

# Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Jennifer Carter of Jennings and Brandon Fenner of Hoxie were married at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville. Father Dana Clark officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are David and Diane Carter, Jennings; and Brian and Joey Fenner, Hoxie. Grandparents of the bride are Eleanor Morel, Jennings, and the late Cleo Morel, and Naomi Carter, Jennings, and the late Willard Carter. The bridegroom's grandparents are Vola and Albert Fenner, Goodland; and Doris and Herb Weed, Wray, Colo.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her father.

Denise Taylor, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Jacinta Carter, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid.

Brent Oelke served as best man and Travis Hubl was groomsmen.

Flower girl was Candace Taylor, niece of the bride. Ringbearers were Skyler and Wyatt Carter, nephews of the bride. Marcus McKenna was server.

Candlelighters were Erin Fenner, sister of the bridegroom, and Joseph Carter, brother of the bride.

Ushers were Craig and Jeff Carter, brothers of the bride; and Marc Fenner and Cory Juhnke, cousins of the bridegroom. Jim Wahlmeier, cousin of the bride, was reader.

Bringing the offertory gifts to the altar were Kylie and Kelsie Morel, cousins of the bride. Vocalist was Karla Haggard and organist was Shelley McKenna.

A reception, dinner and dance followed at the Leoville Parish Hall. Serving at the reception table were Carol Carter and Margaret Stanley, aunts of the bride, and Faylene and Sue Fenner and Sandy Juhnke, aunts of the bridegroom.

The bride is a graduate of Jennings High School and Colby Community College. She is employed at the Comfort Inn in Colby.

The bridegroom graduated from Hoxie High School and Goodland Technical College. He is employed by the City of Hoxie.

They are making their home in Hoxie.



Brandon and Jennifer Fenner

# Pastor serves three churches

Pastor Kathleen Aeillo of Almena, who has been serving as pastor for the United Methodist Church in Almena since January 2002, is now also serving congregations at the Clayton and Norcatun United Methodist churches.

A native of Falls City, Neb., she graduated from Falls City High School and has been a resident of Norton since 1976. She is single and has been supervisor of the x-ray department at Norton County Hospi-

tal. She retired on Friday and will be devoting full-time to the ministry.

A licensed local pastor, she is attending St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City and will continue her studies there. She enjoys playing the piano and organ, singing, crocheting and cooking.

At the present time, Sunday morning worship services are held at 9 a.m. at Norcatun; 10 a.m. at Clayton, and 11 a.m. at Almena.



K. Aeillo

# Kindergarten registration set

Parents of children who will be attending kindergarten at Oberlin Elementary School in 2004-2005 are asked to register their children throughout this week at the school office.

A child must be 5 on or before Aug. 31, to be eligible for kindergarten. Parents who are unable to come to the school office to provide the necessary information may contact the school.

# Food check-out day set

In celebration of the vital role Kansas agriculture plays in providing the safest, most economical food in the world, Farm Bureau organizations in Kansas will host their annual Food Check-Out Day on Thursday.

Decatur County Farm Bureau will celebrate the event by donating \$75 to the Decatur County Ministerial Association Food Pantry. Table tents with informational farm facts for Food Check-Out Day and Farm Bureau placemats and napkins will be distributed for use in Oberlin restaurants.

The event will celebrate the bounty from America's farms and ranches and how that bounty is shared with American consumers through affordable food prices.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the average

American spends only 10 percent of his or her disposable personal income to pay for food. This means that in just 40 calendar days, the average American will have earned enough to pay for his or her family's annual food supply.

Last year, that same family had to work until April 19 to pay their taxes.

Farmers and ranchers receive only 19 cents out of every dollar spent on food at home and away from home. The rest goes for costs beyond the farm gate: wages, materials for production, processing, marketing, transportation and distribution. Approximately 17 percent of the total U.S. workforce produces, processes, sell and trade the nation's food and fiber, but only 2 percent of the total U.S. population live on farms.

# Program set on land leasing

A free informational program about ways to bring in additional income from farm land is scheduled from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, at The Gateway.

Jim Ferguson, host of "The Great American Outdoor Trails" radio magazine, will emcee the program. Speakers will include Kansas Fish and Game biologist Matt Bain; Barth Crouch with Pheasants Forever; Brad Leitner with Beaver Creek Gamebirds; Dan Votapka, local hunting guide and booking agency; Kansas Farm Bureau environmental specialist Steve Swaffar, and local Farm Bureau Insurance

agent, Vince Carswell.

