

People in Our Community

Mary Lou Olson, society editor
ml.olson@nwkansas.com

Margaret Lund of Hays was hospitalized for a few days after a fall from her wheelchair, but is now home recuperating at home.

Petty Officer Chad Evans is visiting his mother, Joan Evans, and sister, Kristy Evans. He is stationed at Norfolk, Va., and is on leave for a month.

Cecil Hess visited overnight in St. Francis last Thursday with her daughter, Jean Ann and Steve Confer, Jenna and Jessica. They attended the Junior High musical, "The Rockin' Tale of Snow White," in which Jenna played the part of the Evil Queen.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Norma Anderson, Ivis Hanson, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe and Doris Fringer. Lows went to Ardythe Cederberg. John Cederberg, Neil Marshall, Max Carman and Kelva Dryden. Chicken Foot domino winners were Ann Mines and Eleanor Boyle. Pitch highs were won by John Cederberg and Henry Edgett

Salina Cub Scout earns all the top honors

Carter Hess of Salina, a grandson of Cecil Hess of Oberlin, was featured Monday in The Salina Journal in a story about his Cub Scout experiences. He is the son of Dan and Julie Hess of Salina.

By GORDON D. FIEDLER JR.
The Salina Journal

Carter Hess came home from kindergarten one day all excited about a visitor to his class:

"There was this man, and he had badges! I want badges!"

His mom, Julie, tried to think who that might have been and why her son was so excited.

Soon she found out: It was a Boy Scout executive who had managed to sell young Carter on the Scouting program.

In Carter, of Salina, he found a willing buyer. Young Hess, now 11, spent five years in Cub Scouts and will cross over into Boy Scouts with, in addition to his beloved badges, an honor few have ever achieved: a perfect attendance record.

"In five years, he has not missed a meeting," his mom said.

Den meetings, pack meetings, he was there for all of them.

"I thought it would be fun," Carter said of the Scouting program. "You get to learn how to make a fire, carve with a knife, archery, BB gun, lots of fun stuff."

All that sounded just fine to Julie and husband Dan.

"One of the reasons we got him into it was to get him outside," Julie said. "I grew up in the country, and I felt like he needed to be outside more."

So, precisely how many consecutive meetings has he attended?

Carter took a wild — really wild — guess: "Between a billion and infinity," he said.

After applying more refined math skills, he figured it was closer to 120.

"It wasn't like he was always enthusiastic," Julie said. "Mom had to drag him many times."

But, as den leader and pack leader, she was going to the meetings anyway, so

Carter, a student at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary School, said he

with lows going to Pat Abbey and Dorothy Moore. Taking highs at bridge were Marie McKisson, Carol Shirley and Annette Miller. Senior citizen potluck begins at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

—**Trivia Night for Alif Be Khe Club, Sat., March 16 (corrected date); registration 6:30 p.m.; starts 7 p.m., Oberlin Legion. For details, call Spring Louderback 470-1134 or Tiffani O'Toole, (308) 340-3744.**

Dr. Donald and Rose Harrier of Oberlin celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 17. He is a retired optometrist in Oberlin and his wife also is retired from their Family Practice of Optometry in Oberlin. They have a son, Donald Jr. and his wife, Julie, of Madison, Wis., and a daughter, Cynthia and her husband, Griff Lincoln, of Oberlin, and their families.

Stephanie DeCamp visited over the weekend with her mother, Mary McNaney, in Kansas City, Mo.



Carter Hess

never thought about turning in his uniform, despite being involved in a variety of school and community activities, such as theater, music and art.

He's been a Salina Community Theatre cast member, plays the viola and is writing a book he's illustrating himself.

None of this could overcome his fondness for the outdoors.

"I really liked the camping," he said.

That's something he expects to do more of once he becomes an official member of Boy Scout Troop 22, sponsored by Christ the King Lutheran Church.

The crossover ceremony will be later this month. During the festivities, Carter will be wearing his quartet of perfect attendance pins.

"When I cross over, I get my fifth," he said.

Besides becoming eligible to participate in more age-appropriate activities, Carter will continue his pursuit of badges as a Boy Scout.

The ones he's earned as a Cub Scout could stock a small awards store.

