

People in Our Community

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Bob and Deanna Castle took Doris Fringer and Carolyn Shirley to Manhattan on Friday, May 11, where they spent the evening with their son, Thaniel Monaco and family. On Saturday, they went to Ottawa for the graduation reception for Megan Shirley, granddaughter of Doris Fringer, as well as Thaniel and Lawson Monaco. They were also joined by Megan's father, James Shirley, and Heather and Aaron Shirley, San Antonio, Texas.

Others attending were Curtis and Chris Walston, and Travis, Valisha, Kariah, Alana, Trenton and Tripp Raile of Oberlin. On Saturday evening they were all invited to the home of Heather's sister, Kim and Dennis Voschel, in Olathe. On Sunday afternoon, they all attended Megan's graduation at Ottawa High School.

Bill Goodnight was honored with a surprise 80th birthday party at the home of Mike and Rhonda Barth on May 12. Hosts were daughters Rhonda Barth, Valerie Faris, Wanda Pierce, Marsha Smith and Kathy Howard. Others present were his wife, Ina Marie Goodnight, Todd Thompson, Ron McDougal, Mason Urban, Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, and Dick and Linda Weber.

Area and out-of-town relatives who attended the 80th birthday party honoring Phyllis Metcalf on Saturday included Steve and Pat Ranz, Fertile, Minn.; Eric and Melissa Ranz and Arielle, Thornton, Colo.; Julie Ranz and Sam Morales, LaCrosse, Wis.; Gary and Mary Metcalf, Lakewood, Colo.; Joe and Lolita Metcalf, Danbury; Brandon and Braden Metcalf, Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Oberlin; Dan and Leslie Stramel, Beverly Eiler, Mark and Kathleen Eiler, McCook, and their grandchildren, Max and Ella Mueller, Ogallala, Neb.

Summer Creed, Sky, Remington and Jordan of Moundridge were weekend guests of her parents, Rod and Kem Bryan. They came to attend the graduation of their cousin, Nolan Henningson, on Saturday. The Bryans attended the eighth grade graduation of Sky Creed on Monday in Moundridge.

—Lunch Buffet Sunday, May 27, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn.

Andrew Shaughnessy, son of Mike and Edith Shaughnessy, graduated from McPherson High School on Saturday. As the class salutatorian, he was one of the featured speakers. Teresa Shaughnessy of

Oberlin attended, along with others, including Patrick Shaughnessy and Bill Haiivilin, Las Vegas, and Cathy and Steve Fosselman, Grand Island, Neb.

Dave and Sherry Bergling spent Monday in Quinter with his mother, Olive Bergling, who was hospitalized on Sunday after suffering a stroke.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ivis Hanson, Dorothy Moore, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe, Norma Anderson and Doris Fringer. Lows went to Neil Marshall, Max Carman, Dewaine Stapp, Marie McKisson, Ardis Roe, Dorothy Moore and Ivis Hanson. Chicken Foot Domino winners were Eleanor Boyle and Martha Fringer. Highs in pitch went to Henry Edgett and Elden Haas with lows going to Pat Abbey and John Cederberg. Bridge highs were won by Ila Ray, Cynthia Matson, Beth Sebaugh and Marty Olson.

Calvin Ufford was honored on his recent birthday with a cook-out Saturday evening prepared by his son and wife, Rich and Wendy Ufford, Herington, and his daughter and husband, Janie and Rob Rutherford, Berryton. Guests were Bill and Dorothy Woods, Charles and Donna Lincoln, Bob and Marian Fraker and Herschel and Joan Betts.

—Breakfast Buffet Monday, May 28 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m., LandMark Inn.

Robert and Judy Groneweg and Peggy Groneweg went to Denver on Saturday to make the acquaintance of their new granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Remi Ellen Johnson, daughter of Matt and Nikki Johnson. She has a sister, Maceo, 2.

Piano students of Mary Henzel will present a mini-recital for the residents of Good Samaritan Center at 2 p.m. next Wednesday. Those playing will include: Jenavive Zillinger, daughter of Anthony and Jennifer Zillinger; Bethany Mason, daughter of Doug and Johanna Mason; Carmen Winder, daughter of James and Jackie Winder, and Patience and Isaac Carman, children of Kendal and Amy Carman.

