

People in Our Community

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Jennifer Shaw, daughter of Richard and Anna Shaw, Oberlin, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Emporia State University. Miss Shaw will be a senior, majoring in psychology. She was also elected as secretary of the school's psychology club. She plans to continue her education in graduate school.

Lorene (Sproul) Anderson celebrated her 90th birthday, June 30. She was honored with a reception at the Phillips United Methodist Church, Lakewood, Colo., June 27. Friends, neighbors, former co-workers and students attended the event. Her sister, Dorothy Stephens, Selma, Calif., came to spend several days visiting. Mrs. Anderson has lived in the Denver area since 1947. She was a Denver public schools teacher for 31 years.

The University of Kansas recently released the names of honor roll students for the spring semester. Local students on the list are Decatur Community High School graduate, Danica May, daughter of Richard and Delayne May; and Kristin Wark, Rexford, daughter of Vicki Allison.

Pat Wright was the guest of honor at a luncheon at the LandMark Inn, Wednesday, July 1, to give her well wishes by her Haughty Hatters Red Hat friends, Kay Gaskill, Betty Jones, Fern Moore, Karen Bennett, Marian Fraker, Mary Waldo, Ann Mines, Janette Votapka, Karen Bruning and Charlotte Meints. Mrs. Wright will be moving soon to Oakley.

Following the reception and open house Sunday, June 28, at St. John's Lutheran Church to celebrate Mabel Zimmerman's 90th birthday, family and friends met at Sappa State Park for a barbecue supper prepared by Linda and Larry Gazda and Carol Ogburn. Guests attending were Shelly and Shad Springer and Delaney, Grover Beach, Calif., Nikki and Mike Shott, Cole and Brody, Mohave Valley, Calif., Valerie and Dale Sugden, Lake Oswego, Ore., David and Shelley Wilson, Springfield, Ore., Ted Wilson, Natalie and Sammi, Martinsburg, W.Va., Leethomas Gazda and guest, Conifer, Colo., Lori Rhoads, Danielle Rhoads and Kerry Miller, Lakewood, Colo., Velma Black, Lafayette, Calif., Elaine Crane, Texas,

and guest, Mary and Del Steinke, Denver, Eldred and Lorraine Wurm, Atwood, and Owen Wilson, Oberlin. The evening was spent visiting, playing games, and listening to live guitar music by Mike Shott.

The Rev. and Mrs. Doug Hasty and daughter, Melissa, attended the wedding of his niece, Emily Hasty, on June 27, at the United Methodist Church at Ashland. She is the daughter of the Rev. Don and Phyllis Hasty of Johnson. Also attending were their daughter, Rebecca and husband, Ben Hitzfeld, Manhattan.

Weekend guests of Cindi Sloan-Sauder were Amelia Dye and son, Ben, Flower Mound, Texas. Friday evening dinner guests were the Dyes, Doris Sloan, Judy and Dennis Shirley. Ms. Dye also joined Ms. Sauder for the Good Samaritan Fourth of July parade.

Gee family members from Illinois, Idaho, Kansas and Colorado attended a dinner on Saturday noon at Lanore Hand's home near Howard Colo. Attending were Eleanor and Jerry Engelbrecht, Cour de Lane, Idaho, sister and brother-in-law of Gene Gee; nephew Randy and Tammy Engelbrecht, Moscow, Idaho; Gene's brother, Jerry and Beverly Gee, Colorado City, Colo. A sister, Carolyn Miller and her husband of Springfield, Ill., stayed all night Wednesday and left on Thursday morning for a family reunion near Howard, Colo. Gene and Helen Gee also attended the reunion on Thursday evening through Sunday. Arriving on Friday were Robert and Beverly Keys, Topeka, and their children Robbie, James, Katherine and Nathan. Gene's niece, Madalyn and Sam Draper, Springfield, Ill., took care of the name tags for 55 people.

Winning highs in pinochle this week at the Golden Age Recreation Center were Dorothy Moore, Kelva Dryden, Max Carman, Henry Edgett and Doris Gilbert. Lows went to Max Carman, Henry Edgett, Neil Marshall, Veanna Carman and Ivis Hanson. Pitch highs were Dorothy Moore and Kelva Dryden. Lows went to Henry Edgett and Floyd Edgett. Winning highs in bridge were Alice Shirley and Ila Ray. Winning lows were Annette Miller and Marie McKisson.

Drawings for drive modified

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The Oberlin City Council sent the engineer back to the drawing board Thursday to make some modifications to plans for a circle drive on the south side of The Gateway.

Aaron Peterson, with W Design Associates out of McCook, talked with the council about options to get people closer to either the west or the south side of the building.

It's up to the council on how much they want to spend on the project, said Mr. Peterson. The option on the south side of the building, which is more of a circle drive, can be expanded to include more parking spaces closer to the facility.

Mayor Joe Stanley suggested moving the sidewalk from the parking lot to the front door to the west side of the circle drive. In the drawing, it's on the east side.

