

Many receive awards at Achievement Social

The 2012 4-H Achievement Social was held Sunday evening at the Golden Age Center. Awards were presented by Twin Creeks Extension Agent Byron Hale and Matthew Helm.

The winners were:
Gold Guard: Hannah May, Elizabeth Nedland.

Key Awards: Elizabeth Nedland, Zach May.

First-year members: Trevor Bruhn, Angela Davis, Sierra Davis, Jacie Fortin, Zeke Jimenez, Sam Jimenez, Gabrielle Johnson, Gavon Uehlin, Konnor Witt, Reegon Witt.

10-year members: Gabe Anderson, Timothy Helm, Alexis Hissong, Hannah May, Elizabeth Nedland.

County Project: Zach May, beef, senior.

Geology: Elizabeth Nedland, senior.

Clothing and Textiles: Hannah May, senior.

Kansas Awards Program recognition: Stick To It—Zach May, Elizabeth Nedland, Hannah May, gold.

Record book recognition: Star

Valley, Matthew Helm, Timothy Helm, purple.

Overall home economics: KeLynn Jacobs; beginning Grand; Jacquelyn Marshall, beginning Reserve Grand; Mackenzie Urban, junior Grand; Erin May junior Reserve Grand; Emily Larson, Intermediate Grand; Reegon Witt, Intermediate Reserve Grand, KeAnn Jacobs, senior Grand; Hannah May, senior Reserve Grand.

Regional 4-H Club Days: Erin May, third individual junior photo.

Trip awards: Denver Stock Show, Elizabeth Nedland.

Outstanding Kansas Awards Program, senior, Hannah May, clothing and textiles; Elizabeth Nedland, geology.

Camp Counselor: Kaitlynn Fisher, Matthew Helm, Sierra Lohofener, Hannah May, Ashley Witt, Whitney Witt.

Kansas State Fair Senior Family and Consumer Sciences Judging: Matthew Helm, senior.

Carcass contest: Zach May, 1; Erin May 2; Gatlin Hissong, 3; Taylor Macfee, 4.

People in Our Community

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Kyle Mines of Oberlin was inducted into the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in Salina on Saturday. Among relatives and friends who attended were his son, Jason Mines, Denver; his daughter, Georganne Ishii, Chino, Calif.; his sisters, Patty Carswell, Osborne, and Delphine Spencer and her son, Robert Spencer, Culbertson, Neb., and his daughter, McCook; Carol Nichols, Osborne, and Loyd Moore, Oberlin. Kyle's twin brother, Keith Mines, of McPherson, was unable to attend due to recent hip replacement surgery and two falls, but his daughter, Cindy of Wichita, attended. Keith is presently recuperating at a nursing home in Lindsborg.

The Haughty Hatters of Northwest Kansas Red Hat Club traveled to Atwood on Monday, Oct. 22, to attend the Theta Kappa annual fundraiser. This year's theme was "A Starry, Starry Night" and a delicious dinner was served. Entertainment was "The Stars of Atwood" featuring local talent. Those enjoying the evening were Marian Fraker, Ann Mines, Sherri Shuler, Carol Morford, Karen Bruning and Charlotte Meints, Oberlin, and Liane Martin, Herndon.

—Vote YES on Nov. 6 for the sales tax increase to benefit the Oberlin Swimming Pool. Pd. political adv., Pool Committee.

Relatives who spent Sunday in North Platte, Neb., to help Ron and Marilyn (Bryan) Tophane celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary included Carolyn Miller, McCook; Laurene Van Otterloo, Ron and Rod Bryan, Oberlin, and the couple's grandsons, Charles and Bryson of North Platte.

Mary Myers of Custer, S.D., visited over the weekend with her husband, Charlie Myers, who is staying

at Wheat Ridge Terrace, while he is serving as interim administrator at Decatur Health Systems. He was honored on Saturday noon with a birthday luncheon there and later in the afternoon a coffee in the couple's honor was attended by former teaching friends of Mrs. Myers and other acquaintances. Out-of-town guests included Chris and Jim Fall of Concordia.

