

Pair plans wedding in Lawrence

Jill Mermis and Brandon Minton of Kansas City plan to be married on Saturday, May 31, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Lawrence.

Parents of the couple are Marybeth and Clyde Mermis, Lawrence, and Barb and Sam Minton, Andover.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Decatur Community High School and earned a degree in Accounting and Management Information Systems from Kansas State University.

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Couple plans July vows

Melinda Ann Mottley and Joseph Nimmo Webb Jr., plan to be married on July 12.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Terry D. Mottley Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Webb Sr., all of Suffolk, Va. The bride-to-be is a granddaughter of Eula Juenemann of Oberlin.

Both are graduates of Nansemond-Suffolk Academy and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va.

The bride-elect is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Child Development.

Her fiancé is employed by



J. Webb and M. Mottley

Nansemond Insurance Agency in Suffolk.

Get-together held in Arizona

Forty-five former and present Kansas residents attended the 13th annual Decatur Day observance in Gold Canyon, Ariz., on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the home of Max and Marlene Miller.

They were assisted by Dole and JoAnn Anderson, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Myron and Metta Johnson, and Sam Willcox.

All games were rained out by the much needed moisture.

The day was spent visiting, reminiscing and enjoying the delicious meal which had been prepared by the committee.

Others present were Don and

Marie Aschwege, Boyd and Thelma Bainter, Perky Barnett, Don and Shirley Carlisle, Ron and Jodie Cox, Tom and Sadie Cooper, Rex and Adeline Diehl, B.J. and Wilma Farrell, Dwayne and Betty Jones, Royal and Aneta McKay, George and Clarice Meadows, Evelyn Miller, Rex and Billie Morton, Doris Jean Oliver, Dick and Aleta Phelps, Alice Taylor, Jerry Thomsen, Jim Thorne, John and Sharla Trotter, Carl and Betty Votapka, Doyle Worley and Margie Caroch.

The next annual meeting will be held on Feb. 17, 2004.

Students mark Dr. Seuss Day

Dr. Seuss Day and Read Across America were celebrated in the Herndon Elementary School on Monday.

A breakfast of green eggs, ham, and juice was enjoyed by the kindergarten through fourth grades. Students also enjoyed a treat of emerald green eggs provided by Mrs. Diederich while Mrs. Beims read "Green Eggs and Ham."

Seniors Nik Martin, April Portschy and Chelsey Schissler read "The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins," after which everyone made a hat to decorate.

Mrs. Juenemann read, "Hooray for Diffendoofer Day" and students works on a Diffendoofer word search.

Mrs. Diederich taught them the Diffendoofer School song.

After lunch, Mrs. Portschy read, "Bartholomew and the Oobleck," which was followed by an Oobleck science activity. After Mrs. Diederich read "Yertle the Turtle," students participated in a game using Yertle, the turtle, and finished with an art activity.

Other guest readers were Mr. Schroeder, who read, "Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?," and Mr. Becker, who read, "The Cat in the Hat."

The celebration ended with students watching the movie, "The Cat in the Hat" and enjoying a Dr. Seuss cake, baked and decorated by Mrs. Diederich.

Non-profit fitness center to open in Atwood

The Atwood Fitness Center, formed as a non-profit community organization in Atwood, is holding its grand opening this week through Saturday. A variety of new activities are being offered to everyone, free

of charge.

Free memberships will be given away and there will also be registration for a free annual membership.

The new center is located at 509 N. 5th, and is open 24 hours a day,

Workshop to be held at Jennings

Heritage Associates of Jennings will hold its final "Archival" workshop at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Royal Neighbors building.

The project involves the organization and description of documents, tapes, photographs, artifacts and manuscripts. The workshop will be followed by supervised hands-on application.

The workshop is open to the public and area museum boards and curators in Hoxie, Colby, Norton, Oberlin and Logan are urged to attend.

The workshop is made possible by a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council. Project directors are Lila Jennings and Neoma Tacha of Jennings.

Those who want to attend should call Mrs. Jennings at (785) 678-2299 or Mrs. Tacha (785) 678-2470 by March 12.

New members join Dorcas

Two new members, Betsy Haag and Sue Glodt, were welcomed when eight members of Dorcas Circle of the Oberlin United Methodist Church met on Feb. 17 in the fellowship hall.

Jody Shike was hostess and Shanna Richards was in charge of the program.

Kym Richards presented the program, representing Teens for Christ, on her trip to Russia. She displayed many souvenirs from the tour.

