

People in Our Community

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Delbert and Roxie Erickson met their sons, Kris Erickson of Wichita, and Dr. Kenyon and his wife, Stacia of Davenport, Iowa, in Newton on Feb. 2. They all attended the Newton High School basketball game, during which Delbert Erickson, a former wrestling coach at Newton High, was inducted into the Newton High School Hall of Fame during half-time. They also attended the reception and dance which honored him and other honorees at Santa Fe School for family and friends. The Delbert Ericksons spent the weekend with Kris Erickson in Wichita and they all enjoyed the Thunders hockey game and the Lipizzan Horse Show at the coliseum.

Joshua Jackson, son of Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson of Norcatur, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Bethany College in Lindsborg for the fall semester. He is a freshman and is majoring in music.

—Valentine's Sunday Brunch Buffet., Sun., Feb. 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. LandMark Inn, 475-2340 for reservations.

Word was received by Rachel Wurm of the death of Ruth (Engelland) Cooper of Osborne the latter part of January. She was a former home economics teacher at Decatur Community High School.

Among area students who were named to the Dean's List (3.6 or higher) at Fort Hays State University for the fall semester were: Denise Carter, Sarah McKenna, Jennings; Maureen Corcoran, Regina Corcoran, Sarah Hurla, Travis Lincoln, Teresa Macke, Wendy Scott and Erica Stanley, Oberlin; James Plotts, Norcatur; Bart Ecker, Herndon; Lucy Wolters, Ludell; and Rick Turrell, Rexford.

—Pancake feed, Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m., American Legion.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral services for Helen Tacha on Wednesday were Gary and Judy Vaughn, and Todd and Laura Vaughn, Hannah and Megan, Westminster, Colo.; Tonie and Tom Owens, John and Mark, Suwanee, Ga.; Tamra and John Owens, Aaron and Jordan, Kansas City, Mo.; Bill and Inez Owens, Wamego; Randy and Jan Evans, Hoisington; Ed and Gloria McKenna, McCook; John and Deane Tacha, Lawrence; LeRoy and Glenda Harris, Grand Junction, Colo.; Mike Machart, Bill Machart, Clearwater; David Porter, Phillipsburg; John and Wendy Hess, Aurora, Colo.; Lawrence and Carol Carter, Dresden; Doyle and Kay Brown, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Vendla Tacha, Arch Harman, Elmo and Marguerite Bailey, Mildred Tacha, Galen and Meme Carper, Lawrence; and Lila Jennings, Rosa Brock, Norine Bailey, and Vickie Bailey, Jennings; and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon.

Trina Dejmala and Diana Euhus of Oberlin were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2000 semester at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. They had a grade point average of 3.5 or better on

Couple plans April vows

John and Linda Stanley of Oberlin announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina, to Eric Green, son of Kerry Green, Jennings and Laura Washburn, Norton. The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is currently working at Norton County Hospital as a Nurse's Aide and Social Service Director. The future groom graduated from Jennings High School in 1997 and works for Poe Well Service. The wedding is planned for April 28, at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

a 4.0 scale. Miss Dejmala is an Elementary Education K-6 major and Mrs. Euhus is enrolled in Social Work Comprehensive.

Roger May was elected to the Board of Directors of the American White Wheat Producers Association meeting held on Feb. 2 at Dodge City. The association is a producer-owned New Generation cooperative comprised of white wheat growers located throughout the Great Plains States. Gene Bertrand of Wallace, husband of the former Anita Portschy, was also elected to the board. He is a brother-in-law of Dwayne and Betty Jones.

—Pancake and sausage supper, 5-7 p.m., Sun., Feb. 18, Prairie Chapel Church. Freewill offering.

Winning highs at pinocle at Golden Age Center last week were Veanna Orr, Myrtle Waldo, Dewaine Stapp and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Vada Shaw, Aleen Van Vleet, Duane Blodgett and Edith Richards. Pitch highs were won by Mrs. Waldo and Elsie Goodnight with lows going to Wilma May and Max Carman. Bridge highs were won by Marie McKisson and Phyllis Lohofener.

Joshua Meitl, son of Gary and Tina Meitl, has joined Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society at the University of Kansas. It is a national honor society comprised of undergraduate students who display excellence in academics. The administration, faculty members, or fellow students nominate potential members. He is a sophomore in mechanical engineering.

