

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Word was received by Earnest and Donna Huff of rural Norcatatur on Sunday of the death of Sgt. Benjamin Morton, 24, who was serving with the U.S. Army in Iraq. He was the son of Alan and Ruth Morton of Wright and his wife also survives. His paternal grandparents, Rex and Billie (McClure) Morton of Sohuar-áta, Ariz., are both natives of Oberlin.

LaMoine and Ruth Wolfram attended the graduation ceremony for Nick Wolfram at the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit, Mich., on Saturday, May 14. He graduated with a Master in Architecture. Also attending were Rodger and Erin Wolfram of Lawrence. The week prior to graduation, Nick visited in Oberlin, along with Dustin Fife of Ortonville, Mich.; Anthony Kraatz of Dearborn, Mich.; and Jeff Whitmer of Sanford, Mich., who all attended and graduated from the same university in Detroit.

Bill DeKnight attended the graduation of his daughter, Daisy, from the University of Kansas in Lawrence last weekend. She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology with concentration on crime and delinquency. She plans to work a short while before starting graduate studies at Kansas University.

Warren and Carol Weibert of Oberlin and Julie Weibert of Chicago attended the graduation of Chris Weibert at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, on May 14. He received his Master of Business Administration degree. Chris is an Area Manager-Local Operations Support for Southwestern Bell Telephone in Dallas.

Rita Garver and Ron Shuler of Salina spent the weekend in Grand Junction, Colo., visiting David and Laken Shuler.

—**Memorial Day Breakfast Buffet, Monday, 8-10:30 a.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.**

Adam Lohoefer, son of Greg and Mary Lohoefer of Oberlin, was among three students who received certificates from the Kansas Algebra Program for their outstanding contributions to teaching, tutoring and extra duties at the honors banquet on Thursday. He is a master's degree student at the university and a 2000 graduate of Decatur Community High.

Anita Hirsch was elected chaplain at the Kansas State Firefighters Association Auxiliary at the annual convention held recently in Wichita.

Bridget Elaine Cramer, daughter of Bill and Sally Cramer, received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at commencement exercises at Missouri University in Columbia, Mo., on May 13. She is the granddaughter of Phyll and Connie Cramer of Oberlin and they attended her

graduation. She will be working at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis, Mo.

Norma Richards returned to Oberlin on Wednesday night after attending memorial services in Pratt on Tuesday for her sister, Frances Courange, who died May 13. Mrs. Richards had gone to Wichita the previous Thursday to visit Mrs. Courange, who was a patient at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus. Her sister, Violet Foster, and daughter, Pat Hall, of Brighton, Colo., were among other relatives who attended the services.

Laura Kitzke of Rigolet, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada left Tuesday after spending a week visiting her sister, Martina Parks, and friends in the area. She was a houseguest of John and Henrietta Juennemann. She had come to attend the graduation of her son, Paul Kitzke, from Washburn Law School on May 14.

Darrell and Mary Landau of Garden Grove, Calif., came Thursday and will be spending two weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet, Kelve Swindler and Wilma May. Lows went to Max Carman, Veanna Carman, Donna Kent, Kelve Swindler, Floyd Edgett and Vivian Bishop. Pitch highs were won by Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Wilma May. Bridge winners were Annette Miller and Charlotte Meintz.

Marianna Bendon and Karla Jones met their daughter and sister, Marcia and Chris Fox, of Limon, Colo., for lunch in Colby on Saturday.

Phil and Pam Smith of Copeland were weekend guests of her father, Bruce Guinn.

—**Chinese International Buffet, Tuesday, May 31, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.**

Steve Hirsch was elected as the Kansas board member for the National Volunteer Fire Council at the state meeting in Parsons on Saturday. The council represents approximately 1.5 million volunteer firefighters nationwide.

Warren, Carol, and Chris Weibert attended Julie Weibert's graduation from the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago on Saturday. Also attending were Tom and Shelley Kupetis, Julia and Katrina of Geneva, Ill. Shelley is Mrs. Weibert's niece. Julie graduated Summa Cum Laude, finishing seventh in her graduating class of 138. She was one of eight who received honors in all four quarters of externship their final year. She will be working in the Chicago area.