It was decided to change the monthly meeting time to 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be March 17 with Montine Alstrom as hostess. Pam Wilson will present the program.

Program set at Colby

The Prairie Museum of Art and History will present Michaeline Chance-Reay of Manhattan in a program entitled "Harvey Girls: It All Started in Topeka," at 7 p.m. on Monday.

Ms. Chance-Reay teaches elementary and secondary education courses at Kansas State University.

The presentation marks National Women's History Month, giving those attending an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the role of women in society, yesterday and today.

Preferring the term Harvey Girl to waitress, Fred Harvey recruited single women to work at Harvey Houses along the Santa Fe Railway line from Kansas to California. Between the 1880s and the 1950s, more than 100,000 women, many Kansans, proudly wore the black-and-white uniform of the Harvey Co.

For details, contact Judy Kleinsorge at (785) 462-4590.

How are those vital signs?



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR PAT POMEROY demonstrated the new portable heart defibrillator on Jim Ferguson during a meeting of the Oberlin Modern Woodmen of America Camp last week at the home of Marie McKisson, secretary. The camp donated \$2,020 toward the purchase price, which was \$17,629. The remainder was paid from the ambulance special equipment fund.

—Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Deadline set for assistance program

Farmers have until March 15 to apply for coverage under the federal Noninsured Crop Assistance Program.

"Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for farmers," said Diane Barrett, county executive director for the U.S. Farm Services Agency, "but it's not available for all crops. That is why NAP it is so important."

March 15 is the application closing date for farmers who want to purchase coverage for alfalfa, dual purpose cane, sudan grass, feed and pastures. Though it is not a new program, there were some major changes made two years ago.

"Prior to 2001, producers applied for NAP benefits after a weather-related loss," Mrs. Barrett said. "The program has changed, and now it's more like regular crop insurance. Producers have to apply for coverage before disaster strikes."

The coverage requires a service fee of \$100 per crop, per producer with a \$300 cap per county. Out-of-

pocket expenses will not exceed \$900 for any producer, even if production occurs in more than three counties. Service fees may be waived for some farmers.

Mrs. Barrett said that under this program, individual coverage can be tailored to meet specific needs and allow for a customized crop protection plan.

Norcatut Methodist Church Pancake Supper

at Educational Building
Saturday - March 8, 2003
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Free will Donations



Student gets scholarship

Sarah E. Olson, a senior at Decatur Community High School, was awarded Kansas State University's Foundation Scholarship during ceremonies Feb. 7 at the university.



Sarah Olson

Presenting the award was Pat Bosco, associate vice president for institutional advancement and dean of student life.

During K-State's annual Scholarship Day, students and their parents were guests of the university at a banquet. They attended meetings with academic deans and student life officials.

Sarah is the daughter of Dr. Mark and Barbara Olson of Oberlin. Her grandparents are Wesley and Eulaine Benda, and Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

Happy 90th Birthday
Lois Vernon McKinley
The family of Lois Vernon McKinley would like to honor her on her 90th birthday on March 13th with a card shower. Mail will reach her at: 812 Stelling Apt. 209, Ellsworth, KS 67439

Oberlin Arts and Humanities Assisted by Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau and Decatur County Museum is pleased to announce

Ralph Moody's Life & Culture on the Plains

Presented by Jim Hoy
Professor at Emporia State University and Director of the Center for Great Plains Studies

- * Historical/Pictorial Presentation by Sharleen Wurm, Decatur County Museum
- * School Participation
- * Tour: Mr. Moody's Inspiration, The Cedar Bluffs Area
- * Refreshments

March 9, 2003
Gateway ~ Oberlin, KS
1:30 P.M.
Tour Reservations Necessary
Call: Mary 785-475-3329 or Ella at 785-475-3557

This is a Season Ticket Event
or \$10-Adults / \$5-Students / 6th Grade and Under - No Charge

Thank you to all who voted in the primary election. Your support was very much appreciated.

Jeannie Martin

DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 24, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 Banquet at 6:30. Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Deadline for reservations is May 19, 2003. Price per plate is \$12.50

Alumni's Name	Class
Address	
Spouse's Name	Class
Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give address, class year and maiden name.	
If spouse is also an alumni, please indicate the class year the spouse would like to be seated with: <input type="text"/>	



You Are Invited
to an open house at
United Church of Oberlin
109 N. Griffith
from 2 - 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 8
to celebrate

Walt Anderson's 80th Birthday