

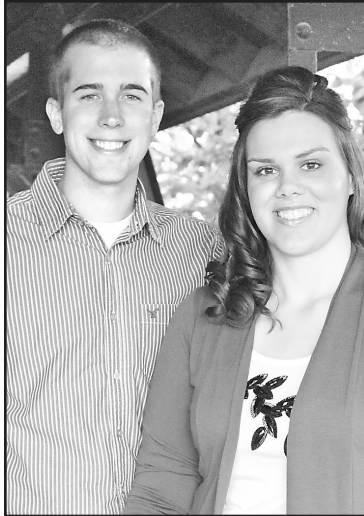
Couple to wed in June

Jenna Braun and Andrew Dempewolf plan to marry Saturday, June 8, 2013, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria.

Parents of the bride are Rick and Janice Braun, Victoria. Her grandparents are La Vern and Darlene Braun, Victoria, and Carl and Marcella Moore, Grainfield.

The bride-to-be is a 2007 graduate of Victoria High School and a 2012 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a degree in finance and management. She is a financial services support consultant at BankWest in Pierre, S.D.

Her fiancé is the son of Michael Dempewolf, Oberlin, and LeAnna Schwab, McCook. His grandparents are Marian Dempewolf, McCook,



Andrew Dempewolf and Jenna Braun

and the late Gerald Dempewolf, and Norma Helm, McCook, and the late Roger Helm.

He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2008 and earned a degree in elementary education from Fort Hays State University in 2012. He will be teaching third grade at McKinley Elementary School in Pierre this fall.

Couple receives award

Howard and Sharon Kessinger, former publishers of *The Oberlin Herald*, received the first LOVE (Leadership Opportunity Vision Excellence) Marysville Award at a banquet at Club 36 attended by some 150 people.

Presenting the award were Brenda Staggengborg, Chamber of Commerce secretary-manager, and Allie Argo, director of Marysville Main Street.

The Kessingers moved from Oberlin in 1975, when they purchased *The Marysville Advocate*, beginning a 37-year period of covering Marshall County.

The Kessingers have retired and

their daughter, Sarah Kessinger, has taken over as editor of the newspaper. She and their other children, Hannah Malotte, Mary Kessinger-Wassom and Mike Kessinger, live in or near Marysville.

"They follow in their parents' belief that a community is what we all make of it," Ms. Staggengborg said. "Downtown development remains near and dear to Mr. Kessinger's heart."

The Kessingers were instrumental in promoting the downtown canopies, as well as the Amusement Authority and Home-Owned Carnival in Oberlin when the family lived here.

Senior training set in Hays

The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services will sponsor training for the Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas program on Thursday, May 2; Wednesday, June 12; and Wednesday, July 10.

Attendance at all three days is required to be fully certified. Alternate training dates and locations are available. Mileage and lodging (if needed) will be paid. Pre-registra-

tion is required by April 24.

The free program uses trained community volunteers to answer questions about Medicare and other insurance issues.

Volunteers are trained on Medicare, Medicare Prescription Drug Insurance, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Long-Term Care Insurance and other subjects that concern Kansans. For details, call Glenna Clingsmith at (800) 432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

Club News

Club attends band concert

Members of the Monday Evening Club met April 8 at The Gateway to attend the spring concert by the Oberlin Area Concert Band, directed by Neal Russell.

Special numbers were presented by the trombone trio of Jim Garretson, Matt Barnes and Lonnie Weyeneth, and by Joan Glading, who played a saxophone solo, "Can't Help Falling in Love," accompanied by the band.

A brief meeting preceded the concert and plans were made for

the final meeting of the 2012-2013 club year. It will be at 7 p.m. May 13 at the home of Shirley Shields with Karol Styles, Mary Ann Erickson and Kelly Wasson as assistant hostesses. Roll call will be answered with summer plans. New officers will be installed by outgoing president, Nanette Zander.

Members were reminded that the club will continue to operate Sunflower Cinema the second Friday of each month through the remainder of 2013.

Gardeners enjoy lunch

Ten members and two guests of the Oberlin Garden Lunch Club met March 26 at the LandMark Inn.

Members discussed which city parks the club would help maintain this summer, updated work lists for members to work on each area and talked about planting flowers in the downtown planters on Saturday, May 18.

John Juenemann from CMA Distributors talked about his fer-

tilizer products for lawns, trees, shrubs, bushes and flowers. Ultimate Fertilizer is a concentrated grade of fertilizer formulated for soils in this area, he said. For information, check out their website at www.lawnfertilizer.com.

The next meeting will be at noon Tuesday. Call 475-2340 that morning to preorder lunch. The club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month and always welcomes new members.

