

Penn closing on Fourth

Main Street in Oberlin will be closed from 1 to 7 p.m. for the Fourth of July Celebration, the City Council decided on Thursday. The celebration, which is part of the city's 125th Anniversary observance, will start in City Park and then move downtown. Kem Bryan, who is helping organize the day-long event, asked the council if it would close Main Street from North Street to Hall Street from 1 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 4. Councilman Rob McFee said they will need to put signs up at the highway because if a truck driver comes down Main and realize it's

closed at North, he would have some pretty hard turns to get to the elevators. It could be harvest time during the celebration. Mr. McFee, who was presiding as mayor pro tem, said he didn't have a problem other than the inconvenience of having the street closed for six hours during harvest. Mrs. Bryan said they want to do everything they can to keep kids safe during that downtown celebration, and that means no traffic. The council approved the closing of Main Street for the six hours. Harvest trucks could get to the elevators from the east, south or west.

Two earn scholarships

Andrew Dempewolf and Nolan Wasson, 4-H members of the Twin Creeks Extension District of Decatur County, were selected to receive educational awards from the Kansas 4-H Foundation. These were presented at the 4-H Emerald Circle Banquet on June 3 in Manhattan. Andrew received the Clara L. Dubbs 4-H Scholarship. A 2008 graduate of Decatur Community High, he's studying elementary education at Fort Hays State University. He was a member of the Maverick 4-H Club for 12 years and was active in woodworking and leadership. He served on the Kansas Youth Leadership Council his senior year and is

currently helping to start a collegiate 4-H club on the Fort Hays campus. His parents are Mike Dempewolf and LeAnna Schwab. Nolan won the Orscheln Farm and Home 4-H Scholarship. He is a 2010 graduate of Decatur Community High and will apply his scholarship at Kansas State University, where he plans to study agricultural economics. He is a 12-year member of the Stick-To-It Club and enjoys the beef, woodworking and leadership projects. He represented Kansas at the 2007 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta. His parents are Dan and Carol Wasson.

Graduate gives oil program

Kelda McFee, a production engineer with a major oil company, talked about the underwater drilling project she works on in Brazil for the program at the June 15 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. The company is producing oil off the ocean floor based on high-tech exploration and drilling methods. The BC-10 Deep Water Development involves oil rigs and large ships off the coast of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil at the Campos Basic Project. The search for oil and gas goes from 1,000 to more than 2.5 thousand meters below the ocean floor. Large ships with many different mechanical devices are used in locating, retrieving, storing and shipping the oil.

She said that in all the procedures for oil exploration and development, safety on all levels is the No. 1 priority. Exploration costs can be as much as a million dollars a day. Her duties include predicting what the wells will produce based on the technology and the analysis of many different instruments used on ship. Each oil rig can have as many as 116 workers. Each well requires multiple pumps to get the oil and gas from the depths of the sea. Miss McFee is the daughter of Rob and Loretta McFee of Oberlin. She is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and the Colorado Schools of Mines. Guests were Robert and Phyllis Hasty, Kay Brown and the McFees.

Sulzmans meet in Selden

The descendants of the late John J. Sulzman held their three-year reunion at the Community Center in Selden on May 29. Hosting the event was the Norbert Sulzman family: Jolene Grant, Darius Sulzman, Annette Sulzman and Melanie Purvis. The day's activities began at the Selden Cemetery to pay tribute to the Sulzman ancestors. In honor of John J. Sulzman, a special wreath was placed on his grave, followed by a brief tour of Sulzman graves. A catered meal followed at the Community Center. Over 100 relatives from four states were present. Special guests were Bernita Au-

millier, the only living child of John J. Sulzman, and Wilma Turney of Littleton, Colo. Wilma was married to John Sulzman's son, George, when he was killed in the war. Many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren were present, as well as members of the Bill Sulzman family, Agnes Roberts, McCook; Carol Sulzman, Oberlin; and Lillian Sulzman, Dresden. A "fun raffle" was held throughout the afternoon and a video, prepared by Stacy Wolf and Rhonda Sulzman, provided many memories of the family. Attendees enjoyed visiting and photo-taking after that.