## Planning a Wedding?

**The Oberlin Herald** is happy to run pictures and stories of weddings. However, we need the information within five weeks of the marriage. Write-ups received after this date require a \$10 charge for each month past the deadline date.

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# Oberlin alumni to gather Saturday

Hundreds of alumni will be flocking to Oberlin this weekend to attend the annual Decatur Community High School alumni banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at The Gateway.

The Class of 1985 plans to sponsor a dance for everyone from 9 p.m. to midnight on Friday at the Centennial Bowl. Tours of the high school building will be conducted by the student council from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Oberlin Herald will be taking pictures of all 10-year anniversary classes, as well as the 25-year class, which will be printed in the newspaper. Jeanie Unger will take color pictures of these classes, as well as the five-year classes, for classes which request them. Call her at (785) 475-3256.

Doors for the dinner will open at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Class reunions and locations on Friday and Saturday include:

**1935:** Wheat Ridge Terrace, 2 p.m. **Pictures between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.**

**1940:** Luncheon, noon, Saturday, the LandMark Inn.

**1945:** Luncheon at noon Saturday, Sappa Valley Manor. **Pictures, 1:30 p.m.**

**1950:** Come and go get-together, Friday evening, Golden Age Center.

Luncheon, noon, Saturday, United Church.

**1955:** Get-together, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sappa Valley Manor. Saturday, 2-4 p.m., Legion. **Pictures between 3 and 4 p.m.**

**1960:** Potluck supper Friday, 6 p.m., John and Henrietta Juennemann farm. Luncheon, noon, Saturday, upstairs meeting room, Gateway.

**1965:** Red Crown, Saturday, 2:30 p.m. **Pictures, 3:30 p.m.**

**1970:** Dan Wasson farm, 2-4 p.m. In case of inclement weather, 202 E. North, Oberlin.

**1975:** Noon luncheon, Legion, Saturday. **Pictures at 1 p.m.**

**1980:** Sappa shelterhouse, noon. **Pictures at 2 p.m.**

**1985:** The class will sponsor a dance for everyone from 9 p.m. to midnight on Friday at Centennial Bowl, and meet 1-5 p.m. on Saturday at Centennial Bowl. **Pictures, 4 p.m.**

**1990:** South Wind Steak House, Selden, 2-4 p.m.

**1995:** Oberlin City Park, **Pictures, 3 p.m.**

**2000:** Hog roast, 6 p.m., Friday, Carl Larson farm. Family lunch, noon, Saturday, Sappa Valley Construction shop, north U.S. 83.

# Tri-State Initiative to meet at The Gateway

Dave Rose of Mid West eServices of Salina will speak at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, at the Tri-State Initiative for Economic Development quarterly forum and business meeting.

The two-day meeting will be held Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Mr. Rose has been successful in selling unused rural schools and other buildings on the electronic auction service eBay, bringing sellers and prospective buyers together. He is president of Mid West eServices, which he founded in 2003. In northwest Kansas, the firm has sold a home in Downs, a church in Logan, and school buildings in Bazine, Morland and Dighton, which have

resulted in new jobs and brought in new families.

Economic Development Director Anita Hoffhines from Ellsworth County will talk about her town's free land program. She will share lessons learned from the central Kansas town and tell how communities can benefit from a free land program.

The meeting begins at 3 p.m. on Thursday with a conference planning committee meeting. Dinner will follow at 5:45 p.m. Reservations are due by Monday, June 6, by calling (785) 475-2901. Cost is \$9.50.

A business meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, with adjournment scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

# Self-defense class for women

A self-defense class for women will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, in the upstairs meeting room at The Gateway.

The program by Kansas highway patrol training officers from Salina will include basic self-defense, personal safety, scenario training and hands-on training.

Women of all ages, especially college girls, are encouraged to attend. Rides will be provided for the elderly.

The program is sponsored by the Decatur County Farm Bureau. Those attending are asked to call Dianne Bremer at 475-2238.

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- ★ Formation at Tomb of Unknown Soldier
- ★ Star Spangled Banner by Andrea Marshall
- ★ Opening Prayer by Pastor Kathy Aeillo
- ★ Special Memorial Day Address by Major Barry Brooks
- ★ Decoration at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- ★ Salute Fired Over Last Buried Veteran

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