

# Jennings community holds town meeting

Twenty-five people attended an informal meeting at the Jennings Community Building to hear about city business and pass on complaints, ideas and suggestions to city officials.

Mayor Marge Hartzog conducted the meeting, telling the audience that no binding decisions would be made. City Attorney Steve Hirsch and three council members, Clint Krizek, Stann Hartzog, and Louise Cressler, were present.

This summary was provided by the city:

The bond issue for paving the streets was paid off last year. People thanked the city for clearing the snow from the streets and driveways. Four water meters were moved from inside homes to the street during 2010.

Fees for city water, trash pickup and dog tags were discussed and some felt they should be increased since they had not changed for several years. It was suggested that city council minutes be posted at the post office, Broken Wheel, Jennings Bank, Jennings Co-op and on the community bulletin board.

Plans were made for a spring citywide clean-up day. All burning, except for agricultural waste, is illegal in town. Jennings Township officials agreed to rent their mower for city use at the sewer when needed. The city plans to trim and/or remove some trees.

The new cable has been installed

but the Weather Lab, formerly at the school, still does not work. It was asked if anyone misses it and if it should be repaired. The cost is unknown.

Kim Coiner has resigned as city clerk and Paula Bolt has been appointed to take her place. Hope Brown is the city treasurer. Council members Rick Foster, Pat Hall and Mr. Hartzog will end their terms this spring and have not filed for re-election. The remaining council members are Mrs. Cressler and Mr. Krizek.

Mike McKenna reported that most of the dirt work has been done for the placement of new playground equipment. The work was done by Decatur County and was paid for with donations. The next step is to put the equipment into place and paint it. It was suggested that the north side of the old grocery be painted or scraped also.

The question of whether the city office needs to be handicapped accessible was discussed but Mr. Hirsch said that it is not necessary as long as everyone is able to conduct city business. The audience was asked if they would be willing to fill out a survey to aid in applying for a grant and most agreed.

A soup-and-dessert lunch provided by the Historic Building Preservation Committee prior to the meeting netted \$640, which will be used for a new furnace at the former Masonic Building.

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Kenzie Reichert and her children, Grace, 2, and Porter, 7 months, of Salina, spent two weeks in Oberlin while her husband, Garrick Reichert, was out of the state on a business trip. They stayed with her parents, Jim and Denise Abbey. She said they enjoyed stopping in the Herald office a few times, first, to renew their subscription, and each time after that so that her daughter, Grace, could see the kitty. "Now that I know you have a cat in the office, I'm sure we'll have to stop by every time we're back in Oberlin," Mrs. Reichert said.

Lloyd and Mary Waldo, Ella Betts and Herschel and Jody Betts went to Norton on Wednesday and joined Dorothy Avery for lunch at the Destination Kitchen to help Mrs. Waldo and Mrs. Avery celebrate their birthdays.

Doris Fringer accompanied Bob and Deanna Castle to San Antonio, Texas to visit her son, Lt. Col. James Shirley, who is on active duty at the Brooks Army Medical Center there. He is in the U.S. Army Reserves but is serving from Nov. 1 until mid-September. He recently was promoted to Lt. Colonel. They enjoyed visiting the Alamo, River Walk and IMAX theater, as well as a trip to Corpus Christi, Texas, to see the U.S. Lexington Carrier, which is docked there, and the Gulf of Mexico. They returned home Wednesday.

Jim and Diane Barrett were on a cruise to the Mexican Riviera from Feb. 12 to 19. They were joined by Colin and Linda Smith of Goodyear, Ariz. Linda is a former postmaster in Oberlin. Upon returning to Los Angeles, Jim and Diane visited with the Richard Barrett family, Lisa Heapy family and Lori Gobbo family until Feb. 24.

Gus and Elsie Wolters were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Antholz of Awood. They enjoyed dinner at the Frontier Cafe.

Jared Marcuson was named to the President's List for the 2010 fall semester at Barton Community College with a grade point average of 4.0. He is the son of Brad and Elaine Marcuson of Oberlin.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelda Dryden, Veanna Carman and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Ardythe Cederberg, Neil Marshall, Henry Edgett, Max Carman, Dorothy Moore and Lawrence Wenger. Chicken Foot winners were Bill Duncan and Gladys Geis. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and John Cederberg with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Ardythe Cederberg. Bridge winners were Annette Miller and Dorothy Cochran. Commodities at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, at Golden Age Center.

