

# Alumni to return home for banquets Saturday

Alumni will be returning to Oberlin and Jennings this weekend to attend banquets on Saturday.

Decatur Community High School will hold its banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at The Gateway, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

The Jennings School Alumni Banquet will begin at 5 p.m. at the Jennings Community Building.

The Oberlin Herald will take pictures of the 10-year, 25- and 75-year anniversary classes in Oberlin. Those classes, as well as five-year anniversary classes, that would like color photos should call Jeanie Unger at (785) 475-3256. She will accompany the Herald photographer taking pictures for the newspaper.

Here is a schedule of class events:

**1932:** Good Samaritan Center, Angel Lane, 2 to 4 p.m. **Pictures, 3:15 p.m.**

**1937:** Good Samaritan Center, Quiet Room, 2 to 4 p.m. **Pictures, 3:15 p.m.**

**1942:** United Church Fellowship Hall, 2 to 4 p.m.

**1947:** Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center, noon luncheon. **Pictures, 2 p.m.**

**1952:** Friday, supper at Bohe-

mian Hall, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Golden Age Center, noon to 2 p.m.

**1957:** Friday, barbecue, 6 p.m., Dick Carman home. Saturday, luncheon, noon, Bohemian Hall. **Pictures, 12:30 p.m.**

**1962:** The Gateway, noon to 4 p.m.

**1967:** American Legion, 1 to 4 p.m. **Pictures, 2:30 p.m.**

**1972:** Re-Load, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**1977:** American Legion, 1 to 4 p.m. **Pictures, 3 p.m.**

**1982:** Golf Course building, 1 to 4 p.m. **Pictures, 3:30 p.m.**

**1987:** Teens for Christ building, 1 p.m. **Pictures, 1 p.m.**

**1992:** American Legion, 2:30 p.m.

**1997:** Friday, 8 p.m., American Legion. Saturday, noon barbecue, Sappa shelter house. **Pictures, 1:30 p.m.**

**2002:** Saturday, potluck supper, 5 p.m., Dennis and Kaylene Thomas' backyard, 497 N. Wolf.

The Oberlin Business Alliance and the Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a hospitality room at the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center at 104 S. Penn from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

# Golden Plains names new superintendent

Mary Ellen Welshhohn, a native of Hoxie, has been hired as superintendent for the Golden Plains School District.

She replaces Dr. Roger Baskerville, who served the district for the past seven years. Her salary will be \$80,000 plus a paid health insurance plan.

She has been director of special education at the Learning Cooperative of North Central Kansas in Concordia since 2003.

Her career began after she graduated from the University of Missouri in 1968. She was a dental hygienist, then was a dental consultant for Head Start the regional office in Kansas City, Mo., from 1975 to 1980.

She taught third and fourth grade

in Park in 1980-81, then taught third grade and in Hoxie in 1981-1990. From 1990-1998, she taught special education, along with being the at-risk coordinator, supervisor and grant writer for the At-Risk program.

In 1998, she became assistant director of special education at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley.

Mrs. Welshhohn said she is excited about her new position and is impressed with the Golden Plains School system.

Her husband, Joe, is postmaster at Wray, Colo. Their daughter, Kimberly Amack, lives in Goodland and their son works in Lawrence.

They also have a grandson, Jacob Amack.



M. Welshhohn



**NEOMA TACHA** of Jennings (above) took top honors with her apron at the Royal Neighbors Mother's Day Tea in Norcatour. Marguerite Clark (left in photo above) and Judy Jackson sampled from the refreshment table. —Photo by Carolyn Plotts



# Mother's Day Tea held in Norcatour

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Members of the Norcatour Camp of the Royal Neighbors of America held their annual Mother's Day Tea in the multipurpose room of the former Norcatour School. Dorothy Woods, Oberlin, was the master of ceremonies.

Everyone attending was to wear an apron and Mrs. Woods invited each one to model their apron and share its history. Prizes were given to the top models with Neoma Tacha, Jennings, taking first place. Mrs. Tacha wore a pinafore-style apron made by her mother some time before 1939. It featured an embroidered peacock on the skirt with embroidered flowers sprinkled across the bodice. Other winners in the apron contest were Marjorie Ridpath, Carolyn Strevey, Shirley Hayward, Carolyn Wehrheim and Mrs. Woods.

