

Selden News

By *Jacque Boultinghouse*

School Calendar: Friday - High School Basketball at Logan. Jan. 11 through Jan. 16 - Western Kansas Liberty League, High School Basketball Tournament in Sharon Springs.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. 8 - Gary Shaw, Tom Zodrow, Tyler Stevenson. Jan. 9 - Evelyn Wahl, Lindsey Wahl. Jan. 10 - Melanie Schultz, Randi Stevenson, Keizer Carman. Jan. 11 - Reid Griest, Shad Putnam. Jan. 12 - Joe Bainter. Jan. 13 - Joe Trembley, Carl Ochs, Sherry Carman, Harold Sulzman. Jan. 14 - Dorothy Stacey, Angel Lobato, Bernie Ritter. On Jan. 1 a missed birthday - Diego Costellano.

There was no Senior Citizens on Thursday. The cold weather and ice encouraged them to stay in for

the day.

Happy New Year from the Selden Public Library. Please make a fresh start to the new year by returning any overdue items to the library. Overdue books returned during the month of January will not be assessed fines.

New Books at the Library include: Large Print - "Tainted," by Brooke Morgan; "The Unfinished Gift," by Dan Walsh; "A Widow's Hope," by Mary Ellis; "Too Much Money," by Dominick Dunne; "Trial By Fire," by J.A. Jance, and "South of Broad," by Pat Conroy.

Books in regular print - "The Sound of Sleigh Bells," by Cindy Woodsmall and "One Night With a Sweet-Talking Man," by Ana Leigh.

Rexford News

By *Vicki Allison*

Wishing each and everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year in 2010.

Rexford will start the New Year with having a Benefit Dinner for resident, Maribel Garcia, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Golden Plains High School in Rex-

ford. There will be authentic Mexican and American Food, sponsored by the Rexford Lions Club and community friends. Donations are to supplement medical expenses.

There will be Bingo at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Red Barn.

Two-day class offered in Colby for stockmen

An intensive two-day Extension school on "Feeding the Cowherd for Maximum Profit" will be held from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 13 and 14, at the Colby Community Building.

This hands-on program is designed to help stockmen refine their understanding of cow nutrition and find the most cost-effective means to achieve feeding goals with today's rising costs.

The workshop will be led by Danny Simms, former K-State Research and Extension, beef specialist and author of the book "Feeding the Cowherd for Maximum Profit." Stockmen will be able to integrate what they have learned into their own rations with the help of K-State's Brands ration-balancing

program.

Topics for the two-day course will include feeding for reproduction, using body condition scores, evaluating diet adequacy, economics of supplementation, supplementation of protein and energy, mineral supplementation and managing feed costs. Growers are encouraged to bring their forage analysis for use in exercises.

Registration includes the book, meals and refreshments. Class size is limited to 25. Deadline for registration is Friday, Jan. 8. For information, contact Sandy Johnson at sandyj@ksu.edu or Lori Fabian at lfabian@ksu.edu, or call either at 462-6281. The program is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension.

Census takers needed

Every 10 years, the government conducts a census of the U.S. population, and officials are looking for thousands of people to join the effort as Census takers this year.

The 2010 Census employment test will be given at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby. The multiple-choice test is the first step in being hired as a Census taker. Anyone may take the free test.

The Census helps determine how federal money is spent for things like roads, parks, schools and other public services, as well as each state's representation in Congress,

said Julie Schmidt with the Census Bureau.

Census takers help to make sure that everyone in their community is counted. A Census job offers good pay, flexible hours, paid training and the chance to work independently in your home area.

Census takers conduct interviews with residents. Most jobs require a valid driver's license and use of a vehicle.

For information, call the Census office at (866) 861-2010, or go to the jobs website at www.2010censusjobs.gov.

The following is the first of several articles written by Decatur Community High School Journalism students that highlight various people who help make USD 294 what it is.

Activities Director wears many hats

By **JORDAN DREHER**

Joe Dreher has a lot of responsibilities that most people don't see. He is the Activities Director, physical education teacher, and coach. He said he took these jobs because he likes dealing with all athletics and seeing kids grow and mature from Junior High to High School.

Being the Activities Director, he assists with school discipline, classroom and school management. He is in charge when the principal is not in school. He also schedules athletic events, and gets officials. He supervises and manages athletic events and lines up workers.

For Physical Education he designs lesson plans for seventh and eighth grade boys, and does the same for P.E II. As a football, wrestling and track coach, he designs structured practices, prepares athletes for competition, and teaches responsibility, discipline, and dedication.

On average, Coach Dreher works 50-60 hours a week. His typical hours are from 7:20 a.m. to 6 p.m., and every Saturday from December to February, 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Asked what he likes most about his job, he said, "Being part of kids' lives." The thing he likes least is dealing with athletic contracts and officials' contracts.

One thing he wishes people would realize about his job is that it's time consuming and includes a lot of communication with other Activities Director's and principals via e-mail and phone calls. He said kids can make his job easier by having respect and discipline in school. He added, however, that this isn't a problem at DCHS.

He has been AD for three years, a teacher for 13 years, and a coach for 14 years. A quote he likes is "No Excuses - No Regrets. Give 100% In All You Do."

