

People in Our Community

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Jeff and Jessica Davis and daughters, Marah 9, and Sophia 6, have moved to Oberlin from Edgerton, Ohio, and purchased a home at 113 S. York. He is a self-employed flooring installer. Marah will be a fourth grader and Sophia, a first grader.

Frank and Karen Bennett returned home Wednesday from Denver, where he had been hospitalized a month. They plan to attend the Red Willow County Fair on Thursday and Friday to see their grandchildren, twins Ty and Ashley Bennett, show their hogs and steers. Their parents are Kurt and Michelle Bennett of Indianola, Neb.

Mary Ann Amack returned home on July 13 from Estes Park, Colo., where she spent a week vacationing with her son and family, Kevin and Georgann Amack, Madeline and Annelise of Meeker, Colo., and her daughter, Shelly and John Ahrens, Peyton and Trevor of Dallas. It was also a belated celebration for Mrs. Amack's July 4 birthday.

Four members of the 2013-14 DCHS Singers attended the Butler Summer Show Choir Showcase in El Dorado last week. Hannah May, Lara Zodrow, Molly Jansonious and Morgan Jansonious spent the week learning new show choir routines, music, and attending concerts and interest sessions. Parents and friends who attended the Friday concert were Ron and Sheila Jansonious, Mory, Deena, Leola, and Lukas Zodrow, Roland and Pam May, Alessa Walz and Susan Nelson.

Among students who earned semester honors at Kansas State University for the spring semester were Jessica Fredrickson, daughter of Jim and Tammy Fredrickson; Jared Marcuson, son of Brad and Elaine Marcuson; Adrienne Pauls, daughter of Rick and Dori Pauls, and Nathan Simonsson, son of Brian and Pam Simonsson. They must have a grade point average of 3.75 or above.

—**Surf & Turf Buffet Friday, July 26 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.**

Nancy Ellis of Topeka visited from Sunday to Thursday with her mother, Joy Votapka. On Saturday, Mrs. Votapka met her nephew, Al Cathcart of Topeka in Cambridge, Neb., where they attended graveside services for Ernest Purvis at the Fairview Cemetery. He died on Wednesday at Wheat Ridge Acres in Goodland. He was a former resident of Oberlin.

Winning highs in pinochle at the

Golden Age Center last week were Norma Anderson, Veanna Carman, Dorothy Moore, Ardis Roe, John Cederbeg, and Max Carman. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Neil Marshall, Ivis Hanson, John Cederberg, Dorothy Moore, Veanna Carman and Doris Fringer. Lil Koger and Martha Fringer won at Chicken foot Dominoes. There was no pitch. Taking highs at bridge were Shirley Simpson and Sally Henningson.

Memorial services were held Thursday morning at Stinemetz Funeral Home in Hill City for W. Kenneth Clark, 93, a longtime lawyer in Hill City, who died May 6, 2013, in Wichita. He was a native of Sheridan County and married Lorraine Latham of Hoxie, who preceded him in death. Survivors include two daughters, Kay Clark, Wichita; and Roberta Clark-Meckel and husband Mark Meckel, Nashville, Tenn.; and their families.

Elsie Wolters received word of the death of her aunt, Viola VanDerWege of Norton on Thursday at the Norton County Hospital. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the First United Methodist Church in Norton with inurnment in the Oberlin Cemetery.

—**July Brunch Buffet Sunday, July 28, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.**

Robert and Robyn Rouse, Joy Russell and Dawn Shaffer were among those who attended the concert on Saturday, July 13, which was presented by students who attended the High Plains Band and Orchestra Camp at Fort Hays State University. Darbi Rouse played the oboe; Dani Rouse, the flute, and Cindy Shaffer, the clarinet. Dani was chosen for first chair. The same evening, Neal Russell was in Wichita to attend a stringed orchestra concert, sponsored by the St. Petersburg String Quartet out of Russia, in which their grandson, Arron Russell, a seventh grader, played violin. It was held on the Wichita State University campus. His parents are Brandon and Elizabeth Russell.

