

People in Our Community

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Charlee Paige Louderback, infant daughter of Alex and Dawn Louderback, was baptized during morning worship services Sunday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. Officiating was the Rev. Nancy Proffitt. A family dinner followed at the home of her grandparents, Dean and Ardith Louderback. Those present were Alex and Dawn Louderback, Brenna and Charlee, Elleigh Walker and her fiancé, Solomon Russell and Zarah, Rae Walker, Asia and Amaya Tegels, Holly Gallentine and Aspen, and Gage Soderlund, Oberlin; Bill Walker, Kearney, Neb., and Kathy Walker and K. J. Tegels, Omaha.

Jake and Allie Lohrmeyer of Shawnee were Easter weekend guests of her parents, Monte and Kelly Moore.

Easter weekend guests of Carolyn Miller were Bryan and Margaret Miller and Sawyer, Denver; Eric and Erin Miller and Allen, Littleton, Colo.; Matt and Krysten Watkins, Reese and Grant, Larned, and Scott Miller, Lakewood, Colo.

Bob Castle was honored with a surprise birthday supper on Saturday at his home. Others present were his wife, Deanna; Thaniel, Jennifer, Madison and Lawson Monaco, Manhattan; Devan, Sarah, Rebekah, Miah and Dane, Hoxie; Chuck and Janet Look, Norton; and Travis, Valisha, Kariah, Alana, Trenton and Tripp Raile, Doris Fringer. Doug and Shayla Williby, Josh Williby and Carolyn Shirley, Oberlin.

Marie McKisson was a Sunday overnight guest of her sister and husband, Janie and Ken Law, of Abilene. On Monday they attended funeral services for Kent's mother, Ruby Law Hugg at Danner Funeral Home in Abilene.

Joy Votapka was an Easter dinner guest of Charlie and Gina Votapka, Dorina, Sara and Charles in Ogalala, Neb.

- Surf & Turf Buffet Friday, April 5, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.

Elaine Bryan was an Easter weekend guest of Kevin and Sue Renk and Selby of Plainville. Additional Sunday dinner guests were Allison Jones, Aiden, Ashton and Archer of Plainville.

Easter dinner guests of Bob and Deanna Castle were Thaniel, Jennifer, Madison and Lawson Monaco, Manhattan; Devan, Sarah, Rebekah, Miah and Dane Castle, Hoxie; Tra-

vis, Valisha, Kariah, Alana, Trenton and Tripp Raile, and Doris Fringer, Oberlin.

Guests of Bernard and Frieda Goetze for Easter dinner on Saturday were David and Vicki Bainter, Zach, Troy and Darcy, and Randy and Teresa Clydesdale, Mackenzie, Derek and Luke, Norton; Phillip Ritter, Seth Ritter, June Wengert and Skyler, Shane McEvoy, and Dennis and Craig Ritter, Jennings, and Donna Mangold, Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Peña, Ian and Ella of Wichita were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters.

Weekend visitors of Richard and Clara Russ and Phyllis Screen were Ed and Vivian Russ, and Rawlin Russ, WaKeeney, and Sarah Andrejeski, Adrienne and Jeremiah, Hays.

Rex Olson of Boulder, Colo., underwent a bone marrow transplant on Thursday and will be recuperating for several weeks. His brother, Mark Olson, was the donor. Rex is a 1979 graduate of Decatur Community High School and the son of Keith and Mary Lou Olson. Mail will reach him at Presbyterian-St. Luke's-CBCI, c/o Rex Olson, Room 3304, 1721 East 19th Avenue, Denver, Colo., 80218.

- Sunday Brunch Buffet April 7 11 a.m. -1 p.m., LandMark Inn 475-2340.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Marie McKisson were Linda and Bob Huss, Herndon; Jim Ferguson, Timmarie and David Sporn, Aubry and Alissa, and Randy Walters.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Henry Edgett, Norma Anderson, Dorothy Moore and Ardis Roe. Lows went to Ardythe Cederberg, Doris Fringer, Neil Marshall, Max Carman, Norma Anderson, Marie McKisson and Henry Edgett. Gail Marcuson and Martha Fringer won at Mexican Train dominoes. Pitch highs were won by Ardythe Cederberg and Henry Edgett with lows going to Pat Abbey and John Cederberg. Taking highs at bridge were Charlotte Meints and Annette Miller.

