

People in Our Community

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Connie Miller, Sarah Orr and Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler attended the annual district Lions Club meeting at the Memorial Union on the Fort Hays State University campus on Saturday. Special guest was International Director James Cavallaro of Springfield, Pa., representing the International Association of Lions Clubs. The new Lions Mobile Screening Unit was on site for tours all day, and screenings were held for sight disorders, hearing, blood pressure and blood sugar. This district includes the entire western half of Kansas.

Marie McKisson attended the wedding of her great-nephew, William Haley, and Alyson Schultheiss, at the Houston Street Ballroom in Manhattan on Saturday afternoon. She joined her sisters, Aletha Peterson of Bartlesville, Okla., and Carol Jean Barkley of Allen, Texas, for dinner at the home of another sister, Janie and Kent Law in Abilene. En route home, Mrs. McKisson visited a high school classmate, Marguerite Stewart and husband, Wayne, in Hays.

The Scott City wrestling team, which captured first place in the 3-2-1 state tournament at Hays last week, is coached by Jon Lippelmann, a 1975 graduate of Decatur Community High School. He is the son of Millie Lippelmann and a brother of Dan and Terry Lippelmann, all of Oberlin.

Ken and Candy Rauhut of Garden City spent the weekend of Feb. 18 and 19 visiting her mother, Eunice Martin, to help her celebrate her birthday.

Sid and Cheryl Metcalf returned home Sunday from a 10-day trip to Austin, Texas, where they visited their son, Chris Metcalf, and also enjoyed sightseeing in the Gulf, Aransas Pass, Port Aransas and Corpus Christi.

Surf and Turf Buffet Friday,

Relay for life scheduled for weekend in June

The 2012 Decatur County Relay for Life has been set for Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16, at The Gateway.

The theme this year is "Imagine a World with More Birthdays."

Cancer survivors will be served barbecue at 5:30 p.m., with a public barbecue to begin at 6 p.m.

"Come and join us to help create a world with more birthdays," said co-chairs Pat Fringer and Phyllis LaSalle. "As with every Relay event, we together can help make it happen. Your support has always been fantastic and inspiring to those who have gone through the trials of cancer."

The women said the committee appreciates the continued support of the area businesses, farms, professionals and citizens. A letter will be sent out soon to past corporate, professional, farm and individual sponsors asking if they want their logos to be printed on the Relay T-shirts. Forms to become a sponsor

World Day of Prayer Friday

World Day of Prayer services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Oberlin Covenant Church.

The Christian women of Malaysia, who helped create this year's service, have invited everyone to join them as they strive to be neighbors within a multi-religious country and among a Muslim majority. Theme for the service will be "Let

March 2, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn, 475-2340.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Doris Fringer, Kelda Dryden, Ivis Hanson, Ardis Roe, Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Ardythe Cederberg, John Cederberg, Willa Urban, Ivis Hanson and Norma Anderson. Phyllis Screen was the winner in Chicken Foot Dominoes. Pitch highs were won by Carla Latimer and Kelda Dryden with lows going to Pat Abbey and John Cederberg. Bridge highs were won by Annette Miller and Cynthia Matson.

John and Henrietta Juenemann and Bill Goscha, Oberlin; Ron and Char Juenemann, Phillipsburg; Carolyn Lunsford, Brad, Austin and Denton, Easton; Paul and Barb Marak, Stephen, Joseph and Catherine, Salina; and Todd Goscha, Lincoln, Neb., were among relatives who attended funeral services on Friday at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina for their sister and aunt, Verna Mary Wearing, 82, who died Feb. 19 in Salina.

Members of Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women who attended a coffee on Saturday morning at the Norton United Methodist Church were Doris Sloan, Violet Shaw, Deanna Castle, Doris Fringer, Mary Ann Amack, Elaine Bryan, Pat Abbey, Laurene Van Otterloo, Coleen Rippe and Phyllis Metcalf. The program entitled "Women of the Bible" was given by Pastor Lyn Linde of the Norton church.

Eileene Grose and Sid and Cheryl Metcalf attended funeral services for Anna "Luella" McConville on Monday morning in Indianola, Neb. She died on Thursday, Feb. 23, at Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook. She was the mother of Mark McConville, husband of the former Kim Grose.

are available by calling Ralph Unger at (785) 475-2560.

