

# May wedding planned by couple at Prairie Pines

Ellen Fringer and Martin Osborne of Lawrence plan to be married on Saturday, May 7, at Prairie Pines in Maize.

Parents of the couple are Robert and Penny Fringer, Oberlin; Roger Osborne, Wichita; and Melinda and Kendall Wooten, Halstead.

Grandparents are Jim and Reva Marshall, and Irene Fringer, Oberlin; Mel and Margaret Johnson, and Mable Osborne, Wichita, and the late Jay Osborne.

The bride-to-be graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2000 and received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Fort Hays State University in May 2004.

Her fiancé is a 1998 graduate of Halstead High School and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from Fort Hays State Uni-



E. Fringer and M. Osborne

versity in May 2004.

They are living and working in Lawrence.

# Former Oberlin lawyer named district judge

Evelyn Zabel Wilson, a former law partner of Elmo Lund of Oberlin, was chosen to take the place of Shawnee County District Judge James M. Macnish, who retired after almost 27 years on the bench.

She grew up on a farm near Athol and married Mike Wilson in 1986 in Athol. She practiced law in Oberlin from 1985 to 1992. When her husband, who had been superintendent at Golden Plains School at Rexford, got a job with a school district west of Topeka in 1992, she joined a law firm that eventually evolved into Wright, Hensen, Clark and Baker.

One partner in the law firm was Gary Sebelius, now a federal magistrate judge and husband of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

She said that one of the things that went into her decision to apply for the judge's vacancy is that Gov. Sebelius is the first governor she has ever known. She said she thought the interview for the position was the longest uninterrupted time she had ever talked to the governor, saying that her interview was a little less than half an hour long.

She added, "I have great respect for Gov. Sebelius. She's always been a person that I admire and hoped to emulate."

Mrs. Wilson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and business in 1982 from Bethany College in Lindsborg and graduated in 1985 from Washburn University School of Law.

# Girls to gather in Hill City

A Girl Scout workshop, "Pretty Ambitious Teens," is scheduled from 3 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 110 N. 10th in Hill City.

Participants should bring a sack supper with drink. A snack will be provided in the evening.

The evening will involve creating new friendships, exploring new things, and looking for something different to do on a Saturday night. The group will meet two more times this semester for career exploration and then money, investments and more money.

Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council is sponsoring the event, but all girls in seventh grade and above are

invited. Professional women will teach workshop classes.

A minimal fee will be charged to cover expenses and dues and pre-registration is required. Registered Girl Scouts will pay \$8 and other girls \$18. Girls who attended the first workshop in November do not need to pay again, however, registration is required. Fees cover the cost of the facilities, program supplies snacks and membership fees for non-registered girls.

Call Monica at 888-811-8832 to find out more and to reserve your space. Deadline is Friday, Feb. 4. Workshops are also scheduled in April and again in the fall.

# Grant forum planned Feb. 10

Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development will hold its sixth Grant Funding Speakers Forum at the Comfort Inn Convention Center in Colby on Thursday, Feb. 10.

A free luncheon will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m., featuring information about the Kresge Foundation, which has two grant programs.

One is for capital projects, most often for construction or renovation of buildings, and also for the pur-

chase of major equipment or real estate. The second is to upgrade and endow scientific instrumentation and laboratories at college and universities, teaching hospitals, medical schools, and research institutions. Kresge officials are interested in networking with Kansas foundations looking for partnership opportunities.

For details or to register, call (785) 462-2602. Deadline for registration is Feb. 1.

# Linemen help in ice storm in south central Kansas area

Fourteen linemen, two digger trucks, two big bucket trucks, and three small bucket trucks from Prairie Land Electric helped Ninnescah Electric of Pratt rebuild line and restore electric service after a major ice storm early this month in south central Kansas.

Those who assisted on the first crew, sent out Jan. 5, included Shawn Miller, Norman Kats, Lonnie Kellerman and Gary Beikman, Norton; Leroy Hays and Rick

Dustin, Phillipsburg; and Greg Cooper and Marshall Hespe, Bird City.

Later, three more crews joined them: Dave Tiemeyer and Ryan Culwell, Bird City; Jeff Hardiek and Jason Glendening, Hill City/Stockton; Spencer Ketterl, Oberlin; and Eric Hartwell, Norton.

Prairie Land crews worked 16 hours a day and returned home Jan. 11 after every residential consumer had electricity.

# Club News

## Calico Gals enjoy pizza

Calico Gals Club met on Wednesday at the Pizza Hut for lunch, then went to the home of Margaret McEvoy for their meeting. Ten members and one guest,

Mabel McLaughlin, were present. The hostess gift was won by Verna Mae Anderson. The afternoon was spent planning the meetings for the coming year.

