

**THE OBERLIN HERALD —**  
**People in**  
**Our Community**  
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Dolores Koerperich returned home Wednesday evening after a visit with Jacob Koeperich, Linda and Chris Floch and friends in Asotin, Wash., and McCall, Idaho, and Dan, Michele, Brian, Cosette and Evan Koerperich in Fort Collins, Colo.

Norton, Ella Betts, Alyce Avery and Joan Betts.

Word was received of the death of Norman Troester, husband of the former Delores Witt, on Friday in Englewood, Colo. Services are pending. Mrs. Troester is a 1949 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a daughter of the late Clarence and Sarah Witt.

**— Sunday Brunch Buffet Feb. 17, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.**

Marie McKisson and Helen Gee traveled to Abilene last Thursday. Helen met her daughter, Beverly Keys of Wichita, then spent a week with her and her family. Marie spent the night with her sister, Janie and Kent Law, then they accompanied the women's brother, Earl Wells, to Wichita, where they attended the wedding of their niece, Pam Peterson, and Clark Armor on Friday evening. They also enjoyed lunch with the family on Saturday.

Sue Renk of Plainville spent Saturday visiting her mother, Elaine Bryan, to help her celebrate her birthday. On Sunday, Mary Ann Amack, Joy Votapka, Laurene Van Otterloo and Cecil Hess took her out for a birthday dinner at the Frontier Cafe.

**— 40% off Webkinz. Oberlin Mercantile Company.**

Steve and Cynthia Haynes attended William Allen White Day in Lawrence on Thursday and Friday and also visited their son, Lacy Haynes. They went to Emporia on Friday night to visit his sister, Barbara Blaylock, and family; also his brother, Doug Haynes, who gave them a tour of the airport on Saturday.

Tim and Kim Davis, Sierra, Angela, Kaylie, Kellie and Owen attended memorial services in Denver on Feb. 2 for Ginny Bodemann, grandmother of Mrs. Davis, who died Dec. 26. While in Denver, they also visited the Denver Zoo on Sunday, Feb. 3.

**— 50% off Melissa & Doug toys on Feb. 13 & 14 at Ray Jewelry.**

Dorothy Avery of Norton was honored with a birthday luncheon on Feb. 7 at the LandMark attended by her daughter, Cindy Boller, also of



**WITH THE PRESENT DROUGHT,** it is hard to imagine this kind of rain on Main Street in Oberlin, but this photo was taken at the intersection of Commercial Street and Penn

Avenue on Aug. 12, 1910, by the Young Studio. It was sent to the newspaper by Nancy Jorn of Lawrence, formerly of Oberlin.

**Dinner theater Feb. 23**

Reservations are needed for Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission's annual dinner theater Saturday, Feb. 23, at The Gateway. A surf-and-turf dinner and wine bar will be served at 6:30 p.m., with a concert to follow at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature Acoustic Eidolon, with Joe Scott on a double-neck guitjo (a 14-string banjo/guitar that sounds like a harp, and Hanna Alkire on cello. They have been

playing together since 1998 and have traveled worldwide, performing in places including London, Berlin, France, Australia, Hawaii, Canada, Washington and across the United States. They wow audiences wherever they go. This is a season ticket event or \$34 for adults and \$17 for children 8 and under, and reservations are required. Call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

**Disaster loan deadline set**

The final application date for emergency disaster loans for farmers and ranchers affected by drought last year in Decatur, Norton, and Phillips counties will be Tuesday, March 12.

Loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes). Those covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock or to make payments on real estate and other debts.

Pat L. Bohl, loan officer for the U.S. Farm Service Agency in Norton, advised that those needing farm credit as a result of the drought should make out an application at the agency's Norton County office, 11506 Pineview Dr.

"Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses," Bohl added. To be eligible, an applicant must be operating a family-size farm or ranch, unable to get credit elsewhere and must have suffered a qualifying loss, generally at least 30 percent of one crop.

"Loans covering physical or production losses are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's ability to pay," he said, adding that the current interest rate is 2.125 percent, subject to monthly changes.

