician attends training

Matt Unger, an ag management solutions technician for Goodland Greenline Inc., the John Deere dealer in Goodland and Wheeler, recently attended a training program near Orlando, Fla. The 2 1/2-day program featured hands-on training on John Deere telematics and precision ag equipment with factory-trained specialists. Mr. Unger learned how to adjust and operate the equipment and solve service problems. The training included in-field



Matt Unger

operation, trouble-shooting and assessment, equipment options and classroom study of products. A new suite of services, called John Deere Farm-sight, provides customers with precision technology. Deere has designed a training program for dealer personnel covering its use and adjustment. Mr. Unger, a 1997 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is the son of Evan and Sheryl Unger of Oberlin.

Water use with crops meeting set at Colby

Water usage and its effects on crops are the topics that will be covered at the 24th annual Central Plains Irrigation Conference and Equipment Exposition be held in Colby on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 21-22. All events will be held at City Limits Convention Center, 2227 South Range Ave.

The first day begins with registration, coffee and the opening of the exposition from 9 to 10 a.m. The day concludes with the social hour and hors d'oeuvres from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The social hour is a great time to visit with exhibitors and speakers.

The second day begins with registration and a continental breakfast from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and is over at 3 p.m.

A representative from the Kansas Department of Agriculture has been invited to speak on the "Legislative Initiative to Manage the Ogallala" during the general session on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Dan Rogers, Kansas State University, will talk about "Kansas Irrigation Trends and Impacts."

Technical session topics are "Crop Water Budget: Effects of Tillage Systems," "Crop Water budget: Effects of Irrigation Management," "Optimizing Crop Water Productivity when Irrigation Water

is Limited," "Optimizing Crop Water Productivity Using Center Pivot Irrigation," "Optimizing Crop Water Productivity Using Subsurface Drip Irrigation," "Emerging Irrigation Scheduling Technologies," "Support Software for the Irrigation Manager," and "Crop Insurance and Economic Issues."

The trade show will be open at various times throughout both days. It will close at 10:30 p.m. on the second day. It is open to the general public and there is no admission charge for it.

"This year's conference is full of valuable information for area irrigations," said Donna Lamm, executive assistant of Central Plains Irrigation Association. Registration for the two days is \$90 and \$100. Registration includes admittance to all sessions, the equipment exposition, a copy of the proceedings, two lunches, all breaks, and the social hour. Continuing Education Units for the technical session have been applied for. Booth space is available for companies interested in exhibiting their products.

For specific speakers' topics or more information contact Donna Lamm, at (785) 462-7574 or mailto: donnalamm@yahoo.com.

School conferences set

Parent-teacher conferences for Oberlin Elementary School will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and from 4:30 to 8 p.m. next Wednesday.

Letters were sent to parents of younger students with an assigned time to meet with their child's teacher and they are urged to come at these times, said Principal Duane Dorshorst.

There are no assigned times for parents of fifth and sixth graders. Parents may meet with Carol Dixon, Sandy Ketterl and Jeff Jones in the gymnasium at the same times. The school asks that parents limit

their conference times to 10 minutes to give everyone an opportunity to meet with these teachers. Parents are asked to enter the gym on the west door and pick up their child's grade card.

Teacher Jennifer Tally, Mardi Lo-hoefener, Carol Wasson and Sheila Jansonius will not have scheduled times, but will be available in their rooms on the same days and times. Jeff Jones, Terri Woolsey and Sarah Bricker will be available for conferences on Wednesday only.

There will be no school on Friday, Feb. 10.

Student receives lab coat

Whitnee Ashley, a 2007 graduate of Decatur Community High School, received her white lab coat on Saturday, Jan. 21, at a ceremony at the Regis University School of Pharmacy in Denver.

Miss Ashley, now in her first year at the university's Rueckert-Hartman School for Health Professions, was among 70 students to receive a coat. She completed her prepharmacy education at Fort Hays State University.

Attending the ceremony were her parents, Kent and Tenna Ashley, rural Selden; Kyle Glodt, Denver; and Marci Metcalf, Arvada, Colo.

She is a granddaughter of Herb and Shirley Seeman, Oberlin, and the late Donald and Elma Ashley, Selden.



W. Ashley

Registration starts next week

Parents of children who will be attending kindergarten at Oberlin Elementary School in the fall are asked to register at the school office sometime between Monday and

next Thursday, Feb. 9. If you're unable to come to the school, call the office at (785) 475-2122. A child must be 5 on or before Aug. 31 to be eligible.

Lions Club to hold meeting

The Oberlin Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the conference room of the Decatur County Health Department at the Medical Arts Clinic building. Members will begin the evening

with a meal of post-Super Bowl party food to welcome the club's newest member, Tom Martin. He will be inducted during the meeting, said President Charlotte Strecker-Baseler.