## Conservation nominees are named for election

The seats of two members of the Decatur County Conservation District board, Lawrence Jennings and David Wilson, are up for election. Mr. Jennings will seek re-election, but Mr. Wilson does not plan to run again.

Nominees for the board include Elden Huff, and Shannon Metcalf, northeast of Oberlin; and Mr. Jennings and John E. Ritter, southeast of Oberlin.

Only those attending the district's annual meeting on Monday, Feb. 7, may vote, but anyone who is 18 and lives in Decatur County is qualified. The two candidates elected will serve three-year terms.

Current board members are Mr.

Wilson, chairman; Vernon Ketterl, vice-chairman; Ron Bryan, treasurer; and Mr. Jennings and Carl Wahlmeier.

The annual meeting will begin with supper at 6:30 p.m. at The Gateway in Oberlin provided by the Decatur County Banker's Association. Entertainment will be by the DCHS Singers.

The program will also include Banker Awards, a Windbreak Award and Rangeland Awards, as well as the annual poster contest awards.

Deadline is Friday for reservations for the meal. Call Diana Solko at (785) 475-3131, extension 101.

## Scholarships are available from Kansas Farm Bureau

The Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation is offering \$1,000 scholarships for the 2005-2006 school year, including four at Kansas State University and two at Fort Hays State.

Applicants must be a Kansas Farm Bureau member enrolled in agriculture or a related area and classified as a junior or senior in the fall.

To apply at K-State, call (785) 532-6420 and request the Kansas General Scholarship form. Applications must be returned by Feb. 1.

Fort Hays State applicants may call (785) 628-4408 and request the Scholarship Information application. These must be returned by Feb. 15.

Applications are also being accepted for the National FFA Scholarship sponsored by Dodge in association with the American Farm Bureau Federation. These are for students who plan to pursue a two-

or four-year degree in any major. There are 50 scholarships at \$1,000 for students who are FFA members and whose family is a member of Farm Bureau.

Visit [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) under Program Information and Scholarships for more information. This application must be completed by Feb. 15.

The DeWitt Ahlerich Memorial Scholarship for the 2005-2006 school year is for \$500 at K-State. To be eligible, students must be Kansas Farm Bureau members, a junior or senior in the fall of 2005 and enrolled in the College of Agriculture in agricultural economics.

To apply, complete and submit application available from [www.kfb.org/ahlerichscholarship.htm](http://www.kfb.org/ahlerichscholarship.htm) or request an application from Valerie Evans at the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation, (785) 587-6162.

Applications must be returned by March 1.

## Parent conference set in Hays

A Parent Networking Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25 and 26, at the Holiday Inn in Hays, sponsored by Families Together Inc.

This is a fun all-expense-paid getaway for parents and foster parents of children with special needs up to age 21. Child care will not be provided, but a voucher available at the conference will help reimburse the cost up to \$50.

Those attending will stay at the Holiday Inn and enjoy good company and food. They will participate in workshops and discussion groups, gaining lots of good information and getting support from other families and Families Together staff.

Topics to be discussed by guest

speakers include: "Building Positive Relationships between Home and School," "Discipline Strategies," and "Substitute Decision Makers — The New Trend for Power of Attorney, Guardianship and Conservatorship."

Other topics will include: Special Ed Law, Grade to Grade-School to School Section 504, Mom and Dad groups and personal stories from parents and siblings.

Area Community Partners will join them for dinner Friday evening, followed by time to visit with them and receive information from their agency or organization.

Reservations are due by Feb. 11 by calling (866) 775-7710 toll free or (785) 650-0455, or e-mail to [jane@families.togetherinc.org](mailto:jane@families.togetherinc.org).

## Benefit soup supper tonight

A benefit soup and pie supper for tsunami disaster relief will be held from 5-7 p.m. tonight at the Oberlin Covenant Church, 810 W. Cedar.

The benefit is being co-sponsored

by Faith Lutheran Church. Donations will be received for "World Relief/South Asia Tsunami."

Contact person is Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, (785) 475-3055.

**Internet Tonight!**  
**475-2206**

**Open House set to honor Vivian Bishop, 95**

January 27, 2005 is the 95th birthday of Vivian Bishop. A 2 to 4 p.m. open house is scheduled in her honor on January 27, 2005 at the Golden Age Center, 220 N. Penn, Oberlin, Ks. (Snow date is January 30, 2005).

All friends and relatives are invited. She requests no gifts.

Born Vivian Cilek in 1910, the honoree married Clyde Bishop, June 2, 1943 in Oberlin, Ks. She has lived in Decatur County Kansas all of her life and was engaged in farming.

She is active in church work and the Oberlin meal site.

