

# People in Our Community

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The family of Tena Rohnke Larson Wimer surprised her with a family dinner on her 98th birthday on Saturday. She is a resident of Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook. Present were her children: Jeanette and Bob McConnell, Strasburg, Colo.; Ona Malleck, Indianola, Neb.; Lelah Larson, Santa Fe, N.M.; Gloria and Ray Godtel, Roca, Neb.; Wayne and Jo Larson, and Joan Larue, Oberlin. Also attending was her grandson, Mike Malleck, Indianola, Neb.

her daughters, Becky Cantwell and Dylan, Salina, Okla.; and Loretta Story and Desiree Bates, Catoosa, Okla. are visiting their mother and grandmother, Margaret Vacura, and also Rod and Pat Fringer and Reta Barratt.

Among those who attended memorial services at the K-State Alumni Center on Saturday morning in Manhattan for Eric Moore were Dorothy Moore, Marvin May, Loyd and Fern Moore, Mike and Mirla Coleman, Monte and Kelly Moore, Brent and Molly Olson, Francis Moore, Roland and Pam May and family, Renee Harman, Tracy Lincoln, Brenda Ploussard, Gary Walter, Oberlin; Amy Kinkade, Olathe; Martin and Lois Leibbrandt, Imperial, Neb.; Matt Coleman, North Brunswick, N. J.; Allie and Jake Lohmeyer, Shawnee; Melvin and Margaret Moore, Benkelman, Neb.; Mike and Deb Nickels, Emma and Mark, McLouth; Rita and Kelly Krier, Covington, Ga.; Stan and Deanie Moore, Montgomery, Texas; Kirk, Brady, Madeline, Isabella and Angelina Moore, Marysville; Rex Moore and Barbara Lyons, Marion, Neb.; Brendan and Kathi Moore, Cedar Bluffs; Shawna and Rick Hilbert, Columbus, Neb.; Betty Brandt and Robert, Sweet Springs, Mo., and Elaine Lenhart, Kansas City.

—**Hoedown tickets, \$30 each. Call Dianne Bremer 475-3400.**

Pat Cozad was honored with lunch at the LandMark Inn on Friday by Jody Betts to honor her on her birthday. Mary Lou Olson was an additional guest.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Max Carman, John Cederberg, Norma Anderson, Veanna Carman, Ardis Roe, Ivis Hanson, Dewaine Stapp and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Doris Fringer, Veanna Carman, Max Carman, Willa Urban and Masrtha Fringer were Mexican Train domino winners. Pitch highs were won by Pat Abbey and John Cederberg with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett. Taking highs at bridge were Annette Miller, Ila Ray, Charlotte Meints and Marty Olson.

Ed and Lillian Koger were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home on Saturday. Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended were Patricia and Rodney Krisman, St. John; Tom and Sharon Keller, Colorado Springs; Monte and Christine Keller, Florissant, Colo.; Barbara Kenney, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Thelma Carland, Larae Beebe, Denver; Kimberly Rogers, Conifer, Colo.; Keri Chessmore and family, Atwood; Ken and Helen Baker, Jefferson, Colo.; and Sherry Strayer, Norton. Ed Koger and Lillian Keller were married by the Justice of the Peace in Englewood, Colo., on March 14, 1963. They have lived in Oberlin for the past eight years. Many local relatives and friends also attended.

Ryan Wolf, Haylee and Landon of Omaha visited over spring break with Doug and Pat Brown and Skyler. Doug and Skyler spent a few days last week skiing at Snowy Range in Colorado.

—**Alumni reminder: Get your supper reservations online at www.usd294.org**

Jerry Smith of Plano, Texas, visited over spring break with his father, Eldon Smith. He teaches art at Collins County Community College in Plano. His wife, Tonya, spent the time with her mother in San Antonio, Texas.

Randy Ostmeier and Herb Shirley were among Jayhawk fans who attended the Big 12 basketball tournament in Kansas City.

—**Mexican Dinner Thursday, March 21 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.**

Marcella Capps, Tulsa, Okla., and

## Rotary Club holds fund raiser

Jim Hollowell reported on the 15th annual Rotary Radio Day fund raiser on 101.1 KFNF Radio held March 10 when the Oberlin Rotary Club met March 12 at The Gateway.

