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## Couple's grandson to join religious order

Tyler Lunsford, 19, a grandson of John and Hank Juennemann of Oberlin, entered the Religious Order of Redemptorist Priests on Jan. 15 at Papa Stronsay, Scotland.

His parents, Kevin and Carolyn Lunsford, who live near Leavenworth, accompanied him to Scotland.

Although he had a full scholarship to attend college in Kansas, Tyler said he was drawn to join the seminary. After two years in Scotland, he plans to return to a seminary in Denton, Neb.

He said he completed a piano instrumental recording a few months prior to his decision to join the Redemptorists which expresses his faith. He is joined on several of the selections by his brothers, Austin on the trumpet and Brady on the guitar. He also has another brother, Denton.

He said he received his first piano lessons from his mother on a chord organ, then started lessons with Christy Quinlan.

"My grandpa was very supportive of my playing the piano and paid for all my lessons," he said. "I am very thankful for all the help and support of my family, along with

the excellent instructions received from Christy.

"As you can see, I did not get to this point on my own. Everyone helped me get there. Therefore, this album is not my work alone but it is the work of all those who have given me support my entire life.

"When I was deciding to whom I should dedicate this album, several persons came to mind. First of all, I dedicate this album especially to God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and particularly St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music. All things come from God through Mary, and the ability to play the piano is not an exception..."

The Juennemans stayed with the other three boys while their parents were in Scotland. Their mother is a 1988 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Before returning to Oberlin, the Juennemans stayed with three grandchildren, Stephen, Joseph and Catherine Rose Marak, in Salina while their mother, Dr. Barb Marak, was attending a medical continuing education course in Palm Springs, Calif. An anesthesiologist, she was accompanied by her husband Paul.

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## Legion auxiliary meets

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary met at the post on Feb. 9 for the first meeting of the year, due to the weather. Four officers and one member were present. Hostesses were Phyllis Metcalf and Angela Corcoran.

President Corcoran opened the meeting and Chaplain Deanna Castle led in prayer, followed by the group reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble.

It was reported that there are 90 paid memberships with 13 more to

be sent in. Junior girls interested in going to Girls State were invited, but since none attended, it was decided to extend the time to March 2. It was voted to raise dues to \$20, since \$17.50 per member is required by the state. Thank you notes were read from the families of Phyllis McCartney and Dole Metcalf for memorials.

Jacque Boultinghouse will speak on emergency preparedness at the next meeting on March 9 and all members are urged to attend.

## Reserve program sign-up set

A general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program will be open from Monday, March 14, through Monday, April 15, marking the second consecutive year U.S. Farm Service Agency has offered a general sign-up.

Financial incentives available through the program have given farmers a low-risk opportunity to implement conservation practices, said Diane Barrett, county executive director for the agency. Over the past 25 years, these practices have improved water and air quality, increased wildlife habitat and prevented soil erosion.

Landowners in the program receive annual rent payments and cost-share money to establish cover on their land. Land that is not enrolled can be offered during sign-up, she said, and those with contracts expiring this fall can make new contract offers. Contracts become effective Oct. 1.

Decatur County has 5,854.5 acres enrolled on 208 contracts with an estimated 619.5 acres expiring Sept. 30, Mrs. Barrett said.

In addition to the general sign-up, a continuous sign-up program continues.

# People in Our Community

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Guests of Bob and Kay Gaskill last weekend were Lori Gaskill, Max and Orion of Lakewood, Colo.; Craig Gaskill, Wesley and Staci, and Dave and Gudy Gaskill, Golden, Colo.; Jeff Gaskill, Weston, Mo.; Dr. Massimo Ossi and Sally Gaskill, Bloomington, Ind.; Dr. Steven Gaskill, Missoula, Mont.; Guy Gaskill, Jesse Gaskill and Edwardo Broggi, Winona; Ann Worth and Peter Worth, Aspen, Colo.; Chris Worth, Carbondale, Colo.; and Jody and Shad Metcalf, Bryson, Seanna and Jude Metcalf, Colby.

Among area students who were named to the honor roll at the University of Kansas for the fall 2010 semester were Jessica Fredrickson, Selden, sophomore; Bruce Focke, Ludell, senior; Connor McKittrick, Oberlin, senior; and Mathew Sheppard, Lenora, senior.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Dorothy Moore, Henry Edgett, Max Carman and Veanna Carman. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Veanna Carman, John Cederberg, Doris Fringer and Neil Marshall. There was no pitch. Bridge winners were Cynthia Matson and Beth Sebaugh. Senior potluck Sunday, Feb. 20, 12:15 p.m. at Golden Age Center.

## Girl receives state conservation award

Dani Mangus, 13, a granddaughter of Meme and Galen Carper of Jennings and the late Francis Bailey, won a state Conservation Award for her heartfelt essay describing the dust-filled days of the "Dirty '30s" compared to the cleaner and brighter farming of today.



