

People in Our Community

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Jacob Larue performed in his final Butler Community College vocal concert on Saturday. Those attending were Joan, Bruce and Marianne Larue, Oberlin; Annamarie Larue, El Dorado; Carissa Wentz, Wichita; Brandon Wagner, Manhattan; Angie Biggs, Kingman; Sharon Buscher, Topeka; Connie Leavitt, Olathe; Charlene Larue Weber, Ellis; and Wanda Davis and Sean Simmons, Kansas City. Jacob is a sophomore at Butler Community majoring in agronomy. On Friday, May 17, he will be participating in the "Order of Gold" ceremony for students who maintained a 4.0 grade point average.

Ward Wurm left Tuesday after visiting a week with his mother, Carolyn Wurm. He recently returned from Qatar, where he has worked with Burns and McDonald Engineering for over six years. He is transferring to their office in Kansas City and will make his home there.

Jared and Mika Walters and Ian of Tulsa, Okla., were weekend houseguests of his grandmother, Marie McKisson, and also visited other relatives.

— Surf & Turf Buffet Friday, May 10, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.

Among relatives from out-of-town who attended memorial graveside services for Mabel McLaughlin on Saturday, April 27, at the Oberlin Cemetery were Michael McLaughlin and John Wieland, Vacaville, Calif.; George McLaughlin, New York City; John and Phyllis Needles, Tim, Janna, Brenna and Alexah Needles, Sturgeon, Mo.; Rocky and Darla Peterson, Shelly Wickham, Barbara Forshee, Debbie Sweeney, Jeff, Cherie, and Brittney Needles, Lincoln, Neb.; Omar and JoAnn Brown, The Woodlands, Texas; Larry and Freida Tebelius, Bowdon, N.D.; and Regina Bedke, Pleasanton, Neb.

Stephanie DeCamp and Crista Sauvage attended the Kansas Press Association meeting in Topeka on Friday and Saturday, where both received awards. Mrs. Sauvage also visited Harold and Sue Sauvage in Topeka on Sunday.

— Diva's Closet Collectible Shoes 40% off. Oberlin Mercantile Company.

Connie Modlin of Durham, N.C., left Wednesday after spending 10 days visiting her mother, Marjorie Olson. They spent a weekend with Bruce and Carmelita Olson and Ward and Jan Olson and families in the Colorado Springs area. Mrs. Modlin went to St. Louis to attend a conference before returning home.

Alyce Reneberg, daughter of Ron and Kristi (Erickson) Reneberg, and Seth Peterson were married on Saturday at the First St. John Lutheran Church in Kensington. Among those attending were Margaret Steadman, Greg and Mary Long and Jenna, Tylynn Peterson, Phil Erickson, Danielle Long and Ayden, Ron and Marlene Erickson, and Avis Morton and Suzanne Fisher, Kansas City.

Community walk next week

The Decatur Health Systems Community Walk will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Sappa Park shelter-house on Thursday, May 16. The event is held each year to celebrate National Hospital and Nursing Home Weeks, said Deb Klima, a respiratory therapist with the agency. Hot dogs and chips will be provided by Decatur Health, with

Cynthia Murray received an Associate Degree in Nursing during the 27th annual commencement ceremony at Central Community College in Grand Island, Neb., on Saturday. Among those attending were her parents, David and Nikki Murray and Demi, Nancy Murray, Oberlin; Kim Murray, Chapman; and Sarah Murray, Fort Morgan, Colo. She plans to work at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

— Burgers, brats, beans at City Park Wed., May 8, from 5-7 p.m. Freewill offering. Methodist Women for "Imagine No Malaria."

Cecil Hess went to St. Francis on Sunday to visit Steve and Jean Ann Confer and attend the spring piano recital of their daughters, Jenna and Jessica, at the United Methodist Church.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes left Thursday to visit their son, Lacy Haynes, in Lawrence. They attended the Kansas Press Association meeting on Friday and Saturday in Topeka. On Saturday, he also attended the funeral of Emerson Lynn Jr., longtime editor of *The Iola Register*.

