

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
People in
Our Community
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Gannon Reichert was among more than 1,300 Kansas State University who graduated this month. He received a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology. He is a 2005 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a son of Wilbur and Jill Reichert of Dresden.

A celebration was held in honor of Yuki Berkheimer's 80th birthday on Saturday evening, Dec. 18. Family and friends gathered at the Sappa Valley Manor in Oberlin for food and fellowship and to wish Yuki a happy birthday. Hosts for the event were her husband, Bob, and her three children and their families: Pat Dixon, Ben and Anna, Kingman; Tom and Melissa Berkheimer, Leah, Emily and Alyse, Ankeny, Iowa; and Jim and Heather Berkheimer, Cate and Grace, York, Neb.

Toby Peters is recuperating satisfactorily after undergoing knee repair surgery last Tuesday at Hays Medical Center.

Ray Kennedy of Grand Junction, Colo., spent the holidays with his sister, Marguerite Bailey.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Brad and Elaine Marcuson were Ryan and Leslie Nelson, Topeka; Sarah Marcuson, Colby; Jared Marcuson, Great Bend; and Gail and Kay Marcuson. The Nelsons are spending this week at the Marcuson home.

Larry and Karen Thompson were in Denver last week to celebrate an early Christmas with daughters Pam and Chris Cantania of Denver and Kim and Dan Laframboise, Emma and Evan of San Diego, Calif.

Pre-Christmas guests of Calvin and JoAnn Ufford the weekend of Dec. 18-19 were Richard and Wendy Ufford and Corey Ufford, Stockton; Shannon and Chris Wathern and Colton, Overbrook; Sara Ufford and son, Topeka; Janie Rutherford, Berryton; James Rutherford, Manhattan, and friend, Maddie, Topeka.

Lairy and Beth Golt were Christmas Day guests of her cousin, Judy and Laney Leitner, in North Platte, Neb.,

Frank and Margaret McEvoy entertained to Christmas Eve supper Renee McEvoy and Ryan Bray, Des Moines, N.M.; Brian and Dawn Beckman and family, Grinnell; Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Ryan and Shane, Brianna Klima, Stan McEvoy, Tammy Sporn, and Joan

Disaster relief signup begins

The sign-up period for 2009 crop-year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments begins Jan. 10, says Diane Barrett, county executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency in Decatur County.

The program is one of five disaster programs included in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, better known as the Farm Bill, that help farmers and ranchers who suffer losses from natural disasters.

"We encourage farmers who suffered losses during the 2009 crop year to visit their county office to learn more about the disaster program," she said.

To be eligible, a farm must have:
 • At least a 10 percent production loss on a significant crop.
 • A policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for all significant crops.

Anyone considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer

Area men receive honors

Ken Carter of Jennings and Don Solko of Herndon were recognized recently at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association regional meeting in Denver.

and Kristi Evans.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were John Cederberg, Max Carman, Ardis Roe and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett and Dewaine Stapp. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Kelva Dryden with lows going to Elden Haas and John Cederberg. Bridge winners were Dewaine Stapp and Annette Miller.

—New Year's Eve Surf and Turf Buffet \$25/person. Land-Mark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Christmas Day dinner guests at the home of Larry and Karen Thompson were Kristin and Randy McHugh, Conner and Tyler, Jordan McHugh and Everett Urban. They were joined later in the day by Barry and Patti Richards, Bryan Richards, Curtis Richards and Jessica Koerperich.

Cheryl Votapka spent from Dec. 18 to Dec. 21 in San Francisco, Calif., with Drs. Pam and Eric Huerter, Finn, Max and Jack of Lawrence. They enjoyed some sightseeing and Mrs. Votapka stayed with her grandsons while their parents attended a wedding. The Huerter family and Luanne and Rick Rowilson and boys of Hays spent Christmas weekend with Mrs. Votapka.

Guests of Pat Cozad for Christmas Day supper and a gift exchange were Jackie Mayberry and Zach, Brad Burmaster and Brenda Lawless, and Jeff, Andrea, John and Kira Burmaster.

Christmas Eve guests of John and Donna Sauvage of Selden were Bill Sauvage, Maxine Sauvage and Michael and Cheryl Sauvage, Oberlin; Tyler Sauvage, Hays; Trudy Stockham, Norton; Mike and Joan McKenna, Jennings; Brett and Tracy McKenna, Claffin; Doug and Amy Osburn, Overland Park; Lyle and Amanda Davidson, Spencer and Shelby, Delphos; Nathan and Nikole DeWitt, Ethan and Macy, Inman; Michael and Daniel Schiltz, Kash and Londyn, and Heith Sauvage and Bodie, all of Selden.

Cecil Hess accompanied Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica of St. Francis to Salina Friday to spend Christmas with Dan and Julie Hess and Carter. Additional guest were Steve and Chris Hess, Norah, Lola and Francie, Overland Park, and Maxine North, Salina.

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Today's operating environment imposes new demands on electric cooperative directors, the group says, demanding knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and a working knowledge of the cooperative principles, according to a story in the *Prairie Land Electric Cooperative News*.



