

# People in Our Community

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Lyle and Leona Hilker recently returned home from their winter home in Weslaco, Texas. En route home, they visited her daughter and family, Karla and Doug Wilson, Grant and Grayson, in North Little Rock, Ark., and celebrated Easter with them. Additional Easter dinner guests were Belinda Wilson, and Brandon and ShaNeal Mayden and Abigail, also of North Little Rock. An Easter egg hunt was enjoyed by the children. In Wichita, they visited Lyle's grandson and his wife, Brad and Cassandra Hilker, went out for supper, then spent the night with Texas friends, Jim and Darlene Ales in Clearwater.

**—Mexican Buffet Tuesday, April 27, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.**

Word was received on Monday by Leland and Eloise Smith of the death of his nephew, Billie Hartley, 57, of Pueblo, Colo. His mother is Melba (Smith) Hartley of Pueblo.

**—Sunflower Rec Center open 4-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.**

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Norma Anderson, Henry Edgett, Dewaine Stapp, Max Carman, Kelva Dryden, Dorothy Moore and Ardis Roe. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Elden Haas, Kelva Dryden, Neil Marshall and Max Carman. Pitch highs went to Henry Edgett and Elden Haas with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Neil Marshall. Bridge winners were Charlotte Meints and Janette Votapka.

**—Just in for prom and graduation - Marie Osmond Rhinestone Jewelry. Oberlin Mercantile Co.**

Carol Morford returned home on April 8 from California, where she attended a family reunion at Pismo Beach with two sisters, Muriel and Vernon McGuire of Wesco, Calif., and Julie and Mark Fleischhaker and Dan of Tonka Bay, Minn., and their brother, Paul Skarphol of Bakersfield, Calif. She attended a Mary Kay meeting in Denver on March 25 and 26 before going to California.

**—Weekly Special at The Dresser, 30 percent off all jackets and select tops.**

Darlene and Randy Ankle of

Chandler, Ariz., were Sunday and Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters. Mr. and Mrs. Wolters enjoyed dinner on Sunday with the Ankles, Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Holsman of Hugoton, and Dennis and Anna Marie Worley of Atwood.

Mabel McLaughlin of Sturgeon, Mo., is a houseguest of Laurene Van Otterloo while visiting in the area.

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Steve and Cynthia Haynes attended the Nebraska Press Association meeting in Kearney, Neb., from Thursday to Saturday. On Saturday, they went to Concordia to visit Mrs. Haynes' mother, Emma Desilet, who was hospitalized after suffering a light stroke.

**—Attend Golden Age Center open house, April 25, 2 to 4 p.m.**

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters attended the junior/senior prom of their grandson, Levi J. Wolters, at the Rawlins County High School in Atwood on Saturday. After the prom, they attended a cookout at the home of April Ann Wolters. Other guests were Ashley Wolters and Tracy Taylor, Hays; Lacy Wolters, Kansas City; and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wolters, Ludell.

Lyle and Leona Hilker helped his great-granddaughter, Aspin Dame, celebrate her first birthday at the Spotlight Studios in McCook on Sunday. She is the daughter of Amanda and Cody Dame.

**—Webkinz Day Sat., May 8, at LandMark Inn 3-4 p.m. 16-17**

Jaiden Koerperich and Karington Schaben held their first Holy Communion on Saturday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden. Landen Macfee, Anna Carter, Chloe Harmon, Shawna Riley and Jenna Juenemann had their first Holy Communion at the Oberlin Sacred Heart Church on Sunday. Taryn Fleckenstein, Katie Meitl and Candace Taylor will hold their First Holy Communion on Sunday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

**—Victorian Spring Tea, Sunday, May 16, 1-3:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for info.**

## Decatur High student is Boys State delegate

Jacob Helm has been selected by the Oberlin American Legion Post to attend the 2010 Boys State program in Manhattan, which begins June 6 on the Kansas State University campus.



J. Helm

Jacob is a junior at Decatur Community High School and the son of Mike and Debra Helm of Norcatour.

This is the 73rd year that the Kansas Department of the American Legion has conducted Boys State. Participants have an opportunity to learn first hand how our form of representative government functions from the ground up. The program begins with the assignment of "stater" to either the Federalist or National-

ist "political party" based on their responses to a questionnaire prior to arrival.

The delegates form city and county governments and within days, elect officials to a new "51 State," writing its constitution, drafting and passing a budget, establishing a Supreme Court and enacting laws compatible with today's society and needs.

