

People in Our Community

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Joan and Kristi Evans attended funeral services last Tuesday for Kristi's grandmother, Agnes Evans, 86, in Madrid, Neb. She died Jan. 16 at a hospital in Grand Island. Chad Evans, who is serving in the U.S. Navy in Norfolk, Va., also attended the funeral and visited a few days with his mother and sister.

Marjorie Hicks Snyder, 94, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, in Norton. Among survivors are four daughters, including Mrs. Norman (Paula) Strayer of Norcat. Memorials were established with Hospice Services of Norton County. Contributions may be sent to Enfield Funeral Home, 215 Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Evan and Mary Jorn, and Peggy Williams of Lawrence visited from Thursday to Sunday with Cecil Hess, Keith and Mary Lou Olson, and the Mark Olson family. They came to watch their cousin, Mary Olson, play in the Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament.

—Seafood Buffet Friday, Jan. 29, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn.

Destry Jackson, daughter of DeWayne and Aurelia Jackson of Norcat, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science following the fall semester at Bethany College. Summer, fall, interterm and spring graduates for 2009-2010 will be honored during baccalaureate worship and commencement ceremonies on campus on Sunday, May 23. She is a graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Luetta Pollnow were Shane and Amanda Johnson, Judson and Jackson, Dodge City; Diana and Sam Steinmetz, Kay Matheny, and Andy Chambers. The Johnsons were en route home after visiting his parents, Tedd and Lila Johnson in Paxton, Neb.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Henry Edgett, Dewaine Stapp, Doris Fringer and

Max Carman. Lows went to Doris Gilbert, Neil Marshall, Veanna Carman, Elden Haas and Ardis Roe. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dewaine Stapp with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Elden Haas. Bridge winners were Annette Miller and Cynthia Matson. Commodities will be distributed at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Golden Age Center.

—Sunday Brunch Buffet Jan. 31, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.

Barry Martin and Lisa of Olathe visited over the weekend with Glenn and Eunice Martin.

Brett and Sarah Smith and their eight-month-old daughter, Giada have moved to Oberlin from Lawrence and are staying with her parents, Robert and Sherri Ruf, until they find housing. He is working at Decatur County Feed Yard and she works in the office of R.J. Metcalf Realty. Sarah earned a degree in business from the University of Kansas.

Among those from Oberlin who attended the wedding of Justin Miller and Amy Bergling on Saturday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Hays were Shelli Fortin, Chris Dempewolf, Lynn and Roberta Johnson, Bob Woolsey, Lil Corpier, and Dave and Sherry Bergling. The bridegroom is the son of David and Cindy Miller of Las Vegas, but formerly of Oberlin, and the bride's parents are Richard and Susan Bergling of Quinter. They will live in Las Vegas.

—Last Week Christmas Clearance Sale, up to 60% off. New: Big Basket of Jewelry, 50% off. Oberlin Mercantile Company.

Word was received of the death of Frank C. Epp, 58, of Great Bend on Jan. 17. He was a brother of Richard Epp of Colby, and a son-in-law of Nora Bell Manning of Oberlin. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Kansas Day program Sunday

A Kansas Day program will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings, sponsored by the Czech Museum. Guest speaker will be Lyle Hutchins, who will talk about "Buffalo Hunters and the Plains

Buffalo," and have artifacts on display. The musical group "Clueless Three" from Oberlin will entertain. Members of the group are Lonnie McEvoy, harmonica; Mike Elwood, guitar; and Sid Metcalf, vocal. The public is invited.

Kindergarten registration set

Parents of children who will begin kindergarten at Oberlin Elementary School this fall should register their children at the school office from Monday through next Friday, Feb. 5, said Principal Duane Dorshorst.

If you are unable to come to the school office, he said, call the office at (785) 475-2122. A child must be 5 on or before Aug. 31 to be eligible for kindergarten this year, he said.

Association adds members

The Oberlin Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees met at the Norton Senior Center on Jan. 18. Area Vice President Ron Katt and his wife Karol of Grainfield were guests.

President Gary Zodrow conducted the business meeting. A change in the by-laws was made so that meetings will be held quarterly in April, June, September and December. New members include Claire Ann Eppinger, Keith VanSike and Vesta Hobbs, Norton, and Diane Barrett, Oberlin. Members of the Oberlin chapter include active and retired federal employees of Decatur, Norton and Rawlins counties.

Herndon plans ox roast for summer

Plans are underway to hold the traditional Herndon Ox Roast on Saturday, June 12.

The Herndon Chamber of Commerce met recently to work on details. Volunteers are needed, as well as donations, said Peach Beims. Anyone who would like to help or donate money should call Peach Beims at (785) 322-5373. For information, go to herndon-oxroast.blogspot.com. The site contains parade entry and mud volleyball sign-up forms. T-shirts, fund-raiser and cow-patty-bingo tickets are available at The Bank in Herndon and Herndon Insurance Agency.



February wedding planned



Janene Holtze and Carl Larson of Oberlin plan to be married on Saturday, Feb. 20, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Parents of the couple are Jim and Becky Holtze, Wilsonville, Neb.; Craig and Karen Larson, and Allen and Marla Shelton, Oberlin.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Cambridge High School and earned a degree in elementary education from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 2009. She is a substitute teacher.

