

# People in Our Community

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Marion Wenger will be moving to Benton this weekend to live with this daughter, Susan, and family. He has been a faithful volunteer at the Oberlin Meal Site and those who attend plan to hold "Marion Wenger Day" during lunch on Friday. Others who would like to join them for dinner are asked to call Helen Gee at 475-2697 by today to make a reservation.

Mildred Holmdahl and her daughter, Jeani Hengst, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., arrived on Thursday. Mrs. Holmdahl had spent several weeks there with her daughter and family, then they flew to Denver. Additional weekend visitors were Sherrill and Janet Vermillion of El Dorado and Lori Ayers, Jordan and Caiden of Kearney, Neb.

**- We still have Girl Scout cookies for sale for \$3.50 a box. Call Joni Marshall at (785) 475-7006 if you want a Girl Scout to come your way.**

Dale Marie Bryan of Farlington came Monday to visit her mother-in-law, Elaine Bryan.

Elaine Leitner of Colby was flown by air ambulance to Hays recently for blood clots in both lungs, not her legs, as reported last week. She is recuperating at home at 835 E. 8th Street, Colby, Kan., 67701.

**- Trivia Night for Alif Be Khe Club, registration 6:30 p.m.; starts 7:30 p.m., Oberlin Legion. For details, call Spring Louderback 470-1134 or Tiffani O'Toole, (308) 340-3744.**

Bernice Martin and Lee Martin spent the weekend visiting Roxie Erickson and Drew Martin of Manhattan. They all attended the wedding of Jason Thomas and Kelsey Frager.

April Wolters and Jordan Dunker brought a carry-in dinner to Gus and

Elsie Wolters on Tuesday. They announced their engagement the same day as the 58th anniversary of her grandparents on Feb. 14.

**- Memberships wanted: Oberlin Country Club. Call Jim 475-3425 or Alex 475-3131.**

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ardythe Cederberg, Doris Fringer, Norma Anderson, Henry Edgett, Kelva Dryden and Ivis Hanson. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Neil Marshall, Ivis Hanson, Doris Fringer, Ardis Roe, Norma Anderson, Dewaine Stapp and Marie McKisson. Winners at Mexican Train dominoes were Ann Mines and Doris Fringer. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and John Cederberg with lows going to Pat Abbey and Neil Marshall. Taking highs at bridge were Cynthia Matson, Marie McKisson and Merle Shirley. Commodities will be distributed at 9 a.m. at Golden Age Center on Tuesday.

**- Dr. Addleman and Britta Spitzer, Licensed LMT, available March 9, 8 a.m. to noon. Unger Chiropractic Clinic. 475-2219. 08-10**

Rick Marcuson, Overland Park, and Grady Marcuson, Manhattan, were weekend houseguests of Gail and Kay Marcuson.

Sid and Cheryl Metcalf visited with their son Chris and friend, Nina and her daughter Madolyn in Pflugerville, Texas, a suburb of Austin. They traveled on south to Port Aransas and visited with Dale and Francy Miller, who winter there in an recreational vehicle park. From there, they went to Fredricksburg, Texas, in the Hill Country, enjoying the many food choices, and visiting a wildflower seed farm. En route home they returned to their son's home.

## Girl Scouts have cookies

The 2013 Girl Scout Cookie Sale across 80 Kansas counties ends Sunday.

Cookies are \$3.50 per box with eight varieties available: Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, Caramel deLites, Lemonades, Mango Cremes and Thanks-A-Lot. After Sunday, though, these cookies will not be available until next year's sale.

All proceeds from the program, less the baker's fees, help pay for Scout activities. Proceeds are used to train and recruit volunteers across

the area, maintain and improve camp and program facilities and pay for planning and materials for program activities and trips.

Girls and troops use cookie proceeds for community projects or program activities designed to build their leadership skills in areas, like financial literacy, self-esteem and career development. This year, many girls will be using "cookie credits" to participate in summer programs and travel opportunities.

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## Drums concert set for Sunday

Touring artist Michael Fitzsimmons will present his Drums of the World concert at 3 p.m. (Central Time) Sunday in the Sharon Springs High School Auditorium.

The program features rare instruments from Switzerland called Hang - reminiscent of the steel drums of Trinidad.

Dancing Man Musi multicultural concerts showcase drums from

Cuba, West Africa, Central and South America; flutes from Brazil, China and Native America; pan pipes from Bolivia; and kalimbas from South Africa.

This is Western Plains Arts Association season ticket event, or at the door; adults \$20 and students \$10. Mr. Fitzsimmons also will do a school performance Monday in Sharon Springs.

## New Arrival

### Genesis Sterling White

Aaron and Sarah White of Norton are the parents of a baby girl, Genesis Sterling White, born at 4:39 p.m. Feb. 24, 2013, at the Norton County Hospital. She weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces and was 18 inches long. She has two brothers, Gideon Ritchey, 5 1/2, and Isaiah David, 2 1/2. Maternal grandparents are David and Judy Ketterl, Herndon. Paternal grandparents are Hal and Marilyn White, Kingsdown. Great-grandparents are the late Clarence and Anna Mae Ketterl, Herndon; the late John and Maxine Howard, McDonald; the late Kenneth and Avis White, Kingsdown; and the late Ritchey and Laura Stewart, Zenith.