— Mother's Day Buffet 10:30-2 p.m. LandMark Inn. For reservations call 475-2340.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson and Ryan and Leslie Nelson of Topeka attended the wedding of Rodney Solko and Erica Volker in Stafford on Saturday.

Herschel and Joan Betts were accompanied by Gayle and Ruth Bainter of Hoxie to the District 5670 Rotary Convention held Friday and Saturday at the Celebration Centre in Lyons. During the afternoon on Saturday, Rotarians and local residents and students participated in a Numana project to package over 20,000 meals for distribution in disaster areas around the world.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were John Cederberg, Dorothy Moore, Norma Anderson, Ardis Roe, Dewaine Stapp and Ivis Hanson. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Max Carman, Doris Fringer, John Cederberg and Neil Marshall. Helen Gee and Charles Keller were Mexican Train domino winners. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Pat Abbey with lows going to Ardythe Cederberg and Dewaine Stapp. Taking highs at bridge were Annette Miller, Bernita Gawith, Cynthia Matson and Marie McKisson.

Faith Lutheran Church celebrated Confirmation by Affirmation of Baptism of three of their youth on Sunday. Those confirmed were Jakob Blau, daughter of David and Stephanie Blau; Gatlin Hissong, son of Dr. Travis and Abby Hissong; and Jenna Long, daughter of Greg and Mary Long.

Gene and Beverly Witt of Danbury returned home Monday from Kearney, Neb., where he had been hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital for gall bladder surgery.

Work day planned Saturday

The Decatur County recreation program will hold a work day Saturday at the baseball fields on the east side of Oberlin. Bring tools, shovels, rakes and gloves to help clean and spruce

up the area to get it ready for the upcoming ball season. Workers will be divided into groups starting at 9 a.m., and there will be jobs for everyone, said Recreation Director Dakota Soderlund.

Senior recital planned at Gateway Sunday

Seven Decatur Community High School seniors will present their music recitals at 2 p.m. Sunday at The Gateway.

Soloists will include Cassandro Canto, Mikaela Dorshorst, Matthew Helm, Zach May, Elizabeth Nedland, Darbi Rouse and Cassidy Shields.

Cassandra, a soprano, also plays percussion in the band. She plans to major in music education at Fort Hays State University. Her parents are Mayda and Carmilla Canto.

Mikaela, daughter of Duane and Pat Dorshorst, sings and plays the piano and trumpet. She plans to study prepharmacy at the University of Kansas, where she also hopes to sing in a choir.

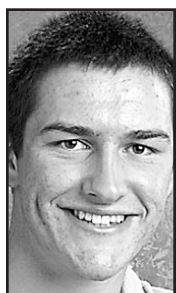
Matthew plays trombone and sings. The son of Mike and Deb Helm, he plans to attend Kansas State University next year.

Zach sings bass. He plans to enroll at Kansas State and study computer engineering. His parents are Roland and Pam May.

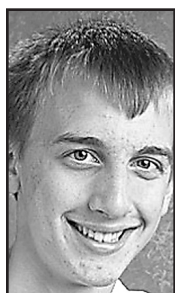
Elizabeth plays the French horn in the band and trumpet in the jazz band and also has been involved in vocal music. She plans to attend St. Olaf University in Minnesota, but is undecided on a major. Her parents are Dan Nedland and Rhonda May.

The daughter of Robert and Robyn Rouse, Darbi plays oboe, trumpet, bass guitar, baritone sax, percussion and piano. She plans to continue to participate in music at Wichita State University, where she will pursue an Exercise Science degree, followed by a doctorate in physical education with an emphasis in aqua therapy.