Norma Lewis spent four days in Hugoton helping her son, Kevin Soderlund, and granddaughter, Dallas, prepare for her graduation and reception on May 12. Her husband, Delbert, remained in Hoxie to attend the graduation of his grandson, Britton Sealock. Kevin will move to Goodland in June to join his wife, Mariah, who owns the Heartland Veterinary Clinic. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis visited her sister, Donna Goss, in McCook on Monday.

Alumni banquet Saturday at Gateway

Past graduates will be flocking to Oberlin this weekend for the annual Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at The Gateway.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The Gateway staff will prepare the meal.

Alumni Association officers are Lee Franklin, president; Anita Richardson Hirsch, vice president; Karen Waterman Eskew, secretary; and Mary Erickson Long, treasurer.

The president will give the welcome and Mark Frickey will give the invocation. Entertainment will be by vocalist Amy Carman. The Class of 2012 will be guests of the association.

Election of officers will be held and anniversary classes will be recognized during roll call, as well as veterans.

A special section featuring alumni anniversary classes is included in this week's newspaper.

A schedule of class reunions is listed below, with times given for anniversary class pictures for *The Oberlin Herald* in bold. All five-year reunions are listed; classes wishing to have pictures taken

should call photographer Jeanie Unger at (785) 475-3256.

Class of 1942: United Church, 2 p.m. **Pictures, 2:30 p.m.**

Class of 1947: ReLoad, 11:30 a.m.

Class of 1952: Sappa Manor, 2 to 4 p.m., **pictures at 3 p.m.**

Class of 1957: Bohemian Hall, 6 p.m. Friday; noon, Saturday.

Class of 1962: Upstairs room, Gateway, noon to 4 p.m., **pictures at 2 p.m.**

Class of 1967: West room of Golden Age Center, 2 to 4 p.m.

Class of 1972: Bowling alley, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., **pictures at 12:30 p.m. (note change of time from 4 p.m.)**.

Class of 1977: American Legion, 1 to 4 p.m.

Class of 1982: Business Entrepreneurial Building, noon. **Pictures at 1:30 p.m.**

Class of 1987: 101 S. York, noon, **pictures at 1 p.m.**

Class of 1992: Oberlin Country Club, 1 p.m., **pictures, 3:30 p.m.**

Class of 1997: Sappa Park, noon to 3 p.m.

Class of 2002: Dennis Thomas residence, potluck, 3 p.m., **pictures at 4 p.m. (note change of time from 4:30)**.

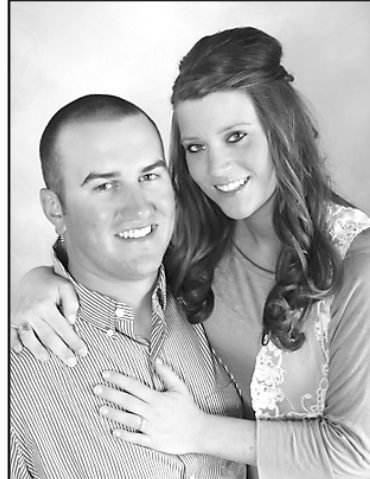
Couple plans June wedding

Brittany Ritter and Neal Jeffery plan to be married on Saturday, June 2, 2012, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

She is the daughter of Greg and Stephanie Ritter, Dresden. Her grandparents are Sylvester and Margaret Ritter, Dresden, and Steve and Helen Carman, Selden.

Her fiancé's parents are Cregg and Belinda Jeffery, Mankato. His grandparents are Marilyn Jeffery, North Branch, and the late Curtis Jeffery, and Virginia Stump, Wichita, and the late Joseph Stump.

The bride-to-be graduated from Golden Plains High School at Rexford in 2008 and her fiancé graduated from Rock Hills High School at Mankato in 2008. Both attended Colby Community College, then



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Kansas Wesleyan University.

He graduated this month with a Bachelor of Arts in business management and has been hired as a financial service representative at Central National Bank in Salina.

She will be student teaching this fall and will graduate in December with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education.

They plan to live in Salina.

Oberlin grad expands business in Manhattan

Ward Morgan, a 1982 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is now chief executive officer of CivicPlus, a webpage provider serving local government founded in Manhattan in 2001.