A brunch for United Methodist Women members was held at the Stockton United Methodist Church the morning of July 10 with 60 women attending from 13 churches in Northwest Kansas. The speaker was Gwen Cooper with musical accompaniment provided by Roger Cooper. Those attending from Oberlin-Prairie Chapel were Deanna Castle, Pat Fringer, Angie Wilson and Pastor Nancy Proffitt.

Cowboy Day celebration set

Tripple Creek Riders will celebrate National Cowboy Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in downtown Oberlin in front of Rocking R and Home Range Real Estate on Saturday.

Come play sidewalk games, try your hand at roping a dummy or sing

a little cowboy karaoke. There will be something for everyone, including a chance to win a gift certificate from Rocking R.

Everyone is welcome. For details, call Kristin at (785) 470-7176.

Bikes cross country for poverty

By DANA PAXTON

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Bike riders from all over North America and Canada pulled into Prairie Dog State Park about 2 p.m. on Thursday and spent the night. These 110 riders are members of the Sea To Sea group riding to end the cycle of poverty.

The group is based out of Grand Rapids, Mich., and they have three goals. First to raise money to fight poverty, second, to inform and educate people about poverty and what can be done to fight it and thirdly, for religious purposes. The ride is done every five years and this is the third time the ride has been made.

Since this is a fund raising event each rider going all the way must come up with \$10,000, for those only planning to ride for a week it is \$2,500, so it is based on the amount of time they intend to stay with the group. With such a large group of riders several volunteers are needed. There are 20 people who volunteer

their time to drive support vehicles, do the cooking, provide medical assistance, drive a flat bed that carries all the camping equipment for the cyclists and two who drive big semi trucks. One truck holds a 53-foot self-contained kitchen and the other hauls the personal belonging of the bike riders. The riders average 80 to 100 miles a day and they all take Sunday off to recover. This is a very well-planned trip with support and gear vehicles spaced every 15 miles to offer water, supplies and medical services if needed by the doctors and nurses that are there to help. They camp every night to recuperate so they stay in state and city parks and at schools.

People from all walks of life, retired pastors, teachers, couples and entire families take part in this event. The youngest rider is 14 and the oldest is 79 years old. They look for God's signs every day and each evening they have a meeting to talk about their experiences.



Cherokee Point Productions and The Calhouns

present an evening of great country music & family entertainment at the Oberlin Gateway Center Friday, July 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Ventriloquist Joe Gandelman from San Diego, CA will be joining us with his cast of "friends."

Admission \$8.00 at the door. Children under 10 free.



CLOSED FOR NOW, BUT not for long. When the Norcatcur Public Library board learned it had to be made up of only Norcatcur City residents, it was decided to close until a new board could be appointed. Deb Marshall, former board member and Norcatcur City Clerk, hung a closed sign on the library's door. Mayor Carl Lyon will appoint a new board as early as Aug. 5.

— Herald staff photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norcatcur library closes temporarily

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

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The Norcatcur Public Library has experienced a temporary set-back. For the time being, the library is closed and all activities have been suspended.

Long-time board member Deb Marshall said, "It's sad we had to do this (close the library), but we want to get it right."

Getting it right involves the appointment of a new library board. In May, Librarian, Betsy Jakowski advised the board that it was operating in error because it (the board) should have been appointed by the mayor and approved by the city council. Several area people volunteered to serve and at the June 3 council meeting, Mayor Carl Lyon made the appointments and the council approved them.

On June 26, Mrs. Jakowski gave her verbal resignation to the board. Soon after that, it was learned that Norcatcur has an ordinance on its books that only allows residents of the city to serve as city officers. Five of the seven volunteer board members lived outside the city limits. It was back to square one and instead of operating illegally, it was decided to close the library until a new board of Norcatcur city residents could be appointed.

Mrs. Marshall said, "Our mistakes were done in innocence. (Now) we're just trying to operate our library within the legal bounds the state has set."

Because she lives in the country, Mrs. Marshall is no longer eligible to serve on the board, but she remains a staunch supporter of the library and its programs.