Relay teams are being formed. If you would like to participate as a group or an individual, contact Mrs. Fringer or Mrs. LaSalle or call 475-3184 for details.

They also will head up the drive to sell luminarias to support those fighting cancer, celebrating with those who have survived and remembering those who have died. Luminarias may also be obtained from any team or committee member.

Melinda Grafel, survivor chair, said she will be contacting and inviting survivors and caregivers. If you would like to be on the list, call her at 475-2673.

The chairs said the committee needs volunteers to serve on the events committee, as well as some who could help serve the day of the relay.

justice prevail."

This year's motto, "Informed prayer leads to powerful action," affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence, organizers say.

Everyone is welcome to the non-denominational service.

It's time for cookies



AT THE UNITED CHURCH, Scouts Gracie (behind) and Gabbie Vontz helped carry Girl Scout cookies out to a car as Oberlin Scouts made plans to deliver them to customers. If you have not ordered cookies, you can still get them by calling Sarah Howland at 475-2187.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Decatur Tomorrow has new board members

The Decatur Tomorrow Steering Committee has some new faces. Janice Shobe and Kem Bryan have resigned their three-year terms, making way for Janna Leitner, Lisa Paulson and Norbert "Pete" Zander to come on board.

They join Deanna Castle and Ruth Miesner, co-covenanters of the group, and Carolyn Plotts and Norma McCallister on the 2012 steering committee for the group, which is affiliated with Public Square Communities.

The group has scheduled a "community conversation" geared at trying to encourage former Decatur County residents and new families to "come home" for 7 p.m. Monday at the Golden Age Center. Part of the

discussion will focus on planning an event for Memorial Day weekend.

"I want to really encourage a lot of young families to try to make it to this event," Mrs. Leitner said. "If Oberlin is going to grow and thrive, we must encourage young families to make this their home. We need to hear from you about what Oberlin is doing well and ways we can make it more attractive to other young families."

The steering committee plans to spread the word on Facebook, with text messages, by cell phone and word of mouth, members said.

The conversation next week will be facilitated by Terry Woodbury, a consultant and founder of Public Square Communities.

Decatur party held in Arizona

The 22nd annual Arizona Decatur County party was held last Tuesday at the home of Max and Marlene Miller in Gold Canyon, Ariz., with 23 people enjoying lunch and a social day.

Those attending included Marie Aschwege, Perky Barnett, Dennis and Betty Campbell, Don and

Shirley Carlisle, Ron and Joanne Cox, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, Dwayne and Betty Jones, Jerry and Marcia Lohofener, Max and Marlene Miller, Rex and Billie Morton, Doris Jean Oliver, Bill and Maxine Peebles and Duane and Marilyn Waldo.

Benefit dinner next week

The Oberlin Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will hold its 13th annual homemade chicken-and-noodle benefit dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, at the Masonic Temple dining room in

downtown Oberlin.

Donations will be accepted, with proceeds going to the Forget-Me-Nots program, headed by Dennis Brown. An elevator is available to the second floor.

FFA work auction is Monday

The Oberlin FFA Chapter will hold a work auction beginning at 6 p.m. Monday in the Decatur Community High School cafeteria. Ice cream will be served.

All FFA members will be sold for eight hours of labor.

"Anyone needing good help and who also wants to help support the local chapter is encouraged to come and enjoy some ice cream and buy some good help," said advisor Jason Ketterl.

March enrollment scheduled

Farmers will have a four-week window to enroll in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program general signup, from Monday, March 12, to Friday, April 6.

The program has a 25-year legacy of protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation by landowners, while providing economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the country, the department says.

The program helps farmers manage environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Farmers enrolled in the program plan long-term, resource-conserving cover to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat.

Anyone interested in the program should call the Farm Service Agency county office at (785) 475-3131 to set up an appointment.

Jennings citizens gather for meeting

Mayor Marge Hartzog updated more than 30 Jennings citizens who attended a community meeting last Tuesday.

She said the city had bought a new stove for the fire house, a heater/air conditioner for the city office, four new banquet tables for the city hall, a John Deere 7410 tractor with loader and grapple fork and four new Christmas decorations. Pat Hall gave the city a snow blower.