Those attending will learn about leasing their land for hunting, walking hunting, improving the habitat and bird population on their land, including how to obtain free plot seed and help with grass and shrub plantings, purchasing various types of gamebirds as chicks or adult birds; factors affecting pheasant populations and pheasant hunting; what is involved in being a hunting guide, and insurance liability issues.

A Mossburg shotgun will be given as a door prize. Coffee and cookies will be served and there is no charge.

# Aquifer symposium planned

Water conservation and water policy will be the topics at the 2004 Ogallala Aquifer Symposium to be held on Monday, Feb. 23, at the Wray High School in Wray, Colo.

The Ogallala Aquifer (High Plains Aquifer) is very important to the economics of eastern Colorado, southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas for both drinking water and irrigation, and the entire region is reeling from effects of the drought.

Litigation over the Republican River Compact began in 1998 with Kansas filing suit against Nebraska, and later involving Colorado in the suit, as well. The lawsuit was recently settled between the three states and the symposium will be the first meeting where all three states will present the agreement of the litigation. Those who attend will be able to hear how each of the three states will meet the compact and have a better understanding of how the compact will work for future water needs within the basin.

Colorado State Engineer Hal Simpson will discuss Colorado's perspective in meeting compliance with the compact. Ann Bleed, assistant director for Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, will discuss Nebraska's agreement on meeting the compact; and Dave Barfield, Kansas Department of Agriculture, will present the requirements of the compact by Kansas.

For details, contact Joel Schneekloth at (970) 345-0508; or visit the Golden Plains Area Extension website at [www.coopext.colostate.edu/GPA/](http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/GPA/) for a registration form.

# Portrait workshop set at McCook

The McCook Art Guild will host a portrait workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 21 and 22, at the McCook Community College Wrightstone Fine Arts Building. Don Dernovich, a former art teacher in Oberlin, will be instructor.

To register, mail a check for \$40 payable to the McCook Art Guild to Norma Stevens, 1515 Norris Avenue, McCook, Neb., 69001, phone (308) 345-1859. A list of supplies will be sent to those who have paid the fee. Enrollment is limited to 15 and artists may use the media of their choice.

# New Arrivals

**Logan Kyle Hayward**

Jeff and Penny Hayward of Oberlin are the parents of a son, Logan Kyle, born Jan. 26, 2004, at Community Hospital in McCook. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21 inches long. He has a brother, Alex, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Alfred and Betty Cressler, Jennings; Marian Railsback, Fort Collins, Colo.; and Jim Hayward, Greeley, Colo. Paternal great-grandmothers are Ethel Railsback and Shirley Hayward, Oberlin.

**Alexa Dawn Reinhardt**

Alexa Dawn Reinhardt, daughter of Derek and Jennifer Reinhardt, was born Jan. 19, 2004. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. She has a brother, Landon, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Craig and Sherri Stevens, LaCrosse, and Kent and Patricia Reinhardt, Bison. Maternal great-grandparents are Arthur (Bud) Holopirek, LaCrosse, and the late Alverna Holopirek; and Norma Stevens, Enid, Okla., and the late Loal Stevens. Paternal great-grandparents are Vera Lindemann, Oberlin, and the late Elmer Lindemann; the late Nelson Reinhardt and Dorothy Moore; and Darrel and Elizabeth Moore, Great Bend.

# The 'Seeds of Hope' Telethon needs YOUR Help

## Saturday, Feb. 28

### 1-10 p.m. at The Gateway, Oberlin or on Local Access Channel 7



**Oberlin Area**

**"Seeds of Hope Telethon"**

Live Auction - 6 p.m.

Seeds of Hope is THE annual fund-raiser for many of Oberlin and Decatur County's most important charities and nonprofit organizations. Most of these groups have no other public fund raisers. Seeds of Hope is their "United Campaign."

That's what makes Seeds of Hope so important to the whole community. Hundreds of hours of volunteer effort are being invested because these organizations are the lifeblood of our town. They depend on the money raised in the Telethon to get them through the year.

If you can help or donate items for the auction, call Peg Smith at 475-2296. And most importantly, Seeds of Hope needs your donation, no matter how large or

small. You can call in during the Telethon, 475-3753 and 475-2901, or Anita Hirsch at 475-2358 or 475-2296, or use the handy coupon below and mail in your donation. Every dollar counts for Decatur County, so send yours in today!

Don't forget to watch "Seeds of Hope" on the Oberlin Community Access Channel 7, from 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday. Come on up to The Gateway to watch, sample the sloppy Joes, hot dogs, chips, pie and chili soup and make your donation in person.



Join me at the Telethon!

Yes, I want to help. Here is my donation:

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