

Covenant churches celebrate together

Over 200 present and former members and guests of the Lund, Oberlin and Herndon Covenant churches gathered at The Gateway on Saturday evening and Sunday morning to celebrate anniversaries of the three congregations.

The Herndon church was observing its 125th year; Lund, 120th; and Oberlin, 60th.

The Rev. Chris Nelson, pastor of the Oberlin church, gave the welcome on Saturday evening. The invocation was by the Rev. Roy Matthewson of the Lund church. Joyce Hartzog and her mother, Esther Carlson, the only surviving charter members of the Oberlin Covenant Church, shared memories.

Accompaniment for the music was provided by Gayle Carlson, organist; Sherri Schmidt, pianist; and Mr. Nelson, on trumpet.

The Rev. Tammy Swanson-Dreheim, superintendent of the Midwest Conference of the Covenant Church, presided over the communion and Rick Mylander, assistant superintendent, gave a greeting. The Rev. Keith Reuther, Covenant pastor at Herndon, delivered the sermon, "Great is Thy Faithfulness," followed by a benediction by Mr. Matthewson.

Morning worship services on Sunday included praise songs, led by a band; welcome and call to worship by Mr. Reuther; opening prayer by Mr. Nelson; testimony by Britta Noren; scripture by the Rev. Doug Mason; and the message, "Found Faithful" by the Rev. Gary Walter of Chicago, president of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America. A potluck dinner followed.

Oakley man killed had ties in Oberlin

Jance Kruse, 21, of rural Oakley was killed in a one-vehicle accident northeast of Colby late Friday.

His mother, Julie Rhea, is the former Julie Sowers, a cousin of Armin Sowers and Norma Carman of Oberlin. The late Sam Kruse was the driver's father and his step-father is Marshall Rhea of rural Oakley.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that the accident happened shortly before 11:30 p.m. about 7 1/2 miles north and four miles east of Colby. The patrol report said Kruse was driving south on County Road 23 four miles east of K-25 when he failed to negotiate a curve in the road where it crosses the South Fork of the Sappa Creek. Road 23 is a through route, but bends around to cross the creek at the intersection with County Road AA.

The driver and six passengers were all taken to Citizens Medical Center in Colby, the report said, and three were later flown to Swedish Medical Center in Denver. Passengers included the driver's sister, Jade Kruse, 18, Oakley, who has been dismissed from the Colby hospital; Kyle Gowen, 18, Peyton, Colo.; Matthew Lotker, 21, Colorado; Rachael Keefe, 17, Kansas City, Mo.; Lane Smith, 22, Cozad, Neb.; and Jacob Laird, 22, Cozad.

Memorial services were held Monday morning for Mr. Kruse at the Assembly of God Church in Colby. Armin and Vickie Sowers, Yancey and Amanda Sowers and family, and Kendal and Amy Carman and family were among relatives who attended.

FaithWeaver Friends program set for kids

FaithWeaver Friends will begin Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Oberlin United Methodist Church for all kids in first through sixth grades. The weekly program runs from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m.

The program began four years ago as the Oberlin Pioneer Club, said Pastor Chris Nelson of the Oberlin Covenant Church. This is the third year using the FaithWeaver Friends curriculum from Group publishing.

The session begins each week with a snack, singing and an interactive Bible story, then groups rotate through several "discovery centers" that reinforce the Bible point for the day. These include games, "music

and memory" and a surprise station, which might include an activity or service project, he said.

Each child is part of a mixed-age group of about six kids, so older children learn to be leaders and helpers for the younger ones. The program is sponsored and run by volunteers from several Oberlin churches.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration forms can be found at the Oberlin City Library or at Raye's Grocery.

For questions, call Pastor Nancy Proffitt at the Methodist church, (785) 475-3067, or Pastor Nelson at the Covenant church, (785) 475-2769.

Woman writes third book

Oberlin author Mary Lou Hagerman Plotts has completed her third book, "The Old Jacob's Place."

She said that the book takes the reader into "a literary labyrinth shrouded with horror and mystery, which leads to a haunted place where a great number do not wish to go."

The book revolves around an old Victorian house and its eerily beautiful flower garden. She describes ghostly figures that wander around the perimeters as well as hauntingly strange occurrences. It is

up to Adam and Shannon to unlock the old abode's secret.



M.L. Plotts

Mrs. Plotts grew up as a coal miner's daughter in Groundhog Hollow, W.Va., the daughter of Pastor Joe Crockett Hagerman and Leatrice Joye (Payne) Hagerman. She has four brothers and two sisters.

