

# People in Our Community

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Eula Juenemann is hospitalized in Kearney, Neb., where she is recuperating from surgery. Rusty and Sharon Addleman visited her on Friday and several family members have spent time with her. Mail will reach her at Good Samaritan Hospital, 10 E. 31st Street, Kearney, Neb., 68848.

Jacob Larue performed with the vocal department and the Headliners at the fall vocal concert at Butler Community College in El Dorado. The theme was "Why We Sing." Among those attending on Sunday were Joan, Bruce and Marianne Larue, Oberlin; Annamaria Larue, El Dorado; Brandon Wagner, Manhattan; and Carissa Wentz, Wichita.

**—Surf & Turf Buffet Friday, Oct. 19, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340.**

Gary and Annette Miller and Stan and Carol Miller drove to Mission, Texas, to visit Richard and Venietta Miller and attended their 65th wedding anniversary celebration at the Enchanted Valley Ranch Clubhouse in Mission on Oct. 6. Among others in attendance were their children, Steve and Marva Miller, Hays; Terri and Tom Kaus, and Julie Olson, Houston; also a special friend, Vene Leichliter and granddaughter, Cammy, from Colorado.

Caitlin Lunsway of Rexford was among students who were awarded scholarships at Barton Community College. She received the M.E. "Eustace" Marmie Memorial Scholarship.

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Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Max Carman, Ardythe Cederberg, Kelva Dryden, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe and Marie McKisson. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, John Cederberg, Norma Anderson, Doris Fringer and Neil Marshall. Mexican Train domino winner was Doris Fringer. There was no pitch. Bridge highs went to Carol Shirley, Ila Ray, Charlotte Meints and Cynthia Matson. There will be a senior potluck dinner at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Members of the Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women who attended the Hays District meeting at the church in Norton on Saturday were Pat Abbey, Laurene Van Otterloo, Deanna Castle, Maxine Smith, Mary Ann Amack, Cheryl Metcalf and Angie Wilson.

Ralph and Violet Shaw spent the weekend at Cedar Point, visiting their granddaughter and family, Jennifer and Casey Harshman and Isaac.

Gail and Kay Marcuson spent last weekend in Overland Park visiting Rick, Sally and Grady Marcuson. They helped Rick celebrate his 60th birthday.

## New publisher named for Marysville paper

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Sarah Kessinger, formerly of Oberlin, is the new owner and publisher of *The Marysville Advocate*.



Sarah

"This all started in Oberlin," she said. "I still feel homesick sometimes when I think of *The Oberlin Herald* newsroom and the good times we had. Of course, I was writing with crayons in those days, not a computer, as Hannah and I waited for my folks to finish the paper late on Tuesday nights."

She replaces her parents, Howard and Sharon Kessinger, who have been co-publishers of the *Advocate* since moving to Marysville from Oberlin in 1975. Now 47, she has been editor at the *Advocate* since 2008.

"I've been lucky to have good teachers throughout the *Advocate* staff and the county community," she said. "I look forward to continu-

ing to work with them in this unique part of Kansas."

She is a graduate in journalism and Spanish of Kansas State University and has a master's degree from the University of Kansas.

Ms. Kessinger started in journalism as an education reporter at the *Garden City Telegram* and helped the newspaper launch its bilingual Spanish-English weekly newspaper, *La Semaña*.

In 1994, she became deputy metro editor at *The Monitor* in McAllen, Texas, and later she returned to Kansas to join the Harris News Service as a statehouse correspondent in Topeka for 10 years.

She and her husband, Peter Muraski, have two children, Paul and Sophie. As they phase into retirement, she said, her parents will continue to work part time at the weekly newspaper.

## Rotarian gives program

President Duane Dorshorst updated members of the Oberlin Rotary Club on the Oberlin schools for the program at the Oct. 9 meeting at The Gateway.

He spoke about the increase in students, the school budget this year as compared to last, the new lighting in the gyms and hallways and library changes, including the addition of new computers and new windows in the junior high gym. He added that the school year is off to a good start with great staff and students.

Congratulations were extended to Greg and Mary Lohofener on the arrival of twin granddaughters.

Ken Shobe has been named a new Rotary board member, replacing Lynn Doeden.

Dan Nedland reported that the new computer tables at the high school were made by students in the shop class. It was also noted that the high school has a new history club with Jason Ketterl as advisor.

John Sater is involved with the Oberlin Booster Club and asked if the club would become a business booster.

The club supports high school musicians, plays and sports. It was voted to have the club purchase two single season tickets from the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Com-

mission.

Janice Shobe, a member of the Atwood Rotary Club, was a guest.