Carl Larson and Janene Holtze

Her fiancé graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2000 and farms in the Oberlin area.

Pastor serves churches

The Rev. Barbara Patterson is the new United Methodist minister serving churches at Jennings and Dresden. She lives in Hoxie with her husband, the Rev. Robert Glenn Patterson, and commutes.



B. Patterson

She replaces the Rev. Carrie Buhler. Mrs. Patterson said she is a native of Jonesboro, Ill. She and her husband, both ministers, both are retired from the military. They married in 1986 in St. Louis. She graduated from St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo., in 2000 and was ordained in 2001 during the annual Kansas-West Conference meeting in Salina. Between the two, they have served

churches at Alexander, Bazine-Beeler, Oakley, Winona, Plainville, and Ellis-Lebanon. The couple moved to Hoxie in 2007, where he serves the Hoxie United Methodist Church and she is associate pastor.

Their family includes two daughters, Julie Arnold, a teacher aide in Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Kara Patterson, a teacher in Wichita; and a son, James Patterson and his wife, Melissa, who work for Jumbo Foods in Enid, Okla. They have one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Services are held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at the Dresden church and at 11 a.m. at Jennings.

Disaster information on web

The U.S. Department of Agriculture now has a web-based 2008 crop program payment calculator to help farmers figure the financial benefits they could receive under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program.

Diane Barrett, county executive director for U.S. Farm Service Agency in Oberlin, said the calculator was designed to help them better understand and participate in this new crop disaster program.

"Our goal is to help the producers make informed decisions so their business planning is as easy as possible," said Ms. Barrett, "and this calculator is one of the tools we're making available to do exactly that."

The calculator collects informa-

tion about farming operations, including planted acreage, actual production, insurance coverage data and other federal disaster payments. This information is used to calculate an estimated payment for crop losses.

It also provides an estimated 2008 program payment to help farmers better understand what they may qualify for under the farm program, she said, but it does not constitute an application for the program. The calculator is available on the agency's website at www.fsa.usda.gov/sure.

For information or to apply, visit the county office at 410 S. Buffalo or call 475-3131.

Clothing drive scheduled

The Decatur County Ministerial Association is sponsoring a warm clothing drive, "Cold Hands, Warm Hearts," for their transient ministry.

Good Samaritan Center at 108 E. Ash will be the drop-off place. Donations can be left in the foyer. They are asking especially for

men's items, including coats, hats, gloves, sweaters, sleeping bags, travel-size toothpaste, soap, shampoo, lotion, chapstick, razors and toothbrushes.

The residents will put together Personal Care Kits for stranded travelers for the association as their contribution to the project.

Art exhibit at Logan museum

The "33rd Annual High School Art Exhibit" from area schools will be on display from Friday, Feb. 12, to Sunday, March 14, at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan.

It will include watercolor and tempera, ink and scratch board, oil and acrylic, sculpture and 3D, pencil and drawing, charcoal, mixed media

and more. This year's exhibits are from Norton, Palco, Stockton, Smith Center, Logan, Phillipsburg, Hill City, Grainfield, Ellis, Osborne, Plainville and WaKeeney.

For details, call Shirley at (785) 689-4846 or check the website at www.hansenmuseum.org.

Club News

Members enjoy pizza

The Calico Gals Club enjoyed lunch on Jan. 20 at the Pizza Hut, then met at the home of Mary Waldo for the meeting. Roll call was a winter time memory.

The club collect was read, followed by the flag salute. Detta Anderson conducted the meeting in the absence of Donna Kelley. A card was signed for Ben Duell, who was ill. New members were considered. The club furnished sheet cakes for the funeral of Lora Zwickle.

Pictures, taken by Jeff Reinert at Christmas, were given to members. New books for 2010 were filled out. Each member will take turns furnishing the hostess gift since some are not hostesses. Millie Lippelmann won the hostess gift and Mrs. Waldo served refreshments.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Waldo on Feb. 17. Roll call will be something on love for Valentine's Day.

Club celebrates birthdays

Zeta Nu Club met on Jan. 14 at the home of Mary Waldo with Janice Winters as co-hostess. The club entertained for the

January birthdays on Thursday at Cedar Living Center. Honored were Darlene Fisher, Frances Schiessler and Blanche Skubal.

Developmental Services makes cuts due to budget

In the last two years, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, along with other service providers for people with developmental disabilities, has had to make significant reductions to its workforce, as well as dramatic cuts to the services it provides.

In 2008, the agency restructured services for those served across northwest Kansas due to budget cuts and rising costs, eliminating 14 positions and affecting 120 staff.

In July 2009, a cut of \$496,000 was handed down by the state, which meant additional erosion, including closures, consolidation, service terminations and job loss. Another 25 staff positions were affected.

In the most recent round of cuts, Gov. Mark Parkinson's budget allotments equaled to yet another \$665,000 loss in revenue for this fiscal year, from January to June, so the agency was required to scramble once again to balance an already depleted budget.