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Among those from Oberlin who assisted with the Feed My Starving Children project at the National Guard Armory in McCook on Saturday were Alyssa VanVleet, Pam VanVleet, Ravyn VanVleet, Cheryl Metcalf, Valisha Raile, Alana Raile, Bob Castle, Deanna Castle, Sarah Weyeneth, Celianna Shobe, Gabi Johnson, Dani Rouse, Tami Shaw, Dante Robertson, Cheyanne Soderlund, Cheryl Soderlund, Pastor Nancy Proffitt, Sonya Mann, Karen Mann, Linda Glaze, Gwen Fortin, Kennedy Fortin, Konner Fortin and Lonnie McEvoy. Mrs. Castle said that their group packed 265,000 packs, which will feed 100 children for a year.

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Winning highs in pinocle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelda Dryden, John Cederberg, Ivis Hanson, Max Carman, Bob Jones and Norma Anderson. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Ardythe Cederberg, Norm Anderson, Ardis Roe, Veanna Crman, Neil Marshall and Dewaine Stapp. There was no pitch. Mexican Train domino winners were Eleanor Boyle and Zane Geis. Bridge highs went to Cynthia Matson, Charlotte Meints and Annette Miller.

Rockathon is Saturday

Sixteen residents of Decatur County Good Samaritan Center are gearing up to set their chairs to rocking on Saturday in Town Square. Proceeds will go to help Teens for Christ and the Oberlin Swimming Pool Committee.

Those who will be rocking include Eva Bryan, 99; Leone Porsch, 93; Evelyn Olson and Amy Rehm, 92; Lucy Schissler, 90, along with Betty May, Vivian Mock, Connie Cramer, Betty and Dwayne Jones, Alice Bobbitt, Marylu Brown, Louise Pollnow, Margaret Vacura,

Loren Schrock and Phil Erickson.

There will be entertainment throughout the day and everyone is welcome to join in the fun, said Lisa Paulson, activities director.

"Our goal is for each rocker to raise \$150 for a total of \$2,400," she said.

Mail contributions may be sent to the center at 108 E. Ash St., Oberlin, Kan. 67749. Sponsor sign up sheets may be found at the center, throughout town and at Oberlin churches.

For questions, call Mrs. Paulson or Anita Hirsch at (785) 475-2245.

Couple buys funeral home

Jim and Joyce Jones of Cambridge, Neb., have purchased the Herrmann Funeral Home at 305 Norris in McCook. Mrs. Jones is the former Joyce Groneweg, daughter of Peggy Groneweg of Oberlin and the late Dean Groneweg.

One of the oldest businesses in McCook, the funeral home was established in 1931 by Art Herrmann and operated for the past 49 years by his son John and his wife, Karla. It will be known as Herrmann-Jones Funeral Chapel.

The business was sold by the Herrmanns' daughters, Laurie Hansen, Sandy Gutierrez and Jauna McCormick, all of Denver. Mr. Jones also owns the Lockenour-Jones Funeral Home in Cambridge. He said he plans to continue the legacy of compassion and loyalty of John Herrman, who died in June.

Mrs. Jones, a registered nurse and a 1976 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is a dialysis nurse for Davita in McCook.

Agencies explain settlement

Two U.S. Department of Agriculture agencies, Rural Development and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, have joined to offer help for Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers and explain the claims process for a legal settlement.

Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director of the Farm Service Agency, said the 180-day filing period for Hispanic and women

operators opened Sept. 24 and will close March 25.

Hispanics and women who farmed or attempted to farm between 1981 and 2000, who believe they might have been discriminated against when seeking farm loans, are encouraged to attend this meeting. For details, call Shelly Wolf at (785) 564-4765 or e-mail shelly.wolf@ks.usda.gov.

Trio will perform at Gateway Nov. 10

A North Platte trio will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at The Gateway.

Job, Peter and Chuck play light rock and pop hits from the 1960s and '70s, including songs by the Beatles, the Eagles, Dave Mason, the Moody Blues, the Mamas and the Papas, Billy Joel, Elton John, John Denver and more.

Job and Peter work together at the *North Platte Telegraph*. At a company-sponsored Christmas party, they performed a Peter, Paul and Mary song, "The Marvelous Toy." They had so much fun they started working on songs and playing at Da Buzz Coffee House. A

year later, they asked Chuck to join them and they have been together for five years.

For the past four years, they have been voted as the Reader's Choice No. 1 band in North Platte. Chuck has performed with musical superstars including Dolly Parton and John Denver. He and his brother, Jim Salestrom, were national recording artists with a group called Timberline.