Easter dinner guests of Brad and Elaine Marcuson were Gail and Kay Marcuson and Stuart and Mary Henzel, Oberlin; Sarah Marcuson, Hays; and Jared Marcuson and Megan Whitner, Manhattan.

Couple honored on 50th

Jim and Lillian Koger were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at Sappa Valley Manor on Saturday, March 16. Hosts were their son, Brian Koger, Sharla Ritter, Myrna Jones and other friends and family.

Jim Koger and Lillian Keller were married by a justice of the peace in Englewood, Colo., on March 14, 1963. Ken Baker and Barbara Kenney were their attendants. They have lived in Oberlin for the past eight years.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended were Ed Keller, Patricia and Rodney Crissman, St. John; Tom and Sharon



Jim and Lillian Koger

Keller, Colorado Springs; Monte and Christine Keller, Florissant, Colo.; Barbara Kenney, Idaho Falls; Thelma Carland and Larae Beebe, Denver; Kimberly Rogers, Conifer, Colo.; Keri Chessmore and family, Atwood; Ken and Helen Baker, Jefferson, Colo.; and Sherry Strayer, Norton. Many area relatives and friends also attended.

University will honor three Oberlin seniors

Three Decatur Community High seniors will be among 42 honored for their academic achievements at a dinner at 6 p.m. tonight at the Elks Club in Goodland, sponsored by the KU Alumni Association.

Oberlin Kansas Honor Scholars were Kade Brown, son of Kevin and Carol Brown; Miki Dorshorst, daughter of Duane and Pat Dorshorst; and Zach May, son of Roland and Pam May.

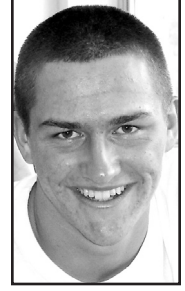
During the ceremony, each stu-



M. Dorshorst



Kade Brown



Zach May

dent will receive a Webster's New College Dictionary presented by Heath Peterson, assistant vice president of alumni programs for the association. Lisa Pinamonti Kress, director of admissions at the university, will speak. Rhonda May of Oberlin is the coordinator for Decatur County.

4-H Day results released

Decatur County 4-H Day was held Friday, March 22, at the Oberlin Elementary School gymnasium. Those who received regional blue ribbons are eligible to participate at Regional 4-H Day in Brewster on Friday.

Individual results:
Project Talk: Kelli Bryan, blue ribbon.
Demonstration and illustrated talk: Erin May, Hannah May, Moriah Carman, regional blue.
Piano: Isabel Grafel, Moriah Carman, Isaac Carman, regional blue; Erin May, Alyssa Van Vleet, Patience Carman, blue; and Gabi Johnson, red.
Vocal: Moriah and Patience Car-

man (duet); Hannah May, regional blue; and Kyleana Blau, Keagen Blau, blue.

Instrumental: Elizabeth Nedland, Erin May and Alyssa Van Vleet (duet), Erin May, regional blue; Hannah May, Jean Soderlund, blue; Isabel Grafel and Madelaine Johnson (duet), red.

Reading: Erin May, Jacie Fortin, regional blue; Isabel Grafel and Madelaine Johnson (duet) and Gabi Johnson, blue.

Dance: Erin May, regional blue.
Gymnastics: Jacie Fortin, regional blue.

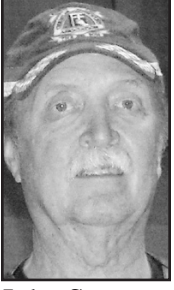
Model Meeting: Stick-To-It Club, blue.

Cycle club gets its charter

The Warriors of the Word of Oberlin, a forming chapter since August 2011, has been registered with the international Christian Motorcyclists Association.