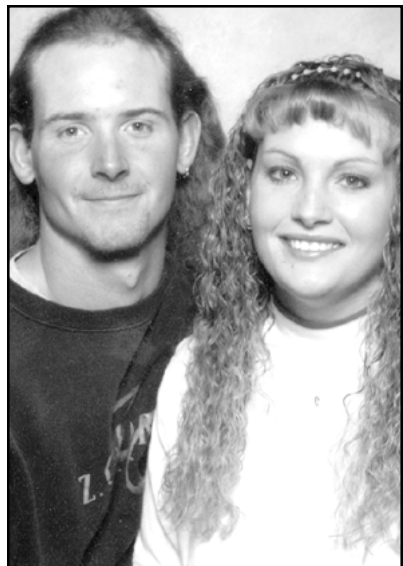
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Robbie Noah Stephenson, son of Donnie and Joyce Stephenson of rural Dresden, is to undergo surgery on Feb. 21 on his Achilles tendon at Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. Mail will reach him at the hospital, 2001 Lindsbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., 63131.

Chris Smith, son of Larry and Karen Smith of Oberlin, will be a member of the cast when the Department of Music and Performing Arts Theatre presents the musical, "Cabaret." It will be presented at 8 p.m. from Thursday through Saturday at Miriam Drake Theatre at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. It will also be presented at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25. Tickets, which are \$7, may be reserved through the UNK Theatre Box Office, (308) 865-8417, or via e-mail to boxoffice@unk.edu.

—American Legion open to public for dinner, Saturdays, 6 p.m.

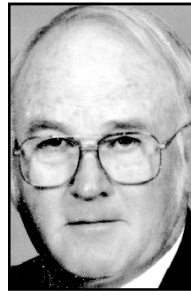
Gly Shaw has moved to an assisted living apartment in Topeka and is near her son, Jerry Baker and family. Her address is 1608 SW 37th St., Apt. 311, Topeka, Kan., 66611. Her phone number is (785) 266-1031.



Eric Green and Christina Stanley

Wrestling coach inducted into hall

Delbert Erickson of Oberlin was one of four inducted into the Newton High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Feb. 2, during halftime at the Newton basketball game in Ravenscroft Gymnasium.



D. Erickson

Mr. Erickson, wrestling coach at the school for 11 years, joined former basketball coach Walt Willis; Kent Franz, who played on Newton High's state championship basketball team in 1979; and a standout basketball player from the 1930s, Russell "Sticker" Brian. It was the sixth class inducted into the hall.

Mr. Erickson was wrestling coach at Newton from 1969 to 1980 and during that time, his teams won three state team titles, and he coached 17 state champions and 61 state qualifiers.

He's probably perhaps best remembered for his demeanor, said Brian Huxman, a reporter for the Newton Kansan. Mr. Erickson said he prided himself on a positive relationship with his wrestlers.

"The wrestlers were dedicated, worked hard, gave everything they could and were not afraid to go the extra mile," he said. "There was great respect and love between the athletes and myself."

"We had outstanding support from the fans, school and community. There was a tremendous sense of pride in the

wrestling program and we could all share in the success.

"Most of all, we had some great athletes at the time with an unselfish willingness to give for all."

His teams placed second at state once, won six regional titles and three Ark Valley League championships.

In making the hall presentation, Roger Erickson (no relation), assistant principal at Newton High School, said, "Delbert was able to motivate and influence his wrestlers to be top competitors. Many athletes he coached went on to successful wrestling careers at the university level. He finished his coaching years at Newton with a 55-16-1 record in dual meets. Delbert was named to the Kansas Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1977."

Mr. Erickson was accompanied to Newton by his wife, Roxie, and were met by their sons, Kris Erickson of Wichita, and Kenyon and his wife Stacia of Davenport, Iowa. They all attended a reception and dance, which honored the four men, at Santa Fe Middle School.

Mr. Erickson is the son of the late Paul and Alma Erickson of rural Herndon and is a graduate of Atwood High School. He and his wife Roxie, a retired teacher, live in Oberlin.

