

People in Our Community

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Mabel McLaughlin and her son, Mike McLaughlin, plan to fly to Denver today from Vacaville, Calif. They will be houseguests through the weekend of Laurene Van Otterloo.

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Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Neil Marshall, Dorothy Moore, Ardis Roe, Max Carman, Norma Anderson, Doris Fringer and Marie McKisson. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Ardythe Cederberg, John Cederberg, Dorothy Moore, Norma Anderson and Dewaine Stapp. Phyllis Screen was winner in Mexican Train dominoes. Highs in pitch were won by Carla Latimer and Bob Jones with lows going to Max Carman and Kelda Dryden. Bridge highs went to Dorothy Cochran and Annette Miller. There will be no commodity distribution at Golden Age Center in July.

Barbara Leitner of Farmington, N. M., returned home Sunday after spending two weeks with her parents, Gene and Marcella Leitner. Julie Hafner and Cheri Kastens of Herndon were also callers.

Carol Barkley of Allen, Texas is spending two weeks visiting her sister, Marie McKisson, and family.

Nancy Ellis of Topeka came Friday and is spending a week visiting her mother, Joy Votapka, and other relatives.

Dr. Gary Fredrickson attended funeral services Saturday morning at the United Methodist Church in Hays for Marjorie Curtis. Survivors include her husband, Rex, and two sons, Dr. Jeff Curtis, Hays, and Dr. John Curtis, Manhattan.

— Surf & Turf Buffet Friday, July 6, LandMark Inn 475-2340.

Laurene Van Otterloo, Elaine Bryan and Cecil Hess took Mary Ann Amack out for dinner on Sunday at the Frontier Cafe to honor her on her July 4 birthday. They were joined by Beth Sebaugh.

Ryan and Leslie Nelson of Topeka, Jared Marcuson of Manhattan and Magan Witchers of Elkhart were weekend guests of Brad and Elaine Marcuson and Sarah. Additional guests for a barbecue Saturday evening were Jessica Bremer, Gail and Kay Marcuson and Andy

The Lund Covenant Church congregation enjoyed a barbecue Sunday evening at the home of Brad and Elaine Marcuson.

Church plans to hold blood drive on Friday

The Jennings United Methodist Church will hold a Red Cross blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Friday, at the church, 202 S. Topeka.

donors will be eligible to win a Gibson guitar, courtesy of the Gibson Foundation. Anyone who offers to donate will also receive a rock-and-roll-themed T-shirt while supplies last. A special incentive for donors ages 16 to 21 is a drawing for a \$5,000 scholarship.

The Red Cross says its blood supply has reached emergency levels, with only half the readily available blood products on hand at this time last year. All blood types are needed but especially O positive, O negative, B negative and A negative, said Mayor Marge Hartzog, who is heading up the drive in Jennings.

Jennings has met or exceeded its quota at each blood drive, Mrs. Hartzog said. The drives were begun as a tribute to Lawrence Jennings, who received many units of blood during his illness with acute leukemia. The blood and blood products collected at this site are used for patients in the northwest Kansas area, she said.

Every day, the Central Plains Blood Services Region which serves most of Kansas and northern Oklahoma, must collect 500 pints (units) of blood to meet demand, the Red Cross says. Each pint of whole blood may help save more than one life. And there is always the chance that a doctor could postpone an elective surgery or forego a more serious procedure because of a shortage of blood.

Anyone who is at least 17 (16 with parental permission), weighs at least 110 pounds and is in generally good health could be eligible to donate blood. To make an appointment, call Mrs. Hartzog, (785) 678-3010. You must bring your donor card or a picture ID, such as driver's license, or two other forms of identification.

The "Shake, Rattle and Roll" blood drive campaign continues through the end of the month. All

Man honored with party

Melvin Smalberger of Oberlin was honored with an open house Saturday at the Golden Age Center in Oberlin for his 80th birthday. Guests came from Alaska, Colorado, Oregon, Kansas and Nebraska.