Voice of Decatur Community High School



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Students selected for All-State volleyball

By **STEPHANIE BRUGGEMAN**

Senior Adrienne Pauls and Junior Jordan Dreher were selected for the All-State Volleyball First Team.

Coaches from all over the state send in votes for players, which are then collected by the secretary of the KVA, the Kansas Volleyball Association. The votes are then tabulated and sent to a committee of eight coaches from across the state who are members of the KVA. This committee looks at these votes and reviews stats and rankings from the season to make the final decisions.

According to Pat Dorshorst, past president of the KVA, playing at the state tournament helps a lot because more coaches from across the state are able to watch these players and submit their votes for them. The coaches' votes have a great deal to do with the selection.

Players are chosen from all 2A schools in the state of Kansas. Seven players are chosen for first team, seven for second team, and seven for honorable mention. Mrs.

Dorshorst said, "It is very important that all coaches send in their votes to allow for more area players to receive this honor."

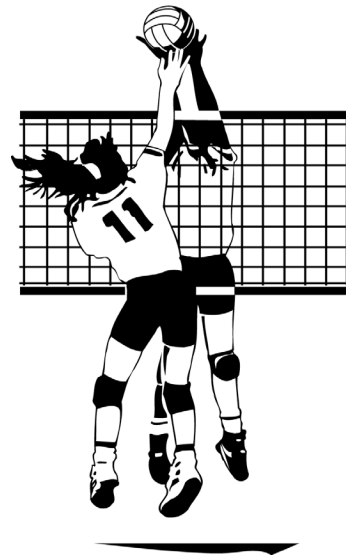
"It is a great honor being selected first team. I couldn't have made it without all of my wonderful teammates and the support of the community," said Jordan.



A. Pauls



J. Dreher



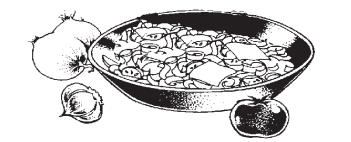
School Menus

January 11 - 15
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: Lasagna, green beans. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Pancake, ham pattie. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, rice pilaf. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy. Lunch: Turkey and cheese sandwich, carrot and celery sticks. (OES sack lunch) **Thursday:** Breakfast: Breakfast

bites. Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, baked beans. **Friday:** Breakfast: Western omelet, muffin. Lunch: Hamburger, french fries.

Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.



A New Year, A Fresh Start

By **Pastor Doug Hasty, Lund Covenant Church, Oberlin**

It's clear that a year has ended because all the news outlets did their "year-in-review" stories.

I like to watch the news, but I don't like those end of year stories. It's not news anymore, so why report it? Usually those stories focus on so much bad stuff. It's kinda like being reminded of all the "good stuff" you and I were going to do at the beginning of the year, that never actually happened. Do you know what I mean? "This year I'm gonna... blah, blah, blah..."

We can really get down on ourselves and discouraged when we look at all our past failures, but one thing that is great about being a Christian is that your past is just that — THE PAST. What God is interested in is your future. In the book of *Isaiah* it tells us in chapter 43, verse 18, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." We need to understand that God is

far more interested in our future than He is in our past. Some people think that God is stuck on their past. That all He wants to do is remind them of the things that they have done wrong, but God is more interested in your future than He is with your past. That's where you're going to spend the rest of your life.

Success in the Christian life is not trying harder, but living smarter — giving God control of my life. *Zechariah 4:6* says, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit."

God specializes in new beginnings. We can have a fresh start with a new life as we begin this New Year. God says, "I don't want you to turn over a new leaf. I'm going to give you a whole new life." Will you have a fresh start in life? Will you have a new beginning? It's your choice.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Jerry Nowack
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS
Carrie Buhler, pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
DRESDEN
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastor: Judi Stricker
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Choir practice every Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Gene Gee
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,

OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST
102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Larry Danforth
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
The Rev. Royce Leitner
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.

OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Fr. Stephen Folorunso
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Youth Group, 4 p.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Larry Danforth
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

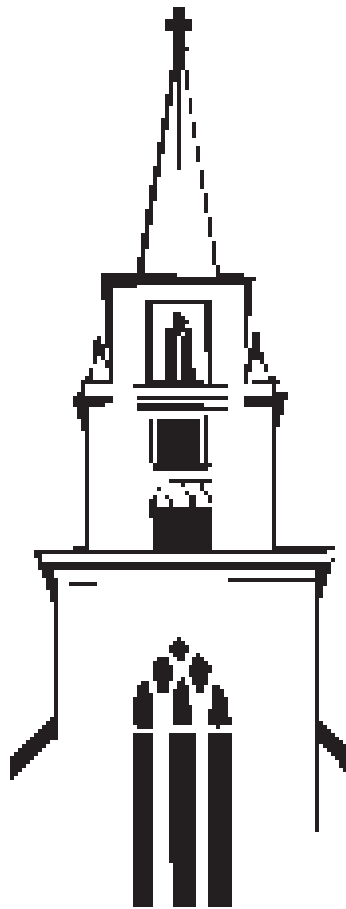
EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson
810 West Cedar, Oberlin
Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

LUND COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Doug Mason
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor: Kevin Schnakenberg
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays..

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 North York Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas

Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053
SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.



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