D. Mangus

She is the youngest of four children of Danny and Charlene (Bailey) Mangus of rural Kanorado.

Her descriptions about the dust storms from 80 years ago came from stories she heard from her grandparents, who lived through those hard years. She said she had seen some photos of the dust storms and felt it was a good way to write about how important soil conservation is today. Her story follows:

**Conservation Then and Now**  
Today is June 15, 1937. The time is 2:30 p.m. and it is very dark in our house. There is so much dirt in the air that mom wets a sheet down and swirls it around to get the dirt out of the air so it is much easier to breathe.

My dad's wheat and corn crops are gone due to the dry weather and day-after-day high winds. The pasture ground is almost gone. It's hard for the cattle to breathe. The dirt is so thick on their backs that weed seeds have sprouted. We only have a few head left.

What chickens we have go in early to roost because it is so dark. I see my dad work hard to try to save the farm; my mom tries to make the best of it.

When I look out the window, I do not see life. There are no trees, nothing green, no wildlife; all I see are drifts of dirt as high as the window sills.

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— **Benefit spaghetti and salad bar hosted by the Legion Feb. 21 from 5-7 for bowling alley project. Freewill offering.**

Herschel and Jody Betts returned Sunday from Lawrence where they met their son and wife, Rod Betts and Lisa Kay of San Diego on Friday at the Oread Hotel. On Saturday afternoon they attended the KU-Iowa State basketball game.

Jana Oliver of Raleigh, N.C., spent from Saturday to Tuesday visiting her parents, Loyd and Mary Waldo.

Sue Renk and Selby of Plainville spent Sunday with Elaine Bryan and took her out for dinner to help her celebrate her birthday.

Donna Wilson of Wichita returned to her home on Sunday morning after spending the past week with her parents, Gene and Marcella Leitner.

Tim and Kim Davis and girls traveled to Denver to visit relatives, while there, they celebrated the birthdays of Kim and her grandmother, Ginny Bodeman, who share birthdays.

We've had too many years of this. I'm only 12 years old and know I will not stay on the farm.

Now it is June 15, 2010. I get up early in the morning because the sun is shining in the window. Mom is doing her housework and I know it is her day to do her book work.

I ask Dad if I can go with him to start the sprinkler irrigation system on the no-tillage corn. He switched to no-tillage to save moisture, fuel, residue, time and energy.

I love to go with my dad to see nature. Most of the time I see pheasants running with their young in the CRP fields grown by my dad and also in the numerous windbreaks we've planted around our farm.

Later in the afternoon, Dad and I will go out to check the cows. The pastures are green and in really good shape. Dad practices rotational grazing and never overgrazes; it works really well. I love my days out on the farm with Dad.

There is a big difference in these two stories. It is unfortunate so many farm families had to suffer through the "Dirty '30s."

Out of the devastation, we have learned many new conservation practices. We have educated ourselves so there is no repeat of the '30s.

This 12-year-old girl can see a bright future in farming. This includes blue skies, fresh air, green pastures, abundant wildlife, good crops, results of good farming and a little help from Mother Nature.

## Forestry cut-off is March 4

The cutoff date for applications to the multistate forestry Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative has been set for Friday, March 4, said State Conservationist Eric B. Banks of the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Now in its second year, the program provides financial and technical assistance to owners and operators of agricultural and nonindustrial private forest lands.

"Farmers, ranchers and owners of forest land play pivotal roles in protecting and enhancing natural resources," Mr. Banks said. "Our goal is to support projects that will improve the health of the natural resources on their land and bring

the environmental and economic benefits of conservation to their communities."

Banks said the service is partnering with state forestry agencies in Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska to address needs: These include replacing shelterbelts that are old and no longer providing the benefits they used to, and forests along rivers and streams that are in decline due to human-caused changes to river channels and stream flows.

Information is available from the county office at 410 S. Buffalo or go to [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/) programs.

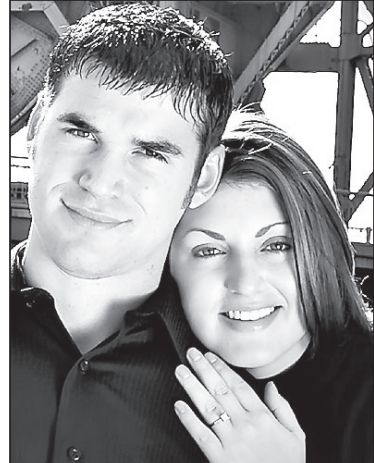
## Couple plans fall vows

Marsha Weber of Ellis and Justin Smith of Thurston, Ohio, plan to be married on Saturday, Sept. 3, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lindsborg.

The couple met while attending Bethany College in Lindsborg. Parents of the couple are Edward and Charlene Weber, Ellis, and Edsel and Janice Smith, Canton.