Parent-teacher conferences set

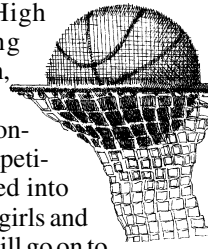
Parent-Teacher Conferences for kindergarten students of Oberlin Elementary School will be held on Thursday and Friday, and there will be no school for students in Head Start, Developmental Kindergarten and kindergarten.

Conferences for grades 1-6 will be held on Friday, with no school for those grades.

There will not be a regular conference time scheduled with the fifth and sixth grade teachers, but parents may visit with them anytime from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3:30 p.m. in the gym. Mrs. Lohofener and Mrs. Witt will not have scheduled times, but they will be available in their room during the same hours on Friday.

Free throw contest held Sunday

The Oberlin chapter hosted the district Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest Sunday afternoon in the Decatur Community High School gym, covering Oberlin, Leoville, Selden, Herndon, and Atwood.



Each council held a contest prior to district competition, with groups divided into five age groups for both girls and boys. District winners will go on to the regional competition at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Grinnell High School.

District winners in the girls division

were Annamarie Larue, Oberlin, 10-year group; Whitney Stock, Herndon, 11; Kim Wessel, Leoville, 12; and Janelle Solko, Herndon, 13.

Winners in the boys division were Logan Fortin, Oberlin, 10; Drew Basgall, Herndon, 11; Rory Fossum, Oberlin, 12; Rodney Rippe, Herndon, 13; and Brett Chambers, Herndon, 14.

AJJ. Depperschmidt, Dresden, district deputy, presented each winner with a Knights of Columbus Free Throw Medallion.

Cosmopolitan elects new officers

Eula Juenemann was elected president of the Cosmopolitan Club when seven members met on Feb. 6 at the home of Marty Munson.

Other officers include: Amy Rehm, vice president, and Mary Horney, secretary.

Dues were paid to the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce and a contribution was made to Smoky Hills Public Television.

Members will meet at the Pizza Hut for a noon luncheon on March 5.

New Arrivals

Jenna Dale Howard

Larissa and Aleah Howard welcome their sister, Jenna Dale. She is the daughter of Hardy and Dawn Howard of WaKeeney and was born Jan. 29, 2001, at the Gove County Medical Center. She weighed 9 pounds, 1 1/4 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are Don and Helen Juenemann, Selden, and D.D. and Ruth Howard, Uta. Great-grandmothers are Amelia Juenemann, Colby, and Agnes Howard, Ransom.

Joshua Martin L. Olson

Mrs. Mamie Unger has her 15th great-grandchild, Joshua Martin Lynn Olson.

He was welcomed on Jan. 26, 2001, by his brother, Evan Lynn, and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Brian Olson. He weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long.

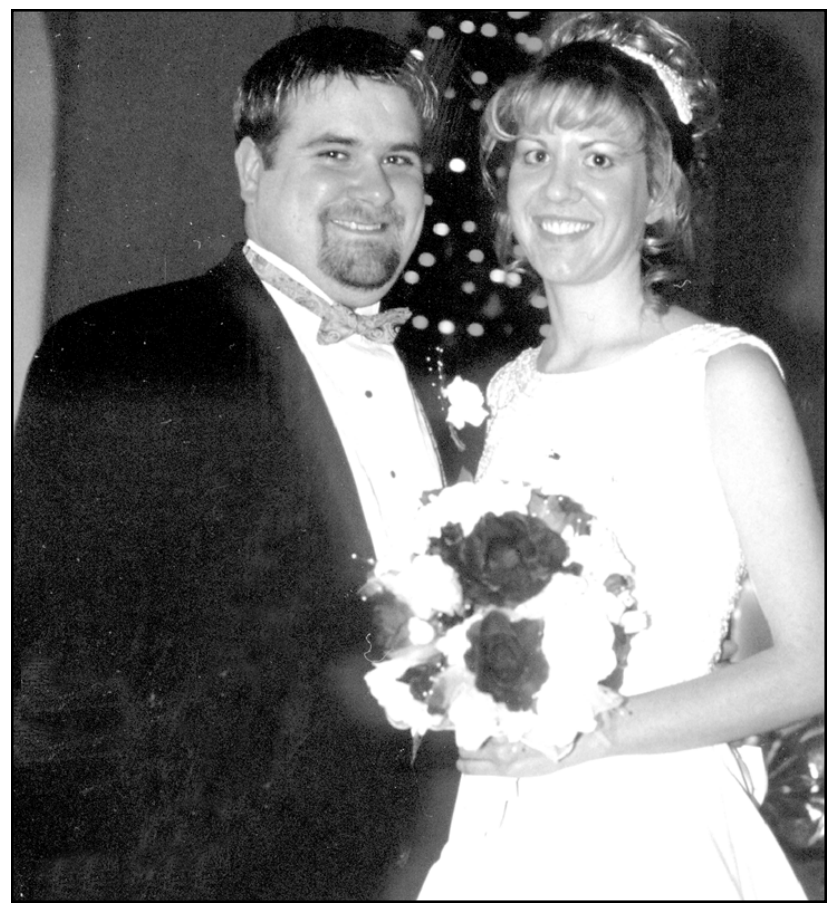
He lives with his family in Vernon, Texas, where his father works for Texas A&M University.