She said, "The library has been a big part of our family's lives. The kids all took part in the summer reading programs. We aren't going to let Norcatcur lose its library."

The good news is that a number of Norcatcur citizens have willingly stepped forward to serve on the library board. All that remains is for Mayor Lyon to choose the board members and make the appointments with the council's approval. This will happen no later than Aug. 5 during the regular council meeting. It could be sooner if the council would call a special meeting just for that purpose.

In the meantime, if anyone checked out an item from the library, it may be returned to the Norcatcur city office from 8 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday.

Mrs. Marshall added, "We appreciate all the hard work Betsy Jakowski did for the library. She created a wonderful children's library and started the popular Story Time. It is hoped the new board can build on those successes and add more activities at the library. There has been talk of having extended hours, staffed by library volunteers. New ideas and more volunteers are always welcome."

Range school set in August

The Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition will focus on harvesting more forage with livestock at its 2013 Mid-Shortgrass Range School Aug. 6 to 8 at Camp Lakeside at Lake Scott State Park, north of Scott City.

"Improving the ability to harvest increased forage using their livestock should interest every producer in Kansas," said Tim Christian with the coalition. "The benefit comes as soil water intake increases, higher levels of nutrient cycling occur, microbial activity is elevated and other cyclic functions begin to achieve balance."

Instructors and ranchers will talk about the concept of soil health, he said, with the theme "Creating Range Wealth Through Soil Health."

"As ranchers and land managers better understand and employ grazing, structural and management practices that benefit the native grasses and forages," he said, "those plants then sustain or improve soil health, creating a positive cycle that improves and comes into equilibrium over time. And that creates more available forage, thus increasing harvest opportunities."

The school costs \$300 per person, which covers materials, lodging and meals and other costs, Christian said. Scholarships are available to ranchers, students and agency staff. Ranchers, landowners and students may qualify for a \$150 scholarship. Agency staff members may qualify for \$100. A form and more information on the schools are available at www.kglc.org under 2013 Range Schools in the navigation bar. Scholarship applications must be submitted by July 23.

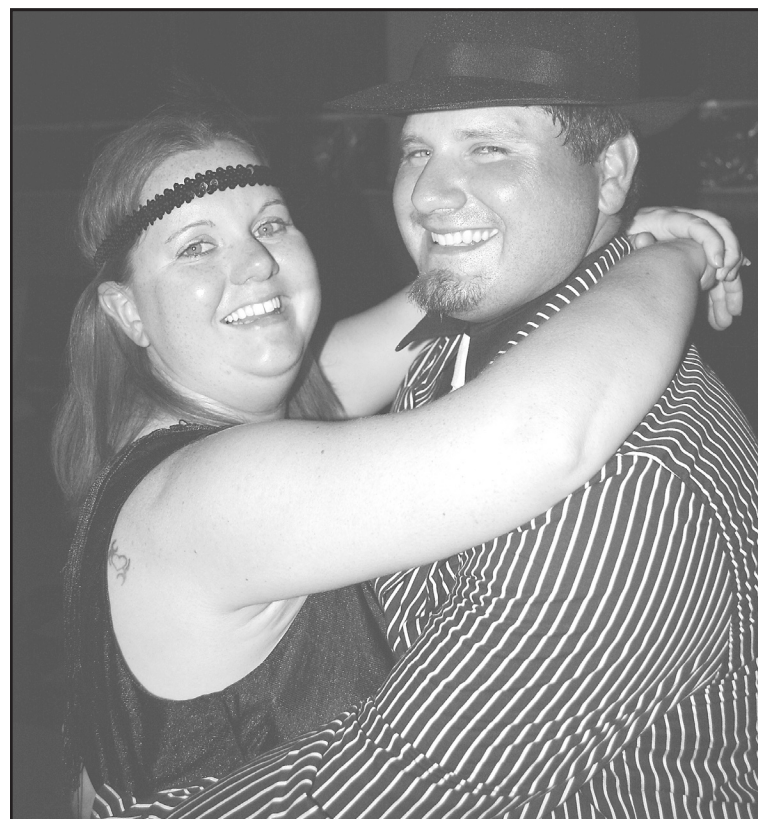
Sponsoring partners include the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, the Nature Conservancy, the Kansas Section of the Society for Range Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners Program, *Feed-Lot Magazine* and *Graze the Prairie*.