Petty Officer Chad Evans has re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He has completed 17 years of service. He is the son of Joan Evans and Karol Evans and a brother of Kristy Evans.

Jim and Diane Barrett were honored by their children with a surprise 25th wedding anniversary celebration at the Oberlin American Legion on Feb. 26.

Dane Castle of Hoxie was honored with a party on Sunday afternoon at the home of his parents, Devan and Sarah Castle, Rebekah and Maiah, on his eighth birthday. Others present were Bob and Deanna Castle, and Alana, Trenton and Tripp Raile, Oberlin; Andrew and Kira Teeter and Italy, and Aaron Teeter, Grinnell, and Linda Teeter and Virginia Sanders, Quinter.

# Hansen scholarship area winners named

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan has named 250 high school seniors from 59 northwest Kansas schools as winners in its 36th annual scholarship competition, plus 11 scholarships to Kansas community college students to continue their education at a Kansas college.

In selecting award winners, the scholarship committee considered proficiency in verbal and writing skills, academic records, test scores and community service.

Among those from this area who received scholarships were:

**Hansen Scholars**, \$3,000 for one year, renewable for one year: Carissa Wentz, Jacob Helm, Oberlin.

**Hansen Student Scholars**: \$2,000 for one year, renewable for one year: Cody Green, Atwood; Craig Busse, Chris Walden, Cheylin; Jacob Larue, Oberlin; Avery Spresser, Golden Plains.

**Community College Scholarships**: \$2,000, renewable for one year: Jared Marcuson, Oberlin, Barton Community College.

**Vocational Training**: \$2,000 for one year: Caleb Keltz, Whitney Churchwell, Joshua Nixon, Cheylin; Makayla Albertson, Brandy Gilbert, Devin Ritter, Melissa Ritter, Rilee Spreser, Marissa Mosier, Golden Plains.

## Woman honored on 80th

Dorothy Alstrom was honored on her 80th birthday with a family luncheon and open house Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Golden Age Center hosted by her family.

Guests included: Marvin and Dixie Lorentz and Rick Lorentz, McCook; Clarence and Evelyn Lorentz, Herndon; Elden and Eleanor Odle, Prairie View; Larry Alstrom, Hoxie; Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley; Nikki Amlong, Wyatt and Owen, Palco; Jessica Luck, Corbin, Cyler and Camden, Hays; Em Threlkel and Elma Lee Erickson, Atwood; Don Anderson, Kary Anderson, Nora Bearley,

Janeil Jensen, Lawrence and Dorothy Wenger, Phyllis Metcalf, Lolita Metcalf, Gerry Neff, Jody Betts, Beth Sebaugh, Rosella Meitl and granddaughters, Lea and Audrey, Jim Wasson, David and Shirley Simpson, Bob and Marian Fraker, Mary Ann Amack, Roberta Johnson, Jackie Votapka, Florine Vernon, Elaine Bryan, Rod Alstrom and friend, Kieth Alstrom, Gary and Becky Alstrom, Casey Alstrom, Missy Uehlin and Gavon, and Jerry and Montine Alstrom.

Mrs. Alstrom's sister, Hazel Ripetoe of Del City, Okla., was unable to attend.

## Vice commander to visit

National Vice Commander Russell Henry of Sulphur, La., will be at the Oberlin American Legion Post at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday for a reception in his honor.

The national leader will be on a three-day tour of Kansas, with plans to visit 17 American Legion posts in the state.

A Korean War Air Force veteran, he has been a member of the post in Sulphur for 33 years. He has served as post and department commander and has held national positions on the Foreign Relations Commission and the Merchant Marine committee. He retired from AT&T after nearly 40 years.

## Signup begins Monday

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is offering a general signup for the Conservation Reserve Program from Monday, March 14, through Friday, April 15, the second consecutive year this has been done.

Landowners in this program receive annual rent payments and cost-share money to establish long-term cover on eligible farmland, including native grass and trees. Land that not currently enrolled can

be offered during this sign up. Participants with contracts expiring this fall can make new contract offers. Contracts awarded will become effective Oct. 1.