Cheryl Metcalf, Laurene Bryan-Van Otterloo, Cecil Hess, Elaine Bryan, Lawrence and Dorothy Wenger, Phyllis Metcalf, Mabel Zimmerman, LaVerne and Coleen Rippe, Pat Abbey, and Rowena Cathcart, Trent and Jessica Townsend, Dewaine Stapp, Eugene and Tonya Tally, Julie Plotts, Carolyn Hackney, Marilyn Horn, Eugene and Tonya Tally, Marilyn Horn, Oberlin.

Those present include Dick Smalberger, Beaverton, Ore.; Rodney and Wanda Koch, Cozad, Neb.; Gary and Janice Jorgensen, Gothenburg, Neb.; Bill and Dan Wahrman, Howie and Jeri Crandel, Mac, Kaitlynn and Allison, Strasburg, Colo.; Margie Welsh, Annette Snyder, Dennis and Janice Kisker, John Sines, McCook; Brent and Michelle Townsend, Ali, Elizabeth and Isabella, Gary and Lucille Townsend, Galen and Jackie Lafferty, Danbury, Ed and Jo Ward, Littleton, Colo.; Leon and Susan Welsh, Kearney, Neb.; Bonnie Payne, Susan and Lilli Evans, McFarland; Paul Sines, Anchorage, Alaska; and Roger and Angie Wilson, Sid and

A barbecue followed at the home of Dennis and Janice Kisker, rural McCook.

Others present were Margie Welsh, John Sines, Brandon Kisker, Dick Smalberger, Paul Sines, Howie and Jeri Crandel, Marc, Kaitlynn and Allison, Ed and Jo Ward, Bill and Dan Wahrman, Bonnie Payne, Susan and Lillie Evans, Brandon Kisker, Kurt and Linnette Kisker, Trent and Adam, Leon and Susan Welsh, Rodney and Wanda Koch, and Gary and Janice Jorgenson.

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HAIR STYLIST Dawn Louderback straightened Asia Tegels' hair. Mrs. Louderback opened Picture Perfect Salon on May 7.

New salon opens doors

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She said she even has a foil processing lamp, something not all shops have.

Dawn Louderback has opened Picture Perfect Salon, a new hair shop, at 102 W. Commercial.

Other services include hair cuts, waxing, perms, pedicures, manicures, acrylic nails, scalp massage, chemical straightening and conditioning treatments. The shop opened May 7.

Mrs. Louderback said a friend encouraged her to become a hair stylist. She graduated from McCook Beauty Academy three years ago and says, "I just like hair."

Mrs. Louderback and her husband Alex have a 20-month-old son, Brennen.

Trained in newer styles and techniques, Mrs. Louderback said that she specializes in all-over color, highlights, lowlights and foiling.

To schedule an appointment, call 470-7062.

Church has new pastor

The Rev. Nancy Proffitt, new pastor of the Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches, delivered her first sermon Sunday. She arrived in Oberlin last week and has moved into the parsonage.

Her family includes two sons, Rainer Bass and wife Jessica, and Zach Bass and wife Loriahn. Zach is serving with the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, Wash., but is presently stationed in Egypt. She also has four grandchildren.



Nancy P.

Ms. Proffitt, a native of South Hutchinson, graduated from Nickerson High School. She earned an associate degree from Hutchinson Community College and a bachelor's in Christian ministry from Tabor College in Hillsboro. She completed a course of Christian study at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City in 2011.

The new pastor said she enjoys flower and vegetable gardening and reading. Her pets include her dog, Sadie, and cat, Recon.

She has been serving the Mitchell Chapel and Fairview United Methodist churches.

Morning worship services are held at 9 a.m. at Prairie Chapel on Sunday. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by morning worship at 10:45 a.m. at the Oberlin church.

She said that after doing a lot of work in the church with youth and education, she decided she would like to do more and found being a pastor was interesting for her.

"One thing I have wanted to do for the past seven years," she said, "is live in a small town, and I have felt so welcomed already."

She replaces Pastor Linda Willey, who has moved to New York to live with a sister.

Members attend 4-H camp

Members of Decatur County 4-H Clubs enjoyed camp at Rock Springs near Junction City last week as campers and counselors.