College students recognized during 13-city program

This year's edition of Fort Hays State University's annual 13-city, two-month Student Recognition Program will end in Colby on Monday, March 5. The focus of each event is the recognition of scholarship winners, including those from Decatur County.

High school juniors and seniors and transfer students in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado have been invited to an event in their area. The Colby event will be at 6:30 p.m. at Colby High School, 1890 S. Franklin. Pizza will be served.

The deadline for reservations is Thursday, March 1.

Students must make a reservation by calling (800) 628-FHSU (3478) or (785) 628-5666 or at www.fhsu.edu/admissions/srp.

Scholarships to be awarded include the \$1,200 Miller Black and Gold Academic Award and the \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award. Both are renewable provided students keep their grades up. Also to be awarded are the \$2,000 Presidential Scholarship, the \$700 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award and the

Club News

PiAlpha hears reading

The Jan. 25 social meeting of Pi Alpha Club was held at Coffee, Tea and Me for a 3 p.m. coffee and dessert. Marjorie Olson was hostess with Cecil Hess as co-hostess. Ten members were present with proprietor Barbara Mullen joining them.

Mrs. Olson, a longtime courthouse worker, read a humorous reading, "The Public Servant's

Lament," taken from a Clerk of the District Court newsletter. Family pictures were shared and Gerry Neff won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at Sappa Valley Manor with Mrs. Hess and Elaine Bryan as hostesses. The program will be a "show and tell" of something cherished or special in each member's life.

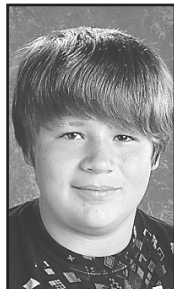
Boy wins Spelling Bee

Eighth grader, Konnor Witt, son of Gordon and Gina Witt, captured the championship in the Decatur County Spelling Bee held Monday morning in the Oberlin Elementary School lunchroom.

Runner-up was Zeke Jimenez, son of Ben and Jennifer Jimenez. A sixth-grader at Decatur Community Junior High, Zeke went down on the word invalid. Konnor spelled it correctly, then

went on to win by spelling heroism.

The champion qualified for the 2012 Sunflower Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 17, at Barton County Community College, sponsored by *The Great Bend Tribune*. The state champion will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington to compete in the 2012 Scripps National Spelling Bee.



Konnor Witt

Rotary enjoys band

Members of the Decatur Community Junior High band gave the program at the Jan. 20 meeting of the Rotary Club at The Gateway. They and their director, Sarah Bricker, were introduced by John Sater, program chair.

The students are preparing for an upcoming performance and shared their talents with several numbers. The first ensemble included seven

flute and clarinet players, followed by a saxophone trio and a snare-drum trio. The final number, "O Canada," was played by 16 members of the band.

The club welcomed guests Suzanne Ahlberg and Lynetta Ward. Junior Rotarians from the high school were Brooklyn O'Hare and Conner McHugh.

Business course offered

The Northwest Kansas Technical College has teamed up with the Small Business Development Center office in Bird City to offer an introductory course for aspiring business owners.

The small business management course is designed to educate prospective business owners and entrepreneurs and allow them to build networks, building a solid foundation for business management.

"The ... course is an excellent opportunity for entrepreneurs and existing business owners alike," said Diane Stiles, Northwest Tech assistant vice president for academic affairs. "The additional support through individual counseling by the Small Business Development Center ensures student success."

Classes are scheduled monthly on Tuesday nights from 4 to 8:20 p.m. on the Northwest Tech campus in Goodland. Participants will receive a certificate from the Small Business Development Center and one hour of college credit from Northwest Tech. Tom Clark will teach the course and Megan Horinek is the Small Business Development counselor.

Contact the Northwest Tech admissions office for information or enrollment at (800) 316-4127 or admissions@nwktc.edu. To register for the course, fill out the online registration form at: nwktc.wufoo.com/forms/small-business-management-course-enrollment-form/.

Artists to lead program

Two Colorado artists, T.R. Mathews and Sandy Seamone of Arriba, Colo., will lead two "Joy of Painting with Bob Ross" classes at the Dane Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan this month.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, the class will be painting "Old Cream Cans" and on Sunday, Feb. 19, "Wheel Barrel Full of Flowers." Classes will run from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. both days. Students need to bring a roll of paper towels.

This class is brought to you through the Hansen Museum Continued Education Program and offered at a reduced rate.

Museum hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and holidays. Admittance is free. For information, call Shirley Henrickson at (785) 689-4846 or go to www.hansenmuseum.org.

Planning a Wedding?
 The Oberlin Herald is happy to run pictures and stories of weddings. However, we need the information within five weeks of the marriage. Write-ups received after this date require a \$10 charge for each month past the deadline date.
Stop by our office for a wedding form.

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