He said that the nearly \$3,000 raised will be used for local projects, including scholarships and the Decatur Community High School After-Prom Party. He expressed thanks from the club to all businesses and other contributors for making it a success, as well as the staff at the radio station, including Bryan Loker and Tim Davis.

Program Chair Jay Anderson spoke about "Decatur County/Oberlin Survival." He said that we, the residents, must do something if Oberlin is to continue as a thriving community. He listed concerns including empty homes, an aging

populace, loss of population, empty stores and businesses and the exodus of our youth after high school graduation.

He said that talk of the high school shifting to eight-man football is sign of our population loss. An intensive effort is needed by clubs, organizations and citizens to increase our population and find more jobs.

He cited prospect sources including Oberlin alumni, the Kansas Department of Commerce, Facebook, Twitter, the Rocky Venture Club and commercial information services as ways to generate interest in Oberlin. A marketing strategy should also involve the Internet, telephone, e-mail and enhanced websites, he said, adding that citizens need to get involved with ideas and volunteer effort.

## Missionaries to speak Sunday

Drs. Sharon and Lynn Fogleman, Mission Society missionaries in Yei, South Sudan, plan to visit the Oberlin United Methodist Church during worship on Sunday.

The Foglemans will give a slide presentation during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m. and then

be a part of the Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

The church has supported the couple's work in Kenya, at Red Bird in southeast Kentucky and now in South Sudan.

# Students named Hansen Scholars

Four seniors at Decatur Community High are among 260 from 59 northwest Kansas schools to win scholarships from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan.

Zach May, son of Roland and Pam May of Oberlin, received a Hansen Leader of Tomorrow scholarship for \$6,500 which may be renewed for three years. He plans to enroll at Kansas State University and major in computer engineering.

Winner of \$4,000 for one year, renewable for one additional year, is Miki Dorshorst, daughter of Duane and Pat Dorshorst of Oberlin. She plans to attend the University of Kansas and major in pre-pharmacy.

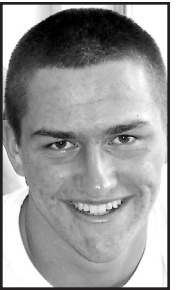
Matthew Helm, son of Mike and Deb Helm of Norcatur, won a \$3,000 award which is renewable for one year. He hopes to attend a military academy.

Winner of a Career and Technical Education Scholarship of \$2,000, awarded for one year, is Meghan Gault, daughter of Dallas and Rebecca Johnson of Oberlin. She plans to major in nursing at Colby Community College.

Three Golden Plains High School



M. Dorshorst



Zach May



M. Gault



M. Helm

seniors, Jose Bermudez, son of Ruben and Elisa Bermudez of Rexford; Camron Spresser, son of LeRoy and Renee Spresser of Selden; and Morgan Walz, daughter of Parker and Mindy Christensen of Rexford, and Bryan Walz of Colby, also received this award.

## Decatur grad to exhibit art

"Slide of Hand," a print by student Jenny Ploussard of Oberlin, will be included in the 2013 student art show from Friday, April 5, through Sunday, June 9, at the Mulvane Art Museum at Washburn University in Topeka.

Miss Ploussard is the daughter of Sandy and Terry Rush of Oberlin and the late Kevan Ploussard. She graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2008.

She is an artist-educator for the museum's education programs. She was one of 12 students who spent part of her winter break helping Habitat for Humanity building

a house in Florida. A senior, she is pursuing a bachelor of fine arts degree.

The show will open with a reception for the 30 student artists from 5 to 8 p.m.

The exhibit features 47 works including painting, drawing, ceramics, photography, printmaking, sculpture, porcelain and mixed media. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. The museum will be closed on major holidays and Sunday, April 8.

## Apron month set at meal site

The first "Apron Appreciation Month" will be held at the Golden Age Center meal site in Oberlin during April.