Matthew and Theresa Fischer Couple exchange vows at Sacred Heart Church

Theresa Smith and Matthew Fischer were married on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at the Sacred Heart Church in Emporia. Officiating was the Rev. Richard Warsnak.

Parents of the couple are Larry and Karen Smith of Oberlin, and John and Pam Fischer of Junction City.

The bride, who was escorted by her father, wore a white crepe halter top dress with a full pick-up skirt. She carried a bouquet of white baby orchids and purple violets.

The bridegroom wore a black tuxedo with a white brocade vest and teal tie.

Alissa Swickard was matron of honor and Kerry Young was bridesmaid. Both wore teal gowns.

Josh Kelly served as best man. Zach Fischer, nephew of the bridegroom, was groomsmen.

Flower girl was Emma Young and ringbearer was Ben Ziek.

Lectors were Chris Smith, brother of the bride, and Anne Smith, sister-

in-law of bride. Cantor was Michael Swickard.

Music director was Ben Spalding. Pianists were Ben Spalding, Brent Smith and Jack Narverud. Dr. Gary Ziek and Tess Ziek were musicians. Friends of the couple made up the choir for the nuptial mass.

Michele Fischer, sister of the bridegroom, was seated at the guest book.

Those cutting the cake at the reception were Maria Gunselman and Lianne Leisiering.

The bride graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2002, and her husband is a graduate of Junction City High School. Both are graduates of Emporia State University.

They work for the unified school district at Fredonia. She is vocal director of grades K-12 and he is band director.

After a honeymoon in Las Vegas, they will make their home in Fredonia.

Rotarians enjoy melodies

Program Chair Vince Carswell arranged for the Decatur Community Junior High School Brass Ensemble to play for the program at the Dec. 14 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

The six members played Christmas melodies and gave an outstanding performance. They were directed by band director Sarah

Bricker.

Susan Nelson, vocal director, and Mary Jo Lohofener, pianist, were introduced by Jesse Carter, program chair, at the Dec. 21 meeting. They introduced the DCHS Singers, who sang several selections from the Christmas vocal program.

Guests were Janice Shobe and Rick Doeden

Jennings drive to honor man

The American Red Cross will have at Blood Drive at the Jennings United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Jan. 18, in honor of Lawrence Jennings, who has acute leukemia.

Mr. Jennings requires frequent transfusions to enable his blood to transport oxygen from his lungs to the rest of his body, said Marjorie

Hartzog of Jennings. Donors do not need to be the same blood type, she said, and all donations are appreciated.

For details, call Mrs. Hartzog at (785) 678-2664 (home) or 678-3010 (cell). The drive is being sponsored by the church.

Learning center gives diplomas

Four students graduated from the Graham County Learning Center's high school diploma program at Hill City for the fall semester: Heather Williams and Miranda Williams, Stockton, and David Cameron and Shawnale Wahrman, Hill City.

"It is fantastic to see new graduates added to the list," said the center's coordinator, Nate Brown. "We are off to a great start for the year with the four graduates, and many more students are getting closer to the finish line. Several of our previous graduates have been enrolling in college or vo-tech, which is exciting as well."

Once a student graduates, he said, the center offers to help the graduate build a resume and cover letter, and with either a job search or further schooling. The center is in its 10th year of offering a high school diploma program.

For details, call (785) 421-5531.

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Club News

Club enjoys tasting tea

Marty Olson entertained the Pi Alpha Club on Dec. 13, for its annual Christmas Tasting Tea. For devotions, she read the Christmas story from the Bible.

There were nine members and one guest, Sandy Rush, present to enjoy the tasty fare brought by the

first half of the club roster. Socializing and a fun gift exchange followed.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Golden Age Center on Jan. 10, with Elaine Bryan as hostesses, assisted by Cecil Hess. Election of officers will be held.

4H club goes caroling

By KELLI BRYAN
 The Sappa Valley 4-H Club held its December meeting at the United Methodist Church, then members and parents went caroling.

They visited the Good Samaritan Center, Wheat Ridge Terrace

and Cedar Living Center, then enjoyed hot chocolate, cookies and brownies.

Anyone interested in joining the club should attend the next meeting at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 9, at the church.

Resources conference set

Six groups that promote the wise use and management of Kansas' natural resources are sponsoring the third Kansas Natural Resources Conference at the Airport Hilton in Wichita on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 20 and 21.

The theme is "Through the Haze — The Role of Fire on the Prairie." Early registration continues through Jan. 3.

"This year's plenary session theme is particularly important," said Jessica Mounts, steering committee chair. "The use of fire as a management tool bears both historical and modern significance."

Registration information is available at www.kansasnrc.org.

Sponsors are the Kansas chapter

of the American Fisheries Society, Society of American Foresters, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, the Great Plains Society of American Foresters, Kansas Chapter of the Wildlife Society, the Kansas section of the Society of Range Management, Kansas chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition.

"Professionals and students will be presenting on the conference theme as well as other natural resource-related topics," said Harold Blume, poster and paper presentation chair.

Information is available at www.kansasnrc.org.

Blood drive planned Jan. 12

There will be a blood drive at The Gateway from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

All those who attempt to donate will receive a specially designed

T-shirt and a chance to win a VIP Elvis Getaway trip. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

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