Computer programs will allow each stater to view the real-life impact that various laws, license fees, etc., might have on them within minutes of passage, thus displaying how decisions affect both the entire population and individual citizens.

## Pastor accepts call to Cheney

After nine years at the Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches, the Rev. Doug Hasty has accepted a call to become pastor of the United Methodist Church in Cheney, west of Wichita.

"It was not an easy decision for us to make, since we have fallen in love with Oberlin and the people here," Mr. Hasty said.

He said he and his wife Sara plan to move in late June. They will be

closer to their daughters, Melissa, a student at Baker University in Baldwin City, and Rebekah Hitzfeld of Darlington, Ind. Both are graduates of Decatur Community High School.

"We will truly miss our friends and church family in the Oberlin area," he said.

A new pastor will be assigned to the parishes here in June, he said.

## Woman donates defibrillator

Oberlin Rotarians learned about an automatic heart defibrillator given to the Oberlin community by Susan Betts McMonagle when the club met April 13 meeting at The Gateway.

Mrs. McMonagle is the daughter of Herschel and Jody Betts. Program chair Lee Gilliam introduced emergency medical technicians Melvin Martin and Chris Koerperich, who explained and demonstrated the proper use of the defibrillator.

An automated external defibrillator is a device that gives an electric shock to the heart to help re-establish normal contraction

rhythms in a heart having dangerous arrhythmia or in cardiac arrest, they said. The equipment will be kept at Ward Drug downtown and used in emergencies by trained personnel, they said.

The men emphasized that by following the clear voiced instructions, anyone can use the machine, as was demonstrated by Rotary Secretary-Treasurer Jesse Carter. Other heart defibrillators in Oberlin are at the Decatur County courthouse and the high school gym.

Guests were Kay Brown and Jody Betts.

## Musicians go to state festival

Thirty-five Decatur Community High School music students will travel to Cloud County Community College at Concordia for the state Music Festival on Saturday.

The students will perform 28 solos and ensembles which won a I rating at the Regional Music Festival earlier this month in Oberlin.

"We are looking forward to our

students performing well and invite everyone to attend this event, which is free," said Susan Nelson, vocal music director.

Instrumental director is Sarah Bricker and accompanists are Mary Lohofener, Cheryl Metcalf and Joy Russell.

Schedule will be available at the school this week.

## Jazz ensemble to perform

The Colby Community College Jazz Ensemble, directed by Tony Schroer, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Quinter High School Auditorium.

The concert, which will showcase 15 students from Kansas and Nebraska, is sponsored by the Western

Plains Arts Association. The ensemble will perform several traditional swing tunes, including blues, and uptemp, more modern jazz.

Admission is by season ticket or at the door, adults, \$5, and students, \$3.

## Self-defense class planned

Trooper Tod Hileman of the Kansas Highway Patrol will teach a free self-defense class from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Decatur Community High gym.

The class is sponsored by Fred-

rickson Insurance and the high school Student Council. To register, call the insurance office at 475-3883. Students may sign up at the high school office. Everyone is welcome.

## Rec center changes days

The Sunflower Recreation Center downtown in the new senior/recreation center building will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting this week.

The center had previously been open at the same time on Mondays and Wednesdays. Kids can come and play games and relax, said Connie Grafel.

## Club News

### Group hears historian

Monday Evening Cub members and guests heard the story of "The Other Wild Bill" when they met April 12 at the new Golden Age Center.

Speaker Judy Kleinsorge of the Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby told of her interest in frontier history and asked each person to tell of their background in northwest Kansas.

She said that while doing research on the Butterfield Trail, she became interested in a man named William Comstock, who came to Kansas as a young man, homesteaded a ranch in what later became Wallace County and was sought after as a scout and provider for army troops during the Indian wars. Since it is known that some of the tales about the

legendary "Wild Bill Hickok" are fiction, she said, she has researched where Bill Comstock lived and served prior to his death in 1868 at the age of 26.

Outgoing President Peggy Pratt recognized the new officers: Sue May, president; Cindi Sauder, vice president; Sharon Addleman, treasurer; and Shirley Shields, treasurer.

Ann Dowling Williams was welcomed as a new member and the club voted to move Sandy Fair to the associate member list. The club will operate the Rik-A-Sha booth again this year at the Decatur County Fair. Members expressed appreciation to the outgoing president and wished her good luck in her second Boston Marathon.

### Women meet at center

The Oberlin United Methodist Women met at Angel Lane at the Good Samaritan Center on April 7 with 14 members present including associate members Edla Olson, Eva Bryan and Myrtle Waldo. Guests were Faye Miller and Alice Bobbitt.