Chapter members John and Jan Sater of Oberlin attended the Kansas Christian Motorcyclists Association "Seasons of Refreshing" meeting in Salina on March 16, where they received the group's charter from Mike Bright, the state representative.

Anyone interested in the group is invited to meetings the third Tuesday of every month at the Golden



John Sater



Jan Sater

Age Center, or contact any chapter member or the secretary, Patti Hendrickson, at (785) 470-1668.

U.S. extends claim deadline

The deadline for Hispanic and woman farmers and ranchers who feel they suffered discrimination at the hands of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been extended to Wednesday, May 1.

The process offers a voluntary alternative to lawsuits involving actions from 1981 to 2000, making available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief, plus up to

\$160 million in farm debt relief.

Call (888) 508-4429 to register for a claims package or go to the website www.farmerclaims.gov.

Independent companies will administer the process and decide the claims. Although there are no filing fees and a lawyer is not required, anyone seeking legal advice is free to contact a lawyer.

Alumni banquet to be held May 25

There will be a new look for the Decatur Community High School alumni at the 95th Annual Banquet this year, says President Anita Hirsch, class of 1980.

At a board meeting recently at The Gateway, she said, some changes were proposed to attempt to bring the Alumni Association into the 21st century. Other board members include Steve Zdrov, 1982, vice president; Galen Olson, 1964, secretary; and Judy Wenger, 1968, treasurer.

"Our first change will be the ability to make reservations for the dinner online," she said. "There is a tab on the USD 294 (Oberlin School District) website marked "Alumni," and alumni can then fill out the form for registration. A huge thank-you to (teacher Brenda) Breth and the school district for letting us do that. We would like to see this link used in the future for picture, history and other events later.

"Included in this change will also be the ability to pay for your meal through PayPal. The coupons will still be in the paper, just not as many

times as in previous years. We're hoping these changes will make it a little more convenient for everyone to enjoy the alumni event.

"There will also be some changes to the banquet. The feel of the dinner is going to be a more casual supper get-together. We will be having pulled pork, Boston creamed corn, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, rolls and cake. The cost will be \$15.50, with 50 cents going to the Smick Scholarship Fund. We wanted to try this to bring the cost down and the attendance up. Same day, same times, great friends, but a lot more casual.

"Our third and final change is that we will be offering a scholarship to one of the graduates from 2013 just for attending the dinner. We are hoping the changes will make the event more family-friendly and accessible."

To make your reservations for the dinner, she said, go to www.usd294.org and click on the "Alumni" tab, or fill out the coupon from the paper and return as in previous years.

Concert set at church

An organ and trumpet concert will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin, featuring Keith Benjamin on trumpet and Dr. Melody Turnquist-Steed on the organ.

Mr. Benjamin joined the University of Missouri, Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance as professor of trumpet in 1989 with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree and a Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music. His current orchestra positions include principal trumpet at the Colorado MahlerFest, and extra trumpet for the Kansas City Symphony. He is an active recitalist and chamber musician, and first trumpet in the Missouri Brass Quintet.

Dr. Turnquist-Steed is an associ-

ate professor of music at Bethany College in Lindsborg, where she teaches organ and music theory, as well as serving as the chapel organist and coordinator of sacred music. She has been organist at the Westwood United Methodist Church in the Kansas City area. Dr. Turnquist-Steed has organ performance degrees from University of Northern Iowa and the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California.

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

Club hears about museum

Bob and Neoma Tacha and Mary Wahlmeier presented a program on the Czech Memorial Museum of Jennings for the March 26 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. They were introduced by Jesse Carter, program chair for the week.

They said that there is a board of nine who operate the museum and see that it runs efficiently. The museum was organized in 1970 when the Hays District of the United Methodist Church gave the old Methodist church building to the Heritage Associates of Jennings.

Many items from early days may be found in the museum, including collections of cemetery records, hardware from a post office, obituaries, laminated copies of old newspapers from Dresden, Jennings

and Allison, a kitchen, family histories, vintage clothing and Jennings school memorabilia.

