

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
People in
Our Community
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Esther Carlson received word Monday of the death of Neva (Rydquist) Brown, 90, of Sacramento, Calif., on Sunday. She was a daughter of the late Eugene and Clara Rydquist and was reared in the Lund community. Among survivors are three sons, Wendell, Lyle and Ralph, and a sister, Eunice Dunn.

celebrate his 80th birthday last week-end were Pat Ranz, Fertile, Minn.; Eric and Melissa Ranz, Northglenn, Colo.; Julie Ranz, Thornton, Colo.; Joe and Lolita Metcalf and Brandon Metcalf.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Jack O'Toole, Dorothy Moore, Ardis Roe, Dewaine Stapp, Max Carman and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Willa Urban, Henry Edgett, Floyd Edgett, Neil Marshall, Barb Solko and Doris Fringer. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Barb Solko with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Floyd Edgett. Winning highs at bridge were Cynthia Matson and Charlotte Meints. Open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Cynthia Haynes spent last Tuesday in Concordia visiting her mother, Emma Desilet, and her sister, Marie Cairns.

—February Webkinz are here: Irish Setter, Mountain Goat and Sea Otter at the Oberlin Mercantile Company.

Elaine Marcuson received word of the death of her aunt, Doris Rayne, 91, of Spring Hill on Feb. 3. Those attending her funeral services on Feb. 7 in Spring Hill were Brad Marcuson and Sarah, Oberlin, and Leslie Marcuson and Ryan Nelson, Topeka. Elaine and Jared Marcuson were unable to attend as the underwent toe surgery that day in Oberlin.

Reece Grafel was an overnight guest of his grandmother, Connie Grafel, on Friday and the next morning accompanied her to Oakley to watch Kel Grafel participate in the Kids Wrestling Tournament. Saturday afternoon, Reece, Kel, Kade and Isabel Grafel watched the KSU-KU game at their grandmother's home, followed by a Valentine's spaghetti supper and an overnight stay.

Those helping Dole Metcalf cel-

Girls State delegates chosen

Ashley Horton and Brandi Diederich have been chosen by the Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary as delegates to the 67th annual Sunflower Girls State from June 7 to 12 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.



A. Horton B. Diederich

Alternate is Kortnie Fisher. All are juniors at Decatur Community High School. The parents of the girls are Dalene and Larry Horton, Steve and Marilyn Diederich and Kendal and Angie Fisher.

Movie tells story of trip home

A new Home Box Office (HBO) movie, "Taking Chance," which tells the story of the cross-country escort of the body of a fallen Marine Chance Phelps, will play at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Pollnow Mack of Riverton, Wyo., a former Oberlin resident. She is the daughter of the late Bill Pollnow, a 1953 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a nephew of Luetta Pollnow of Oberlin.

The movie is based on a journal written by Marine Lt. Col. Mike Strobl, who escorted the body of Chance Phelps, killed in Iraq on April 9, 2004, to his family in Dubois, Wyo.

The family will see a special screening of "Taking Chance" today at the Dubois High School. An uncle and aunt, Greg and Kristi Pollnow of McCook, plan to attend the screening and a private reception to follow.

Mayor speaks about projects

Mayor Joe Stanley gave an update on several projects going on in Oberlin at the Feb. 10 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

being pursued with some chains, he said. A new owner is fixing up the former Oberlin Bakery. The building has been greatly improved.

He said that city officials recently met with a brigadier general with the Kansas National Guard about possible use of the former youth ranch at Sappa Park. The city got the OK to seal the runway at the airport and paint numbers in front of the hangars.

He also talked about plans by the Upper Republican River Valley Association and the possibility of building a reverse osmosis processing plant that could supply water in Oberlin.

Art class set for Saturday

The eighth of a series of 12 Anna Seeber Shaw Beginning Watercolor Workshops will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Oberlin Covenant Church, a change in the planned time and date.

Vickie Bailey of Decatur County Abstract and City Administrator Austin Gilley were welcomed as new members.

Each workshop is a stand-alone event, and a series that can be started at any time. Cost for each session is \$20. For details, call Mrs. Shaw at (785) 475-2707.

Musical planned at McCook

The musical, "Civil War Voices," will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the historic Fox Theater in McCook, sponsored by Harris Brothers.

stories and songs of the Civil War era, revolving around five diaries from the Civil War era.

The show is a celebration of the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln. The musical combines passionate

Tickets are available in advance for \$20 at Hershberger Music Co., 202 W. First, in McCook, or at the door for \$25.

