

People in Our Community

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Wayne and Linda Bosler of Herndon, and Von and Joy Bosler of Norcat, attended funeral services for Beatrice (Bosler) Krenning in Brush, Colo., on April 7. She was a sister of Wayne Bosler and Mrs. Johnson and a 1940 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Dr. Robert Bellah, who died on April 1, was a longtime professor at Lindsborg College. Pastor Charlotte Baseler-Strecker said he was her biology professor and advisor at the college but she was unable to attend the services. He was the father of Robi Alstrom.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ardis Roe, Henry Edgett, Neil Marshall, Shirley Gaede, Ivis Hanson and Kelva Dryden. Lows went to Doris Gilbert, Shirley Gaede, Doris Fringer, Kelva Dryden, Neil Marshall and Norma Anderson. Pitch highs went to Dorothy Moore and Elden Haas with lows going to Henry Edgett and Shirley Gaede. Bridge winners were Annette Miller, Beth Sebaugh, Marie McKisson and Charlotte Meints. Senior potluck at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, April 18.

—Brunch Buffet Sunday, April 18, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., LandMark Inn 475-2340.

Ella Betts returned home last Tuesday from Palm Desert, Calif., where she spent a week visiting her daughter, Jan Ray.

Jean Earlywine of Louisville, Colo., is visiting her sister, Ila Ray, Oberlin.

Cynthia Haynes spent Wednes-

day in Concordia. She had lunch with her sister, Marie Cairns, then took her mother, Emma Desilet, shopping.

—Weekly Special at The Dresser. Select summer tops are 50% off. 4-12 thru 4-17.

Greg and Mary Long and Jenna spent Easter with Ethan Long in Tulsa, Okla., where he is attending welding school.

Herschel and Jody Betts attended a dinner Saturday evening in Hays which honored the incoming president of Rotary International, Ray Klingensmith and his wife, Judie, formerly of Kirksville, Mo. They are making their home at the headquarters of Rotary International in Chicago. The Klingensmiths had attended a training session for incoming Rotary officers in Salina and were accompanied by friends from Warrensburg, Mo., Duane and Pat Sterling. On Sunday afternoon, the Bettises were among those from Oberlin who attended the Samuel Ramey concert in Colby.

Janette Votapka has returned home after spending the winter months in Texas.

Graveside inurnment services will be held at 11 a.m. today at the Norton Cemetery for Velma Louise Knapp, 69, who died April 6 at the Andbe Home in Norton. She was a sister-in-law of Anetta Knapp of Norcat. Memorials were established for Shriners' Burn Center for Children, in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

printed on the Relay T-shirts need to submit donations and logos by Saturday, May 1. Call Mr. Unger at (785) 475-2560 for forms.

Teams are being formed, and anyone who would like to participate should call Terese Vontz at (785) 475-7128, Natasha Weishapl, (785) 475-4290, or (785) 475-2208 for details.

People can buy luminaries to commemorate and honor cancer victims and survivors. Contact Marilyn Horn or Norma Unger. Luminary forms are available from any team or committee member. Volunteers are needed before and during the event. Everyone is invited to come and join the fun — and help raise money for cancer research.

Relay for Life planned at Gateway in June

The Decatur County Relay for Life is approaching fast as volunteers continue "The Fight Back" against cancer, said Ralph and Norma Unger, co-chairs of the committee.

The relay will begin with a survivors' barbecue at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 18, at The Gateway, with activities for the public to follow at 6 p.m.

Opening ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. and in addition to the traditional walk and ceremonies, new activities are planned with fun for everyone. The committee said they appreciate the continued support of area businesses and professionals.

Corporate or professional sponsors that desire to have their logos

Program deadline nearing

Farmers interested in participating in the 2010 Average Crop Revenue Election program and the Direct and Countercyclical Program must sign up by Tuesday, June 1.

Diane Barrett, county executive officer of the U.S. Farm Service Agency, said the U.S. Department of Agriculture will not accept any late-filed applications.

Monday, May 31, is the final date to report small-grain acreages for the 2010 crop year. Full farm acreage reports are required if a farmer is participating in the aid programs or to be eligible for Supplemental

Revenue Assistance.

To remain eligible for 2009 and 2010 payments, farmers must complete the proper application. These forms must be mailed to IRS-US-DA, Box 24033, Fresno, Calif., 93779. Do not submit the form to county offices. Forms are available at the county office or by going to www.fsa.usda.gov on the web.

Call the county office at (785) 475-3131 to schedule an appointment for enrolling into the farm programs and reporting crop acreages. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, said Mrs. Barrett.

