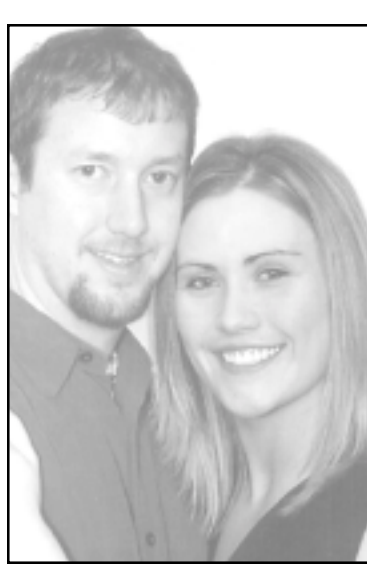


Couple plans June wedding

Melissa Rae Fraker and Kristopher Scott Mathews of Omaha plan to be married on Saturday, June 11, at the United Methodist Church in Benkelman, Neb.

Parents of the couple are Mark and Cathy Fraker, Oberlin; Pam Fraker, McCook; John Mathews, Denver; and Bill and Sharon O'Brien, Benkelman. Grandparents of the couple are Bob and Marian Fraker, Oberlin; the late Hazel and Loren Myers; the late Willard and Inez Mathews, and the late Everett and Addie Pursley.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She is employed by Alegent Health at Immanuel Medical Center and is pursuing a degree in nursing.



K. Mathews and M. Fraker

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Dundy County High School and a 2000 graduate of Peru State College. He is employed by Alegent Health at Immanuel Medical Center as a medical technologist.

Oberlin graduate accepted for master's nursing program

Cameron Dickinson, daughter of Doug and Shayla Williby of Oberlin, was pinned in ceremonies at Grace Cathedral in Topeka on Friday and graduated Sunday from the Baker University School of Nursing at Stormont-Vail medical center with a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

She works at Providence Hospital in Kansas City, in the Intensive Care Unit. She has been accepted into the masters program and will begin classes in the fall for a registered nurse practitioner program.

She and her husband, Brett, live in Lawrence and he works at Wallin Mart in Ottawa. Both are graduates of Decatur Community High School. She is the granddaughter of Juanita Williby and Shirley Ward of Oberlin.

Those attending her graduation were Mrs. Ward, Wanda Dickinson, her parents and brother Josh, Kari Stanley, Marcia Lohoefer, and Merlou and Jace Robinson, all of Oberlin; Lyn Fossum, WaKeeney; and Brett Dickinson, Justin Williby and Jake Robinson of Lawrence.



C. Dickinson

Student is research scholar

Allie Moore is among 14 freshmen and sophomores selected as 2005 Undergraduate Research Scholars by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Science Education Program at Kansas State University.

The scholars will participate in a two-year intensive research experience with a K-State faculty member. Students were chosen on the basis of their academic performance and interest in biomedical research and in seeking post-graduate training in this field.

The scholars will participate in a two-year intensive research experience in conjunction with a K-State faculty member. Students were chosen on the basis of their academic performance to date and their expressed interest in participating in biomedical research and seeking post-graduate training in this field.

They will receive stipends of \$3,500 plus research and travel support.

Miss Moore, daughter of Monte and Kelly Moore of Oberlin, is the granddaughter of Loyd and Fern Moore of Oberlin and Evan and Judy Golt of Hill City. She is a 2004 graduate of Decatur Community High School.



Allie Moore

Man earns Washburn degree

Paul Kitzke received his Juris Doctor degree during commencement on May 14 at Washburn University Law School in Topeka.

A 1997 graduate of Decatur Community High School, he earned a Bachelor of Science in political science from Fort Hays State University in 2002. He will be studying at the university for the bar exam, given in late July, then will be moving to Hugoton, where he has accepted a position with Tate and Johnson LLC.

His parents are Laura Kitzke of Rigolet, Newfoundland, Canada, and Delton and Texi Kitzke of Salina. They, along with many friends and relatives, attended his graduation.



Paul Kitzke

Poppy Day will be Friday

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary will be on Penn Avenue on Friday for Poppy Day. They will be giving out paper poppies, a symbol of remembrance which says, "I Care," for veterans and service men and women, and taking donations.

Poppy girls will also be distributing the red paper flowers at the Oberlin Cemetery on Memorial Day.

Since 1921 when the auxiliary adopted the poppy as its flower, the blood red flower has symbolized the sacrifices made by American service men and women for this country.

The first poppies were made of silk by French war widows and orphans after World War I. By 1931,

veterans making the poppies became a small industry when it was found the work was therapeutic. They were paid a small amount for each poppy they made.