An informational meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Farm Service Agency office, 410 S. Buffalo Ave. in Oberlin, or landowners may call for an appointment to discuss signup options at (785) 475-3131.

## Disaster deadline March 15

The application closing date for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program has been set for Tuesday, March 15, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This federal program helps farmers reduce their risk when growing crops for which catastrophic-level crop insurance is not offered in a given county. Production records

for all crops must be reported to the Farm Service Agency no later than the final acreage reporting date the following year.

Figures must be verifiable according to agency specifications.

For information, call 475-3131, or stop by the county office, 410 S. Buffalo Ave.

## Cutoff date will be April 8

Signup cutoff date for Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative applications to renovate shelter belts and restore forested riparian areas in Kansas to be considered for fiscal year 2011 will be Friday, April 8.

Farmers should go to the U.S.

Department of Agriculture Service Center at 410 S. Buffalo in Oberlin and talk with the Natural Resources Conservation Service or conservation district staff for information, call (785) 475-3131 or go to [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ccpi](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ccpi).

## Theater group to meet

The Decatur Area Theater Association (DATA) will hold its annual meeting to elect officers at noon on Wednesday, March 16, at Pizza Hut in Oberlin.

The group had been inactive for several years until a play was given last summer by a group of talented young people, directed by the late Leigh Davis. In order for the group to continue their mission to entertain, new and committed members are needed.

Anyone interested in helping with community theater in any way is invited to attend this meeting. Actors, directors, set designers, costume designers, lighting and sound specialists, prop managers, publicity managers and many others are needed to continue its reputation as an organization that turns out quality entertainment for the community.

For more information, contact Penny Arnoldy at 475-2592.

## Club News

### Bowling manager speaks

Program chair Greg Lohoefer introduced the manager of the new bowling alley, Doug Huscher, who gave the program at the March 1 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

Mr. Huscher said he had been an operations manager and a vocational-technical teacher for 30 years before he retired. He talked about the final work being done in preparation for the opening of the bowling alley. New pins are being brought in, he said, as well as finishing touches in all areas. The bowling alley will be selling Hunt Brothers pizza, chili-cheese nachos, beer and other items.

Bowling leagues for all ages will be formed. The new facility will feature an automatic score-keeping system. Rates will be \$2.50 per line with contests from

time to time.

An open house and tour will be held to show off the alley and the rest of the new senior/recreation center on Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26. Look for the opening date along with bowling rates and open and league bowling times, he said.

Mr. Huscher said that the bowling alley can be rented for special events.

The club expressed appreciation to Greg Lohoefer of the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. board for all his work, time and devotion to this project.

Jim Hollowell reminded everyone that Rotary Radio Day will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday on KFN 101.1.

### 4-H club gives cookies

By ALEXIS HISSONG  
CO-REPORTER

The Stick-To-It 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Feb. 13 at the Catholic Church.

We discussed 4-H Days and decided that we would do a model meeting. Isabel Grafel played the

piano and Elizabeth Nedland did a project talk.

Each member brought cookies and we put plates together for the Good Samaritan Center, Cedar Living Center and Wheat Ridge Terrace residents for Valentine's Day.

### FFA auction rescheduled

Due to the weather, the Oberlin FFA Chapter auction set for Monday was rescheduled and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria, said agriculture teacher

Jason Ketterl, the chapter advisor.

FFA members will be "sold" for eight hours of work and will be serving ice cream. For details, call Mr. Ketterl at (785) 470-7264.

## New Arrival

### Kiera Brielle Wiedeman

Isaac, 8, and Macy, 5, Wiedeman have a new baby sister, Kiera Brielle, who was born March 1, 2011, at 7:54 a.m. at Salina Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 18 inches.

Her parents are Scott and Kayla Wiedeman of Chapman. Her grandparents are LaVerne and Theo (Wagner) Wiedeman, WaKeeney, and Loren and Linda Gottschalk, Basehor. Great-grandparents are Mary Ann Randa, Leibenthal; Jane Gottschalk, Hays, and the late Ted and Bernice Wagner.



K. Wiedeman

### DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 28, 2011 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

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 Levi, Ian and Ella

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