Cards may also be sent to Vivian at:  
105 S. Beaver, Oberlin, Ks 67749

# Couple plans April wedding



A. Eager and J. Carman

Jamie Carman Alstrom and Andrew Michael Eager plan to be married on Saturday, April 16, at the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan.

Parents of the couple are Larry and Diana Alstrom, Hoxie; and Mike and Dimity Eager, Madison, Wis. Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Willis and Peggy Carman, Oberlin, and the late Max and Jacqueline Alstrom. Myrtle Waldo, Oberlin, is her great-grandmother.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Hoxie High School, received dual bachelor's degrees in Kinesiology and Athletic Training at Kansas State University. She is currently furthering her education in Fort

Meyers, Fla.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Blue Valley High School, Overland Park, attended Kansas State University and is a U.S. Army Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He owns and operates his own business in Venice, Fla.

## Tri-State Initiative offers scholarship

The Tri-State Initiative for Economic Development has created an annual scholarship for students in the Tri-State area of Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska.

The geographic area extends from Chadron, Neb., on the north edge, to Greeley County at the south, and from Fort Morgan, Colo., to Hays and Kearney, Neb.

There will be one scholarship of \$500 awarded to a high school student from each state.

Applicants must:

- Be a high school graduate or hold a General Equivalency Diploma from a school in the Tri-State region and have a minimum of 2.5 grade point average.
- Plan to attend a college, university or industrial school within the region by the fall semester following graduation.
- Attend one of the following: Morgan Community College, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Northeastern Junior College, Sterling, Colo.; Aims Community College or the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley; Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland; Colby Community College; Fort Hays State University; North Central Technical College, Hays; Wichita State University, Phillipsburg; North Platte Community College or the Techni-

cal Campus, North Platte, Neb.; McCook Community College; Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, Curtis; Chadron State College; Western Nebraska Community College, Sidney or Scottsbluff, Neb.; or the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Students who plan to attend a college or university outside of the area may appeal to the scholarship committee. Students will submit an application form and a letter defining their career goals. If the job does not currently exist in the rural community, the student essay should focus on how the job will be created through entrepreneurship. Applicants may be asked to make an oral presentation to the committee.

Students are encouraged to attend the Tri-State Conference scheduled for April 18 in Holyoke, Colo. Overnight lodging and expenses for each scholarship winner will be paid by the Tri-State Initiative. Scholarship winners will be invited to present their essay during the luncheon program.

For questions, contact Larry Worth at (970) 867-9409, extension 233, or e-mail [lworth@necalg.com](mailto:lworth@necalg.com).

Submit applications to Larry Worth, scholarship chairman, 231 Main Street, Suite 211, Fort Morgan, Colo., 80701, by March 1.

## Historical program set at the Gateway on Sunday

Joyce Thierer of "Ride Into History" will enact "Whose Land/Our Land/My Land" at 3 p.m. at The Gateway in Oberlin on Sunday, an educational trek through time exploring the historical progression of relationships with the land from 1804 to 1890.

Using authentic clothing and props, she portrays characters based on real women — from the Earth Lodge people who used the land for growing and hunting; to homesteaders in the Kansas Territory; to an in-

dependent rancher. Her presentation ties together agricultural history, women's history and the history of Kansas and the West.

She also will present a program at 9 a.m. on Monday, in the gymnasium at Oberlin Elementary School.

Her appearance is sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association. Admission on Sunday is by season ticket, or at the door, \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Please join us as we celebrate the 85th birthday of our husband and dad, *Wesley Benda* on January 30 by honoring him with a card shower.

Mail will reach him at:  
338 N. Penn  
Oberlin, KS 67749

Eulaine, Connie, Leanne, Gerald, Shirley, Beverly, Barbara and families.

**Introducing Dr. Jonathon Dormish**

Dr. Dormish, a specialist in podiatry, performs a variety of outpatient procedures once a month at Decatur Health Systems, including treating ingrown toenails, skin lesions, corns, calluses, bunions, hammertoes, heel spurs and major reconstructive procedures. He uses conservative procedures to treat generalized heel and foot pain and is experienced in orthotics and treating diabetic ulcers.

Dr. Dormish is based in Aurora, Colorado and has Outreach Clinics in Scott City and Cheyenne Wells as well as in Oberlin. Dr. Dormish attended the University of Podiatry in Des Moines, Iowa and completed his residency in St. Louis. Appointments can be made with Dr. Dormish through a referral by your family physician.

**DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON**

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 28, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:00. Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Deadline for reservations is May 19, 2005. Price per plate is \$12.50 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name	Class
Spouse or Guest Name	Class

Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name.

If spouse/guest is also an alumni, please indicate the class year he/she would like to be seated with:

Late registration accepted, but no guarantee on sitting with your class.