Farmers and ranchers that think they may be eligible call (785) 877-5156 for information or advice.

**Benefit set for Saturday**

The Selden community will hold a soup supper from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall for Klint Wessel, who is recuperating from injuries received in a vehicle accident Dec. 15 in Colby.

High School, lives and farms in the Selden area. Assisting with the supper will be his classmates, neighbors and the Selden Catholic Youth Organization. His parents are Carl Wessel, Selden, and Lori Wessel, Colby.

He remains unconscious in a Denver hospital. Mr. Wessel, a 2008 graduate of Golden Plains

Those unable to attend may leave donations at The Bank in Selden.

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Chairman Amanda Sowers conducted the meeting and made introductions. The invocation was given by Duane Carman. Other members of the board include Torrey Morford, Elden Huff and Gary Meitl. Austin Kyte and Channing Fortin

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**Norcatour grad inducted into athletic Hall of Fame**

Gary Ritter, a 1968 graduate of Norcatour Rural High School, was among three Cloud County Community College alumni inducted

Other inductees were Denis Grahem, a native of Meriden, and Carla (Chaffee) Pirson from Clay Center.



Gary Ritter

into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Jan. 26, in the cafeteria on the Concordia campus. The inductees were also honored during halftime of the men's basketball game against Hutchinson Community College.

Mr. Ritter, who now lives in Manhattan, starred in men's basketball from 1968-70, the college said. He is one of only three players in the school's history to score 1,000 points and grab at least 600 rebounds in a career. He helped lead the Thunderbirds to their first Prairie Junior College Conference championship in 1970.

Mr. Grahem was a three-time All American in track and field. He finished in shot put as national runner-up in both the indoor and outdoor championships in 1978. He still holds the school record for a throw of 53'7" in the outdoor shot put.

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**Ag program extended for 2013**

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extended the authorization of the 2008 Farm Bill, known as the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, for many Commodity Credit Corp. commodity, disaster and conservation programs through this year.

The direct payment will be issued in October. Call the Farm Service county office at (785) 475-3131 to schedule an appointment.

These programs, administered by the Farm Service Agency, include, among others, the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment program, the Average Crop Revenue Election program, and the Milk Income Loss Contract program.

Milk payments are triggered when the Boston Class I milk price falls below \$16.94 per hundredweight, after adjustment for the cost of dairy feed. Payments are calculated each month using the latest milk price and feed cost.

Signup for direct payments and the crop revenue program for this year begins on Tuesday. The sign-up period for direct payments will end Aug. 2, while sign-up for crop revenue ends June 3.

All dairy producers' contracts were automatically extended to Sept. 30. Farmers do not need to re-enroll. Operations with approved contracts will continue to receive monthly payments, if available.

Program provisions are unchanged from last year, except that all eligible participants may choose to enroll in either program. There will be no advance pay-

Before the October payment can be issued, farmers must complete a new income form. The same form is required for many Farm Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs.

For information, stop by the county office on U.S. 83 or call for an appointment.

**Facebook class planned**

Julianne Shoup, family and consumer science agent for the Twin Creeks Extension District, will present a free lesson about the social networking site Facebook from noon to 1 p.m. next Tuesday at the Oberlin City Library.

Facebook. Fun with Facebook Fotos will also teach how to upload pictures and how to set your privacy settings so you know who sees what.

The lesson will teach adults how to connect with their family using

Those attending may bring a brown-bag lunch. Call the Oberlin office at 475-8121 by 5 p.m. Monday if you plan to attend.

**Happy 80th Birthday, Twila Carter**

The Family of Twila Carter is requesting a card shower for her 80th Birthday on Feb. 20th. Her family includes, Gene and Linda Carter, Rhonda and Dean Jolly, Sondra and Ron Fowler, Kenny and Kim Carter, Vicky and Dan Ground and Curtis and Mary Carter.

Cards of Congratulations can reach her at: 1010 Truman, Norton, Kansas 67654.