Dan Nedland talked about "Cool places I have worked" for the Oct. 2 program of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He said he grew up in Ladysmith, Wis., where his favorite activities while in high school included fishing, ice fishing and being a member of the snow-shoveling team. He went to college at Madison, Wis., and later to Rice University in Houston. Being from Wisconsin, he said, he wanted a much warmer climate to work in, but ended up working in some places that were even colder, including 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

He said he taught school in New England and later worked for an oil company in Texas that assigned him for four years in Anchorage, Alaska. He spoke about the Brooks Range now being a National Park and all of its beauty. He worked in Magadan, Russia, which during the Stalin era was a major center for prisoners sent to labor camps.

Guests were junior Rotarians Megan Gault and Channing Fortin from Decatur Community High School.

## Livestock aid available

Drought assistance is available for stockmen affected by the drought in all Kansas counties except Republic from the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

Diane Barrett, Decatur County executive director of the agency, said farmers may file an application for cost-share assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program through Thursday, Nov. 15, at the office in Oberlin.

The program is designed to help stockmen provide water for their animals because of extended drought.

"Participants can receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost for temporary measures and 50 percent of the cost for permanent measures for approved emergency conservation practices," the agency said. Those include constructing and deepening wells, installing pipe to another source of water and hauling water for livestock, which includes installing new tanks and troughs.

For details, call the county office at (785) 475-3131 to schedule an appointment.

## Vocal concert set for Tuesday

Decatur Community High School will have a vocal concert at 8 p.m. next Tuesday in the high school auditorium. The time was changed due to parent-teacher conferences scheduled that day, said music instructor Susan Nelson.

The concert will feature men's and women's groups as well as the DCHS Singers and the concert and combined choirs. The choir program will offer a little something for everyone, she said. The concert is free and everyone is welcome.

## Program cutoff date set

The evaluation cutoff date for Environmental Quality Incentives Program money is Friday, Nov. 16, said Matt Barnes, district conservationist with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"Landowners and/or operators with eligible ... land with any EQIP concerns, such as soil, water, air, plants or animals, can apply," said Barnes. "I encourage landowners and/or operators to apply at the local

field office and work with staff to develop a conservation plan."

In Kansas, socially disadvantaged, limited-resource and beginning farmers and ranchers will receive a higher payment rate for conservation practices, under the program, he said.

For details, check with the county office at 408 S. Buffalo or on the Internet at [offices.usda.gov](http://offices.usda.gov).

## Club News

### Women enjoy luncheon

Seven members of the Garden Lovers Lunch Club met Sept. 25 for a luncheon at the LandMark Inn.

Members were reminded that September is the perfect time to transplant peonies, making sure to have at least three eyes on the root before transplanting. Fall is also a good time to plant coral bells and divide daisies and snowbanks. Complimentary plants should be planted close to or around purple mound and purple globe asters and poppies to cover their legginess.

Garden mums should be watered heavily in the spring and one inch of each stem should be pinched off in early June and

again in early July to help the plants flower robustly in the fall. Older mum plants not performing as they should benefit from frequent divisions when stems and roots get woody — approximately every three years. Transplants should be taken in the spring from the edges of the original plant.

Members also learned that strawberries like sandy soil. An excellent compost mix ratio is equal amounts of peat moss, soil and compost.

The next meeting will be in March. Until then, enjoy looking through seed and plant catalogs this winter as you plan your spring garden.

### Club hears about pool

The Zeta Nu Club met Thursday in the parlor of the Last Indiana Raid Museum with President Charlotte Meints conducting the meeting. Hostesses were Angie Wilson and Mary Ann Amack.

Eleven members answered two inspirational poems written by Veda Wood from the Lyle area for devotions.

Mrs. Amack introduced Shayla

Williby and Susan May, who presented facts on the proposed new swimming pool project which will be on the November election ballot.

The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Good Samaritan Center, where the club will put on the November birthday party for residents.

### Members plan to entertain

Ila Ray was hostess when six members of Pi Alpha Club met last Monday at the Golden Age Center.

Mrs. Ray introduced Shayla Williby and Rachel Johnson, representatives of the Oberlin Pool Project, who gave a presentation using pamphlets and a display board to tell of the needs and cost of a new pool. Financing will come from a 1.5 percent increase in the city sales tax if the vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6, is successful, and the women encouraged ev-

eryone to vote.

Mrs. Ray gave devotions titled, "My Forgetter" and "I've Never Made a Fortune." Eunice Martin conducted a short business meeting. Plans were made to entertain for October birthdays at the Good Samaritan Center at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25. Estella Waldo won the hostess prize.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Sappa Valley Manor with Joyce Ploussard as hostess and Joan and Kristy Evans as co-hostesses.

### Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends gathered for an afternoon social and dessert at the LandMark Inn last Wednesday with 16 women present.

Leader Mary Ann Amack read, "What Is It Like to Be a Christian?" after which the group sang "Happy Birthday" to Doris Fringer and Phyllis Screen for their October birthdays.