Roll call was answered with a scripture verse from the book of Ecclesiastes. Devotions, prepared by Mary Waldo on "Moments with God," based on Psalm 119, were given by Jody Betts.

President Judy Davis said that she planned to attend the Hays District Spiritual Growth Retreat at Camp Lakeside on April 16 and 17. United Methodist Women's

Day will be observed on Sunday, May 2, with Dorcas Circle assisting. Betty Jones will give a book revue at the May 2 meeting, devotions will be given by Doris Sloan and hostesses will be Eileene Grose and Jody Betts.

Following the meeting, the group enjoyed refreshments in the dining room served by Linda Hollowell, Judy Davis and Marian Fraker. The club honored those having birthdays in April. Music was provided by Miki Dorshorst, Matthew Helm, Serena Stacy, Ashley Horton and Zach May from the high school, with director Susan Nelson.

### Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met last Wednesday for an 8:30 a.m. breakfast at the Frontier Cafe.

Present were Elaine Bryan, Cecil Hess, Millie Lippelmann, Mary Ann Amack, Doris Fringer,

Bertha Schwisow, Laurene Van Otterloo, Eula Juenemann, Martha Fringer and Phyllis Screen.

The group will meet for an 11:30 a.m. luncheon on Wednesday, May 12, at Pizza Hut.

### 'Roaring Twenties' event set

The Northwest Kansas Technical College will sponsor a "Roaring Twenties" fund-raising event at 7 p.m. (Central Time) Saturday at the Elks Lodge in Goodland.

Admission is \$50 per person, including dinner and entertainment.

Cosmetology students will be available that day for 1920s hair styling, and their fees will be donated to the Endowment Association. Call Christa Bergsman at (785) 890-1505 for an appointment.

The association awarded over \$140,000 in scholarships last year,

and more than 92 percent of the students at the college received an award.

The event will feature live and silent auctions of items donated to the association. A 1967 red Chevelle SS, a Remington Model 710 rifle .270 caliber, snooker table with all the amenities, an autographed, framed John Elway jersey and a 1-carat diamond ring are among items to be auctioned.

For details or ticket information, call (785) 890-1501.

### More 4-H results given

Here are some additional results from Regional 4-H Day at Brewster which were reported late:

Life Skills Judging: Senior Division: David Noren, first; Britta Noren, third.

Senior Photography: Britta Noren, 253, second; David Noren, 237, third.

Junior Photography: Erin May, 148, 16th; Celianna Shobe, 131, 18th.

### Swim team meets tonight

The Oberlin Swim Team will meet at 6 p.m. tonight at the Oberlin Elementary School cafeteria.

Kids and parents will be making

plans for swim meets, fund raisers and more. For details, call Kasey May at (785) 475-3912.

## New Arrivals

### Parker Austin Anderson Kepley

Ason, Parker Austin, was born Friday, Jan. 15, 2010, to Amara Anderson and Brett Kepley of Wichita. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Clinton and Avonne Anderson, Salina. He is a 1973 graduate of Decatur Community High School. His paternal grandparents are Joyce and Rob Adams, Garden City, and Roger and Mona Kepley, Wichita. His great-grandmother is Enid Anderson of Oberlin, a 1951 graduate of the high school.



P. Kepley

### Jack Theodore Addleman

Kate Addleman has a new brother, Jack Theodore Addleman, son of Noel and Chad Addleman, Olathe. He was born at the Overland Park Medical Center at 2:34 p.m. on March 29, 2010. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. His sister, Kate, is four. Maternal grandparents are Evelyn and Gary Roe, Downs. Paternal grandparents are Sharon and Rusty Addleman, Oberlin. His great-grandparents are Louise Pollnow, Oberlin, and the late Ted Pollnow, and the late Neva and Ted Addleman.



J. Addleman

### Maceo James Johnson

Maceo James Johnson was born at 1:45 p.m. on April 3, 2010, at Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center in Lafayette, Colo. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. His parents are Matthew and Nikki Johnson, Thornton, Colo. Grandparents are Mary Groneweg, Lakewood, Colo.; Robert and Judy Groneweg, Oberlin, and Jim and Marilyn Johnson, DeKalb, Ill. Great-grandparents are Dean and Peggy Groneweg, Oberlin; and Shirley Johnson, Rockford, Ill.



M. Johnson

**Surprise Birthday Card Shower will honor Kenneth Clark on his 90th birthday on May 3**

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