'Bike and Build' visit Friday

A "Bike and Build" group of college students will arrive in Oberlin on Friday and will spend the night in the Oberlin United Methodist Church. A potluck supper will be held for them at 6:30 p.m., after which they will give a short program, telling about how they are helping to build homes. They are biking from New-

port Beach, Va., to Portland, Ore. The public is welcome to attend.



People in Our Community

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Marie McKisson has returned home after she and her sister-in-law, Betty McVickers of Abilene, vacationed for five days in Panama Beach, Fla., with two nieces, Pam Eyley of Panama City, and Marilyn Larricks of Dallas. En route home Mrs. McKisson visited Mr. and Mrs. Truman Woellhof in Oak Hill.

man's Ferry, Pa.; Mick and Nichole Vacura, Karisma and Eva, Denver; Marie Lopez and Jisele, LaJunta, Colo.; Reed and Amberley Denton, Lyons; Keith and Karen Miller, Minden, Ill.; and Jerred Stoney and Keith Stoney, Great Bend.

Dale Brunk was a recent patient at Decatur County Hospital. His daughter, Janene Kleidosty of Lancaster, Calif., came to visit on June 10 and plans to leave today.

Gale and Kendra Cook of Sabetha, but formerly of Oberlin, stopped in Oberlin on Friday. They were en route to St. Francis to attend his 40th high school class reunion.

Her husband, Bob Kleidosty, died on May 26 and she came to honor her husband's wish for her to be at the Herndon Ox Roast with his brothers and sister, Myron and Diane (Dempewolf) Kleidosty, Simi Valley, Calif.; Bill and Rosemary (Kleidosty) Doerr, Lancaster, Calif., and Jerry Kleidosty, Meridan.

Among area students who earned Associate of Arts Degrees from Colby Community College on May 15 included Brittany Ritter, Dresden; and Tyler Sauvage, Lakin Lahe, Bronson Scott, LeAnna Shaeffer and Sarah Wolf, Oberlin. Tyler also received an Associate of Science Degree.

Other visitors of Mr. Brunk were his granddaughter, Diana Brunk, Cherryville, and her daughter, Natashia.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Max Carman, Kelva Dryden, Norma Anderson, Dorothy Moore, Henry Edgett and Veanna Carman. Lows went to Doris Fringer, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Neil Marshall, Ivis Hanson, Max Carman and Kelva Dryden. There was no pitch. Domino highs were won by Eleanor Boyle and Kay Marcuson with lows going to Mildred Holmdahl and Neil Marshall. Bridge winners were Annette Miller and Cynthia Matson.

Lairy and Beth Golt spent from Thursday to Sunday in Keller, Texas, visiting Jeff and Myra Golt, Jeffrey Paul and Jeniffer.

Neal and Joy Russell returned home June 13 from a 10-day tour. They visited the John Deere factory in Waterloo, Iowa; House on the Rocks in Iowa; Mackinaw Island in Wisconsin and had lunch at the Grand Hotel. They also enjoyed a Wisconsin Dels boat ride to the lighthouse at White Fish Point, Wis., where they visited the museum, then enjoyed a Painted Rock boat tour. They saw three of the Great Lakes, which included Michigan, Superior and Huron, then returned to Clearwater, Iowa, for an evening boat cruise and dinner on Clear Lake.

Friday visitors of Dean and Peggy Groneweg were their daughter, Joyce Jones, Cambridge, Neb.; and their granddaughters, Nikki and Matt Johnson and Maceo, Thornton, Colo., and Jillian Thompson and Theo and friend Chris Schmidt, Hays. The Johnson family spent the weekend with Robert and Judith Groneweg.