Other versions have been produced over the years by other organizations, but the auxiliary poppy, made of crepe paper with each petal affixed by hand by hospitalized or disabled veterans with a tag carrying the American Legion and Auxiliary emblems, has remained the same.

The poppies are never sold, but given in exchange for a small contribution which over 70 years has generated more than \$2 million dollars for rehabilitation of veterans and help for their families.

Club News

Hospice coordinator speaks

Sandy Kuhlman of Phillipsburg, coordinator for Hospice Services of the 14 counties of Northwest Kansas, was guest speaker at the May 4 meeting of Oberlin United Methodist Women at fellowship hall.

She told about the mission of Hospice, which is to provide physical, spiritual, emotional and social support to enable people to live with hope and dignity while coping with loss and terminal illness. She also discussed advanced care planning, adding that all persons should have a durable power of attorney for health care decisions.

Hostesses were Doris Sloan and Luella Sloan. Devotions were given by Judy Davis using a Mother's Day theme. Names of prayer partners were distributed and it was announced that the annual guest night salad supper would be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 8 with a musical program planned by the committee, Maxine Smith, Pat Fringer and Sara Hasty. Pastor Hasty requested a potluck supper for the 25-person Bike and Build for Habitat for Humanity group which will stop in Oberlin on June 21.

Club awards scholarships

The Decatur Professional Women awarded three \$250 scholarships at the Decatur Community High School awards assembly on Wednesday.

Awards went to Kimberly Ketterl, Jamie Elwood and Justine Miller, all Oberlin seniors. A fourth scholarship for the same amount will be given to Melissa Smith Wessel.

The club helps women get an education, raising money with

the annual Christmas Home Tour. This year's tour will be Dec. 4.

All working or retired women are invited to the July 12 new membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the LandMark Inn. Members support women and stay informed of women's issues in the workplace and in social policy. There will be a cost of \$7.95 for the meal.

For details, call Connie Grafel at 475-2867 or Diane Frickey at 475-2882.

Women enjoy breakfast

Widows and Friends met on May 11 for an 8:30 a.m. breakfast at the Frontier Restaurant with 16 attending.

They included Nadean Stoney, Millie Lippelmann, Mary Ann Amack, Phyllis Screen, Eileene Grose, Judy Davis, Mildred

Holmdahl, Evelyn Olson, Eula Juenemann, Marty Munson, Alice Shirley, Doris Fringer, Dorothy Jackson, Martha Fringer, Helena Bruggeman and Doris Sloan.

An 11:30 a.m. lunch will be held on June 8 at the Pizza Hut.

Calico Girls plan picnic

Eleven members of the Calico Gals club met at the home of Shirley Shields on May 18.

Members told interesting current events for the program. Alice

Bobbitt won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be the annual picnic in the Oberlin City Park on June 15.

Former Oberlin resident serves Canadian patients

Laura Kitzke, a former nurse in Oberlin, has found her niche in life serving patients on the coast of Newfoundland-Labrador, Canada.

She said nursing there is never boring or mundane. Every day dawn with a unique set of circumstances, and when night falls and the phone of the on-call nurse rings, she never knows what lies ahead.

Working on the coast is both an honor and a challenge, she says, not something all nurses could endure. There is the isolation, harsh weather and the nearest hospital is anywhere from two to three hours flying time in a twin-engine plane.

In the coastal clinics of Health Labrador, nurses are the first contact for those needing health care. Nurses there hold daily clinics and are on call for emergencies after hours and on weekends.

Coastal nurses have the skills to assess, make a diagnosis and treat minor conditions. This allows clients to stay home rather than travel to a larger town by plane.

The guidance and support of an emergency doctor from Goose Bay by phone lets the nurses handle more complicated cases that may or may not result in a flight out.

Day or night, coastal nurses take their commitment to the communities seriously. They can be found in an komatik (sled) box on a skidoo at 3 a.m. in the worst imaginable weather taking an injured snowmobiler to a clinic, or supporting a dying elder or the grieving family of a recent suicide on a Sunday afternoon.

Whatever the role, coastal nurses have tremendous impact. They are

relied on and respected by their patients.

"The vision is to preserve life and death with dignity, similar to nurses in any other setting," Ms. Kitzke said. "Some have chosen northern nursing because of the satisfaction of practicing our profession to its fullest capacity. Whatever the reasons for coming, the wild untamed beauty of our surroundings and the inner peace it gives seems to keep us here long after all other motivators have disappeared."

Ms. Kitzke was born in Newfoundland, Canada and graduated from St. Clare's Mercy Hospital at St. John's Newfoundland-Labrador in 1967. She worked as a nurse in Canada and the United States until moving to Oberlin in 1986.

