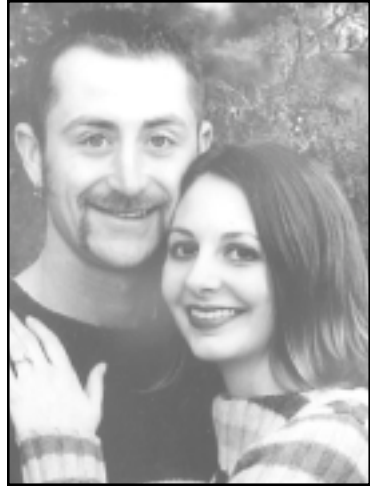


Couple sets June vows in Oberlin



R. Wolfram, E. Doeden

Erin Brienne Doeden and Rodger Allen Wolfram plan to be married on June 12 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Rick Doeden, and Mr. and Mrs. LaMoine Wolfram, all of Oberlin. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Decatur Community High School, Barton County Community College, and Kansas State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary English Education. She is a high school language arts teacher in Perry.

Child health and safety conference planned

The Decatur County Interagency Coalition will sponsor a Child Health and Safety Conference on Saturday, April 3, at the Oberlin Elementary School.

Keynote speaker will be Kim Christiansen, a lawyer from Hays, who is a former prosecutor. Agencies will be distributing child health and safety materials from booths in the school cafeteria. The event is being co-chaired by Pam May of Parents as Teachers, and Penny Arnoldy of Decatur County Head Start.

The coalition team has received a \$750 grant from the Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas and Smart Start Northwest Kansas for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

There is no charge, and refreshments will be available. There will be gift certificates from Raye's Grocery and Sunflower Cinema, as well as a DVD player and a carbon monoxide detector given as door prizes. For details, contact Mrs. May at (785) 672-3125 or 475-3606, or Mrs. Arnoldy at 475-3935 or 475-2592.



JUDY DAVIS prepared to serve tea at the Tea Rose Parlors, which opened recently with a Friendship Tea. She and her daughter Leigh plan to offer monthly teas at their tea parlors at 301 N. Rodehaver. —Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

Club News

Women hear about tour

Rebekah Hasty was guest speaker at the March 3 meeting of Oberlin United Methodist Women.

She told of the Methodist Educational Tour in which she and Justine Miller of Norcatar participated last summer when they visited Methodist-affiliated facilities for all ages in the states of Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and South Dakota and Nebraska. They also spent time at Yellowstone National Park, in Salt Lake City and the Black Hills. Her father, the Rev. Doug Hasty, assisted by showing slides. She closed by showing a video composed of photos submitted by the 39 girls on the tour, and displayed souvenirs.

Devotions were given by Doris Sloan, based on the theme of forgiving and forgetting. Kay

Moon furnished piano music. Roll call was answered by sharing a camping experience. Thank you cards were read from some of the 16 students receiving CARE boxes in February. Used greeting and Christmas cards, with no writing on the front, are being collected this month to be sent to Newton for a Youthville project.

Refreshments were served by Violet Shaw and Maxine Smith from tables decorated with the St. Patrick's Day theme.

Hazel Nichols of Smith Center, a former Oberlin resident, will present a program on her collection of crosses at the April 7 meeting. Roll call will be to bring a cross to display. Hostesses will be Linda Hollowell and Joan Evans.

Prairie Chapel women meet

Eight members of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the home of Nadean Lafferty on March 3 and answered roll call with a seed exchange.

President Angie Wilson opened the meeting with prayer and devotions were given by Ethel Railsback using verses from Psalms 36 and a poem about thankfulness. Coleen Rippe presented the hymn history on "Marching to Zion." Charissa Huff read items from the prayer calendar for March 3.

Henrietta Van Vleet, a longtime member, died on March 2 and a "Gift in Memory" will be given in her name. The Salt Sack will be started again with the

money to be used for new curtains for the church. The 100th anniversary of the church to be held on Sept. 26 was discussed.

"Looking for Easter," a retreat at Camp Lakeside, will be held April 2 and 3. A spiritual growth retreat is scheduled for April 17. The Lord's Acre sale will be held in April and the dinner and auction were discussed.

Coleen Rippe presented the program, "Moving Forward," using Exodus 14:15 as the scripture. A St. Patrick's lunch was served by the hostess and the co-hostess, Rowena Cathcart. The next meeting will be with Lucille Townsend and Ethel Railsback will present a program on Easter.

Meeting set in Oakley

The John Athey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 20, at the Colonial Steakhouse in Oakley, followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Information will be given by the Colby members of the

Chautauqu which is planned from June 11 to 15 in honor of the 150th anniversary of Kansas.

Dr. Steven Golden will give a detailed program, "Genealogy," at 1 p.m. Members and other interested persons are invited to join them for the lunch and program.