Gospel group to perform

"Simple Grace," a gospel group from Martell, Neb., will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Jim and Kathy Hitch and five of their eight children will offer a variety of Christian music, accompanied by guitars, fiddles, banjo,

mandolin, piano, harmonicas, cello and percussion.

A potluck supper will be served before the concert in the church basement. Anyone who would like to bring a dish and join the members for the meal is welcome. An offering will be taken during the program.

Wilma Ritter and children are requesting a card shower for Carl Mumm for his 80th birthday, April 15th.

Cards will reach him at:
12247 N Road 80W
Selden, KS 67757



STEPPING ON THE SCALES at Decatur Health Systems were Lisa Votapka (left) and Cheryl Timm, who were named the biggest losers in the "Care for Your Heart" weight-loss contest.

Two hospital employees named biggest losers

Decatur Health Systems employees gathered on Friday to see who won the "Care for Your Heart" weight-loss contest which has been going on the past few weeks.

The winning team was Lisa Votapka and Cheryl Timm, who lost 45.4 total pounds. A total of 425 pounds was lost by the 52 people who took part in the 12-week program, with an average 4.53 percent weight loss.

Their winnings totaled \$380, raised through the registration

fees and fines levied on those who gained weight during any week of the competition.

Coming in second were Donna Guinn and Tammi Ritter, with a loss of 32.2 pounds. Third place went to Nikki and Cindy Murray for losing 25.6 pounds.

The group celebrated with healthful sundaes made of nonfat yogurt and fresh fruit. The group began a second 12-week weight maintenance round on Monday.

— Photo by Othelia Vacura

Woman honored on 80th

Norma Brown was honored with a luncheon and open house on Saturday at the Golden Age Center for her 80th birthday. Hosts were her children, Kent and Deb Brown, and Kevin and Jackie Brown.

After the luncheon, a slide show put together by her granddaughter, Natalie Barlett, was shown in the Sunflower Cinema.

Relatives present included all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Natalie and Chris Barlett, Ames, Iowa; Chris and Amanda Brown, Charleston, S.C.; Justin Brown, Talia Reuber, Adyson and Skylar, Thornton, Colo.; Jeremy Brown, Westminster, Colo.; and Leslie Jones, Hannah, Morgan and Kacie, Oberlin.

Out-of-town guests were Bill and Linda Burr, Fort Collins, Colo.; Steve, LaDonna and Donna Lea Harrison, and Doug, Deanna and Stephen Harrison, Lebanon, Neb.; David and Retta Hare and Larry

James, Norcat; Karen Carpenter, Veda Heisel, Lenora; Howard and Linda Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Ron and Kathleen Hansen, Loyal Springer, Bartley, Neb.; Kenneth, Jody, Ethan and Emma Merrill, Sterling, Colo.; Crystal (Taylor) Sander, Hoisington; Rex Storer, Zoey, Jayce and Tristen, Hoxie; Ruby Phifer, Connie Pennington, Judy Bateman, Goodland; Dixie Fields, Erik Fields and family, Ryan Schmittberger, Menlo; and Edwin Black, McCook.

Other guests included Sharon Stevenson, Frances Vacura, Marion Wenger, Eunice Wenger, Terry, Peggy and Lacey Ream, Rick and Dori Pauls, June Fortin, Jane Carlisle and John, Donna Fortin, Jim and Leanna Bryan, Royce and Vicky Leitner, John and Edie Tate, Mildred Black, Terry Black, Lyman and Sharon Black, Nila Hafner, Phyllis Beneda and Florine Vernon, all of Oberlin.

Good Samaritan to celebrate National Volunteer Week

The Decatur County Good Samaritan Center plans to celebrate National Volunteer Week next week.

"An afternoon tea will be served at 2 p.m. this Saturday to thank our priceless volunteers," said activities director Lisa Paulson. "Volunteers play a key role in the mission and ministry of Good Sam. We value our volunteers' dedication, and

National Volunteer Week is a special time to celebrate their gifts, talents and contributions."

The sponsor of National Volunteer Week is the Points of Light and Hands On Network. The week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing an annual celebration of volunteering.

Speakers to tell history

Bee Nelson of Norcat will tell about the history of the old St. Mark's Lutheran Church, now lodged at the Decatur County Last Indian Museum, on the first stop of a tour of area churches on Sunday. Meet at 2 p.m. on the east side of the museum on South Griffith.

Cheryl Metcalf will give the history at the Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church; Carol Wessel, Immaculate Conception, Catholic

Church in Leoville; and Pastor Doug Mason and Gail Marcuson, Lund Covenant Church. Refreshments will be served at the Lund church.