Over 50 guests attended the gathering. A dessert and hors d'oeuvres table featured mini cream puffs, finger sandwiches, fruit and chocolate-dipped strawberries.

Featured speaker was the Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, minis-

ter at Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin, and a board member of Northwest Kansas Sexual Assault Services. Pastor Charlotte, as she likes to be called, told the women that domestic violence and sexual assault know no boundaries. It happens in the best of families as well as the worst.

She said it's not always a "stranger hiding in the bushes." She said almost two-thirds of all rapes are committed by someone who is known to the victim; 73 percent of all sexual assaults were perpetrated by a non-stranger; 38 percent of perpetrators were a friend or acquaintance of the victim; 28 percent were an intimate; and seven percent were another relative.

For those who think, "It can't happen here," Pastor Charlotte said at least eight cases of domestic violence, requiring the women to be given shelter in a "safe house" were reported last year in Decatur County, alone.

Guests were also asked to bring personal care items. These were collected and donated to the women's shelter in Hays.

# Scholarship goes to girl from area

Kim Wessel, who graduated on Sunday from Decatur Community High School, has been selected to receive a Presidential Scholarship at Colby Community College.

Candidates for this prestigious award are nominated by their high school counselors. The Presidential Scholars are selected on the basis of leadership, academic achievement, poise and potential for contribution to Colby Community College.

These scholars are expected to be leaders and serve as positive examples for the entire student body. They represent the Office of the President and are responsible for a number of campus activities.

The Presidential Scholars program is designed to prepare young men and women for future leadership through active participation and service.

The daughter of Bill and Carol Wessel of Dresden, she plans to major in pre-physical therapy.



Kim Wessel

# Donations needed for Greensburg

Donations are being accepted for people affected by the Greensburg tornado and other Kansas storms, says Deputy Patti Skubal, assistant director of Emergency Management at the Decatur County Sheriff's office.

She said that donations can be made through the American Red Cross by calling (785) 234-0568 or the Salvation Army (800) SAL-ARMY.

The United Way in Kansas has a call center for people wishing to donate or volunteer. In Kansas, dial 211 or toll-free (888) 413-4327.

Only cash contributions are needed right now, she said, no clothing and commodities since there is no place to store them.

Contributions may be designated for those affected by the Greensburg tornado or other weather-related disasters in Kansas, she said.

# Rotary hears of student trip to Washington

Juniors and seniors from Decatur Community High School who enjoyed a visit to Washington as guests of John and Heidi Martinson Lesinski told about their trip at the May 15 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club.

The group was introduced by Mark Olson, program chairman.

Student council officers and members who made the trip were Seth Ritter, Heather Williams, Jenny Ploussard, Kurt Olson, Lacey Ream and Kenzie Fisher.

The group toured galleries, the Lincoln, Vietnam, World War II, Korean and Einstein memorials, museums, Ford's Theater and other sights. Sponsors were Greg and Mary Jo Lohofener. They also spent a day with Col. Delbert Townsend.

Alex Story was a guest at the meeting.

# Shower honors bride-to-be

Kendra Anderson, who will be married on Friday to Dustin Pelton of Burdett at the Herndon Covenant Church, was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, May 19, at the LandMark Inn.

Hostesses were Detta Anderson, Maureen Anderson and Samantha Anderson.

Invited guests included: Sue Pelton, Burdett; Darla, Hannah and Isabel Stevens, Wichita; Carol and Ashley Fink, Wamego; Jane Elder, Pearl, Miss.; Nancy, Taryn, Sydney and Sarah Anderson, Alpharetta,

Ga.; Arian Arnold, Jennie Anderson, Herndon; Katie Anderson, Lawrence; Kelly Wasson and Michaela, Dresden; Donna Groneweg, Selden, and Gayle Carlson, Norma Anderson, Bonnie Anderson, Janette Votapka, Edla Olson, Lisa and Tara Votapka, Sharon and Kerrie Olson, Jeanie and Rena Unger, Peggy and Abby Ream, Judy and Leah Marietta, Marlene Moxter, Joy Votapka, Faye Meitl, Brenda Breth, Cheryl Votapka, Donna Kelley and Jackie Votapka.

# Selden tractor show scheduled for June 3

The Selden American Legion Post is making final plans for its 14th annual Antique Tractor and Car Show on Sunday, June 3, on Main Street in downtown Selden.

The day will include fun family activities, antique and classic tractors, cars, small engines and more.