This is an Oberlin Arts and Humanities season-ticket event or \$12 for adults and \$7 for students at the door. For information, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at 470-0218.

Librarian receives award

Linda Glaze, librarian and media specialist for the Oberlin Schools, received the President's Distinguished Library Media Specialist Award at the annual Kansas Association of School Librarians conference in Salina on Oct. 19.

The award is presented to someone who has developed an outstanding library media program and has made contributions to school librarianship and school library media development

in Kansas. Mrs. Glaze began working at the Decatur Community High School Library in 1995. She is currently the district librarian, teaching classes at both the elementary and high school libraries.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Library Media endorsement from the University of Nebraska-Kearney.



Linda Glaze

Herald lunch at LandMark

Steve and Cynthia Haynes, co-owners of *The Oberlin Herald*, entertained correspondents and photographers with a luncheon Friday at the LandMark Inn.

Those present included Connie Miller, Cedar Living Center; Lisa Paulson, Good Samaritan Center; Dianne Bremer, Mount Pleasant; Veda Wood, Lyle; Gwen Griffiths, Rexford; Jodi Lyon and Betty Jakowski, Norcatur; Louise Cressler, Jennings; Julie Hafner, Herndon;

Mary Lou Olson, Midway; Carolyn Plotts, Outback; Jody Betts, Yesteryear; and Susan May and Sarah Fredrickson, photographers.

Kimberly Davis, associate publisher; Jacque Boultinghouse, Selden; and Abby Hissong, photographer, were unable to attend.

From the paper's office staff were Mrs. Haynes, Stephanie DeCamp, Pat Cozad, Crista Sauvage, Mrs. Plotts and Mrs. Olson.

Application deadline date set for government program

The application evaluation cutoff date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program will be Friday, Nov. 16.

"EQIP is a very popular program in Kansas," said State Conservationist Eric B. Banks, of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, "and with the drought conditions this past summer, I want to remind producers and ranchers that it provides opportunities ... to address resource concerns, such as plant health and vigor, inadequate livestock water, noxious weeds and brush invasion."

David Kraft, state rangeland management specialist, said that due to the extended drought, opportunities exist to address resource concerns and help minimize the impacts of the drought. Grazing plans as a part

of a larger conservation plan enable stockmen to identify forage production potential as well as production deficiencies, he said.

The voluntary program provides financial and technical help through contracts for up to 10 years. These can help farmers and ranchers plan and implement conservation practices that provide opportunities to improve soil, water, air, plant, animal and related resources on agricultural land.

Applications are accepted year around, but those received by the cutoff will be evaluated for the current fiscal year.

For information, go to www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs or call the Decatur County office at 475-3131.

Election day service planned

The Decatur County Ministerial Association will sponsor an Election Day Communion Service at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday at the Oberlin Covenant Church, 810 W. Cedar.

"The current political climate in our country is polarizing, divisive, and hurtful," said Pastor Chris Nelson. "More and more, these divisions run through the church as well. All too often, even those who are called brothers and sisters in Christ label, dismiss and deride one another over political beliefs."

Members of area churches will gather after the polls close, he said, to remember that despite political,

denominational and theological differences, we are one in Christ, and our hope does not rest in any political party or candidate, but in God.

The service, led by several Oberlin pastors, will center on sharing Communion, also known as the Eucharist or the Lord's Supper, an act that according to the Bible reaffirms the unity of Christians with one another and with Jesus Christ.

Everyone is welcome.

According to electiondaycommunion.org, more than 500 congregations and groups in nearly every state in the U.S. are planning similar events.

Rotarians hear about garden

Greeter John Sater welcomed members of the Oberlin Rotary Club on Oct. 26 at The Gateway. Guests were Junior Rotarians Mika Hackney and Matt Glading from Decatur Community High.

Mr. Sater presented a video and talk about "The Garden of Eden and Grassroots Art in Lucas" for the program. The exhibit was built in 1907 by a Civil War veteran, S.P. Dinsmoore from Ohio, and includes concrete sculptures and characters. Concrete trees up to 30 feet high were constructed, along with a cabin built out of limestone blocks.