Cassidy has been in vocal music all four years of high school. She plans to attend Kansas State and major in elementary education. She is



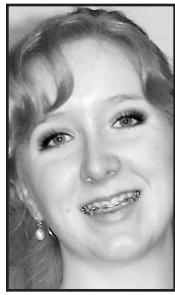
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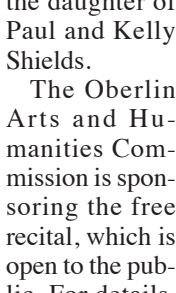
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Darbi Rouse



Cassidy S.



Cassandra C.



Mary Henzel

Baccalaureate service is set

Baccalaureate services will begin at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday (May 15) at the Decatur Community High School Auditorium, sponsored by the Decatur County Ministerial Association.

Caleb Koerperich will play a prelude on the piano and he and Hannah May on flute will play for the professional.

Pastor Doug Mason of Teens For Christ will give the welcome, followed by an invocation by Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church.

Scripture will be read by Miki Dorshorst, Kade Brown and Zach May, followed by a congregational song. Scripture readings will follow by Cassidy Shields and Channing Fortin. Matthew Helm will share

his faith story, then Mr. Fortin will sing.

Scripture will be read by Pastor Judi Stricker of the Oberlin United Church. Pastor Nancy Proffitt, Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches will address the class. Pastor Sharon Nelson of the Oberlin Evangelical Covenant Church will give a prayer for graduates and then Miss Shields and Zach May will sing "The Prayer."

Pastor Bill Duncan of the Oberlin Church of Christ will lead the Lord's Prayer and Pastor Roy Matthewson of the Lund Covenant Church will give the blessing. The recessional will be played by Joy Russell on the piano and Pastor Chris Nelson on the trumpet.

Engineer speaks at Rotary

Mechanical Engineer Ward Wurm, son of Carolyn Wurm of Oberlin and the late Bus Wurm, presented a program for the April 30 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He said he spent the last six years in Qatar, helping design the aircraft fuel system for a new international airport. Though tiny, he said, Qatar is a wealthy country, and it will have one of the nicest airports in the world.

For the fuel system, one of the tanks is 60 feet tall and 150 feet in diameter and holds around 8 million gallons. The steel ranges from about 2 inches thick at the bottom to 3/8 of an inch at the top. The pumps for transferring fuel into the tank

move 2,400 gallons per minute at low pressure. The pumps to fill airplanes are higher pressure and pump even faster.

The country's wealth comes from a huge natural gas reserve, he said. Because it's a wealthy country, and very hot and humid, people rarely go outdoors for any extended time. The temperature gets to 120 degrees, he said. Labor is usually done by the poorer people from neighboring Muslim nations.

Karen Larson showed a basket made by Mary Ewing of Cedar Bluffs from woven pine needles which she will take to the district conference auction. Jody Betts was a guest.

Vocal concert next Tuesday

The Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School vocal music department will present its last concert of the year Tuesday in the high school auditorium.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with presentation of music awards, and the concert will follow around 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

This concert will feature music from musicals performed by all students in 7-12 choir. The junior

high choir has been working on a medley from "Grease."

High School choir students will sing a medley from "Les Miserable," with groups singing music from "Lion King," "Spamalot," "Footloose" and "Into the Woods," to name a few.

"It has been a great year for DCHS music," said director Susan Nelson, "and we hope you'll come celebrate with us."

Club News

Club installs officers

Marty Olson was hostess when 12 members of Pi Alpha Club met Thursday at the Golden Age Center with Marjorie Olson as co-hostess.

President Marty Olson conducted a short business meeting and read a poem, "Friends" for devotions. She then conducted installation of new officers for the coming year, using a cookie theme. She displayed baking items needed for making cookies. Cecil Hess served as narrator as each new officer was installed and each received a gift of a kitchen item. New officers include: Joan Evans, president;

Gerry Neff, vice president; Kristy Evans, secretary, and Marty Olson, treasurer.

Ila Ray presented Mrs. Olson with a gift from the club for her excellent four years as president. A social evening was enjoyed as the hostesses served coffee and homemade cookies.