"He's earned every award, he's got every pin for outdoor activities," his mom said. "He's only missed a couple of things."

Photo by Tom Dorsey, The Salina Journal.



PLAYING THE PART of Luther Billis, Daniel Jordan (above right) danced with Barbara Leising of Arapahoe, Neb., during rehearsal for a Southwest Nebraska Community Theatre production of "South Pacific" in McCook.

— Photo by Janet Hepp

Musical set at McCook

When the curtain rises on the musical "South Pacific" at McCook Senior High Auditorium at 7 p.m. Saturday, one of the cast members will be from Oberlin.

Daniel Jordan portrays Luther Billis, no ordinary sailor, who is always trying to make a fast buck. He commandeers other sailors to make grass skirts, then sells them to the natives.

"He builds a washing machine, and charges his comrades to wash and iron their clothes," said Janet Hepp of the Southwest Nebraska Community Theatre. "He tries to sell Navy-issued sea-sick pills to

the nurses as they are shipping out. He scrounges every way to get involved in things in which he has no business. This, of course, gets him in trouble with his commander, but he's likable and very popular with the other sailors and nurses. He truly is a spark plug in this play."

A matinee performance will be given at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Shows will be presented again at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 24.

For details, call Ms. Hepp at (308) 340-1563. Tickets are available at Janssen-Kool Honda and Hershberger Music in McCook.

Trivia Night set for Saturday

The Alif Be Khe Club will sponsor its seventh annual Trivia Night on Saturday (not Sunday) at the Oberlin American Legion. Proceeds will go for scholarships for seniors at Decatur Community High School.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m., with competition to follow at 7. Teams of 12 people may par-

ticipate for \$5 per person. Cash and other prizes will be awarded. Participants are urged to register early, as the number of teams is limited.

For details, call Spring Louderback at 470-1134 or Tiffani O'Toole, (308) 340-3744.

The date was given incorrectly in last week's paper.

Musicians give program

Decatur Community Junior High musicians presented the program at the March 5 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. They and their directors, Susan Nelson, vocal, and Sarah Bricker, band, were introduced by Doyle Brown.

Tabor Erickson, Kel Grafel, Karen Peterson and Randal Long

presented numbers. They were accompanied on the piano by Jenny Tally or Cheryl Metcalf.

Rotary President Duane Dorshorst talked about his trip to Washington and how members of Congress and the president are not willing to work together on many issues.

Crowning open to public

Ms. Wheelchair Kansas will be crowned at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. The event is open to the public.

Contestants in the ninth annual competition are Jessica Soderlund of Oakley, daughter of Jim and Penny Soderlund of Oberlin, and Angel Shaver of WaKeeney.

"We are excited for her and I look forward to attending the festivities," said Mrs. Soderlund. My sister, P.J. Fisher and her husband, Greg Cox, of Wichita, will join me for the event.

It will include platform speeches by the contestants, a keynote speaker, a farewell from the current titleholder and crowning of the new Ms. Wheelchair Kansas.

Organizers say the program is not a beauty contest, but a competition to select the most articulate, accomplished women who will serve as a role model and spokesperson for people with disabilities.

The titleholder will travel throughout the state, making presentations, public appearances and interviews. The winner is eligible for national competition in July, where she will represent Kansas and compete for the title of Ms.

Wheelchair America.

The contestants will participate in activities from Friday to Sunday to prepare for Sunday's crowning.

Judges will evaluate the contestants based on their accomplishments, self-perception and communication and projection skills. The Ms. Wheelchair America Program was created in 1972, and this is the 10th year that Kansas will be represented at the national competition. The 2012 titleholder, Emily Evans of Bucklin, has traveled all over the state this year to talk about her platform, "Definitions: Empowering Youth to Define Themselves." She will pass her crown on to the 2013 winner.

For information, contact Carrie Greenwood, state coordinator, at (785) 267-5982 or by e-mail at mswheelchairkansas@yahoo.com. Information can also be found on the website www.mswheelchair-kansas.org.

Good Samaritan's Hoedown is March 23

Get on your dancing shoes and your western duds and make plans to dance the night away at the annual Hoedown, sponsored by Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, on Saturday, March 23, at the Oberlin American Legion hall.