Mrs. Dinsmoore was an advocate for labor and women's rights. The exhibit is visited by 12,000 visitors a year and is considered to be one of the top 10 folk-arts exhibits in the world. Lucas is located north of Wilson Lake.

It was noted that the Sappa Park Committee is looking for used furniture for the cottages there.

Members met on Oct. 23 at The

Gateway with President Duane Dorshorst conducting the meeting. Guests were Matthew Helm and Taylor Macfee from Decatur Community High School and Janice Shobe, a member of the Atwood Rotary Club.

Program Chair Neal Russell gave an interesting musical program on Native Indian Culture and Story Telling and the Indian flute. The Lakota Indians and others told stories and passed them on to others while playing Indian flutes. Most were made from many different varieties of wood and were hand carved into beautiful musical instruments.

He told the story of how the Indian flute encouraged a relationship between a brave and a chief's daughter. He played several Indian songs on flutes he had made or purchased, which included "Zuni Sunrise" and "Indian Courting Song." The instruments use a pantonic scale which consists of five notes.

Three blood drives scheduled

Three Red Cross blood drives are scheduled in the area during the coming week.

The first will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. a.m. Friday at the Jennings United Methodist Church. Donors or those who can furnish cookies or sandwiches are asked to call Marge Hartzog at (785) 678-3010.

The second will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Wednesday in the senior

high gym at Decatur Community High School. Donors may sign up in the high school office, call (800) 733-2767 or go to www.redcross-blood.org to make an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome.

The third will be a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. the same day at Golden Plains High School in Rexford.

Minorities to join register

The U.S. Farm Service Agency invites minority farmers and ranchers to join the Department of Agriculture Minority Farm Register to receive information and opportunities from department agencies, community organizations and educational institutions.

By voluntarily joining the register, minority farmers will receive information, newsletters and program announcements, plus information from "outreach partners," such as

community and church organizations and educational institutions.

Applicants must sign and date a form that provides their name and address. Providing phone numbers, e-mail address, race, ethnicity, gender and farm or ranch location is voluntary, although the additional information should increase opportunities for assistance.

To sign up, stop by the county Farm Service office or call 475-3131.

Alateen group resumes

The McCook Alateen group has resumed meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. on Mondays at 709 W. Second St. in McCook. Use the south door.

Alateen is for youths 9 to 18 whose lives are affected by someone else's drinking. They can share experiences, strength and hope with

one another. Alateen respects the anonymity of every member and operates under the credo "who you see there, what you hear there, when you leave there, let it stay there."

Information is available online at www.al-anon.alateen.org/alateen.html or by calling (308) 345-9997.

Vote and Vaccinate!

Cast your ballot and get your flu shot at The Gateway from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day. \$25 or will bill insurance.

* Provided by the Decatur County Health Department

Craft Fair

Herndon Heritage Days

Saturday, November 3rd * 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Mary's Hall, Herndon Kansas

- * Food Drive
- * Door Prizes
- * Lunch served by St. Mary's CYO and Christian Mothers

Club News

Club meets at Sappa Manor

The Oct. 22 meeting of the Pi Alpha Club was held at Sappa Manor with Joyce Ploussard as hostess. She also gave the devotions, "If You're Over 45, You're a Survivor." Joan and Kristy Evans were co-hostesses.

President Marty Olson conducted the business meeting. Plans were made to entertain at the Good Samaritan Center on Thursday afternoon for the five residents with October birthdays.

Fruit crisps and musical entertainment by Amy Carman and children were planned.

For the program, the co-hostesses, in Halloween attire, presented an evening of Halloween treats, fun and games, followed by refreshments of homemade Halloween cookies and chicken salad sandwiches. Margaret Steadman won the hostess prize.

The next meeting will be at the home of Gerry Neff on Nov. 12.

St. Mary's Veterans Day Fall Festival

Sunday, November 11, 2012
St. Mary's Assumption Church Hall
Herndon, Kansas

Serving Roast Turkey and Ham Dinner From 11:30 to 1:30 (Free will offering)

Raffle Drawings for \$500 * \$250 * \$100 * \$50 and much more!
Raffle tickets available through November 11 \$1 per ticket * 6 for \$5 * 13 for \$10 (need not be present to win)

Bingo after dinner, CYO sponsored games
Everyone Invited

Veterans - Let us serve you today!