Club holds salad supper

The Zeta Nu Club met for a salad supper at 6:30 p.m. April 14 in the Sappa Valley Manor meeting room. Hostesses were Charlotte Meints, Angie Wilson and Mary Ann Amack. Eleven members answered roll call and Lil Koger was a guest.

The hostesses decorated the tables with a spring theme, including potted pansies for each member and their guest to take home. The serving table held salads brought by the members; coffee and breads were made by

the hostesses.

Members volunteered to work at the train station during the fair. Mrs. Wilson, pianist, and Mrs. Amack, song leader, led the group in a song fest of springtime and patriotic songs. They ended with "Happy Trails" to close the program as well as the 2012-2013 club year.

The next meeting will be in September. New club books will be delivered in advance of this meeting.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends enjoyed lunch at the ReLoad on April 10 with 13 women present.

Leader Mary Ann Amack welcomed the group and "Happy Birthday" was sung for the March and April birthdays of Dolores Koerperich and Joy Votapka.

Others present were Millie Lip-pelmann, Elaine Bryan, Lillian Koger, Cecil Hess, Mildred Holmdahl, Phyllis Scream, Virginia Spratling, Charlotte Meints, Ardis Roe and Doris Fringer.

The next meeting will be 8:30 a.m. May 8 at the Frontier Cafe.

People in Our Community

Mary Lou Olson, society editor

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Mike McLaughlin of Vacaville, Calif., came Thursday and has been a houseguest of Laurene Van Otterloo. His brother George of New York will be coming for graveside inurnment services for their mother, the late Mabel McLaughlin, which are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Oberlin Cemetery.

Ray Kennedy has moved to Oberlin from Grand Junction, Colo., and is living at Wheat Ridge Terrace. He lived in the Kansas City area for 43 years, then moved to Florida for a few years before moving to Grand Junction. He is a 1955 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is a brother of Marguerite Bailey, a resident of Cedar Living Center.

Nola (Jaderborg) Carlson, a 1950 graduate of Decatur Community High School, was honored on Thursday in observance of her 80th birthday. Mail will reach her at 815 Meeker, Fort Morgan, Colo., 80701-2041.

Dr. Donald and Rose Harrier returned home Thursday after spending the winter months in Browns-ville, Texas.

Jerry Lohofener was honored by his wife, Marcia, and family with a party on Saturday at the Masonic Temple in observance of his 75th birthday with some 50 relatives and friends in attendance. John Juenemann and Myrna Jones provided music and Jerry gave several cowboy poet numbers. A meal followed, which included the honored guest's favorite, homemade ice cream.

Among area students who were chosen to participate in the Northwest Kansas All-Star Basketball Classic held Sunday at the Colby Community Center were Angela Ritter, Golden Plains; and Zach May and Tyler Bruggeman, Oberlin. Rusty Grafel is the basketball coach at Colby Community College.

Mary McAnany of Kansas City, Mo., came Friday to visit a few days with her daughter, Stephanie DeCamp.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were

State music will be in Colby

The Decatur Community High School band and choir will participate in state music competition Thursday at Colby High School.

The choir will perform at 9 a.m.,

Norma Anderson, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Ardythe Cederberg and Ivis Hanson. Lows went to Doris Fringer, Neil Marshall, John Cederberg, Dewaine Stapp and Henry Edgett. Helen Gee and Dorothy Moore were Mexican Train domino winners. There was no pitch. Taking highs at bridge were Marie McKisson, Bernita Gawith and Carol Shirley. Senior potluck begins at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

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

Rex Moore and Barbara Lyons of Marion, Neb., were hosts for a Moore sibling dinner on Friday to honor Lois Leibbrandt and Melvin Moore on their April birthdays. Guests were Lois and Martin Leibbrandt, Imperial, Neb.; Melvin and Margaret Moore, Benkelman, Neb.; Karen and Roger Ely, McCook; Stan and Deanie Moore, Montgomery, Texas; Ilene O'Leary, St. Francis; and Francis Moore, and Loyd and Fern Moore, Oberlin.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson entertained with a supper on Saturday to honor Gail Marcuson on his 90th birthday. Guests included Gail and Kay Marcuson, Oberlin; Diane and Chuck Newcom, Denver; Natalie and Toby Ralston, Boston; Chip Newcom, New York City; Julie, Mark and Brandon Hubbard, Lakewood, Colo.; Jessica Hubbard, Denver; Rick and Sally Marcuson, Overland Park; Grady Marcuson, Manhattan; Leslie and Ryan Nelson, Topeka; Sarah Marcuson, Hays; Jared Marcuson, Manhattan; Doris Peterson, Greg and Brenda Peterson, Atwood; Wayne and Ardis Peterson, Junction City; Amy Peterson, Salina; David and Lois Waldo, Topeka; Dan Waldo, Overland Park; Rob and Barbara Eskew, McCook; Bob and Claudia Morris, Montrose, Colo.; Benny Marcuson, Bill and Lynn Callaway, Greeley, Colo.; Karen Napoli, Golden, Colo.; Jim and Tammy Fredrickson, Selden; and Stuart and Mary Henzel, Oberlin. He was honored Saturday afternoon with an open house at the Golden Age Center by his family.