Mr. Peterson said the drive could be adjusted to allow sidewalks on both sides.

He said he could make the change, revise the drawing and send it back to the city.

Women plan garden tour

The Decatur Professional Women plan a Pond and Garden Tour of Oberlin homes in August.

The tour will visit the ponds and gardens of Gary and Marianne Erickson, Gaylord and Shirley Shields, Richard and Clara Russ, Eunice Richards and Bernard and Frieda Goetze from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23.

Everyone attending is asked to

Farm Bureau provides class

The Decatur County Farm Bureau Association plans a defensive driving course at the end of the month.

The class starts at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, at the United Methodist Church.

Anyone who wants to take the

The original drawing included two handicapped parallel parking spaces. Councilwoman Rhonda May suggested those could be loading and unloading spots.

There isn't enough room, said Councilman Ray Ward, to put in enough handicap spots to serve all of the people who need to use them. Making the spots loading and unloading spots would work.

Mr. Peterson said he could "mirror" the spots on the west side of the drive with room for people to open their doors around the traffic.

Councilman Bill Riedel said it made more sense to him to make the drive wider at the front door so people can be dropped off there so they don't have as far to walk.

Ms. May noted that no additional lights were included in the plans, saying the area will need some lighting.

Mr. Peterson said he will work on several options for the city.

The council seemed to focus on the south-side circle drive, with very little talk about a long drive on the west side of the building.

Cousins born on same day

Alvin and Sharon Johnson, Oberlin, became grandparents and great-grandparents within two hours of each other on June 8.

First born was Gage Edward Johnson. He is the son of Dallas and Rebecca Johnson, Oberlin. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 22 inches long. Dallas Johnson is the son of Alvin and Sharon Johnson, so they became grandparents. Gage has an older sister Meghan Caitlin, and brother, Alvin James. His other grandparents are Dale and Dee Wroblewski, Kimberling City, Mo. His great-grandmother is Carmie Wickham, Oberlin.

Two hours later Kyler Douglas Johnson was born to Travis and Vicky Johnson, Norfolk, Va. Travis Johnson is the grandson of Alvin and Sharon Johnson, so now, they



G. Johnson K. Johnson

became great-grandparents. Kyler weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Kyler's grandparents are Norman and Roxie Geist, WaKeeney, Douglas and Terri Johnson, Black Forest, Colo., and Tina Johnson, Hoisington.

His other great-grandparents are Jim and Pat Allamn, Goodland, Glenda Hitchman, Great Bend and the late Urban Hitchman.

Carrie Wickham, Oberlin, is the baby's great-great-grandmother.

As an added footnote, Sharon Johnson and her sister, Glennis Bunker did the same thing forty years ago. They both delivered babies on the same day, Sept. 30, 1968. Mrs. Johnson delivered Dallas, Gage's father, and later that day, Mrs. Bunker delivered a son named Chris.

Church gets new priest

Father Mark Berland moved to Oberlin last Wednesday and is getting settled into the rectory of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He will be serving the Oberlin parish as well as Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville and Sacred Heart in Selden.

Father Berland said he spent the last 13 years at Sacred Heart Parish in Park and St. Agnes in Grinnell.

No stranger to northwest Kansas, he has also served at St. Francis of Assisi, Norton, and Sacret Heart in Colby.

The oldest of seven children, and the only son, Father Berland said he grew up on a farm and cattle operation four miles south of Zurich. Two of his sisters are nurses and four are teachers, he said. His mother lives in Plainville. He has three nieces, 15



Fr. Berland

nephews and three great-nephews. Father Berland said he finished his high school education at St. Francis of Assisi, Victoria, and his college career at Conception, Mo. He studied for four years at Kenrich Theological Seminary in St. Louis.

He said he enjoys restoring old tractors. One of his more memorable restorations, he said, was a tractor that had belonged to his grandfather. He also enjoys stamp collecting and fishing for channel catfish.

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Cost share applications due

The Decatur County office of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service in Oberlin is accepting applications for money to help install variable rate irrigation and related conservation practices through Friday, July 17.

Variable Rate Irrigation allows for some nozzles of a center pivot irrigation sprinkler to be turned off as it passes over an environmentally sensitive area and then continue applying waste water once those nozzles are clear of the area.

Financial assistance is available through the Environmental Quality

Incentives Program to farmers with approved applications. The county office and Kansas Livestock Association Environmental Services Inc. have formed a partnership, through the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative, to deliver this project to ranchers with confined animal feeding operations to protect surface water.

To learn more about variable rate irrigation, go to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's website at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ccpi.

Stories needed for history

Past and present residents of Rawlins County are encouraged to compile their family's history and information for the third volume of Rawlins County history.

This volume will focus on what has happened in Rawlins County during the past 20 years. Virgie Burk, a member of the committee, encouraged writers to submit pictures of family homes, both old and new, and information about

family not included in the first two volumes.

There is no charge to have your story included in the book, she said. All photos will be returned. All material must be in by Saturday, Aug. 15.