The last meeting of the year will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 20, at the Oberlin Cemetery Monday, where Sexton Jeremy Tally will tell about the new cemetery directory and how to use it, followed by a coffee. Estella Waldo will be hostess.

Women observe May Day

The Oberlin-Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met last Wednesday at the fellowship hall of the Oberlin church. In keeping with UMW Day, to be observed Sunday, roll call was answered by 17 members who shared a memory of the organization over the years. Devotions were given by Marian Fraker and the "Response" moment by Joy Votapka.

The group voted to support a water project at the Angel House Orphanage and School in Tanzania. A fund raiser for the "Imagine No Malaria" project will be held from 5 to 7 Wednesday, May 8,

at City Park with burgers, brats and beans served for a donation. Proceeds will be used to buy mosquito nets for African nations.

Program leader Phyllis Metcalf took members on an imaginary trip to the beach, using props to suggest ways to improve the relationships in our lives.

Hostesses Lucille Townsend and Coleen Rippe observed May Day by serving decorated plastic May baskets containing ice cream and brownies. Members were reminded to invite guests to the salad supper at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 5.

Woman honored on 60th

Bo Farr and Amanda Fortin honored their mother, Fonda Farr, with a dinner on Sunday at her home for her 60th birthday.

Those present included Rod and Fonda Farr; Bo, April, Rowdy and Dawson Farr; Ryan, Amanda and Channing Fortin; Dave and Connie Gillespie; Alexis Tommer; Sherry Mann; Mitch Jacka; B.J., Lori, Megan, Teagan and Lacy Jacka; Jean Solze; Lafe, Jodi, Tucker, Riley,

Eli, Emma and Isaac Gilliespie; Rose Hargitt; Lacy, Emma, and Eli Pelkey; Mitch Farr; Tammy Clapp; Tammy and Jim Fredrickson; Rick and Dori Pauls; Bob and Anita Montgomery; Dave and Sherry Bergling; Natasha Weishapl; Justin, Nikki, Breckyn, Talyn and Josie Sauvage; Delaine and Loris Jacka; Waunita Cook; Shela Kye; Treana Skufca; and Sherry Kyte.

Fund raiser to fight malaria

A fund raiser from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight at the Oberlin City Park sponsored by the United Methodist Women's Dorcas Circle will raise money for the "Imagine No Malaria" project in Africa.

Burgers, brats and beans will be served for a donation. In case of bad weather, the meal will be served in the basement of the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

New Arrivals

William Thomas Carter

Jesse and Megan Carter of Jennings have a son, William Thomas Carter, born April 25, 2013, at Community Hospital in McCook. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. He has two sisters, Clayton and Anna. Grandparents are Marion and Mary Anne Kuhlman of Sharon Springs, and Kenneth and Julie Carter of Jennings. Great-grandparents are Mildred Kuhlman of Oakley, Ruth Holt of Beacon Falls, Conn., Rachel Carter of Jennings and Norma Ward of Clayton.



Grayson B.

Grayson Henry Blake

Bradley and Lindsay Blake of Evans, Ga., are the parents of a son, Grayson Henry Blake, born at 3:57 a.m. Friday, May 3, 2013, at Doctors Hospital in Augusta, Ga. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. He has a sister, Taylor, 3. Grandparents are Jerry and Roberta Blake, Naperville, Ga., and Steve and Cynthia Haynes, Oberlin.

Bryson William Bolt

Bryson William Bolt was born April 10, 2013, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Tyler and Lisa (Kiser) Bolt of Logan, and he has a brother, Kaydee Bolt, 2. Grandparents are Don Bolt of Jennings, Randy and Jean Kiser of Logan, and Paula and Dave Krizek of Jennings. Great-grandparents are Dewayne and Dee Kiser of Delphos; Carolyn Rauch of Belleville; Maxine Zollinger of Hutchinson, and the late Orland Zollinger; and Jewell and Roselyn Bolt, all of Goodland, and the late Cyril and Kiliana Schmidt of Hays.



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