"DSNWK has worked hard to remain fiscally responsible and to be good stewards of the system," said Jerry Michaud, "making changes that minimize the negative impact on the individuals, the service and on our staff. With the latest round of cuts, we are dangerously close

to compromising the services that we are called to carry out.

"Repercussions from this most recent round of funding reductions includes the elimination of 16 additional positions, plus reduction in hours for several other positions throughout our northwest Kansas region, and once again increases in caseloads for its service coordinators. The staff is being stretched farther and farther to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities in northwest Kansas.

"Unfortunately, even after the service has implemented those latest cuts, the organization remains short of reconciling the \$665,000 budget reduction.

"We know our work is not finished, and we will need to continue our planning efforts. We will continue to consider our limited options, those internal as well as external, to respond to the chronic funding shortfall of our system. These are distressing times for everyone, especially for people with developmental disabilities and their families."

For information, call Mr. Michaud at (785) 625-5678.

New Arrival

Mea Grace Affolter

CeeAnn and Bruce Affolter of Salina are the parents of a daughter, Mea Grace, born Oct. 29, 2009. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Bill and Carol Wessel, Dresden and Dave and Cathy Affolter, Morganville. Her great-grandparents are Elsie Wessel, Selden, and the late L.W. Wessel; Dilly Riedel, Park, and the late John A.



Mea Affolter

Riedel; and Carl and Elsie Affolter, Morganville.

She was baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Salina on Nov. 29 with relatives and friends present. She wore a baptismal gown that her great-great-grandmother, Anna K. (Rome) Riedel of St. Peter, had made out of the wedding dress that she wore 88 years ago when she and John J. Riedel married.

CITY OF OBERLIN, KANSAS Summary of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Unencumbered Cash For Year Ended December 31, 2009

Fund	Description	2009 Beginning Balance	2009 Cash Receipts	2009 Cash Disbursements	2009 Ending Cash
20	GENERAL	\$ 83,731	\$ 1,255,726	\$ 1,075,938	\$ 263,519
21	POLICE SPECIAL	\$ 43,322	\$ 1,000	\$ 6,034	\$ 38,289
30	SPECIAL HIGHWAY	\$ 251,950	\$ 111,202	\$ 29,671	\$ 333,481
31	LIBRARY	\$ 2,736	\$ 66,970	\$ 59,575	\$ 10,131
32	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$ 5,643	\$ 118,781	\$ 122,624	\$ 1,800
34	RISK MANAGEMENT	\$ 112,397	\$ --	\$ 2,949	\$ 109,448
35	SPECIAL PARK	\$ 18,365	\$ 5,643	\$ 15,683	\$ 8,325
36	MEMORIALS	\$ 27,096	\$ 1,064	\$ 30	\$ 28,130
37	TOURISM	\$ --	\$ 12,356	\$ 9,860	\$ 2,496
38	DEBT SERVICE	\$ 105,034	\$ 116,601	\$ 188,079	\$ 33,557
39	CENTENNIAL TRUST	\$ 1,494	\$ 22	\$ --	\$ 1,515
41	SAPPA RANCH	\$ 22,316	\$ 8,108	\$ 2,469	\$ 27,955
43	ECON. DEVELOPMENT	\$ 198,462	\$ 50,000	\$ 81,930	\$ 166,532
50	CDBG WWTF	\$ 1	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 1
52	EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 58,534	\$ 50,000	\$ --	\$ 108,534
53	GATEWAY	\$ 113,268	\$ 287,942	\$ 304,957	\$ 96,252
54	GATEWAY DONATION	\$ 1,035,917	\$ 978	\$ 227,671	\$ 809,223
60	AGENCY FUNDS	\$ 11,853	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 11,853
70	ELECTRIC	\$ 301,971	\$ 1,865,126	\$ 1,898,309	\$ 268,788
71	ELECTRIC RESERVE	\$ 647,736	\$ 89,710	\$ 1,838,339	\$ 737,446
72	CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	\$ 23,208	\$ 2,460	\$ 3,501	\$ 22,167
80	SEWER	\$ 227,508	\$ 314,838	\$ 252,032	\$ 290,314
81	SEWER RESERVE	\$ 358,845	\$ 180,000	\$ --	\$ 538,845
82	WASTE WATER	\$ 18,556	\$ 19	\$ --	\$ 18,576
90	WATER	\$ 179,142	\$ 347,953	\$ 362,440	\$ 164,655
92	WATER PROJECT	\$ 251	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 251
TOTAL		\$3,849,334	\$ 4,886,499	\$ 4,643,748	\$ 4,092,085

Outstanding Debt

2001 GO Bond: \$340,000
2003 Water Project: \$705,600
KS State Revolving Loan: \$1,259,051
Total: \$2,304,651

DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 29, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open for Social Hour at 5:30. Mail reservations and remittance to Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Price per plate is \$20.00 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name	Class	Year to be seated with
Guest	Class	Year to be seated with

Is guest a DCHS Grad? Y N

Space allows for alumnus and one guest each. Include maiden name if DCHS alumnus. Deadline for reservations is May 15, 2010.