Agriculture meeting planned

A meeting on carbon sequestration and how carbon emissions play a role in the future of agriculture will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Norton County 4-H Building. Dr. Jeff Williams, K-State Age Economics Professor will share his insight on this topic.

He will provide an overview of issues developing around carbon sequestration in soils on farms and carbon credit trading.

For details contact either the Decatur or Norton County Extension offices at (785) 475-8121 or (785) 877-5755.



Mr. and Mrs. Scott Taylor

Couple wed in Leoville in double-ring ceremony

Denise Carter of Jennings became the bride of Scott Taylor of Oberlin on Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville. The Rev. Jim Hoover officiated at the double-ring ceremony before a Christmas decorated altar.

Parents of the couple are Dave and Diane Carter, Jennings, and Charlie and Vickie Taylor, Oberlin.

Organist was Shelly McKenna, Jennings. Vocalists were Ruth and Jerry Casper, Hays.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Jenny Casper, Jennings, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mary Beth Stanley, Colby, and Heather West, Dresden, cousins of the bride; Jacinta Carter, Jennings, sister of the bride; Tanci Mishler, Hays.

Audrey Morel, Norton, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. Tanner Morel, Norton, was ringbearer.

Mat Norman, Colby, served as best

man. Groomsmen were Matt Taylor and A. J. Taylor, Oberlin, brothers of the bridegroom; Ryan Munsey, Emporia, and R. T. Bechman, Oberlin. Ushers were Brian McPhail, Dodge City; Shane Casper, Hays, cousins of the bridegroom; and Craig Carter, Jennings, and Jeff Carter, Weskan, brothers of the bride.

A reception followed at the Leoville Parish Hall.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Jennings High School and attended Fort Hays State University. She earned a Bachelor's Degree and is a substitute teacher.

Her fiance graduated from Decatur Community High School and earned a degree in Communications in 2000 from Colby Community College. He is a disc jockey at KFNF Radio Station at Oberlin.

They are making their home in Oberlin.

Students take spelling honors

Danica May, a seventh grader at Decatur Community Junior High, correctly spelled "illustrate" and "orphan" to capture the Decatur County Spelling Bee on Wednesday at Jennings. She is the daughter of Dr. Richard and Delayne May.

Runner-up was Kelly Olson, an Oberlin eighth grader, daughter of Jerry and Connie Olson of Oberlin. She went down on the word "illustrate." Julie Carter of Jennings pronounced the words to the six contestants.

Other participants included: Brittany Ritter and Kaitlyn Gillespie of Jennings, and Andy Gilliam and Alyssa Rippe of Oberlin.



Danica May



Kelly Olson

The winner will compete in the 48th consecutive state spelling contest, scheduled for April 17 at Washburn Rural High School in Topeka.

Couple make plans for wedding

Susan Thomson of Oberlin announces the engagement of her sister, Laurel Patrice Chard, to William Sauvage, son of Keith and Maxine Sauvage of Oberlin.

The bride is the daughter of the late

Doyle and Audrey Faye Quenzer of Norton.

The couple will make their home on a farm south of Oberlin.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Christian ed program to begin

Tiny Tots, a Christian education program for 3-5-year-olds, will begin their spring program in March.

It is to be held on Mondays from 9-11:30 a.m. March 5-April 9 at St. John's

Lutheran Church Education Building.

Interested parents may contact Patty Eckels at 475-2944 for details or registration forms can be picked up in the church offices.

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