"We urge everyone to bring all types of aprons to the center, including blacksmith, butcher, carpenter, printer, shopkeepers' and especially homemakers," said manager Helen Gee. "Women know that aprons have been a part of art and history

and more times than not reflect the economic times."

She urges everyone to search closets and drawers and bring their aprons down to the center by April 1 so they can be on display all month.

"We have eight so far," she said, "so we are looking forward to seeing what kinds we can come up with."

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Paul Neff won high, Ralph Weis took second, Helen Karls got low and Ann Hazlit had the most jacks. Other members present include: Pat Wessel, Jeanie Spresser, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Edna Schiltz, Betty James, Carl Mumm, Bob Wessel, Bernita Aumiller, Gail Mumm, Lillian Sulzman and Shirley Emigh.

Birthdays and anniversaries: March 22 - Jackie Weins, Stacey Sulzman Wolf. March 23 - Tami Porsch. March 24 - Jim Halbert, Jayde Adelman, Steve Kruse. March 25 - Jeremy Schiltz. March 26 - Jeni Rogers. March 27 - Carol Wessel, Julie Geisinger, Dori Pauls, Shani Sauvage, Sara Brantley. March 28 - Lori Miller, Bernie Koerperich, Shirley Campbell Weber.

Winners of the pinochle club for

March include Rick and Tammy Shaw, first place with a score of 708; Jeanie Spresser and Lillian Sulzman for second place. 671; and Vicky Ray and Jacque Boultinghouse, third place with a score of 661. Other teams included Joe and Cathy Broeckelman 619, Bob and Ann Hazlitt 490, Carl Mumm and J.R. Albers 598 and Wilma Ritter and Bernie Ritter 626. The next pinochle night will be the third Saturday in October. Hope to see everyone next fall.

School Calendar: March 22 - Junior carnival in Rexford, 7 to 10 p.m. March 26 - High School and Junior High Solo Small Ensemble Recital, 7 to 9 p.m. March 28 - Grade School Basketball games all day. Junior High Track at Cheylin (Bird City) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 29 - No school, Easter break.

# Club News

## Club hears about missions

Monday Evening Club members learned about mission trips offered through the Teens for Christ organization when they met March 11 at the home of Peggy Pratt. Diane Frickey and Marla Shelton were co-hostesses.

The speaker was Caleb Koerperich, a junior at Decatur Community High School, who told about a trip that he took last summer to South Dakota. He said he plans to be a part of a trip to Jamaica in the West Indies in late May.

Mr. Koerperich explained that some trips involve more work, such as the one last summer where his group made several stops to

clean up buildings en route to Pierre, S.D. They also did service projects, including painting the interior of a church at a Lakota Sioux village and sponsoring a Kids Club comparable to Vacation Bible School.

President Nanette Zander reminded members that the club helps out at the Sunflower Cinema the second Friday of each month through December.

Due to the Oberlin Area Band concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8, members will hold a short business meeting at 7 p.m. at The Gateway, then attend the concert in the theater.

## Widows and Friends meet

The monthly meeting of Widows and Friends was held last Wednesday with a lunch at the Pizza Hut in Oberlin.

Coordinator Mary Ann Amack welcomed the group and read "An Irish Blessing" for devotions. She introduced Doris Sloan, who organized the group in the early 1990s. She spoke briefly about the fun beginnings, which included trips to area places of interest. Three women present, Mildred Holmdahl, Eileene Grose and

Nadean Stoney, were members of the original group.

Others present included Mabel Zimmerman, Laurene Van Otterloo, Joan Ward, Jeanette Miller, Martha Fringer, Doris Fringer, Ardis Roe, Millie Lippelmann, Elaine Bryan, Cecil Hess, Phyllis Screen, Joy Votapka, Charlotte Meints and Dolores Koerperich.

The next meeting will be an 11:30 a.m. luncheon on April 10 at the ReLoad.

## Storm spotter meeting set

The National Weather Service Goodland office and Decatur County Emergency Management will offer a storm spotter class at 6:30 p.m. tonight at The Gateway in Oberlin.

The class is free and open to anyone interested in weather. This program is conducted only once a year, and everyone is urged to attend. Anyone who attends will be considered a trained storm spotter.