Doors open at 6 p.m., when bidding for silent auction items begins. A prime-rib dinner will be served at 7 by the Main Street Inn of Hoxie, with a live auction to follow, then dancing.

Items for both auctions have been donated by area businesses and residents. Silent auction bidding will continue throughout the evening with winners named later in the evening. Music will be provided by Full Throttle Deejay Service.

Tickets are \$30 each, people may buy sponsorship tables. Seats are limited, and tickets need to be purchased by Wednesday, March 20, said Resource Development

Director Cindi Sloan Sauder.

"Money raised from last year's event (went to) each department at the center," she said. "We purchased more chairs for the conference room, a ceiling fan for the Angel Lane dining room, new chairs and side tables for the Country Reflection sitting areas, and lamps."

"Although we receive funds from the county for building maintenance, anything extra we want to do to maintain a healthy and positive atmosphere for the residents comes from memorials and donations."

Administrator Janice Shobe said. "This will be a good opportunity for the community to enjoy good food and dancing, and raise money to help our elders live the best life they can."

Dress is "casual western." To buy tickets or donate to the auction, call Ms. Sauder at (785) 475-2245 or Dianne Bremer at (785) 475-3400.

Performer has area roots

Richelle Basgall, who will perform on the fiddle, bodhran and vo-

cals as part of the Euphoria Stringband at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at The Gateway, is the daughter of Eleanor (Karls) Basgall, a 1948 graduate of Leoville High School.

Immediate relatives in the area are Mildred Welter of Dresden and Meme Carper of Jennings. The women's parents were the late Mike and Teresa Karls. Her mother attended Marymount College, then taught music for many years at the parochial school in Dodge City. Mrs. Basgall

plans to be here for the performance.

Other members of the group include Reva Freidman, string bass, vocals; Dick Powers, guitar, vocals, spoons; Pat Dickey, fiddle, mandolin, banjo-ukulele, vocals; and Pete Gilbreath, banjo, harmonica and vocals.

The program is a season-ticket event for the Oberlin Arts and Humanities commission. Admission at the door will be \$12 for adults or \$7 for students. For details, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at 470-0218.



R. Basgall

Club News

Members give memories

Twenty-three members of Oberlin-Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women answered roll call at the March 6 meeting by sharing an Easter memory. Devotions were given by Lucille Townsend, who closed with an Irish blessing. Cheryl Metcalf gave a report from the "Response Magazine" on the importance of patience in our lives.

During the business meeting, notes of appreciation were read from college and vocational students who had received gift certificates from the group on Valentine's Day. It was reported that the women had assisted with the World Day of Prayer service held March 1 at Faith Lutheran Church.

Women model Easter hats

"Hats, Hats, Hats"! As guests arrived Saturday morning at the home of Rosella Meitl for the Pi Alpha Club's annual spring brunch, they were invited to don an "Easter hat" which Mrs. Meitl borrowed from the Last Indian Raid Museum's collection. It was great fun as each chose a color and style suitable for their attire.

The tables were decorated with edible Easter nest favors and colorful place cards as everyone enjoyed the delicious fare brought by the last half of the club roster.

There were 14 members present and two guests, Montine Alstrom and Joan Evans' son, Petty Officer Chad Evans. He is

stationed in Norfolk, Va., and has a month's leave with 19 years of service to his credit.

After the brunch, Mrs. Meitl read devotions titled, "This Much I Love You," followed by telling about Easter customs and symbols. Mert McEvoy won the hostess gift, as the hat she wore last had the word "Lucky" in it.

Pat Wright shared a letter from Nanon Clare of Providence, Utah, a former member. Her husband, Dale, is a former pastor at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

Plans for the next meeting will be announced.

Oberlin Arts and Humanities Presents
Euphoria Stringband
Oberlin Gateway Center
Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.



Season ticket event or \$12 adults or \$7 for students grades 1-12

For information call: Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218

You're invited to a Spring Fling!

Come Home

to Decatur Health Systems for a "chocoholic extravaganza" to welcome

- ❖ Dr. Robert Rosin
- ❖ Dr. Allen Hooper
- ❖ CEO Johnathan Owens &
- ❖ Diane Addington, our new physical therapist

2 p.m. Monday, March 25, in the front lobby of Decatur Health Systems, 810 W. Columbia, Oberlin