Genesis

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## Man tells of hobby at Rotary meeting

Program chair John Bremer told about finding a new hobby since he has retired for the program at the Feb. 26 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He said aquaponics is a food-production system that combines raising aquatic animals such as fish (aquaculture) with cultivating plants in water (hydroponics).

He said waste and leftover food from raising fish accumulates in the water due to the closed system. The materials can make the water toxic to the fish in high concentrations, but the same materials are nutrients essential for plant growth. Aquaponic systems vary in size from small indoor or outdoor units to large commercial units, he noted.

He said plants are grown with their roots immersed in the nutrient-rich water, which helps them to filter

out the wastes toxic to the aquatic animals. After the water has passed through the hydroponic system, it is cleaned and oxygenated and can return to the aquaculture vessels. This cycle is continuous.

He said people in many regions, including the United States, Canada, South America, Asia and Australia, are using this system of farming. The closed-loop system of aquaponics is used by farmers to save water by also rearing fish, while fish farmers grow plants that filter the water from their fish tanks. Most of the revenue is said to be from sale of vegetables, he added.

Members heard that Rotary Radio Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday on 101.1 KFNF. Guests were Janice Shobe of the Atwood Rotary Club and Kay Brown.

## Grants offered for new ideas

The U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service will provide up to \$25 million in grants to help develop and demonstrate new ideas to improve conservation on private land.

Conservation Innovation Grants are available for state and local governments, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, businesses and individuals. Applications are due Friday, March 22.

"These grants are critical for developing and demonstrating out-of-the-box ideas for conservation on America's private lands and strengthening rural communities," said Eric B. Banks, state conservationist in charge of the service in Kansas. "They inspire creative problem-solving that boosts the production of our farmers and ranchers and ultimately improves our water, air and soil."

## Crop assistance deadline set

The final date for farmers to buy a Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program policy for this year's crops of coarse grains, such as forage crops for livestock, and other non-insured crops will be Friday, March 15.

The program covers crops that can't be insured here, including nursery stock, Christmas trees, turf grass and forage crops for livestock, among others, said Diane Barrett, county executive director of the

U.S. Farm Service Agency. Farmers must visit the agency's county office to complete an application and pay the service fee by the final date.

"We collect administrative service fees in order to help offset the cost of implementing the program," Mrs. Barrett said.

For details, contact the county office at 475-3131 or email diane.barrett@ks.usda.gov.

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## Benefit planned for infant

Donations from a pulled-pork feed from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Oberlin American Legion will help with medical expenses for Tyler Joseph Townsend, infant son of Trent and Jessica Townsend.

The baby remains in Wesley Medical Center in Wichita after being born prematurely on Jan. 27 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 2 pounds at birth but has nearly doubled his weight to 3 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces.

There will be a benefit auction as well as a drawing for a patio set. Everyone is welcome.

## Pantry benefit is Thursday

A pancake-and-sausage benefit supper for the Decatur County Food

Pantry will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Oberlin American Legion

hall, 114 S. Rodehaver.

All proceeds will go to help the pantry.

## Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary

The Family of **Martin and Lois Leibbrandt** wishes to honor them with a card shower in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary, March 7, 2013.

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FIVE MEMBERS of the Euphoria Stringband will bring a varied program of old-time music from the early part of the 20th century to The Gateway on Saturday, March 16.

## Stringband to perform March 16 at Gateway

The Euphoria Stringband will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, at The Gateway. The group plays songs, fiddle tunes and dances from the old-time musical heritage of America, popular in the early part of the 20th century, and has produced a number of compact discs.

The band has been performing since 1987, with a number of different musicians over the years, and is pleased to be included in the Kansas Arts Commission Touring Program, as it has since 1989.

Band members include: • Reva Freidman (string bass, vocals), who grew up with folk music and joined the band in 1988. She is a faculty member at the University of Kansas.

• Dick Powers (guitar, vocals, spoons), who comes from a long family tradition of musicians. He joined the band in 1990 and teaches

second grade in Eudora.

• Pete Gilbreath (banjo, harmonica, vocals) joined the band in 2006, having won the Grandpa Jones frailing banjo contest. He lives in Overland Park with his four children and is a full-time software architect.

• Pat Dickey (fiddle, mandolin, banjo-ukulele, vocals) of Topeka joined the band in 2007.

• Richelle Basgall (fiddle, bodhran, vocals) joined Euphoria last year; her favorite is the violin.

Over the years, Euphoria has performed in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Arkansas, playing at dances, festivals, weddings, concert halls, nightclubs and other community venues.

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

## Trivia Night planned March 17

The Alif Be Khe Club will sponsor its sixth annual Trivia Night on Sunday, March 17, (St. Patrick's Day) at the Oberlin American Legion.

Doors will open for registration at 6:30 p.m., with trivia to begin at 7 p.m. Teams of 12 people may participate for a fee of \$5 per person.

Cash prizes will be awarded, along with other prizes. There is a limit of 20 teams, so participants are urged to register early. There will also be a prize for "Best St. Patty's Attire."

For details, call Candi Ketterl, (785) 475-4092; Tiffani O'Toole, (308) 340-3744; or Melinda Grafel, (785) 475-2673.

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## Happy Anniversary

**Jim and Lillian Koger** are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

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