The tour is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. Admission is by season ticket or \$10 for adults, \$5 for students or \$2.50 each for students for an entire family. Those attending are encouraged to car pool.

Members compete at regional

Results for Decatur County 4-H Club members who participated at Regional 4-H Club Day at Brewster on Friday include Erin May, project talk, gymnastics, reading; Britta

Noren and Kade Grafel, piano, blue ribbons; Star Valley, vocal ensemble, red.

Several others who qualified did not attend due to school events.

Club News

Club enjoys brunch

Joy Russell was hostess for a spring brunch on Saturday for members of Pi Alpha Club. Kristy Evans was co-hostess and the top half of the club roster provided food. Devotions, given by Mrs. Russell, were titled, "Why did Jesus fold the napkin."

was accompanied by Joy Russell. A \$20 donation was made to the music department.

An enjoyable program was presented by the high school instrumental department. It included contest brass and woodwind numbers by Samantha Anderson, French horn; Miki Dorshorst, trumpet; Elizabeth Nedland, French horn; and Katie Glading, trombone; with Cheryl Metcalf, accompanist. Darbi Rouse, oboe,

Twelve members were present, including Pat Wright of Oakley. A donation was made to the Oberlin City Library in memory of Nadine Anderson, a charter member of the club. Cards were sent to Joyce Ploussard and Doris Sloan. Gerry Neff received the hostess gift.

The last meeting of the club year will be a "game night" on Monday, April 26, at the farm home of Janette Votapka with Joan Evans as co-hostess. Dues will be paid.

Group to plant flowers

Garden Lover's Garden Club met for lunch on March 23 at The Landmark Inn with seven members present.

the home of Shirley and Gaylord Shields, across from City Park. Bring all plants that you would like to divide and exchange with other gardeners. Those who have none to exchange are invited to make a donation. Proceeds will be donated to help with the landscaping at the new Golden Age Center.

Guest speaker Carolyn Hackney, Chamber of Commerce secretary-manager, discussed having the club help plant flowers in the planters along Oberlin's Main Street. Members agreed to help at 5 p.m. Friday, May 14. Volunteers are asked to meet in front of the Chamber office.

Join the group at its next meeting at noon on Tuesday, April 27, at the LandMark. Call ahead to order lunch.

A plant exchange will be held on Friday, weather permitting, at

Lord's Acre sale planned

The Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met on April 7 at the home of Angie Wilson. Seven members answered roll call with a favorite saying.

president read items of interest from the district letter, mainly about the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Camp Lakeside to be held Friday and Saturday. The Lord's Acre sale will be held at the church starting at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 25, with a potluck supper to follow.

President Cheryl Metcalf opened the meeting with all repeating the purpose followed by prayer for those mentioned. Devotions were given by Mrs. Metcalf and the Prayer Calendar Moments by Ethel Railsback. The hymn, "Take Time to be Holy," was sung.

United Methodist Women Sunday will be held on May 2 with members taking part. Phyllis Metcalf presented the program, "Mission Come Home." Happy birthday was sung for Ethel Railsback.

Fourteen health bags were sent to Haiti as a mission project. The

Club takes building tour

Ten members of the Zeta Nu Club met for lunch on Thursday at the Golden Age Center.

fener, who showed them the new Golden Age Center, Sunflower Theater and the bowling alley.

A tour of the new building followed, given by Greg Lohoe-

until September.

Scout recruitment scheduled

Girls from preschool through second grade are encouraged to celebrate the birthday of Earth Day from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Sappa Park shelterhouse.

Ayers at 475-3311 by Tuesday.

The afternoon will include songs, games, crafts, food and fun. Registration forms have been distributed at school, or parents may call Becky

"This is a recruitment event for new Girl Scout members," said Mrs. Ayers, who is membership services manager for northwest Kansas. "Come and join us for a day when a service project will be completed."

Federal employees meet

The Oberlin Chapter of the National Association of Federal Employees welcomed two new members, Cecil Hess and Steve Nelson, when members met at Wheat Ridge Terrace in Oberlin on Saturday.

Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Topeka, presented a program about health benefits for the group, then answered questions.

President Gary Zdrov conducted the business meeting. Pamela Maxwell, field representative for

Members of Oberlin chapter includes active and retired federal employees from Norton, Decatur and Rawlins counties.

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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.

Leona Kaspar is 95 Years Young

Leona Kaspar will celebrate her 95th birthday on April 17 with a card shower



Cards can be sent to her at:
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Hays, KS 67601