Part of the museum has been dedicated to those who served in the military with a display of uniforms, artifacts and information about their lives. There is also a military display of flags of deceased service men and women.

Visitors are welcome when the museum is open or by appointment. The museum is handicap accessible with wheelchairs available. There is no charge but donations are accepted. Phone numbers of board members are posted.

Ken Shobe is seeking volunteers for the Decatur Community High School After Prom party on Saturday, April 20. Dr. Stephen LaBash was a guest.

Club News

Club enjoys Dutch treat

Pi Alpha Club met at Pizza Hut on March 25 for a Dutch treat dinner with Cecil Hess and Elaine Bryan as hostesses.

Twelve members and two guests, Jerry and Montine Alstrom, were present. Virginia Spratling received the hostess gift and expressed thanks for the get well cards she received following a recent surgery.

President Marty Olson said that the club's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, the night of the Oberlin Area Concert Band concert in Morgan Theater at The Gateway, so members voted to attend the concert. A club member, Joy Russell, is a band member and her husband, Neal Russell, is the director.

Hoedown will be May 4

The annual Hoedown sponsored by Decatur County Good Samaritan has been rescheduled due to the snowstorm last week for Saturday, May 4, at the Oberlin American Legion.

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

Service. People may buy sponsorship tables before Tuesday, April 30. Individual tickets are \$30 each and need to be purchased by Thursday, May 2.

Seats are limited, said Resource Development Director Cindi Sloan Sauder, and anyone who wants to go should buy them soon.

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

Happy Birthday

Look who is Nifty at 50!

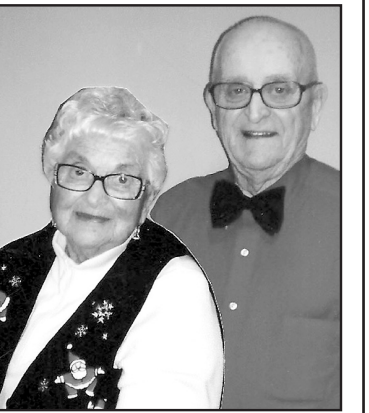
Happy Birthday, Cindy and Shelbi J.

Happy 70th Anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Claire (Shorty) Kahler

are about to celebrate 70 years of marriage together!

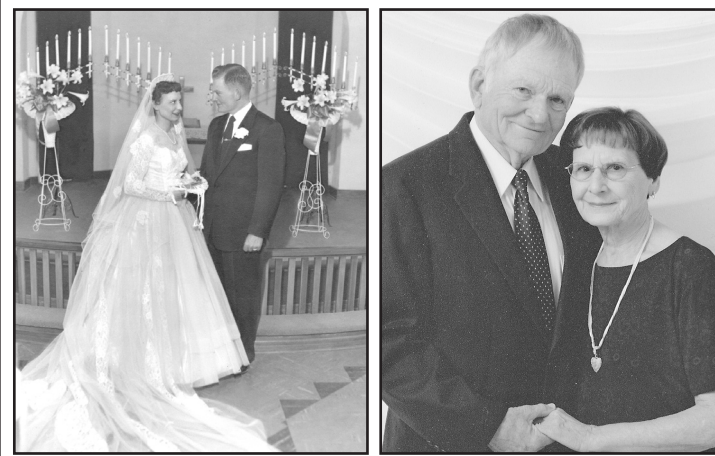
(Mr. Kahler is a former music teacher who taught in your school system.) We are inviting you to send a card of congratulations to Shorty and Betty by their anniversary date of April 16th, 2013. They currently live at 2121 Meadowlark Rd. #503, Manhattan, KS 66502 and would love to see you if you're in the area. Their three daughters will be celebrating the occasion with a reception and concert at Meadowlark on April 14th, 2-4 p.m.

Jane Boys, Janet LeBlanc, & Kit Krehbiel



Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary Keith and Helen Muirhead

April 5, 1953



We love you, the 4 G's
Please send cards to Keith and Helen at:
400 First Street, Dresden, KS 676935