

# People in Our Community

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Karen and Larry Smith traveled to McPherson on Friday, where they attended the Wichita Grand Opera performance of "Don Pasquale" with their son-in-law, Matt Fischer. Their daughter, Theresa Fischer, was a member of the cast. The show was given at the McPherson Opera House on Friday night and in Wichita on Saturday. Theresa is a graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Dalton Jones, a graduate of Decatur Community High School, has been awarded the William Hawley Seymour Scholarship and the Harland Edwards Scholarship at Pittsburg State University. He is the son of Jeff and Belinda Jones and is pursuing a degree in chemistry and environmental chemistry with minors in biology and physics.

Phyllis Metcalf returned home Friday from Fertile, Minn., where she visited her daughter, Pat and Steve Ranz. She attended the graduation of her grandson, Alex Ranz, from North Dakota State University in Fargo, where he received with a bachelor of science degree with a major in civil engineering. He will begin working with Ulteig Engineering in Fargo on Monday. Others attending were his brother and wife, Eric and Melissa Ranz, and Arielle Ranz, Denver. Mrs. Metcalf joined them in the flight to Fargo. She also visited Julie Ranz and Sam Morales of LaCrosse, Wis. While in Denver, she visited her granddaughter, Marci Metcalf; her brother-in-law and his wife, Gary and Mary Metcalf, and a niece, Barbara and Rod Stude and boys. Barbara is the daughter of the late Pauline Eiler Loomis, a 1931 graduate of Decatur Community High School who also taught in Oberlin in the 1940's.

**- Surf & Turf Buffet Friday, May 24, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.**

Brad and Elaine Marcuson were weekend guests of Ryan and Leslie

Nelson in Topeka. They also attended the 40th anniversary reunion of Elaine's graduating class in Gardner.

Weekend guests of Neal and Joy Russell were Ward and Mary Cay Russell, Santa Fe, N. M., and Joan Russell, Kale and Angela Breer, and Brandon and Beth Russell, A. J. and Kara, all of Wichita. Joining them for a sandwich supper to honor Darbi Rouse after graduation were Danny and Stacy Rouse, Kingman; Dr. and Mrs. Ryan Unger and Ty Zwegardt, St. Francis; Conrad Rouse, Wichita; Macy Rouse and friend, Robert Bietz, Hays, and Robert and Robyn Rouse and Dani, Oberlin.

Kinsley Nicole McEvoy, daughter of Ryan McEvoy and Brianna Klima, was baptized during morning worship services on Sunday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. Her mother was also baptized. Officiating was the Rev. Nancy Proffitt.

Weekend guests of Walt and Donna Fortin were Dan and Melissa Nelson, Stockton; Jeremy and Hannah Nelson and Hallie, Woodston; Jennifer Nelson and Alex Thornton, Manhattan; and Justin Nelson, Plainville. They came to attend the graduation of Channing Fortin, son of Ryan and Amanda Fortin, on Saturday.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Henry Edgett, Kelva Dryden, Max Carman, Ivis Hanson and Norma Anderson. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Ivis Hanson, Doris Fringer, John Cederberg and Charlotte Meints. Domino winners were Gladys Geis and Doris Fringer. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Pat Abbey with lows going to Neil Marshall and Max Carman. Taking highs at bridge were Merle Shirley, Bernita Gawith, Charlotte Meints and Cynthia Matson.

## Editor gives Rotary program

Program Chair Steve Haynes presented a program on a recent visit he and his wife, Cynthia, made to the White House at the May 7 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. The couple toured the press room, as well as the room used to brief reporters on things going on and decisions made by the president and staff at the White House. For the program at the May 14 meeting, Program Chair Jim Hollowell spoke about a Mother's Day biography called, "She," which he dedicated to his mother, Vera

Matthews. He spoke of her many positive attributes and talents and the fact that she was born to sharecroppers in Tennessee. After moving to Oklahoma, she married, worked at various jobs and raised foster infants, as well as her three children. She worked hard to see that her children attended college, with two of the three graduating. An outing to Jennings for members and families will be Sunday, June 9. For details, contact President Duane Dorshorst.

## Memorial services Monday

The Kansas Veterans' Cemetery, 403 S. 13th in Wakeney, will hold its ninth annual Memorial Day service at 10 a.m. Monday.

Speakers will be U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran and Spec. 4 Wane Purinton, U.S. Army (ret.). The public is invited.

## Student named a scholar

Mikaela Dorshorst of Oberlin was selected to attend the 30th Annual Governor's Scholars Awards Program on May 5 in Topeka.

The reception and ceremony honor the academic top 1 percent of Kansas high school seniors from accredited public and private schools.



Mikaela D.

"These high school seniors have shown dedication in their studies and a commitment to learning," said Gov. Sam Brownback. "They've earned this honor, and I want to congratulate them on this achievement."

"We also should recognize their families, teachers and mentors for helping these outstanding students achieve their academic goals."

Miki is the daughter of Duane and Pat Dorshorst of Oberlin.