"The 10-year plan for the business calls for more than 250 new full-time positions with average wages of over \$45,000," he said.

After graduating from high school, he said, he attended the Northwest Kansas Area Vo-Tech School in auto mechanics, then earned a business degree at Kansas State University in 1993.

"After graduating from K-State, I worked in Salina at Kennedy and Coe accounting firm as an IT Consultant for their clients, mainly banks," he said. "In 1994, I and another Kennedy and Coe employee started Networks Plus, which provides computer services to businesses. We have offices in Manhattan, Topeka and Salina. For awhile, we also operated a dial-up ISP called Networksplus.net, but we sold that in 1999."

"We then decided to start building websites for cities and counties and called that division CivicPlus. Currently, CivicPlus provides over 1,200 city and county websites across the United States and Canada. They currently have about 120 employees at CivicPlus and



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Networks plus."

He said that he bought out his partner in 2008, leaving him as the sole owner. He is also a 50 percent owner of The Phone Connection, which provides business telephone systems in Manhattan, Salina, Topeka and Kansas City.

He said expansion in Manhattan will include a new mixed use, multistory building at the southwest corner of Fourth and Pierre streets at an estimated cost approaching \$9 million.

Mr. Morgan added that his company is poised to grow by as much as 40 percent in the next year.

"We considered multiple locations around the U.S. to accommodate growth needs," he said, "but thanks to support from the Manhattan community and the State of Kansas, we are looking forward to keeping new jobs and capital investments in Manhattan."

He and his wife Brenda, who grew up in Manhattan, were married in 1990. They have a daughter, Brittany, 20, who is majoring in social work at K-State and a son, Mathew, 13, a middle school student. He said they enjoy attending K-State games, outdoor activities and traveling.

His parents are Stan Morgan, Manhattan, and Ellen Morgan, Salina, formerly of Oberlin.

Ladybug picnic set for June

All girls and their families, from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, are invited to head for the Sappa Park Shelterhouse for the Girl Scout Ladybug Picnic from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 3. Cost is \$5 per person, which will be collected at the time of the event.

Families are welcome to join in the fun for hot dogs and family activities from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The event will kick off the summer and girls will learn more about Ladybugs and Girl Scouts. They

will also have a chance to release live ladybugs into the park.

Girl Scouts who register for 2013 will get an Early Bird patch, said Joni Marshall, one of the leaders. Those who bring a friend to join will get the Add-A-Friend patch.

Registration forms are available at Raye's Grocery and Dollar General, and should be returned to Ms. Marshall by Friday, June 1.

For details, call Becky Ayers at (785) 259-6743.

Rotary hears about local help

Oberlin Rotary Club members learned about the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope, which helps cancer victims pay some of their expenses, at their weekly meeting last Tuesday at The Gateway.

Danielle Freeman of Colby told the Rotarians her group serves the nine counties of northwest Kansas, providing \$750 grants to cancer

victims. She was introduced by program chair John Bremer.

John Sater asked everyone to attend a send off for the Decatur Community High track team as the students headed for the regional and state meets. John Bremer gave a short summary of after-prom activities.

College qualifies for prize

For the second year in a row, Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland has been selected by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 120 two-year colleges in the nation.

This selection qualifies the college as a candidate to receive the Aspen Prize.

To recognize the education and workforce needs facing the country, the institute has partnered with the Joyce Lumina, W.K. Kellogg, Bank

of America and J.P. Morgan Chase foundations to launch the prize for two-year college excellence.

The purpose is to recognize community colleges with outstanding academic and workforce outcomes in both performance and improvements over time. By focusing on student success and lifting-up models that work, the Aspen Prize backers hope to honor excellence, stimulate innovation and create benchmarks for measuring progress.

Club News

Auxiliary names Poppy Girl

Poppy Girls were judged at the May 16 meeting of the Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary and winner was Judith Isbell.

Other winners were Kennedy Jensen, second, and Erin May, third. Their posters and all those entered will be on display in the Business Entrepreneurial Building through Memorial Day weekend. Members said they appreciated the creativity of the fourth-grade class and their presentation of the symbolism of the poppy.

Scholarships awarded to Serena Stacy and Kiah Blau will be

presented at the awards assembly at the high school.