Kimberly Ketterl was named to the Dean's Honor Roll (3.60) and Gregory Unger was listed on the All-A Honor Roll (4.0) for the spring semester at Pittsburg State University. Both were seniors. Miss Ketterl's major is Social Work and Mr. Unger graduated in Vocational-Technical Education.

Among out-of-town relatives from a distance who attended funeral services for Merlin Vacura on Saturday morning at Pauls Funeral Home were Carol Bryan Vacura Gethins, Wichita; Monte and Teresa Vacura, Mimi and Anton, Ding-

Weekend visitors of Calvin and JoAnn Ufford were Richard and Wendy Ufford, Stockton, and Rob and Janie Rutherford and Robbie, Topeka.

Harvest office set for Colby

Area farmers needing custom cutters or harvesters needing wheat acres to cut in northwest Kansas may call Roger Hale at (785) 460-8785 in the Colby area, or (785) 475-7200 in the Oberlin area. The Kansas Department of Commerce ran a harvest labor office until 2006, but closed it because of state budget cuts. Mr. Hale, who ran the

office in Colby for 37 years, will be manning the office at Truck Town in Colby and will take calls at both numbers. Truck Town is providing the office and phones. Owner Kirk Young said there had been plans to have an office in Oberlin, but they decided the call volume wasn't high enough here.

Golden Plains school continues traditions

By JUDY ROGERS
Golden Plains High School
Golden Plains Schools at Selden and Rexford continue their longstanding traditions of academic excellence, athletic competition and student success.

room, students have qualified for state Scholars Bowl twice in the past three years and placed third in state this year. The middle school Scholars Bowl teams placed in competitions. The students also perform well on league and state academic tests, along with math relay and science bowl competitions.

The district, which was consolidated in 1963, has an elementary school in Selden and a middle and high school in Rexford. It includes the communities of Selden, Rexford, Menlo and Gem and the surrounding area. It is one of the few rural districts in Kansas that has shown a consistent increase in enrollment in recent years.

The school offers fine arts programs including music, forensics and an all-school play. There are many leadership opportunities, including Student Council, yearbook and National Honor Society. Some students participate in off-site programs including Lions Banquet, athletic camps, Leadership Thomas County and rodeo.

Enrollment in 2000 was 169.5 students in all grades. In 2005, that had increased to 201, and this year enrollment was 213, with an additional 23 students in preschool classes.

Golden Plains boasts a graduation rate among the highest in the nation with an average of 95.36 percent over the past five years, including 100 percent in 2006 and 2009.

Golden Plains has a strong record of academic success. Students have scored well on state assessments at all levels. All three schools have made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals every year since the No Child Left Behind Act went into effect.

Students compete on athletic teams including football, volleyball, basketball, powerlifting and track. They had an undefeated state champion basketball team in 1985 and a triple-jump state champion in 2009.

In addition to success in the class-

Student receives state honor

Kaine Fredrickson, son of Dr. Gary and Sarah Fredrickson of Oberlin, was among more than 800 seventh graders selected for the Duke University Talent Identification Program.



Fredrickson

Selection is based on college entrance exam scores that are in the top 36 percent while the students are still in middle school. Students may take either the SAT or ACT national tests.

Each student received a medallion. The state recognition honors seventh-graders who earned scores above the average scores of college-bound high school seniors.

The Duke program is in its 30th year, and this is the 12th year that the University of Kansas has been host for the Kansas recognition program.

Club News

Calico Club enjoys picnic

The Calico Gals club met at the City Park for a family picnic on June 16. Roll call was answered with plans for the summer. Members present were Mary Waldo, Jan Hackney, Barbara Duell, Phyllis Screen, Shirley Shields, Millie Lippelmann,

Donna Kelley and Sandy Counter. Guests were Gaylord Shields, Dick Kelley, Loyd Waldo and Ben Duell. A thank you note was read from the Counter family. Mrs. Waldo won the hostess gift. There will be no meetings in July and August.

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