

People in Our Community

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Joe Hirsch, a student at Central Christian College in McPherson and a 2011 Oberlin graduate, was asked by the Rick Santorum for President committee to give the candidate speech on Santorum's behalf at the McPherson County Republican caucus on Saturday. His parents, Steve and Anita Hirsch, attended a reception for Rick Santorum in Wichita on Friday, then were able to be present for their son Joe's speech in McPherson on Saturday.

Loyd Waldo remains hospitalized in Kansas City. The address and corrected zip code to send him mail are: in care of Susan and Mike Wright, 2807 Gill Ave., Lawrence, Kan., 67047-3058.

DeLane and Crista Sauvage, Austin and Junior, visited over the weekend with Harold and Sue Sauvage in Topeka.

Connie Robison of Littleton, Colo., spent from Saturday to Monday visiting her mother, Eunice Martin, and other relatives.

Dalton Jones, son of Jeff and Belinda Jones of Oberlin, has been awarded the Alumni Legacy License Plate Scholarship and Valedictorian Award for 2012-2013 from Pittsburg State University. He plans to major in athletic training.

-Interested in becoming an investor at the Dresser? Come to our informational meeting on March 14 at 5:30 p.m. at The Dresser. We will have a 25% off discount for those who attend.
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Goldie Stapp observed her 92nd birthday on Monday. She is a former Oberlin resident but now lives at Garden Valley Retirement Center, 1505 E. Spruce St., #54, Garden City, Kan., 67846-6250.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Dorothy Moore, Ardythe Cederberg, Kelva Dryden, Henry Edgett and Doris Fringer. Lows went to John Cederberg, Norma Anderson, Neil Marshall and Bob Jones.

Drawing Class set in Colby

Rexford artist David Ketchum will teach an introductory class on figure drawing which will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and Thursday, March 22, in room 502 of Ferguson Hall at Colby Community College. No registration is required and no college credit will be given, but Ketchum said classes will begin promptly at 10. The cost is \$5 per session to cover instructor costs and

Chicken Foot Dominoes winners were Phyllis Screen and Dorothy Moore. There was no pitch. Bridge highs were won by Carol Shirley, Annette Miller, Cynthia Matson and Marty Olson. Senior potluck dinner at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Guests at the home of Greg and Amanda Grafel the past week have been her sister, Carrie and Manny Otero, Blair and Colby, Nashville, Tenn. A party last Tuesday evening at the bowling alley honored Colby on his second birthday.

Merle Cozad was chosen as Valentine Queen at Whispering Pines Retirement Center in Norton. She is a former resident of the Lyle community. Harry Lowry was named king.

-St. Patrick's Brunch Buffet Sunday, March 18, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Judy Shirley returned home Friday from Charlotte, S.C., where she met her daughters, Vicki Waldron, Lauren and Kasey of Bangor, Pa., and Becky Barlow, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. They all helped Vicki celebrate her 50th birthday. They also visited Sumter Island, the Boone Plantation, Calhoun House and other Civil War points of interest.

Mary Waldo was honored with a birthday party on Friday afternoon in the Angel Room of the Good Samaritan Center. Invited guests were Charlotte Meints, Marian Fraker, Joy Votapka, Leone Porsch, Luetta Pollnow, Ella Betts, Joan Betts, Eloise Smith, Oberlin; Dorothy Avery, Norton, and Dee Magers, Norcatour.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Hermann Memorial Chapel in McCook for Carol (Gregory) Helm, 85, who died Saturday at the McCook Community Hospital from cancer. She was a 1944 graduate of Danbury High School.

Storage loans carry low rate

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program allows farmers to get low-interest financing to build or upgrade on-farm grain storage and handling facilities. Diane Barrett, county executive director for the U.S. Farm Service Agency, said the maximum principal amount of a loan through this program is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a minimum down payment of 15 percent, with the Commodity Credit Corp. providing a loan for 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage or

Chorus to perform in Colby

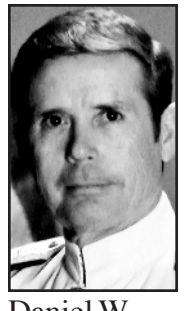
The Tumbleweed Chorus will present its annual show at the Frahm Theater at Colby Community College on Saturday, March 31, with performances at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The barbershop-style group will offer music with a western theme. The show also will showcase the area women's Prairie Rose Chorus and the quartet Ignition! from Denver, the reigning champions of the Rocky Mountain region. Tickets are \$10 in advance by calling (800) 269-7059 or \$12 at the door.