Officers elected included Ruth Miesner, president; Melissa Chambers, vice president; Carolyn Hackney, secretary; Deanna Castle, treasurer; Janice Cundiff, chaplain; and Bridget Corcoran, color bearer. They will take office June 1.

The Poppy Girl will be downtown on Saturday to hand out poppies. Auxiliary members will assist the American Legion in putting flags at the cemetery and with other details for the Memorial Day service.

Group meets in Colby

The Calico Gals Club met May 16 at the Village Inn Restaurant in Colby for a noon meal, which included a free piece of pie.

The group then went to the home of Barbara Duell, a former neighbor in the Bassettville neighborhood. Others present were Donna Kelley, Phyllis Screen, Margaret McEvoy and Millie Lippelmann.

Roll call was answered with a current event, which included news about families, treatments for arthritis, migraine headaches, double vision and light flashes, hip surgery, causes and cures for

allergies, as well as a 40-pound cat and an 82-year-old woman who danced like a young lady.

It was reported that the number of Muslims in the United States is expanding. The club collect and flag salute were given and recipes exchanged. Mrs. Screen won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be a picnic at 6 p.m. June 20 at the Oberlin City Park. Mrs. Duell's daughter Lisa will give a slide presentation of when she served as a nurse in Tanzania. Jan Hackney and Phyllis Screen will be hostesses.

Club enjoys patio supper

Monday Evening Club members closed the club year on May 14 with a patio supper for members, spouses and guests at the home of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Co-hostess was Mary Ann Erickson. The main course of chicken and pork ribs were prepared by Roger and Judy Cochran on a Traeger grill.

The Cochrans told the group about their hobby of preparing pork and poultry by smoking it on the grill for long periods. After first entering the "Up in

Smoke" contest at Sappa Park, they have entered competitions all over the Midwest. They answered questions about choices in meat, preparation and sauces and he explained that a course he completed in North Platte, Neb., qualifies him to serve as a sanctioned Kansas City barbecue judge.

Club officers for the coming year will be Nanette Zander, president; Carol Mohford, vice president; Marcia Lohofener, secretary; and Kay Gaskill, treasurer.

Bible school planned in June

Six area churches have joined to sponsor a community Vacation Bible School program, including Faith and St. John's Lutheran, United, Oberlin and Lund Covenant and Oberlin United Methodist.

The program will be offered at Faith Lutheran, 404 N. York in Oberlin, from 9 a.m. to noon from Monday to Friday, June 4 to 8, for all students entering grades 1 to 6.

Theme will be "Sky"; the program will include five Bible stories, team-building games, Bible songs and treats.

"Our mission project is partnering with World Vision and Group Cares to provide specially-treated mosquito nets given to at-risk kids to help squash out malaria in Mali," said Denise Abbey, who is helping with the school. "The kids will learn about this on day 1 and ... they will

be encouraged to bring pennies on day 2, nickels on day 3, dimes on day 4 and quarters on the last day."

Registration forms and boxes are available at the Oberlin City Library and Raye's Grocery. Children may also be enrolled on the website www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/2012VBSFAITH.

A couple of spots are still available for older kids who would like to be a helper, Mrs. Abbey said. If interested, call Sarah Orr at (785) 678-2269 or Mrs. Abbey at (785) 475-2698.

Parents are encouraged to come the last 15 minutes of each day to see an overview of what the kids have been learning and enjoy the songs and skits.

"We're looking forward to sharing this time with your kids," said Mrs. Abbey.

Donations are needed for carnival improvements

There will be a new ride this year at the home-owned carnival during the Decatur County Fair and members of the Decatur County Amusement Authority are looking for donations to help build a cement slab for it.

Charissa Huff, treasurer of the authority, said they plan to rent a Bumper Car ride, but need a slab to install it on. They also have replaced the cargo containers and members

have added shelving and electricity, along with other improvements. The ride will accommodate all ages, she said.

Buckets for donations will be set out at Ward Drug, Raye's Grocery, Stanley Hardware, the Golden Age Center, The Gateway, the ReLoad and the American Legion.

For details, call Mrs. Huff at (785) 470-1225 or President Sherri Kyte at (785) 470-7392.

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