For information, contact Mr. Christian, state coordinator, at (620) 241-3636 or 242-6440 or tdchristian@cox.net, or Ken Sherraden, assistant coordinator, (785) 922-7061 or kennethsherraden@sbcglobal.net, or go to www.kglc.org.

Student to give program

Destry Jackson, a 2006 graduate of Decatur Community High School, will present a program about the archeological dig in the ancient city of Ai at 7 p.m. Tuesday

at the Norton Public Library. She is the daughter of Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson of Norcatcur. The public is welcome to attend.



READY TO DO THE CHARLESTON, Casey Tuttle and his wife, Justine, were decked out in their best 1920s costumes. The Tuttles won the \$50 grand prize for the best costumes at Norcatcur's Era Dance held July 13 in the all-purpose room at the Norcatcur City Building. Sponsored by the Norcatcur City Council, the dance raised \$303 to help finish the new roof project.

— Herald photo by Sue May

Dance in Norcatcur helps with roof project

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

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Flappers in "shimmy" dresses, gangsters in zoot suits, girls in 1980s leg warmers and mini-skirts and '50s guys in James Dean blue jeans and T-shirts converged on the Norcatcur City Building the night of July 13 for an "Era Dance" to raise money for the completion of the new metal roof on the former school building.

Temperatures hit three-digits that day, but the newly installed air conditioning unit kept the all-purpose room comfortable while about 50 people modeled their dance attire, ate popcorn and generally had a good time.

Full Throttle DJ Service of Oberlin provided the dance music and played a wide variety of music that appealed to dancers of all ages. Casey and Justine Tuttle, Norcatcur, won the \$50 grand prize for having

the best "Era Costume." The young couple looked like they had just stepped out of "The Roaring Twenties." Their two-year old daughter, Jade, wore a mini-flapper dress of her own.

The benefit, sponsored by the Norcatcur City Council raised \$303 to be applied toward the roof project. Construction of the roof is being done by Allan and Deanne Langness of Goodland. The couple have been living in their camper parked in the shade behind the former school building while working on the roof. This project is the final phase of a three-year plan to roof the entire wing of what was once the Norcatcur Grade School.

Norcatcur City Clerk Deb Marshall said, "The roof is almost done. It looks so nice and it will be wonderful to no longer have any leaks."

Arts and Humanities season tickets on sale

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will begin selling tickets this week for the upcoming season, which will include Irish and ragtime music, a talent show, Kansas history with band, a dinner theater, juggling and more.

To purchase tickets, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557, Mary Henzel at 470-0218 or any commission member. Events will be at The Gateway in Oberlin.

- Nebraska Brass, Saturday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.
- Pete Sarpy as Teddy Roosevelt, Saturday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.
- Juggling with Renee Crosby, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2 p.m.
- Talent Show for Oberlin, McCook and surrounding areas, Saturday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.
- Eli Barsl, Canada's Cowgirl Sweetheart, dinner theater, Saturday, Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m.; program,

7:30 p.m.

• Jeff Davidson and The Trail Riders Band (Kansas History) Saturday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.

• Richard Egan, Ragtime Piano, Saturday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.

• Miles from Dublin, traditional Irish music, Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.

Single tickets are \$75; family tickets, \$155; single parent families, \$80; patron (1 ticket) \$85; Benefactor (1 ticket) \$110; Corporate (includes 4 tickets) \$500. All season tickets include school-age youth and one dinner-theater. Single-event tickets available at the door.

Membership also supports High Plains ArtFest on April 25, 26, 27, and the spring senior recital.

Other commission members are Tom Mullen, Janice Ganje, Rusty Addleman, Pam May, Eloise Smith, Sarah Bricker and Anita Hirsch.

Graveside Military Service

Gene Mack Long

will be honored in the Oberlin Cemetery on July 27th at 10 a.m.



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