Others present were Joan

Ward, Ardis Roe, Joan Larue, Lillian Koger, Cecil Hess, Delphyn Biggs, Nadean Stoney, Elaine Bryan, Laurene Van Otterloo, Karen Bruning, Bertha Schwisow, Joy Votapka and Carol Morford.

The Nov. 14 meeting will be at the Frontier Cafe for an 8:30 a.m. breakfast. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

### Chapter meets in Oberlin

The John Athey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Sept. 25 at the LandMark Inn for lunch, and owner Gary Anderson gave them the history of the building.

Regent Sharon Maurath opened the meeting, after which Chaplain Delphyn Biggs offered a prayer for Constitution Week.

Roll call was answered with a landmark you'd like to visit or explore online. Gladys Rowley gave the treasurer's report and Eva Lee Wheeler read the minutes. A get-well card was sent to Sharee Mydland.

Regent Marauth reported on the 114th Continental Congress. The chapter received its first "One" this year. Ms. Marauth and Gayle Bremenkamp attended the fall workshop. Mrs. Wheeler received a card and recognition for being a member 30 years, so she is now a member of the Heritage Club. American Heritage was given by Kay Weber and Chaplain Biggs closed with prayer.

The next meeting will be at the Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby, with lunch at Mable's Lounge.

### Payments to be issued

The U.S. Farm Service Agency will issue Conservation Reserve Program and Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program payments during the first few weeks of October.

"FSA will issue the payments timely as long as all producer eligibility requirements are met," said Diane Barrett, county executive director for the agency.

"These payments could be affect-

ed if producers have not submitted the required adjusted gross income forms," she said. "In addition, those who signed up for Conservation Reserve emergency haying and grazing and did not pay in advance will notice that their annual rental payment was reduced by the acreage that was hayed or grazed."

For details, call the county office at (785) 475-3131.

## County boards have at least nine openings

County commissioners are looking for at least nine people to appoint to various boards for next year, and maybe more, they said.

The commissioners are looking for three people to serve on the Fair Board, two for the Hospital Board, two for the High Plains Mental Health board, one or more for the summer recreation board, one or more for the Decatur County Health Care Foundation and one for the Health Advisory Board.

The positions are all either up for appointment or reappointment, said Commissioner Stan McEvoy at the regular meeting Oct. 2, and anyone who's interested will need to apply to the county or reapply if they want to retain their position on one of the boards. Most of the posts have a start date of Jan. 1.

In other business, commissioners:

- Decided that the county will hold an auction for surplus property at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 20. Some vehicles will have a minimum bid, Mr. McEvoy said, so those attending should be aware.
- Decided to keep the burn ban in

place. Fire Chief Bill Cathcart made a brief appearance to ask about it, and the commissioners stuck with their better-safe-than-sorry policy.

"We're still pretty dry," said Commissioner Ralph Unger, a farmer himself. "I've had several farmers asking to keep it on. We're drilling (wheat) into dust out there."

The commissioners agreed that the ban will probably be lifted soon, most likely after we get a rain covering the whole area.

• Reinstated their membership to the National Federation of Counties for another year.

• Allocated \$100 to the county's float for the annual Parade of Lights this year.

• Approved the purchase of a Samsung high-definition television for the jury room of the courthouse. County Attorney Steve Hirsch said that this particular model is a high-definition flatscreen capable of wireless Internet connections, and costs about \$1,200.

• Decided that there would be no meeting Tuesday since Mr. Unger will be at another meeting and there are five Tuesdays this month.

## Volunteers needed to pack food for 'Starving Children'

The McCook Feed My Starving Children MobilePack-repack program needs volunteers from southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 and 27, at the Nebraska National Guard Armory, one a half mile east of McCook on U.S. 6 and 34.

Feed My Starving Children is a nonprofit Christian organization committed to feeding starving children in body and spirit. Children and adults hand pack meals designed specifically for starving children, then these are shipped to nearly 70 countries around the world.

Those who sign up will be volunteering for two hours to serve God. The minimum age is 5. There are many positions available, including measuring the food, sealing or labeling the packages, and others.

Volunteers are asked to wear something comfortable, with closed-toe shoes and no jewelry. Each volunteer is also asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the McCook Food Pantry to help reach its goal of a ton of food.

For details, call Deanna Castle at (785) 475-3227.

## Lordy, Lordy look who's 40 times 2 plus 5!

We love you bunches! All your kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids.

Join us for her reception at the Golden Age Center from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 20th.



### Mona's Market

**in Dresden is now open!**

We have mums, cool gourds, tulip bulbs, perennials, shrubs, trees, tomatoes.

Hours are 9-5:30 Monday through Saturday. Come see us where we have "every bloomin' thing under the sun"

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