Wireless emergency alerts, new impact-based weather warnings, the organization and evolution of thunderstorms, associated clouds and their meaning, thunderstorm hazards, safety, and what and how to report will be discussed.

For details, call the weather station at (785) 899-7119 or go to weather.gov/goodland for a complete listing of training schedules.

## Barbershoppers to perform

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of America's Barbershop Harmony Society, area barbershop choruses will combine for shows at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Fox Theater in McCook, and at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Colby Community College.

The Prairie Statesmen Chorus from McCook and the Tumbleweed Chorus from Colby are joining for

the shows, which will be headlined by the Rusty Pipes, the 2012 National Senior Quartet champions.

McCook show tickets, \$12 each, are available at Hershberger Music Co. or Farrell Drug or from any member of the Prairie Statesmen.

As a special tribute, veterans from all wars will be admitted free to the show in McCook.

## Free supper offered Sunday

A free soup-and-sandwich supper will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Faith Lutheran Church, 404 N. York Ave.

The meal is open to anyone who would enjoy some good food and fellowship, no strings attached, said Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler.

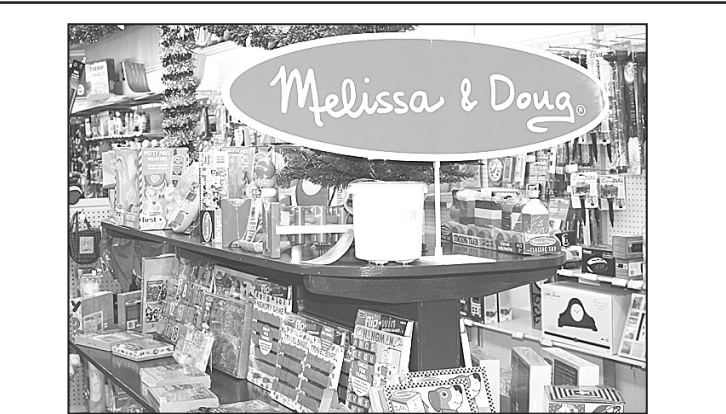
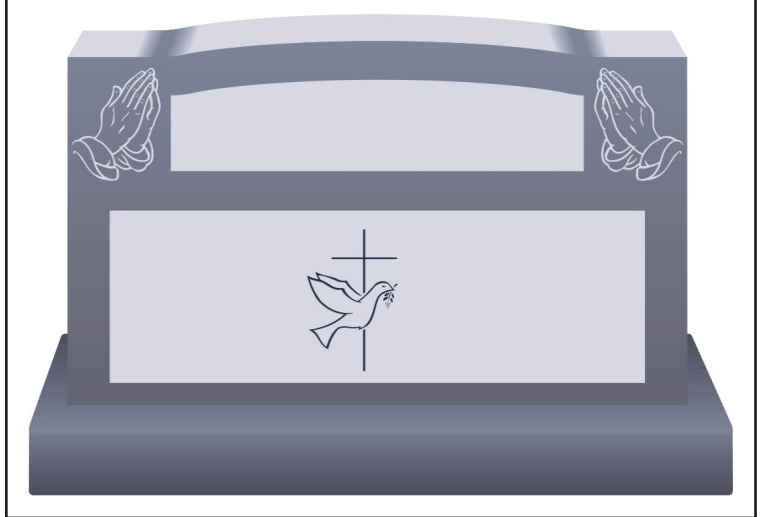
## THE 95TH DCHS ALUMNI SUPPER RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS Alumni Supper will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. **Doors open at 6:15**. Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Deadline for reservations is May 15, 2012. Price per plate is \$15.50. Family friendly - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name	Class	Year to be seated with
Guest	Class	Year to be seated with
Is Guest a DCHS grad	Y	N
Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name.		
Deadline for reservations is May 17, 2013 or reserve online at www.usd294.org and click Alumni tab.		

# N-O-T-I-C-E

All flowers and decorations on the ground and around the headstones at the Oberlin Cemetery must be removed before Monday, April 1. After that, the city will remove them in preparation for spraying, mowing and weed eating.



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