Anna Carter, Clayton Carter, Aspen Gallentine, Isabel Grafel, KeLynn Jacobs, Madelaine Johnson, Sage Lohofener, Jacquelyn Marshall, Erin May, Faith Meitl, Jean Soderlund, Mackenzie Urban, Alyssa Van Vleet and Ravyn Van Vleet.

Pam May and James and Kimberly Witt volunteered to drive the six counselors to camp on Saturday, June 23. The 4-H campers rode a school bus driven by Brad Marcuson.

Counselors were Matthew Helm, Sierra Lohofener, Hannah May, Kaitlynn Fisher, Ashley Witt and Whitney Witt. Extension Agent Byron Hale also attended.

Student gives Rotary program

Channing Fortin, an upcoming senior at Decatur Community High School, demonstrated his talent playing the guitar and singing for the program of the Oberlin Rotary Club during the June 26 meeting at The Gateway. He was introduced by Lynn Doeden, program chair.

a song which he composed. He also sang, "If You're Reading This" and "Chicken Fried." He is also active in wrestling, clubs and other high school activities.

Channing said he is a self-taught guitarist. He sang "Grandpa and I,"

Past President Jesse Carter conducted the meeting and Duane Dorshorst was greeter. Other guests were Kay Brown and Mark Wilson.

Quilters enjoy salad supper

The Needles and Pins Quilt Guild entertained about 60 quilters from Hoxie, Norton and Oberlin at the Golden Age Center on Monday, June 25.

quilts completed by Audrey Suiter and Linda Richards of McCook. Both specialize in needle-turn and wool appliqué quilting and have received awards both at the county and state fairs in Nebraska.

After enjoying a salad supper, they were treated to a display of



ROLLING THE TARP on his truck during his last fall harvest was Herschel Betts, who retired from farming five years ago.

Modern Woodmen honor man for service

Herschel Betts, who has worn many hats throughout his life, was honored Thursday evening as "Outstanding Citizen of the Year"

from the Colorado State College of Education, now the University of Northern Colorado, in Greeley in 1955.

by the Oberlin Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at a recognition dinner at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

He taught business and coached football and track at Coldwater, Ulysses and Concordia before returning to Oberlin in 1968 as high school principal, a position he held until he retired in 1981. He farmed full time until five years ago, when he turned the operation over to Brent Olson. He also served eight years as a county commissioner.

Mr. Betts is a retired teacher, coach, high-school principal and farmer, and a past district governor of Rotary International.

Thinking back over the years, Mr. Betts said he remembers fondly the students and faculty in the years he was principal, and he and Joan continue to give scholarships to Fort Hays State and Decatur Community High graduates. They also enjoy attending school activities.

Guests were welcomed by Marie McKisson, activities coordinator of the camp, who presented a boutonniere to the guest of honor and a corsage to his wife, Joan, both gifts from Prairie Petals. Pastor Tom Smith gave the blessing for the meal, prepared by the United Methodist Women.

He said he is proud of the part he played in helping to develop the golf course at the Oberlin Country Club and happy to see the restoration underway at Sappa Park. He added that he is especially pleased when former students take their turn serving on the City Council, the county commission or the school board.

For the program, two vocal numbers were sung by Cassidy Shields, daughter of Paul and Kelly Shields. Susan Nelson, who came to Oberlin as vocal teacher when Mr. Betts was high school principal, sang a solo. Mrs. McKisson then presented him with the award.

He is a member of the Oberlin United Methodist Church and the Oberlin American Legion and has been a member of the Oberlin Rotary Club more than 40 years, serving as district governor in 1986-'87.

Doyle Brown of Jennings, who served on the county commission with Mr. Betts; "Buzz" Matson, former junior high principal; and Bob Fraker, who was on the school board when he was hired, recalled memories of their association with him.

He and his wife have three children, Gene (Jan) Betts, Austin, Texas; Susan (Charles) McMonagle, Bellingham, Wash.; and Rod (Lisa Kay) Betts, LaJolla, Calif., and six grandchildren. The couple will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary in August.

Mr. Betts was born in Norcat and moved to Oberlin with his parents, J.R. and Loretta Betts, and family when he was 9. He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1945. After serving in the Army, he attended Fort Hays State College, graduating in 1951. He completed a master's degree

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