Grandparents of the bride are Leonard and Dorothy Weber, Ellis, and Joan Larue, Oberlin, and the late Bernard Larue. Grandparents of the bridegroom are James Mulieri, Spring Hills, Fla.; Marilyn Winans, North Babylon, N.Y.; and Willard Holdeman, Moundridge.

The bride-to-be is finishing her



Marsha Weber  
Justin Smith

doctorate in pharmacy at the University of Missouri, Kansas City and will graduate in May.

Her fiancé received his Bachelor of Science in business from Bethany in 2006. He manages a grain elevator for Lansing Trade Group in Thurston, Ohio.

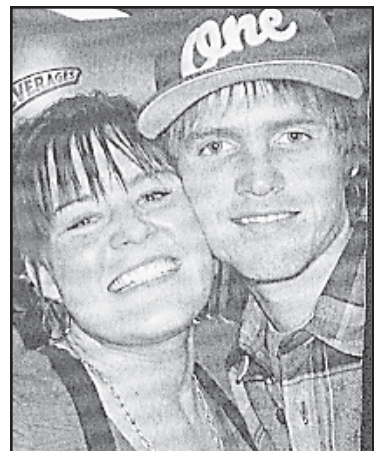
## Spring wedding planned

Kaylee Ware of Sturgis, S.D., and Daniel Cornelius of Dickinson, N.D., plan to be married on Friday, April 22, at the Chapel in the Hills at Rapid City, S.D.

Parents of the bride-to-be are Kim Ware, Sturgis, and Brad Ware, Gettysburg, S.D. His parents are Dan Cornelius, Boise, Idaho; and Dawn Gerber, Rapid City.

Her grandparents are Maralyn Courange, Oberlin, and the late Irvan Courange. His grandparents are Ron and Gloria Cornelius, Leemon, S.D.; and Dale and Sylvia Moore, Waelder, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Gettysburg High School. She



Kaylee Ware  
Daniel Cornelius

is attending Gillette Community College in Gillette, Wyo., and will graduate with honors on May 6 as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé graduated from high school in Dickinson and works for Pen-Kota Wireline Service of Dickinson.

## Former judge named dean of law school

Deanelle Reece Tacha, former chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, has been named dean of the Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, Calif., starting June 1.

Judge Tacha received a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan. She also was a White House Fellow.

Born in Goodland and reared in Scandia, she was appointed to the Court of Appeals by President Ronald Reagan in 1985. She became chief judge in January 2001, and served until 2008. She moved to senior status in January, stepping down as an active judge.

Judge Tacha received the American Judicature Society Devitt Award, the highest honor given to a federal judge for distinguished lifetime service, in 2008.

She was associate professor at the University of Kansas School

of Law from 1974 to 1977, when she became associate dean of the school. She later was associate vice chancellor and vice chancellor for academic affairs for the university.

She received the KU Alumni Association's Fred Ellsworth Medallion for extraordinary service in 1992 and its most prestigious award, the Distinguished Service Citation, in 1996. She was named the 2010 Kansan of the Year by the Native Sons and Daughters.

At the Kansan of the Year presentation, she gave credit to her parents, Marynell Reece of Scandia (a former Republican national committeewoman) and the late Bill Reece (a prominent road builder), saying, "My mother and father dared us to reach our dreams."

She is married to John Tacha, a native of Jennings and a brother of Kay Tacha of Jennings. Her sister, Saralyn Reece Hardy, is director of KU's Spencer Museum of Art.

## Four scholarships available

The Citizens Foundation at Citizens Medical Center in Colby is seeking applications for health care and nursing scholarships.

Four scholarships are available: the \$1,000 Dr. Jeff Jennings Memorial Scholarship; the \$1,500 Citizens Medical Center Health Care Scholarship; the \$1,500 Dr. Floyd and Mary Smith Endowed Scholarship and the \$2,000 Leonard P. and Twila M. Harris Endowed

Scholarship. All will be awarded the end of May.

Application deadline is Saturday, April 30. Applicants must be continuing or beginning a career in health care and in one of the nine northwest Kansas counties.

Applications are available by e-mail at [citizensfoundation@nwkshealthcare.com](mailto:citizensfoundation@nwkshealthcare.com) or by calling Tama Unger at (785) 460-1214.

## Members hear about Haiti

Eleven members of the Zeta Nu Club met on Feb. 10 in the upstairs meeting room at The Gateway. Charlotte Meints was hostess.

President-elect Marian Fraker conducted the meeting and reported on her committee appointments for next year.

Charlotte Meints introduced Nannette Zander, who gave a program on her missionary work in Haiti.

Hostesses for the March meeting will be Joan Larue and Dorothy Cochran.

## Do you know who's the Big Seven O?



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Thank you to all my clients for the last 24yrs. of patronage.  
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Thank you, Sherri Kyte

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