Registration will be at 9 a.m. at the north end of Main Street. There is no fee for entries or to see the show, said Bob Martin. Exhibits will be on display throughout the day, with most activities planned in and around the city park.

Plaques will be awarded for the top 10 tractors, top 10 cars and top 3 small engines.

A horseshoe pitching contest begins at 10 a.m., followed by a bas-

ketball free-throw contest at 11:30 a.m. on the park tennis courts. Medals will be awarded for first, second and third place in two age divisions, grades 3 to 5 and grades 6 to 8.

A kiddie tractor pull will begin at 1 p.m. with trophies to be awarded in each age group, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10. Other activities for kids will include barrel and wagon train rides, a corn tank with hidden treasures and a children's raffle.

The Legion will be serving grilled hamburgers, barbecue pork sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans and beverages. Rose Bainter and Vic Wagoner Jr. will entertain in the park during the noon hour. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

The Old-Time Band will perform

in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church parish hall in the afternoon.

Tractor drivers can test their skill in the barrel-rolling competition and a washer drop contest. An antique baler will be in operation, and spectators can view exhibits and booths in the parish hall.

The Legion will raffle off a pedal tractor and an all-terrain tricycle, along with other prizes. Tickets, \$1 each or six for \$5, can be purchased in advance from any Legion member or at The Bank in Selden, as well as the day of the show. Children can put their names in for the free children's raffle.

Prizes will be drawn just prior to the parade, which begins at 3:30 p.m., to climax the day's activities.

# Man gets 'Heart Hugger'

Dole Metcalf, who underwent triple bypass and valve replacement heart surgery on May 8 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., was surprised when he learned that he would be the first one there to receive a Heart Hugger.

Dr. Mark Nielsen, a surgeon who recently joined the staff at the hospital, suggested he try the Sterminn Support Harness, invented by an engineer who was recovering from bypass surgery. He said the man didn't feel the heart pillow, which most patients use following surgery, was helping him.

Mr. Metcalf has one of the red heart-shaped pillows, given at the

hospital as a gift for patients to take home, with names of doctors and nurses on it, said his wife, Phyllis.

The Heart Hugger has two handles which patients pull together when they need to cough or stand up following surgery, Mrs. Metcalf said. Dr. Nielsen had to instruct the nurses on how to put the harness on for the first time, she said.

Her husband will wear it for four to six weeks, Mrs. Metcalf said. She received a Heart Hugger pin, which she said she proudly wears. In the future, she said, all open-heart surgery patients at the hospital will be using the harness.



# Hoxie offers barrel racing on Friday

The Hoxie Spring Barrel Racing Buckle Series will have a "Schools Out for the Summer" run at 6:30 p.m. on Friday at the fairgrounds in Hoxie, the third in a series for barrel racers in northwest Kansas.

Everyone is invited to come out and watch. There is no charge. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served, with all profits going to youth barrel racing series prizes.

Friday night is a double points run for both youth and open contestants. At the end of the series, there will be prizes for every contestant.

For details, call Sheri at (785) 675-2163. Future dates include Sunday, June 3, 17 and 24.

# Club News

## Calico Gals plan picnic

Calico Gals Club met May 16 at the home of Shirley Shields and enjoyed a program on India presented by Kay Gaskill.

Members present included: Detta Anderson, Sandy Counter, Donna Kelley, Millie Lippelmann, Margaret McEvoy, Shirley Shields, Mary Waldo and Phyllis Screen.

Mrs. Gaskill and her husband, Bob, visited the country several times. They also had an India patriot visit in their home.

She told about the climate, drought, clothing worn, beautiful buildings. She said there are one billion people and that 80 percent are Hindu. Mrs. Counter won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be the family picnic at the City Park on June 20.

# New Arrival

**Sophia G. DeDonder**

Curt and Melissa DeDonder of Topeka are the parents of a daughter, Sophia Grace DeDonder, born April 30, 2007, at St. Francis Health Center in Topeka. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller, Norcatour, and Mr. and

Mrs. Robert DeDonder, St. Mary's. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Rule, Clayton, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin. Great-great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Art Harries, St. Mary's.

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You are invited to attend the Open House for Martin and Evelyn May, in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, June 3, 2-4 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church Oberlin, Kansas

Hosted by their children: Ernest May, Marvin May, Janice Cundiff

No gifts, please