## Bible Camp set for June 3

A one-day Bible Day Camp will be held for students entering first to sixth grades at the Oberlin City Park on Monday, June 3.

Roy Matthewson, pastor of the Lund Covenant Church, will be in charge. There will be singing, skits, games and more. The day will end with dinner on the grill. All youths in this age group are invited.

Next Wednesday, kids are welcome to come to the park for soccer and other games in the morning, the pastor said. For details, call him at (785) 475-2128.

## Auxiliary to collect flags

The Oberlin American Legion will be collecting torn and tattered flags for destruction beginning from Memorial Day through Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14.

A brochure outlining flag etiquette will be handed out at the Memorial Day service Monday and during Poppy Day activities Friday. For details, call Ruth Miesner, Legion Auxiliary president, at (785) 475-2380.

Old flags may be delivered to the Legion Hall. Legion members will demonstrate the Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags ceremony as part of Flag Day activities.

It will begin with a hamburger cookout, sponsored by the Legion Riders, and a concert by Full Throttle DJ Services at 6 p.m. in the Oberlin City Park. The disposal of flags will follow.

## Poppy girl named here

Megan Lohofener, daughter of Seth and Mardi Lohofener, has been named the 2013 Poppy Girl by the Oberlin American Auxiliary.

She will be distributing poppies during the Oberlin Business Alliance burger-and-brat feed beginning at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Last Indian Raid Museum, then will cover the downtown area.

Donations will be used to help with veterans services, said Ruth Miesner, auxiliary president.

## Blood Drive Wednesday

The American Red Cross plans a blood drive from noon to 5 p.m. next Wednesday at The Gateway in Oberlin.

The agency hopes to collect 47 units of blood during the afternoon. Call (800) RED-CROSS to make an appointment, or just show up to donate.



WITH HER SON'S PHOTO by her side, Imogene Keenan (left) and her daughter, Jana Slansky, put the finishing stitches into his memorial quilt. — Herald staff photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Stitches bring memories of life

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John Keenan of Oberlin was only 64 when he died, sitting in his favorite easy chair on Nov. 11, 2012. His mother, Imogene Keenan, Jennings, said they might never know the exact cause of his death.

The Keenan family wanted to do something special for John's 65th birthday on April 27, she said, and decided to go ahead with a tribute to him. After last year's Norton County Fair, his daughters, Ruth Shearer, Almena, and Jeana Cozad, Norton, thought a quilt would be a perfect way to honor their father. They planned a king-size patriotic quilt, which was made by one of John's sisters, Jana Slansky, Stockton.

"Dad loved quilts," Mrs. Shearer said. "He admired the time and talent it took to create them. He was a four-year U.S. Navy veteran, serving in Vietnam, and a proud American."

So the fabric was purchased and the design, "Flight of the Eagle," was chosen. Quilting is therapeutic for Mrs. Slansky, who was diagnosed with cancer about eight years ago. She began to quilt during her treatment and is now cancer-free. An avid quilter, she sometimes wears a sweatshirt with the motto, "When life gives you scraps - make quilts."

Mrs. Slansky began working on the quilt in January.

## Facebook program set

The Twin Creeks Extension District will offer a program, "Connect with Facebook," from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 31, at the parlor of the Last Indian Raid Museum.

Presenter will be Julianne Shoup, a Twin Creeks Extension agent. Those attending will learn how to stay connected, Facebook basics, upload pictures to Facebook and deal with privacy settings. A question-and-answer session will follow.

Call the extension office in Oberlin at (785) 475-8121 by Thursday to reserve a spot.

## July deadline set for crops

Farmers and ranchers need to report their 2013 crops to the U.S. Farm Service Agency as soon as they are planted, but no later than Monday, July 15, for spring-seeded crops such as corn, sunflowers, soybeans, grain sorghum and feed.

Diane Barrett, county executive director for the agency, says producers may stop by the county office at 410 S. Buffalo or call (785) 475-3131 to set an appointment.

## Alumni dance to help pool

The Oberlin Pool Committee plans to welcome back Decatur Community High School Alumni, friends and families with a dance at the Oberlin American Legion Hall from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday.

Deejay Jonathan Fick will provide the music and admittance is by donation at the door. A silent auction is planned, with all items to be listed before the dance on Oberlin Pool Project Facebook page. The committee will be serving nachos after 9 p.m.

All proceeds will go to the pool project.

It took her two months to piece the intricate pattern together.

"John died on my birthday and was buried on our sister Janeil Dilling's birthday," she said. "There are lots of tears stitched into this. It was part of the healing process to work on it. I couldn't work on anything else until it was done."

She did the bulk of the work on the quilt but her two nieces, Ms. Cozad and Mrs. Shearer, have both quilted on it, along with her mother, Mrs. Keenan.

Mrs. Slansky said she thought the quilt needed a little something extra and modified the original pattern by adding an outside border. When the quilt top was pieced, it was put together with backing fabric, fiber-fill between the layers and then hand-quilted by the Sunflower Quilter's Guild of Jennings. It took the group a month to finish the 90-by-109 inch quilt.