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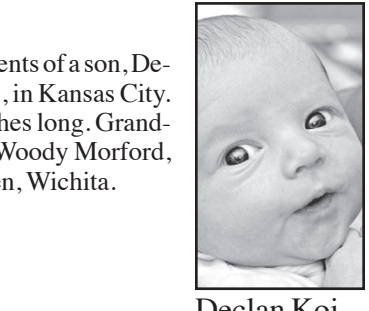
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**New Arrival**

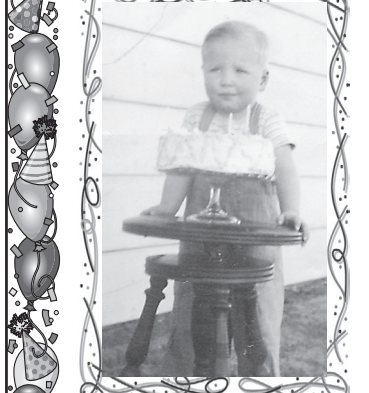
**Declan Koi Morford**

Koi and Stacey Morford are the parents of a son, Declan Koi Morford, born Jan. 17, 2013, in Kansas City. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Carol Morford, Oberlin; Woody Morford, McCook; and Tom and Cheryl Golden, Wichita.



Declan Koi

**Happy 70th Birthday**



Happy 70th Birthday to **Larry Ayers, on Feb. 17** who is still just a kid at heart!

**Club News**

**Two guests attend meeting**

The Oberlin Chapter of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees met on Feb. 3 at the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center in Oberlin with 14 members and guests.

David Swank, Alzheimer's chairman, reminded everyone to save items for the annual Alzheimer's garage sale to be held in May in Oberlin.

President Rob McFee conducted the business meeting. Honored guests were Decatur County Magistrate Judge Jay Tate of Oberlin and Ron Katt, Area 5

The next meeting will be in Atwood in June. Members of the chapter include active and retired federal employees from Norton, Decatur and Rawlins counties.

**Women enjoy luncheon**

The Prairie Chapel and Oberlin United Methodist Women observed the annual Day of Prayer and Self-Denial at noon on Feb. 6 with a soup luncheon prepared by Laurene VanOtterloo.

Amack for her service as courtesy chairman. Lucille Townsend displayed cards which can be purchased for all occasions as a fund raiser for the group.

Roll call was answered by 25 members who told of a special Valentine. Devotions were given by Cheryl Metcalf, the 2013 year-books were distributed and prayer partners drawn for the year.

Mrs. Shaw presented the program on the theme of financial and stewardship literacy in a time of economic crisis in the United States, noting that statistics show that the average American household has over \$10,000 in credit-card debt.

Violet Shaw presided over the business meeting and said that gift cards were being sent to 10 college students in place of the CARE boxes sent in past years due to increased mailing costs. A special recognition pin for 2012 was presented to Mary Ann

The March 6 meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall with Bernice Martin and Maxine Smith as hostesses and devotions by Mrs. Townsend. The program will be presented by author Mary Lou Plotts.

**Riders plan western dance**

The Tripple Creek Riders will sponsor a Valentine's Day family western dance and karaoke from 7 to 10 p.m., Saturday at the Old Bohemian Hall, on the grounds of the Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy family fun, free food and drinks, music and raffle items. Admission is \$3 for singles and \$10 for families. No alcohol or tobacco will be allowed on the grounds.

**Soil workshop set for Friday**

A workshop on soil fertility during drought conditions is set for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Lenora Library and Community Building. "This program has been designed to help farmers understand the fertilizer/soil relationships to achieve a greater return from an investment in

fertilizer and how that might relate to these drier times," said Keith VanSki, agricultural agent for the Twin Creeks District. Cost for the program will be \$10, which covers all materials and lunch. Reservations are due by today. Call 877-5755 for information.

**Sweetheart Sale**  
 Sweetheart of a sale! 3 days only, February 14-15-16. 50% off store-wide sale. Excludes Mische Shell and Firm items. Don't miss out on the sweet deals at **Penn Avenue Boutique**, 101 S. Penn Ave. Oberlin KS. (785) 475-5861.

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