Look who's turning 50 on March 17th.
Happy Birthday Lynda

Herndon Naval officer honored posthumously

The late Rear Adm. Daniel J. Wolkensdorfer, a native of Herndon, will be inducted into the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Hall of Honor at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., on Wednesday, March 28.



Daniel W.

He is one of only three 2012 inductees. The others are Cmdr. Scott Carpenter, one of the original Mercury astronauts, and Capt. Arnold Isbell, a pioneer in this aviation specialty. Admiral Wolkensdorfer was born May 11, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. Albin Wolkensdorfer of Herndon. He graduated from Herndon High School in 1950 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska in 1955. He was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps and reported to the Naval Air Training Command in June 1955. He was designated a Naval Aviator

in October 1956. He completed two consecutive patrol squadron tours, first with VP-18 at Jacksonville, and then with VP-11 at NAS Brunswick, Maine, both flying the P2 "Neptune." In July 1960, he reported to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., where he earned a Master of Science degree in physics and was elected to the honorary research fraternity, Sigma Ii.

He retired in January 1991 after a 35-year career in antisubmarine warfare planning, acquisition, testing and operations. He continued to work as a government contractor, pursuing the latest technology and getting it to the fleet. He died in 2006 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. He and his wife Carolyn were married in 1955 in Ravenna, Neb., and they had two daughters and a son. His wife lives in Towson, Md.

Broadway musical coming to Sunflower Cinema here

Stephen Sondheim's "Company" is coming to the Sunflower Cinema in Oberlin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, for a digital presentation. Tickets will be \$20. Connie Grafel of the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. said the theater has to pay part of that to the promoters, but hopes to make a little money. Following five couples and a friend, Robert (Neil Patrick Harris), the perpetual bachelor, the musical explores the true meaning of being in a relationship through a series of vignettes. Mr. Harris leads a star-studded

cast that includes Patti LuPone, Stephen Colbert, Jon Cryer, Christina Hendricks, Craig Bierko and Martha Plimpton. The plot revolves around Bobby, a single man unable to commit fully to a steady relationship, let alone marriage; the five married couples who are his best friends; and his three girlfriends. It's a concept musical composed of short vignettes, presented in no particular chronological order, linked by a celebration of Bobby's 35th birthday. For tickets, call Charlotte Meints at (785) 475-3959 or Connie Grafel at 475-2867 or 2901.

Club hears about Haiti

Program Chair Nanette Zander spoke about Haiti and the great need for sanitary water for its citizens for the program at the March 6 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. She said Haiti has 9 million people. Half are illiterate and most live on less than \$2 per day. The focus on the many volunteers and organizations that go into Haiti is on water projects. Her son Mike has been working to improve sanitary water conditions for many in Haiti. Wells have been dug and pumps installed to avoid contamination.

Some 66,000 children die each year from cholera, diarrhea and other diseases related to dirty water, she said. She has asked Rotary to help with a grant for improving the water conditions in Haiti and improve the health, education and self sufficiency and jobs for its citizens. Mrs. Zander has volunteered and worked with "Hope For Haiti" for several years now. John Sater will serve as Rotary secretary for 2012-2013. Rotary Appreciation Night will be next Tuesday at The Gateway.

Program enrollment set

Enrollment for the 2012 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program is open through June 1 at the U.S. Farm Service Agency, providing direct payments to farmers. County Executive Director Diane Barrett said most farmers came to the office last fall to report their 2012 wheat acreage, but may be confused since this is the first year that the acreage reports were taken ahead of enrollment in the annual program. So far, a majority of the farms in Decatur County have not been enrolled, she said. Farmers are urged to make an appointment to complete the enrollment, Mrs. Barrett said. Due to budget cuts, reminder notices will not be sent this year. Information about all farm programs is avail-

able through the county office, in news articles, by e-mail and on the agency's website. The annual program payments are calculated using 85 percent of the base acres times the payment yield established for each farm, she said. Eligible farmers receive direct payments at rates established by law regardless of market prices. In previous years, advance payments were issued at the time of enrollment, but this year, no advance payments are authorized. Farmers also have the option to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election Program, Mrs. Barrett said. They can ask for details at the county office. Call (785) 475-3131 to schedule an appointment.