Goodland ag conference set

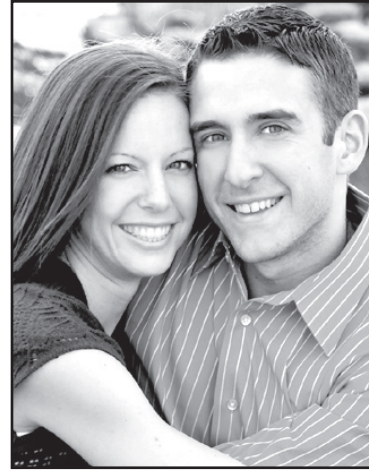
Kansas State Research and Extension is sponsoring an ag profitability conference at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland in conjunction with the Goodland Ag Expo. Presenters will be K-State agricultural economists Terry Kastens, Troy Dumler, Rich Llewellyn, Dan O'Brien, Mark Wood, Forrest Buhler and Fred Armstrong. Topics will include the grain mar-

ket situation and outlook, the 2008 Farm Bill, ag mediation, managing risk using online resources and affordability of technology.

The free program is open to the public. Registration by Thursday will guarantee materials. Lunch will be sponsored by area beef producers.

For details or to register, call the Thomas County Extension office at 460-4582.

Couple plans April wedding



Christopher Brown and Amanda Hanf

Amanda Jean Hanf and Christopher Paul Brown plan to be married on Saturday, April 25, in Charleston, S.C.

Parents of the couple are Scott Hanf, Paola, and the late Debra Hanf; and Kevin and Jackie Brown, Oberlin.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Paola High School. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education at the University of Kansas in 2008. She is a preschool teacher at the First Presbyterian Church in Lawrence.

2003 and earned a bachelor's degree in social welfare from the University of Kansas in 2007. He will receive a master's degree in criminal justice from Washburn University in May. He is employed by Boston Financial in Lawrence.

Couple sets June vows

Chelsey Schissler and Coley Hackney plan to marry at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. Reception and dance will follow at The Gateway.



Coley Hackney and Chelsey Schissler

Parents of the couple are Lyle Hackney and Candy Farr, and Dan Schissler and Di Solko.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Herndon High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is employed at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Her fiancé also graduated from Herndon High School. He works for Sappa Valley Construction.

Club News

Club hears about Haiti

Monday Evening Club members met Feb. 9 at the home of Susan May. Refreshments based on a Valentine theme were served by Judy Shirley and Kelly Wasson, co-hostesses.

organizations support. Haiti, the poorest Latin American nation, is about the size of Maryland, but has a population of eight million. French and Creole are the languages spoken but the illiteracy rate is very high and schools are not government supported. In addition, there is a great need for clean water in most areas.

It was voted to send a contribution to the Economic Development Corporation for the Senior Center complex in memory of Marjorie Nitsch, who had been a member of the club since 1941.

Nannette Zander presented the program on the House of Hope in Haiti, where she will be going in March. She will take supplies to the school and orphanage which she and her son and other

The March 9 meeting will be held at the Bohemian Hall with Sandy Fair and Karen Thompson as co-hostesses. The program will be a slide presentation about the history of Oberlin and Decatur County and members are to dress in vintage clothing.

Auxiliary holds supper

Twelve members of the Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary met at the post on Feb. 11 for a potluck supper. Phyllis Metcalf was hostess.

Ashley Horton and Brandi Diederich were chosen with Kortnie Fisher as alternate.

Guests were five junior girls from Decatur Community High School, Kortnie Fisher, Ashley Horton, Brandi Diederich, Jessica Fredrickson and Kira Meitl, and their mothers.

President Angela Corcoran conducted the meeting and said that seven more members have renewed their memberships. She also read parts of district letters and said reports are due in March.

The girls presented a short paper on why they would like to go to Girls State.

The next meeting will be a Matter Hatter meeting with members to wear hats. Prizes will be given.

Gardeners set meeting

The Garden Lovers Garden Club will resume its monthly meetings at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the LandMark Inn.

welcome to join the club for lunch and gardening discussions. The program will include the culinary use of and growing of herbs, along with a short discussion on dish gardening.

As spring will soon be here, thoughts will be returning to yards, flowers and vegetable gardens. Other gardeners are

Call the LandMark Inn to order lunch in advance at 475-2340.

Club honors residents

Zeta Nu Club met Feb. 12 at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center to entertain seven residents with February birthdays. Refreshments were served by the program committee.

berger, Lois Fredrickson and Marie Zimmerman were accepted with regret.