She met her husband, Gene Plotts, through Christian Singles and they live on a farm nine miles northeast of Oberlin. She has three children and her husband has seven.

People in Our Community

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The Oberlin Lions Club welcomed District Vice Gov. Don Keihl during its Aug. 20 club meeting. Oberlin members present were Sarah Orr, Connie Miller, Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Frank Black, Gary Orr, Boyd Wilson, Tom Martin, President Brad Marcuson, Gaylen Huntley, Jack Benton and Wayne Goltl.

Jerry McKee, a former teacher and coach in Oberlin, is the new head coach of the Colby volleyball team this year. He was an assistant or head coach at Goodland High School from 1982 to 2008.

Bridget Corcoran, daughter of Paul and Angela Corcoran of Oberlin is among 20 students who received \$3,900 nursing scholarships for the 2012-13 school year at Colby Community College from the Maxine Neville Endowment Fund. Ms. Neville was born and lived her entire life in Thomas County and graduated from the Gem Consolidated School in 1932. She died in September 2008 at the age of 94.

Jack and Anne Kelley of Clay Center were in Oberlin over the weekend to attend the anniversary celebration for the Oberlin, Lund and Herndon Covenant Churches.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Dorothy Moore, Norma Anderson, Henry Edgett, Kelva Dryden, Dwayne Stapp, Ardis Roe and Neil Marshall. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Kelva Dryden, Neil Marshall, Marie McKisson, Norma Anderson and John Cederberg. Rosella Meitl, Estella Waldo and Kay Marcuson won at Chicken Foot dominoes. Highs in pitch were won by Bob

Jones and Ardythe Cederberg with lows going to John Cederberg and Elden Haas. Bridge highs were won by Carol Shirley, Ila Ray, Charlotte Meints and Annette Miller.

Milton Anderson of Vleits attended the weekend celebration for the Lund, Herndon and Oberlin Covenant Churches.

Cheryl Votapka was a co-host at the joint campout for the High Plains Roamers, Heartland Winnies, and the Prairie Winnies held in Beloit last weekend. The group toured Winkel Manufacturing which makes panels, loading chutes, and truck beds. They also went through the new law enforcement facilities and new library in Beloit. Amber Engelbert gave a report on her recent trip to Africa where she observed schools and orphanages for her studies as a senior at Kansas State University.

James Miller, a former Oberlin resident, will be celebrating his 100th birthday on Sunday. He now lives in Aurora, Colo., near his daughter, Rosella Shipley, and family. His address is Sable Care Center, 656 Dillon Way, Aurora, Colo., 80011.

Marian Railsback left Tuesday after visiting her son and family, Jeff and Penny Hayward, Alex and Logan. She attended funeral services for Allen "Bus" Wurm on Saturday. She also visited with Mr. Wurm's nephew, Gene Fisher, of Albuquerque, N. M., and Ruth Epley, Litchfield, Neb., who were here for his services. After she returns home, she plans to make a trip to Great Falls, Mont., to visit her brother, Tom Railsback.

FunDay in Jennings shows many winners

Following the parade at the annual Jennings Firemen's FunDay, more than 30 children ages 4 to 12 years participated in the pedal tractor pull.

Winners in the competition Aug. 25 were:

4 year olds — first Gavin Herren, second Kash Schiltz.

5 year olds — first Elle Juenemann, second Abe Taylor, third Londyn Schiltz.

6 year olds — first Will Bruggeman, second Trent Fenner, third Braden Scheetz.

7 year olds — first Jaron Adelman, second Sidney Taylor, third Jayden Fenner.

8 year olds — first Nolan Juenemann, second Christopher Isbell, third Madison DuBois.

9 year olds — first Calista Isbell, second Alana Meitl, third Anja Ladrigan.

10 year olds — first Brandon Vapura, second Jaren Rush, third Anna Carter.

Baptism held for infant

Reagan Mary Williby was baptized on Sunday, Aug. 19, by Father Mark Breland at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin.

Her parents are Josh and Kari Williby and she has a brother Gage, 3. Godparents are Justin Williby of Oberlin and Cammi Dickinson of Hays.

Others attending were her grandparents, Bob and Alice Stanley, and Doug and Shayla Williby; her great-grandmother, Juanita Williby; Erica and Daren Fortin, Jacie, Jenna and Jori, and Audry Bethel, all of Oberlin; and Mrs. Dickinson, Treger, Trevon and Tateum, Hays.



