

# Oberlin woman wins national cattle award

Mary Henzel of rural Oberlin was named Outstanding CattleWoman of the Year for 2002 during the American National CattleWomen Awards Banquet held on Thursday, Jan. 30, during the national convention in Nashville, Tenn. The award was sponsored by Bayer Animal Health.



Mary Henzel

The award is given to a cattlemember who has excelled at continued beef promotions on the local, state and national level.

She has been a member of the association for over 40 years while holding memberships in local and state groups in Oregon, Oklahoma and Kansas. She served as state president of Oklahoma Cattlewomen in 1991 and 1992. She also served on the Oklahoma Beef Promotion Committee, as well as the Education, Legislative and Beef Gift Certificate committees.

She served eight years as president, during which she represented the CattleWomen on the executive committee, as well as on the first

Partnership Planning Task Force with association officers.

During her term as president, several accomplishments were made to two major programs, namely the National Beef Cook-Off and the *Wow That Cow* project.

On the national level, Mrs. Henzel's involvement was on committees of Ag in the Classroom; Beef Promotion; Budget; Bylaws; Legislative; Nominating and Outstanding CattleWoman of the Year, as well as region meeting coordinator and the American National CattleWomen's Foundation.

After her term as national president, she served as chairman of the National Beef Ambassador Program for two years.

The most ambitious project she assumed was serving as chairman and author of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative History Book in 2001.

She and her husband, Stuart, operate a stocker-feeder operation southeast of Oberlin. They have three sons and a grandson, Jake. Jim and family live in southeast Oklahoma where he works in the state corrections system; Brian is a marketing director in San Diego, and Richard is an architect in Corpus Christi, Texas.

# Student wins spelling bee

Brett Linden, a Jennings eighth-grader, correctly spelled "tarantula" to capture the championship trophy at the Decatur County Spelling Bee on Wednesday at the Jennings School.



Brett Linden

Jenny Hirsch, an Oberlin eighth-grader, challenged Brett one-on-one through 32 words after the other four spellers had gone down. Both spellers missed the word "groggily", then Jenny missed "tarantula". Brett correctly spelled the word, and then correctly spelled

"colonel" to win top honors.

Brian Linden, a Jennings sixth-grader, placed third. Other contestants included Kurt Olson, an Oberlin eighth-grader, Mackenzie Carman, an Oberlin fifth-grader, and Alyssa Rippe, an Oberlin sixth-grader.

Mary Wahlmeier and Lois Heilman were judges for the event. Coordinator Julie Carter pronounced the words.

This is the 50th Annual Kansas State Spelling Bee Contest, sponsored by the *Topeka Capital-Journal*.

State competition will be in Topeka in April. The Kansas champion will go on to Washington in May for national competition.

# Herndon couple enjoys trip

David and Bonnie Franke of Herndon returned home recently from a 24-day trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

In Sydney, they visited the Opera House, Harbor Bridge, Botanical Gardens, took a coffee cruise in the harbor and scenic drive through the Blue Mountains, and petted koalas and kangaroos in a wildlife park.

On Cairns, they snorkeled at the Great Barrier Reef and rode in a glass bottom boat to view the colorful coral and fish. They enjoyed a scenic railroad trip to the aboriginal village of Kuranda and took a skyrail back across the rain forest. At Aboriginal Culture Park they watched a performance, then tried throwing a boomerang.

In Melbourne, they visited the Fitzroy Gardens, the aquarium, and Rialto Tower. They watched the fairy penguin parade at Phillip Is-

land, who return from the ocean and walk across the beach each evening. Christmas Day was spent in Melbourne.

After flying to Christchurch, New Zealand, they visited Cathedral Square, strolled along the Avon River, which runs through the town, and attended a Maori Haigi feast. They drove through the New Zealand Alps to Queenstown where they visited Walter Peak Sheep Station on Lake Wakatipu, then took a cruise on Milford Sound through fjords and waterfalls. They viewed the snow-capped peaks and glaciers at Mount Cook National Park, then spent New Year's Eve at Auckland, where fireworks were displayed from The Tower.

Their final two-day stop was in Fiji, where they swam, snorkeled and attended a Kava ceremony and feast.

# Special Olympics game set

The Special Olympics and Oberlin Firemen teams will play their annual basketball game at 1 p.m. on Saturday at The Gateway. The team is preparing for regional

and state Special Olympic competition.

The public is invited. For details, contact Penny Soderlund at (785) 475-2304, or (785) 475-2234.

# Club News

## Prairie Chapel Women meet

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met on Feb. 3 at the home of Coleen Rippe.

Vice President Henrietta Van Vleet opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Roll call, "A verse on love," was answered by eight members and two guests, Pastors Doug Hasty and Charles Keller.

It was reported that two members assisted in serving the Irene Powell funeral dinner. Two new members, Angie Stephens and Traci Uehlin, were welcomed. A thank you was read from Coleen

Rippe for the memorial for her mother, Irene Powell.