Storm spotter class scheduled

The National Weather Service in Goodland will hold a storm spotter and safety class at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 19, at the Decatur Community High School cafeteria.

It is for all age groups interested in High Plains severe weather. The free program is conducted only once

every year by the weather service meteorologists.

For details call (785) 899-7119. A listing of the 2004 spotter training schedule across the Tri-State area is available at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/gld/>

Toy and sports card show set

The 16th Annual Toy and Sports Card Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, at the National Guard Armory on the north edge of Norton.

Supported by the Chamber of Commerce, the event is sponsored by the Norton Methodist Men organization. Dealers display everything from sports cards to automotive, farm, trucking, construction and

other toys of all sizes both new and antique. NASCAR models will also be on display in race car toy lines.

Proceeds are used to fund Christian mission activities, student scholarships and public benefit contributions such as fire department smoke helmet apparatus.

Food will be available. Admission is free for children under 12 and \$1 for adults.

Writing contest planned

The Kansas Authors Club is sponsoring a writing contest for students in all grades.

Students may write about Kansas themes and Kansas authors or enter poems and short stories on any subject.

There are four age divisions: Grades 1-2 (no line or word limit). Grades 3-5 (poetry to 30 lines; prose 100-300 words). Grades 6-8 (poetry to 30 lines; prose 200-500 words). Grades 9-12 (poetry to 40 lines; prose 500-1000 words).

Prizes for three places at \$25, \$15, and \$10, plus two unpaid honorable mention certificates, will be awarded for each age division in each category.

Categories are: poetry, any form; prose, short story; prose, about a Kansas author (grades 6-12) and theme, What's right with Kansas? (prose or poetry).

The contest opens April 1 with a June 19 deadline for postmarked entries. Complete rules can be found at the website <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/orgs/kac/youthcontest.html>.

Glen Road to perform

Glen Road, an Irish traditional music group, will perform at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Quinter High School Auditorium.

Greg Brown, a native of Newfoundland; Turlach Boylan, who is from Ireland; and Mike Dugger will perform and talk about their personal experiences with Irish traditional music. They will present school performances on Monday at 9 a.m. at Grainfield and a 1:30 p.m. at Grinnell.

Admission on Sunday is by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket, or \$8 for adults or \$4 for students.

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Tea parlors open in Oberlin

By MARY LOU OLSON
Judy and Leigh Davis believe in old-fashioned hospitality and it shows in their tea parlors at 301 N. Rodehaver.

Cloth covers, place mats and tiny tea napkins adorn the tea tables, where dainty China cups and saucers are used.

The Tea Rose Parlors opened with a "Friendship Tea" on Feb. 15, the first of a series of monthly "house teas." Each monthly tea will have a theme supported by simple decorations and foods. The March theme will be "A Mad Hatter's Tea"

at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Those attending are encouraged to wear wacky hats and be prepared for lots of laughter.

The women also offer private tea parties, so friends can gather to celebrate birthdays, reunions, showers or other special occasions. Reservations for private tea parties can be made by calling 475-2881 at least one day in advance.

Fine teas from Harney & Sons Tea Co. are served and sold in the tea parlor. There is also an array of tea "gadgets" to make sipping tea more fun. The women also hope to add

herbal teas and bone china teapots, cups and saucers in the near future.

Judy is a Certified Tea Consultant, having taken her training from Irene Neilson of Irene's Tea, Etc. in Lindsborg. She owned a tea parlor in Norton before moving to Oberlin last fall.

Leigh, an English teacher at Decatur Community High School, said she came to enjoy tea parties while assisting her mother in Norton.

Both agree that tea parties are the perfect way to slow down and enjoy family and friends.

Gerontology symposium set in April

Colby Community College will offer the 20th Annual Gerontology Symposium on Monday and Tuesday, April 5 and 6 in the Robert Burnett Memorial Student Union, room 108. Registration will be held from 8 to 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 5.

Presenter will be Jennie Reling. "Coping With People Who Exasperate Us!" is the title of the session

on Monday, April 5, which is scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. This session will explore potential approaches and workplace strategies as well as personal methods for coping with dysfunctional relationships.


The Tuesday session, "Hope and Healing: Dealing With Loss," will also be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants will receive ideas for


dealing with personal grief issues as well as strategies to provide therapeutic responses to those experiencing grief. Finally, pain from loss will be explored as a bridge for growth, healing and recovery.

To enroll in this symposium, which is worth 15 contact hours, contact Community Services, Colby Community College, 1255 S. Range.

Happy 70th Birthday
Alvina Gamblin
March 17

The family of Alvina Gamblin will be hosting an open house at the Golden Age Center in Oberlin on Saturday, March 13, 2004, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
She requests no gifts, just your presence.






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