Spring crop meetings planned

Two spring crops update meetings are scheduled for Monday, sponsored by the Twin Creeks Extension District of Decatur, Norton and Sheridan counties.

The morning session will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Sheridan County 4-H Building in Hoxie. The afternoon meeting will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Speakers will be Jim Shroyer,

K-State Extension crop specialist, and Walt Fick, K-State specialist in range management. Topics will include wheat condition, growing conditions, diseases, outlook for this year's crop; alfalfa management during dry years, and range management situations, stocking rates and weed managements.

For details, call the Extension office in Oberlin at (785) 475-8121.

Eisenhower program set

Roy Bird will talk about "The Kansas Work Ethic of Dwight D. Eisenhower" at noon Thursday at the Atwood Public Library and at 2 p.m. at the Atwood Elementary School.

The public is invited to these free programs.

Mr. Bird is retired from the State

Library of Kansas and is the author or co-author of 17 books, mostly about Kansas and the American West.

For details, call Pam Luedke at (785) 626-3805 at the school or Brenda Henry at (785) 626-3217 or 626-3289.



LIBRARIAN BETSY JAKOWSKI of the Norcat Public Library hung a poster in the Children's Library illustrating the six pre-reading skills kids should have by the age of 6. Children attending the library's Story Time every Wednesday at 10 a.m. are exposed to these skills. —Herald staff photo by Carolyn Plotts

Learning coordinator visits Norcat Public Library

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By the time children are 6, they need to have developed six important skills that will enable them to learn to read: Wanting to read, noticing print, talking about objects and naming them, telling stories about everything, looking for letters and shapes and rhyming, singing and playing word games.

Anna Foote, the early literacy and lifelong learning coordinator with the Northwest Kansas Library System, toured area libraries last month, including a stop at the Norcat Public Library. She gave libraries information they need to implement the "6 by 6" program and to introduce the theme for the summer reading program, "Dig Into Reading."

Librarian Betsy Jakowski said Ms. Foote was pleased to see the children's library and a special

reading nook in a corner of the room. Not only do the children have lots of books for ages 2 through second grade, she said, but there are lots of toys available to play with.

"It makes you want to be a kid again," one mother said.

Mrs. Jakowski applied for a \$1,000 book grant for the library and is excited about the focus of the "6 by 6" program.

"I think it gets kids excited about reading and learning," she said. "I want them to want to go to the library. I've made this a fun place to come. I want going to the library to become a lifelong practice."

All children are welcome to come to Story Time at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the library. Guest readers read to the children each week and help incorporate "6 by 6" skills into the program.

For information, call the library at (785) 693-4461.

Norcat Public Library gets grant

The Norcat Public Library received a \$1,000 book grant from the Kansas Book Festival, says Librarian Betsy Jakowski.

Kansas First Lady Mary Brownback revealed the winners during a recent news conference at the Statehouse in Topeka.

"The Kansas Book Festival works year around to promote literacy and encourage a life-long love of reading," Mrs. Brownback said. "These grants will help preserve and improve local and school libraries across the state."

"We desperately need more books by current authors," said Mrs. Ja-

kowski, who applied for the grant in December, "so we were thrilled to get the grant. That's why I applied."

In October, Mrs. Jakowski was named Librarian of the Year. She has agreed to represent Decatur County as a member of the Northwest Kansas Library System executive committee.

Grainfield Public Library was the only other public library in the Northwest Kansas Library System to receive a book grant. A total of \$12,555 was distributed among 16 school and public libraries.

DCHS Singers give program

The DCHS Singers, girls trio and men's quartet sang for members of the Oberlin Rotary Club on April 9 at The Gateway.

The groups, along with director Susan Nelson and pianist Jennifer Tally were introduced by Bob Gaskill, program chair for the

week. The groups performed several numbers from the recent Regional Music Festival. Kay Gaskill was a guest.

President Duane Dorshorst conducted the meeting and greeter was Lee Gilliam.

New Arrival

Charlee Paige Louderback

Alex and Dawn Louderback of Oberlin have a daughter, Charlee Paige Louderback, born Feb. 20, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. She has a brother, Brennen Louderback, and a sister, Elleigh Walker of Oberlin. Grandparents are Dean and Ardith Louderback and Rae Walker of Oberlin and Bill Walker, Kearney, Neb.



Charlee

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