Playground equipment donated by the former Rock Island Rockets 4-H Club is nearly ready, the swings have been painted and the area play area graveled.

A tin roof has been installed on one of the shelters at the highway park; the toilets have been repaired at the city park near the Bank and the building has been painted.

The mayor said the city wants to move at least four water meters from basements to the street each year, and several more were completed this year with 12 left.

Santa Day in December was sponsored by the city and the Jennings Lions Club. Eighty bags of candy were given away and many adults and children participated in a drawing for gifts.

The Czech Museum sponsored an interesting Kansas Day program and two Red Cross blood drives held this past year were successful. The Department of Corrections sent prisoners to Jennings two days each month and they have helped with trimming trees and bushes, clean-

ing up streets and curbs, painting and other projects. The city showed its appreciation by providing lunch from the Broken Wheel.

Other items discussed included: clean up day, when curbs and fire hydrants were repainted; a new volleyball net donated by Daryl Hartzog and installed by Paul Nauer; a decision to leave the recycle trailer at the present location; council meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month, with everyone welcome to attend; old buildings that need painting and properties that are never mowed; a highway sign for the Czech Museum; speed limit signs within the city limits; and avoiding snow removal on private driveways.

The Jennings Clinic is open every Tuesday morning for blood pressures checks and has a doctor or midlevel provider every other Tuesday afternoon.

The mayor reported that water rates have been increased but are still in line with surrounding towns. A water leak under the highway was repaired and appreciation was expressed to the men who got the water back on during the cold weather.

Decatur Tomorrow would like to have representatives from Jennings on its steering committee or to attend meetings, and also encourages more Jennings people to use the county bus. Someone asked whether the bus could be available to take people to Selden for hair appointments.

Rotarian gives program on historic coastal fort

Program Chair Ryan Unger spoke and showed a video of his family vacation to Fort Macon, N.C., in Carteret County, when members of the Oberlin Rotary Club met at The Gateway last Tuesday.

He said that Fort Macon was part of a system of coastal forts built along the coasts of the still young United States following the War of 1812. It was intended to defend the entrance to the ports of Beaufort and Morehead City.

Construction began in 1826 and was completed and the fort received its first garrison in 1834.

The fortification was intended for defense against attacking enemy naval forces, but the soldiers of Fort Macon saw little action.

The Confederate Army occupied

the fort during the civil war, capturing it without a battle. Union forces returned and bombarded the defenders, who surrendered after a day of heavy shelling.

The fort was abandoned by the first part of the 20th Century. In 1923, the property was deemed to be of no military value. It is now Fort Macon State Park, a monument for men and women who fought here.

Matthew Jacquier from the Phillipsburg Rotary Club was a guest. The club welcomed Margaret Mahoney, Aaron Russell and Steve Zodrow as guests.

The club mangled "Happy Birthday" for several members, including Cynthia Haynes and Gary Fredrickson, as well as Mr. Zodrow.

Town to honor Vietnam Vets with event on March 18

The Jennings Historic Building Preservation Committee plans an event to honor Vietnam War veterans and their families at the Jennings Masonic Hall on Sunday, March 18.

Wayne Purinton of WaKeeney, a Vietnam veteran and author of "Journey Back from Vietnam," will speak. Organizers are asking people to come with stories, photos and memorabilia from all veterans and their families to share and display.

Lunch will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m., with the talk to begin at 2 p.m.

Donations will be taken to help pay for renovations of the old Jennings Opera House and Masonic Hall.

If you know veterans, or spouses, children or other family members of Vietnam veterans, who would like to be recognized, call Marge Hartzog at (785) 678-3010.

Farm assistance offered

Money is available to help Kansas landowners manage or renovate older windbreaks, forests adjacent to streams (riparian areas) and woodlands under the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

Application deadline for this fis-

cal year is Friday, April 6, for the programs, run by the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Landowners can apply at the service's county office or conservation district office. Call (785) 475-3131 or go to www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov for information.

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Happy 90th Birthday

Come help
Vi Foster
celebrate her 90 birthday
March 4, 2012
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
at the Jennings United
Methodist Church

Cards may be sent:
Vi Foster, PO Box 57, Jennings, Kan. 67643

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Look who made it to 90!

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Floyd E.
with cards at
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for his 90th birthday on
March 11, 2012

Floyd Edgett