Reagan

Hansen Foundation increases scholarships

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation has increased its scholarship awards for the coming academic year. Four of the five scholarship categories will increase by \$1,000 and the Leader of Tomorrow stipend will increase by \$1,500.

The foundation will make 280 scholarships available in five categories to students in 26 northwest Kansas counties, including Decatur, Cheyenne, Gove, Graham, Norton, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace.

Ten Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarships, with annual stipends up from \$5,000 to \$6,500, renewable for three additional years. Recipients must attend an accredited four-year Kansas college.

Fifty Hansen Scholar Scholarships, with awards increased \$3,000 to \$4,000, renewable for one year, at a four-year Kansas college.

One hundred Hansen Student Scholarships, raised from \$2,000 to \$3,000, renewable for one year at a four-year Kansas college.

To qualify, students must have scored at least a 21 on the ACT test and have at least a 3.50 grade average in high school. The student should participate in extracurricular activities and display good citizenship, leadership and moral integrity. They must register at their school

and take a qualifying test at locations to be announced on Sept. 12 and 13.

One hundred Hansen Career and Technical Education Scholarships (\$2,000 non-renewable) for high school graduates who seek career training. Recipients may enroll in any career or technical education program, in any Kansas school, as long as it does not lead to a four-year degree.

The foundation will also award **20 Community or Technical College Transfer Scholarships** with stipends of \$3,000 each to students at Kansas community or technical colleges. Community college students must have completed a minimum of 32 credit hours by spring, while technical college students must have completed an Associate of Applied Science degree before entering an accredited four-year Kansas college. May be renewed for one year. Obtain application forms at the office of the dean of student services or at www.hansenfoundationscholarships.com.

The foundation is in its 38th year of service to the young people of northwest Kansas, thanks to a bequest from the late Dane G. Hansen of Logan, a prominent highway contractor and civic leader.

Rotarians hear speaker talk about health tips

Vice President Karen Larson conducted the Aug. 21 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. Guests were Janice Shobe, a member of the Atwood Rotary Club, and Sandy Rush from the city office.

Program Chair Jim Hollowell gave a repeat of an earlier program about colonoscopy, a common medical procedure designed to look for early signs of cancer of the colon

and rectum and to help diagnose certain medical conditions. He explained the procedure that the doctor follows and the reasons for having a colonoscopy, including detection of cancer in its early stages.

The American Cancer Society recommends, beginning at the age of 50, both men and women should schedule a colonoscopy every 10 years, he said.

Selden adds eight recruits

Eight new recruits have been added to the Selden station, according to Steve Hirsch, training director of the Sheridan County Fire Department, and Selden Fire Chief Ross Carder.

The new recruits are Ryan Stevenson, 23, and Tyler Stevenson, 18, of Stevenson Flying Service; Jeremy Hunter, who works for Frontier Ag in Rexford; Devinn Ritter, 19, who is studying criminal justice at Garden City Community College; T.J. Preston, an employee of the Colby Ag Center; Dusty Spresser of Spresser Excavation; Micah

Goscha, 22, who works for APAC road contractors; and Jeff Brown, an employee of 2 Buds Trucking.

All recruits begin a period of probation with the department and are required to complete several classes to advance to the position of firefighter.

The Selden fire crew meets on the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m., rotating between the stations in Selden and Rexford. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should contact a firefighter or come to a meeting, Mr. Hirsch said.

Old Settlers' Day this Sunday

Hitch up the team, load the family and head to Russell Springs for Old Settlers' Day on Sunday.

The Butterfield Train Association and the City of Russell Springs are planning a special program in recognition of the town's 125th anniversary. The town was organized as a city and designated the county seat of Logan County until 1963, when it was moved to Oakley.

The day will begin with a non-denominational church service at St. Francis Chapel, after which those

70 and older will meet at the stage coach building on the museum grounds. A grand parade will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a cow chip throw.

At noon, hamburgers will be provided and those attending are asked to furnish a side dish and lawn chairs.

Old Settlers will be recognized at 1 p.m., followed by a program, "Orphan Trains in Kansas," presented by Marilyn Holt of Abilene.

New Arrival

Treyor Sullivan
Dustin and Katrina Sullivan of Colby are the parents of a son, Treyor McCoy Sullivan, born Aug. 10, 2012. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. He has a sister, Talyn, 6, and a brother

Tage, 3. Grandparents are Terry and Darla Jones, Plainville, and John and Karla Sullivan, Colby. Great-grandparents are Jerald and Elaine Leitner, Colby; Betty and Don Lawyer, Riverside, Calif.; and the late Katherine and LeRoy Sullivan.

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