Acrobats to appear in Hoxie

The Kenya Safari Acrobats present a spectacle for the eyes, ears and the heart: Death-defying stunts, comedy, audience participation and heart-pounding music combine to create a production that will have all ages on the edge of their seats. This family show is coming to the Hoxie High School Auditorium at

7:30 p.m. Monday, presented by the Western Plains Arts Association. The 10-member group hails from the heart of Africa. The members learned acrobatics as children on the beaches of Kenya. Admission is by Western Plains season ticket or at the door, adults \$20 and students \$10.

DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. **Doors open at 5:30.** Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Deadline for reservations is May 15, 2012. Price per plate is \$20.00 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name	Class
Spouse or Guest Name	Class
Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name.	
If spouse/guest is also an alumni, please indicate the class year he/she would like to be seated with: <input type="text"/>	
Late registrations accepted, but no guarantee on sitting with your class.	

Club News

Mission program given

The Oberlin United Methodist Women met on March 7 at the fellowship hall with Bernice Martin and Louise Pollnow as hostesses, assisted by Violet Shaw. Group singing of "This Is My Father's World" opened the meeting with Mary Ann Amack as song leader and Beth Sebaugh as accompanist.

worship service Sunday with proceeds going to Bridges Toward the Future. President Violet Shaw said that applications for senior high girls who want to go on the mission educational tour are due on Sunday, March 25.

Devotions on "Common People" were given by Elaine Bryan and roll call was answered with a favorite hymn. Joan Larue was welcomed as a new member and a birthday card was signed for Goldie Stapp, who lives in Garden City. Thank-you notes from students who received Care boxes on Valentine's Day were read. Pat Fringer of the Dorcas Circle said brownies would be sold after the

Maxine Smith presented a program on 97 mission institutions in the United States supported by United Methodist Women. They include Redbird Mission in Kentucky and McCurdy in New Mexico. She told of ways that each person can be involved in their support. The April 4 meeting will be at 2 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Center with Linda Hollowell, Marian Fraker and Pat Abbey as hostesses. Laurene Van Otterloo will have devotions.

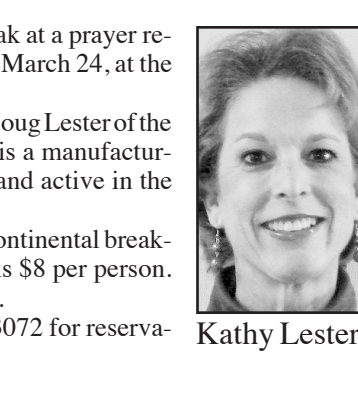
Women sponsor supper

Five members of the Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the home of Phyllis Metcalf on March 7. Roll call was answered with a memory of Bible School at the church. President Cheryl Metcalf opened the meeting with the group singing, "This Is My Father's World," followed by prayer. Devotions were given by Rowena Cathcart on "Wise Sayings." Coleen Rippe gave the trea-

surer's report and it was voted to renew the subscription for Response magazine. Plans were made for a pancake supper held Sunday at the church. A women's retreat will be held at the Oberlin Covenant Church on Saturday, March 24; reservations may be turned into Cheryl Metcalf. Lucille Townsend presented an interesting program, "All Creation Sings."

Prayer retreat is March 24

Kathy Lester of McCook will speak at a prayer retreat from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Oberlin Covenant Church. Mrs. Lester, wife of senior pastor Doug Lester of the McCook Evangelical Free Church, is a manufacturing engineer at Valmont Industries and active in the ministry of the church. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Cost is \$8 per person. Reservations are needed by Monday. Call Judy Ladehoff at (785) 475-3072 for reservations or details.



Kathy Lester

Decatur County Health Department
will be doing blood draws on
Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
We will be offering a comprehensive profile, lipid profile, CBC, and TSH (Thyroid) for \$30.
We will also do a PSA for men \$20.
Also doing HgA1C for Diabetics \$15.
You must be fasting for blood work.
Please call for an appointment
475-8118.

6th Annual Trivia Night

Will be held March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at the Oberlin American Legion sponsored by the Alif Be Khe Club. Doors open and registration starting at 6:30 Trivia at 7 p.m. Teams of 12 people with a fee of \$5 per person. To register call Candi Ketterl 475-4092, Tiffani O'Toole (308) 340-3744, Melinda Grafel 475-2673. Cash prizes will be awarded along with other prizes. Limit of 20 teams- register quickly **Best St. Patty's attire and win a prize.**

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