Rowena Cathcart presented the hymn history for "Jesus Loves Me" for Charissa Huff. Cards were signed for Ruth Laidig, Grace Cook and Evelyn Logan. Members were reminded of the Prayer Retreat coming up. Pastor Hasty gave the program, "Who inspired his and our faith?"

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on March 5 at the home of Patti Uehlin with Nadene Lafferty as co-hostess.

## Club plans food service

The Hello There Hobby Club met on Feb. 5 at the Prairie Plaza Clubhouse in Atwood. Hostesses were Delores Benda and Daisy Schmidt.

Ten members answered roll call by naming a "least favorite" household task. Those attending in addition to the hostesses were Rosemary Bergling, Margaret Brown, Ardythe Cederberg,

Elma Lee Erickson, Mary Holle, Vicky Mumm, Rita Schroeder and Violet Holle.

Final plans were made for the club to serve food for the Dale Walker estate sale on Feb. 22.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5 at the home of Eulaine Benda in Oberlin. Hostesses will be Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Cederberg.

## Couple plans May vows

Dawn Renee Baus and Joseph Michael Pina plan to marry on May 24 at the First United Methodist Church in Pratt.

Parents of the couple are Elmer and Betty Jean Baus, and Mike and Tamie Pina, all of Pratt.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mrs. Helen Derby, Dresden, and the late Harold Derby; Mrs. Philena Baus, McCracken, and the late Elmer Baus.

Her fiancé is the grandson of Ken Meyers, Pratt; Mrs. Shirley Carpenter, Wichita; Frank Pina, Pratt; and the late Jacqueline Pina.



Dawn Baus and Joseph Pina

## Brownies build race cars

By SERENASTACY

The Brownie Girl Scouts met after school on Tuesday, Jan. 28. Joslyn brought the drinks and Haley brought the snacks.

Kiah took attendance and had the girls answer roll call with their favorite Kansas symbol. Vanesa asked if each remembered to bring their scout books and Brittany asked if they wore their scout vest to the meeting.

We read and discussed items working towards the activity pin. We voted what our group is going to do with our cookie money. Almost every girl has sold cookies and we only have about one week left to sell them.

We divided into groups and built cars from connectors, then raced the cars down a ramp. Everyone was a winner and our leader rewarded us with candy.

## Young Scouts plan swim party

By ASHLEY EDGERTON

Brownie Girl Scouts met on Feb. 4. Brittany brought the snacks and Miranda brought the drinks.

Haley had the girls answer roll call by asking when their birthday is. Vanesa asked if everyone remembered their vest and Serina asked if everyone remembered their books. The girls worked on a necklace

hanger made from a ruler and a Valentine magnet.

We reviewed what we need to do to earn our cookie Try-It patch and cookie pin. We talked about our swim party this Saturday at Colby Community College. Some of the girls worked on reviewing songs while the third-graders worked on their bridging project.

**DON & ROSE HARRIER**

The children and grandchildren of Don and Rose Harrier are requesting a card shower for their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 17. Cards can reach them at:

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The children and grandchildren of Donald Wasson are honoring him on his Birthday.

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Dear Oberlin Herald Readers,  
Our father, Val L. Litton, will be celebrating his 80th birthday on February 14th. We'd like to ask the folks in Decatur County who knew my dad to send him a birthday greeting. We're hoping for at least 80 responses from friends and family near and far!  
Please send cards to him at: 22 Michael Way, Napa, California 94558 or you may e-mail your greetings to vallitto@pacbell.net.  
Our mother, Alice I. Arehart Litton (who also had Decatur County roots) passed away in 1998. We know she would have loved this idea and would have so enjoyed reminiscing with Dad in seeing your cards and letters. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,  
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# Couple to wed in Herndon

Sarah Christine Gutchewsky and Joel Mark Uerling of McCook plan to be married at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church in Herndon.

Parents of the couple are Jack and Mary Gutchewsky, Herndon, and Mark and Sherri Uerling, McCook.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She graduated from Colby Community College in 2002 with an Associate Degree in Nursing and is employed at Community Hospital in McCook.

Her fiancé graduated from Republican Valley High School in 1998 and received a degree in Diesel Mechanics from Mid-Plains Vocational Technical School in North Platte, Neb.,



S. Gutchewsky and J. Uerling

in 2000. He is employed by Messinger Farms.

## Bridal shower held Sunday

Sarah Gutchewsky was honored with a bridal shower on Sunday afternoon at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin. Hostesses were Dannette Seller, Bogue, and Sara Seller, Great Bend.

She and Joel Mark Uerling of McCook will be married on March 1 at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church in Herndon.

Guests were Mary Gutchewsky, Herndon; Sherri Uerling and Mattie

Uerling, McCook; Tammy Gutchewsky, Oberlin; Deb Clifton and Casey, Hayes Center, Neb.; Shirley Axtell, and Kathleen Quaduor and Tiffany, Danbury; Austin Bamesberger, Cambridge, Neb.

Lori Beeby and Cassidy, Lebanon, Neb.; Krista Simonsson, Lawrence; Amy Bell, Bogue; Lori Peters, McCook; Theresa Cook, Levant; and Nikke Felat, Kearney, Neb.

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