After some final hand-stitching, the quilt is ready for its first public appearance, at the Stockton Quilt Show on Saturday, June 15. Following its debut, the quilt will be on display at The Bank in Jennings.

The family, including a brother, Jim Keenan, Oakley, plans to donate the quilt to the Jennings volunteer firemen to be auctioned off at this summer's Firemen's Fun Day on Saturday, Aug. 24.

## Club News

### Club installs new officers

Monday Evening Club met May 13 on the patio of Shirley Shields' home for the final meeting of the club year with 19 people answering roll call. Co-hostesses were Karol Styles, Mary Ann Erickson and Kelly Wasson.

The schedule for assisting at Sunflower Cinema the second Friday of each month through the summer was distributed by Arian Arnold, as well as the schedule for working at the Decatur County Fair. Dues were collected by treasurer Kay Gaskill.

Carol Morford spoke about the correct procedure for the

display of the United States flag and Sue May told of upcoming fund raisers for the swimming pool. Members were told that the museum has scheduled "Brown Bag and Learn" programs during the noon hour on the third Friday of each summer month in the Old Bohemian Hall.

Outgoing president Nanette Zander used a flower-garden theme in the installation of new club officers: Carol Morford, president; Ann Williams, vice president; Marcia Lohofener, secretary; and Mrs. Gaskill, treasurer.

### Calico Gals enjoy program

The Calico Gals Club met last Wednesday at the Last Indian Raid Museum. Present were Sandy Counter, Phyllis Screen, Millie Lippelmann, Donna Kelley, Ditta Anderson and Bette Grout.

The program was on the killings during the Last Indian Raid. Members viewed class pictures, then were invited to the Bohemian Hall to view pictures.

The afternoon meeting was held at the LandMark Inn. Roll call was "A school memory,

good or bad." The collect and flag salute were given. The courtesy committee reported that a card had been sent to Gaylord Shields, who was ill. Mrs. Anderson won the hostess prize.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, at the Golden Age Center for a potluck supper to honor Frank and Margaret McEvoy on their 50th wedding anniversary. All members and their families are invited.

## New Arrivals

### Axel David Metcalf

Axel David Metcalf was born at 1:41 p.m. April 12, 2013, to Shannon and Jaime Metcalf of Harlan Township. He weighed 7 pounds and was 19.75 inches long. He has a brother, Aden. Grandparents are Cindi Sauder, Oberlin; David Sauder, Lewisville, Texas; and Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Oberlin. Great-grandmothers are Doris Sloan and Eileen Grose, both of Oberlin.



Axel Metcalf

### Kamryn Leann Schulte

Heath and Samantha Schulte of Holcomb are the parents of a daughter, Kamryn Leann Schulte. She was born May 13, 2013, weighed 8 pounds, 9.4 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Grandparents are Maryll Bennett and Randy Bennett, Holcomb, and Mike and Jackie Neff, Dresden. Great-grandparents are Richard and Mary Ann Bennett, Holcomb; Richard and Karyl Hollister, Scott City; Laverna Schulte, Hill City; and Don and Gerry Neff, Oberlin.



Kamryn S.

June 1 & 2 **Spin WITH ART**  
**MULVANE ART MUSEUM**  
 MOUNTAIN/PLAINS ART FAIR  
**JURIED ART FAIR at WASHBURN UNIVERSITY**  
 in TOPEKA, KANSAS • 90 ARTISTS FROM 15 STATES  
 Saturday 10am - 5pm / Sunday 10am - 4pm

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*Thank You For Your Service!*  
 Greater love hath no man than this,  
 that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
 John 15:13

**Big Timber Memorial Services**  
**Sunday, May 26**  
 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Dinner at 12:30 p.m. at the City Hall in Jennings. Drinks will be furnished. Please bring your own table service.

<b>WAR DEAD</b> Foreign Service	Joseph Cilek John Fiala, Sr. Albert Janousek Matt Kaspar, Sr.	Fred Wentz James Janousek Joseph Urban	Frank Pachner Gustave Steffen Joseph Tucek Joseph Vacura
<b>Civil War</b> Bartholomew Henry	Henry W. Heilman William Krizek	<b>Spanish American War</b> Anthony Kolsky	<b>World War I</b> Anthony Kaspar Joseph Petracek
Edward Cilek Vollie Kathka Raymond Matousek Alfred W. Heilman Lys Carey	<b>World War II</b> Anton Vacura Carl Kasper Bernard Ehrlich Ferdick A. Flaska Lumir Jesse Skubal	Raymond Pavlicek Myron Skubal John Petracek Stanley Mazanek Donald Shaw	<b>Vietnam</b> Wayne Buchanan
<b>Peacetime</b> Elmer Petracek	<b>Korea</b> Raymond Kaspar Norman Petracek Harwood Chandler Bennie Krizek Charles Votapka		