She was director of nursing at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin and Atwood for a total of 10 years. She also worked at the Norton Prison for three years and for six months at Cedar Living Center.

She decided to return to Canada to help care for her father in 2002 and he died that December. Since her two sons were grown and in college, she decided to pursue a job in Canada.

She said she lives in an apartment over the clinic and enjoys her job. Every three to four months, the nurses take time off and she usually returns to the island of Newfoundland or comes back to the United States for a visit.

Her son, Christopher, graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1994, and her son, Paul, in 1997. She is a sister of Martina Parks of Oberlin.



L. Kitzke



Sundi and Lowell Harp

Couple exchange vows in Colorado ceremony

Sundi Joanne Ferguson and Lowell Paul Harp were married at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 2005, at the United Methodist Church in Rifle, Colo.

Kymberlee Barrett and Joni Kaska were maids of honor and Annie Castle and Willow Brotzman were bridesmaids. Artesia Sell was flower girl.

Baron Ferguson served as best man. Groomsmen were James Tagg Castle, Travis Castle and Jesse Smith.

A reception and dance followed

at the Eagles Club in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Among those attending the wedding were Darrel Ferguson, Marie McKisson, Walt and Joanne Castle, Dan and Diane Castle, Oberlin; Annie Castle and Matt Dethridge, Hays; Kim Kathka, Show Low, Ariz.; Ashley Mattos, Denver; James Tagg Castle, Kansas City, Mo.; and Travis Castle, Lawrence.

The newlyweds will make their home at 1450 Grand Ave., Silt, Colo., 81652.

Area students earn degrees

Some 2,700 students at Kansas State University are candidates for graduation this spring. Among area graduates were:

Decatur County: Dresden — Leisa Ann Meitl, bachelor of science; Garrick Alan Reichert, bachelor of science in computer engineering; Norcatur — Danielle Kay Bailey, bachelor of science in agriculture; Oberlin — Erica Leigh

Martin, bachelor of science in apparel and textiles; Bobbi Jo Murray, bachelor of science in elementary education.

Rawlins County: Herndon — Jennifer Katherine Beims, bachelor of science in business administration; Ludell — Jeffrey Curtis Holste, bachelor of science in civil engineering.

Man graduates from K-State

Brent Wiedeman, Colby, graduated May 13 at Kansas State University with a Master of Science degree in family studies and human service, personal financial planning.

He is a vice president at the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby and branch manager and financial advisor for Ray-

mond Financial Services. Brent and his wife, Sherrie, are expecting their first child in August.

He is the son of LaVerne and Theo (Wagner) Wiedeman, WaKeeney, and the grandson of the late Bernice and Ted Wagner. His mother is a 1961 graduate of Decatur Community High School.



B. Wiedeman

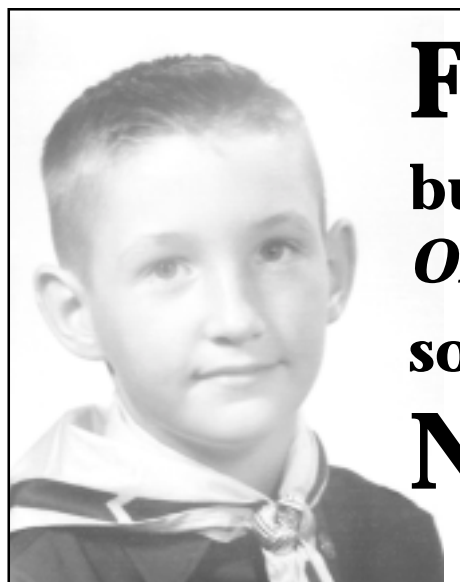
Woodmen plant two trees

Oberlin Modern Woodmen of America members planted two Kentucky coffee bean trees at City Park as part of the Plant a Tree Program, a nationwide effort introduced in 2004.

"This program ties Modern Woodmen members to the roots of our organization," said Marie Mc-

Kisson, leader of the Oberlin camp.

Assisting were Tree Committee Chairman Gary Walter, Martha Fringer, Beth Sebaugh, Janice Shobe, Patty McIntire and Don Stapp, with help from city park supervisor Rocky Diederich and Mayor Ken Shobe.



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DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 28, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30. 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: <input type="text"/>	
Late registrations accepted, but no guarantee on sitting with your class.	



You are invited to a 25th Anniversary open house for Vernon & Jeanette Diederich on Sunday, June 5th from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oberlin, KS

Cards may be sent to: 703 W. Commercial, Oberlin, KS 67749



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The Unger Children invite you to a 40th Anniversary

May 29, 2005

Open House (No Gifts please) 2:30 - 4:30

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A card shower may be sent to: Rt. 2, Box 114, Oberlin, KS 67749 for those unable to attend.