Roll call was answered by seven members. Letters of resignations from Norine Schweitz-

Members will meet for the March meeting at the home of Joy Votapka. The April meeting will be a salad supper at the Sappa Manor.

Colorado wedding set

Dr. Virginia Underwood and Dr. Andrew Pike, both of Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan, plan to be married on Friday, May 1, in Colorado Springs.



Andrew Pike and Virginia Underwood

Parents of the couple are Wayne and Helen Underwood, retired military, and Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland.

The prospective bridegroom's grandparents are Wesley and Eulaine Benda, Oberlin, and Gladys Pike, Ashland.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences at Bethesda, Md.

Spring, and Georgetown University Medical School, Washington, D.C. He completed a residency in Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

She completed a residency in Family Practice at David Grand Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Both doctors are on active duty with the United States Air Force.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ashland High School, the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado

Orchestra to play at Gateway

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present its winter concert, "Celebrate the Love of Sound," at 3 p.m. on Sunday at The Gateway in Oberlin.

the Dance," "Summon the Heroes," "Scenes from the Old West," "Haitikvah" and "Rootbeer Rag."

The program will feature Sharon Kriss performing "Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor." Other selections include "The Wizard of Oz," "Comedy Tonight," "The Lord of

The orchestra is directed by Andrew Salvador, band director at the high school in Burlington, Colo.

Group holds Valentine tea

Fourteen members and friends of the Oberlin Chapter of the Royal Neighbors of America held a Valentine tea at the Golden Age Center on Valentine's Day.

Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket, orchestra membership or at the door.

Edna Mott led the program with games and jokes. Refreshments of cake, nuts, mints, and beverages were served. The cakes were baked

by Lois Lamb and Phyllis Screen. Those winning door prizes were Nadean Stoney, Phyllis Screen, Helen Gee, Lois Lamb, Marilyn Milbauer, Mary Ann Amack, Ardis Roe, Yuki Berkheimer, Carol Duncan, Audra Duncan, Doris Yscovetta and Phyllis McCartney.

Musical trio to perform

The Double D Wranglers will perform at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

and harmonies make for a whole western music experience.

Chris and Charity Gudel of Ainsworth, Neb., team up with Paul Siebert of Aurora, Neb., to form this new western group. The trio features award-winning yodeling, harmonies and instrumental. The guitar, banjo and dobro, fiddle, bass

Sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, this is a season ticket event or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at the door.

Weed management class set

A weed management school aimed at effective, economical and environmentally sound weed management for Kansas field crops will be held in the 4-H building at the Rawlins County Fairgrounds on Friday, Feb. 27.

For details, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

Topics to be covered are weed

seedling identification, herbicide resistance and glyphosate issues, and weed control updates and recommendations. Call the Decatur County Extension office at 475-8121 for information, registration and the time of the meeting. Registration is due this week.

New Arrivals

Kailee Lynn Wessel

Dan and Melissa Wessel are the parents of a daughter, Kailee Lynn Wessel, born at 1 p.m. on Feb. 10, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long. She has two brothers, Koi and Kade Wessel. Grandparents are Karla Wessel, Selden, and the late Art Wessel, and Peg Smith, McCook. Great-grandparents are Laurence and Esther Allen, York, Neb.; Elsie Wessel, Selden, and the late L. W. Wessel; and Melvia and Wesley Paulsen, Selden.



K. Wessel

Jackson Louis Johnson

Shane and Amanda Chambers-Johnson of Dodge City, are the parents of a son, Jackson Louis Johnson, born Jan. 7, 2009, at the Dodge City Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. He has an older brother, Judson Hugh. Grandparents are Kay and Gary Matheny, Oberlin; Dave and Pat Chambers, Culbertson, Neb.; and Tedd and Lila Johnson, Paxton, Neb. Great-grandparents are Luetta Pollnow, Oberlin, and Irma Johnson, Gothenburg, Neb.



J. Johnson

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends who enjoyed lunch at the Pizza Hut on Feb. 11 were Charlotte Meints, Luetta Pollnow, Norma Richards, Mabel Zimmerman, Mildred Holmdahl, Eileene Grose, Mary Ann Amack, Elaine Bryan, Eula Juenemann,

Bertha Schwisow, Rowena Cathcart, Laurene Van Otterloo, Millie Lippelmann, Nadean Stoney, Martha Fringer, Eleanor Bayle and Virginia Sprattling. The group will meet at Coffee, Tea and Me for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on March 11.

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