Contact Mrs. Burk's at vburk@atwoodtv.net or (785) 626-3452. Also working on the project is Gertie Kastens, (785) 626-9223.

Graduate earns high honors

Andy Anderson, a 2005 graduate of Decatur Community High School, recently graduated, with cum laude honors, from Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo.

He is the son of Tom and Karen Anderson, McCook, and grandson of Raymond and Dorothy Berndy, McCook.

Mr. Anderson is the Assistant Youth Pastor at North Point Assembly of God, Springfield.



A. Anderson

Happy Birthday!

A birthday celebration for Paulie Neff. Please come and celebrate Paulie Neff's 80th birthday. An open house will be held on Saturday, July 18th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Selden Parish hall in Selden, Kan. If you are unable to attend, cards may be sent to 464 1000th Road, Dresden, Kan. 67635. No gifts please.

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Tribute to war vets set for July 19 in Jennings

The Historic Building Preservation Committee and the Norcatur Royal Neighbors of America will pay tribute to World War II veterans at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, at the Jennings Opera House and Masonic Hall.

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. for viewing of World War II memorabilia, said Marge Hartzog, one of the event's organizers. The program begins at 2:30 with opening ceremonies by a Boy Scout Troop from Hays, followed with patriotic songs by area children, vocal solos of World War II songs by Jacinta Carter and Terri Hanke and patriotic readings by Jess Carter and Mike McKenna.

Joanne Emerick of Hoxie will be the main speaker. She has researched World War II extensively and will soon publish a book that will follow the air war in the Pacific Theatre through the eyes of the men of the 31st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy). Ms. Emerick's late father was a medic with the 31st.

The program will conclude with a flag-folding ceremony by the Scouts. Following that, a meal will be offered featuring foods from the World War II era along with a tasting table of more foods and recipes typical of that time.

Guests may be surprised at the texture and heaviness of some of the wartime baked goods, said Mrs. Hartzog. Everyone is invited to bring any favorite prepared foods and recipes from the war years and to share their recipes.

The Jennings Czech Museum, John McDermott of Colby, and the

Norton National Guard unit are among the owners who will bring World War II memorabilia. Mr. McDermott will display weapons, a complete medical/dental suite, a Prison of War flag and flags from each branch of service, a hands-on field telephone display, and a "military mule" from the Vietnam War.

The National Guard will bring a new Hummer and wrecker to the event. Kay Brown will display an Army uniform, complete with overcoat, worn by her uncle, Harry Allen, who was a mechanic in a tank destroyer unit.

Scrapbooks compiled by the late Ellen Petracek Shaw during the war years will be available for viewing. Everyone is encouraged to bring memorabilia to share. Call Mrs. Hartzog, 678-2664, or Neoma Tacha, 678-2470, if you have a larger display so ample viewing space will be assured.

An offering will be taken for the meal. Proceeds will be matched by the Norcatur Royal Neighbors and profits will be used by the Historic Building Preservation Committee for improvements to the Opera House. The committee is a nonprofit organization under the Jennings Historical Society.

Although the focus is on World War II events and items, the service and sacrifice of all veterans will be honored, said Mrs. Hartzog. All veterans and their family and friends are encouraged to attend and share this time of reminiscing. Feel free to bring pillows or cushions to make sitting more comfortable, she said.

Rotary hears ranch stories

At the June 30 meeting, Oberlin Rotary Club members were treated to a report, along with pictures, from member Bob Gaskill about his days of ranching in eastern Colorado.

Mr. Gaskill said that he and a partner ran a yearling operation with cattle obtained from southeastern states. He said the first year was tough, as the market was a disaster and they lost money selling calves. They sustained losses of 10 to 12 percent due to animals dying or missing. He told of an incident in which he was charged with killing maverick cattle. The charges were later dropped.

Mr. Gaskill sold the ranch in 2006 after 32 years in business.

Another presenter at the meeting was Oberlin City Administrator Austin Gilley. Mr. Gilley reported

on the recent electrical power outage the city experienced and told what was being done to correct the situation.

He encouraged everyone to conserve energy as much as possible until the problem was fixed.

Guests at the meeting were visiting Rotarians Janice Shobe, Atwood Rotary Club, and Andrew Bryan, Baker City, Ore., Rotary Club, Kay Gaskill, Ann, Chelsea and Barbara Ann Bryan and Kip Francis, Hoboken, N.J.

In other business, the club:

- Welcomed Rhonda May president.
- Learned that member Dan Neland has returned home.
- Learned that the first load of wheat came in to Decatur Co-op on Wednesday, June 24.

Red Hatters watch movie

Charlotte Meints hosted the June 25 meeting of the Haughty Hatters of the Northwest Kansas Red Hat Society.

Mrs. Meints treated her guests to popcorn, punch and snacks while they watched the movie, "Last

Chance Harvey," starring Dustin Hoffman.

Attending were Betty Jones, Marian Fraker, Ann Mines, Janet Rorick, Fern Moore, Janette Votapka and Karen Bruning.

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Stop by our office for a wedding form.