

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
People in Our Community
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Dave Koerperich, representing Kelley Drilling, attended the Kansas State Groundwater Association Convention on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the Highland Hotel and Convention Center in Great Bend. He served as president during 2005. President-elect for 2006 is Steve Ezell, representing Pratt Well Service of Pratt. The 2007 convention will be held at the Grand Prairie Hotel and Convention Center in Hutchinson.

Dorothy (Everist) Hague has moved to Hutchinson from Lubbock, Texas. Her address is 812-A Forest Garden Circle, Hutchinson, Kan., 67502, phone (620) 663-2275. Her late husband, Jack Hague, was the coach of the 1955 football team at Decatur Community High School, which was featured recently in *The Oberlin Herald*.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Burlington, Colo., for Delores Deines, 71, mother of Denise Abbey of Oberlin, who died Friday at Grace Nursing Home in Burlington. Her husband, Bill Deines, is a 1950 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Mail will reach him at 235 S. 15th Street, Burlington, Colo., 80807.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dorshorst of Hay Springs, Neb., visited their son and family, Duane and Pat Dorshorst, from Thursday to Saturday. They came especially to see their granddaughter, Tricia, play in the Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament. They also attended the Chamber banquet Thursday evening, during which their son, Duane Dorshorst, received the outstanding educator of the year award.

Don and Goldie (Kolsky) Stapp of Oberlin observed their 66th wedding anniversary on Saturday. They were married in 1940, the same year as Harold and Eleanore (Bryan) Demmer of Oberlin, who were married in July 1940. It is believed that

the Stapps have the honor of being married the longest of any couple living in Decatur County.

Word was received last Tuesday that Clark Evans of Washington, Utah, father of Colleen Gee, has been able to return home after being in a physical therapy unit for over two weeks.

Harold Nichols underwent hip replacement surgery on Monday at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Denver.

Jerry and Montine Alstrom took Nora Bearley to Wichita over the weekend to make the acquaintance of her great-grandson, Corbin John Luck, son of Mark and Jessica Luck. Other visitors at the Luck home were Bob and Sharon Bearley, Kensington; Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley, and Justin and Lori Bearley, Cheney.

—**Sunday Brunch Buffet, Sunday, Jan. 29, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Dorothy Moore visited from Wednesday to Saturday with Mike and Debbie Nickels and family of McLouth, Eric and Shelly Moore and family in Manhattan, and Mar-

tha Nemeth at Topeka. Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Aleen Van Vleet, Veanna Carman, Max Carman, Wilma May, Henry Edgett, and Floyd Edgett. Lows went to Barb Solko, Max Carman, Wilma May, Henry Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet and Veanna Carman. Pitch highs were won by Barb Solko and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Wilma May. Bridge winners were Leone Purton, Marie McKisson, Mary Horney and Dorothy Cochran.

Word was received of the death of Al Yost of Lawrence on Jan. 6. He was a brother of Martha Nemeth of Topeka, but formerly of Oberlin. Funeral services were held on Jan. 10.

Herschel and Jody Betts have returned from San Diego, where they visited their son and family, Rod and Lisa Betts and daughter Casey in La Jolla, and their daughter and family, Susan and Charlie McMonagle of Poway; Christine of Eugene, Ore., and Wes of Austin, Texas. On Dec. 29, Herschel, Charlie and Christine attended the Holiday Bowl football game between the University of Oregon and the University of Oklahoma.

Comedian to perform here

Sam Griesbaum, a stand-up comedian, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at The Gateway in Oberlin, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. Mr. Griesbaum has performed at colleges and clubs across the country for over 20 years and describes

his style as laid-back and down-home. This is a season ticket event, or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students grades 1-12 at the door. For details, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel, (785) 475-3329.

Health administrator honored

Marilyn Gamblin, administrator of the Decatur County Health Department, was among 36 who were honored recently in the Public Health Certificate Program.



M. Gamblin

Dr. Howard Rodenberg, Division of Health director for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, gave the keynote address for the year-end recognition ceremonies honoring participants in the 2005 KU Public Health Certificate Program at the University of Kansas Public Management Center.

Most students work for public health departments throughout Kansas or for the state. In order to

complete the program, students must attend two days of classes each month in Topeka for a year, beginning in January. The curriculum includes courses in public health fundamentals, epidemiology, environmental health, leadership and community development.

The Public Health Certificate is considered the cornerstone public health credential in Kansas, according to Charles Jones, director. The program is offered by the center in partnership with the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments and the Foundation. The Kansas Health Department provides

scholarships to many students. "The Public Health Certificate represents the heartfelt commitment of our graduates to excellent public health services in every corner of Kansas," said Mr. Jones. "While managing full-time jobs, these students and their sponsoring agencies somehow found time and energy for this rigorous program. Their dedication to public health in Kansas is truly inspiring."

The program faculty comprised academics and practitioners from the University of Kansas, Kansas State University and the Health Department. Most were unpaid volunteers, he said.

Student invited to join honor society

Casey Morris, son of Bev (Miller) Morris of Hoxie and Chet Morris of Quinter, has received the top honor of being invited to join Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society.



C. Morris

To be eligible for membership, college students must be in the upper eighth of their junior engineering class or the upper fifth of their senior class. They must also volunteer in community service projects, where their character reflects integrity, adaptability, and breadth of interest both within and outside the engineering discipline.

Mr. Morris was one of four students invited into the honor society this year. He continues with a 4.0 grade point average at the University of Kansas, along with working on a research project under the direction of Drs. Corey Berkland and Michael Detamore.

To access the research projects on cell microencapsulation study and microsphere gradient scaffold, go to website www.people.ku.edu/berkland/people.htm and click on research. Both of his parents are 1976

graduates of Decatur Community High School. Mr. Morris is a 2002 graduate of Hoxie High School and a 2004 graduate of Colby Community College. During the past summer, he did an internship with Occidental Petroleum, based out of Houston, and worked on the Hugoton Black Water Project in Liberal. He plans to return to Occidental this summer and will be working in Sundown, Texas.

He is a grandson of Gary and Annette Miller of Oberlin, and the late Mary Jane Miller, Claude Morris and Phil and Sylvia Combs. He is a great-grandson of Esther Miller of Norcatour.

Enrollment higher for Colby College

Spring semester classes started on Jan. 11 at Colby Community College with 25 more students enrolled in on-campus classes than last year.

Interim President Skip Sharp told the college board that 949 students were enrolled on campus for spring 2006, compared to 924 students at the same time last year.

Another area of increase was in the number of credit hours taught.

This year's figure of 12,642 is an increase of almost 7 percent over last year's 11,841.

Sharp said he attributed the enrollment increase to a combination of factors.

"We had good retention for the fall semester and we had many transfers from four-year universities," said Sharp. "Our faculty and staff made a concerted effort to help

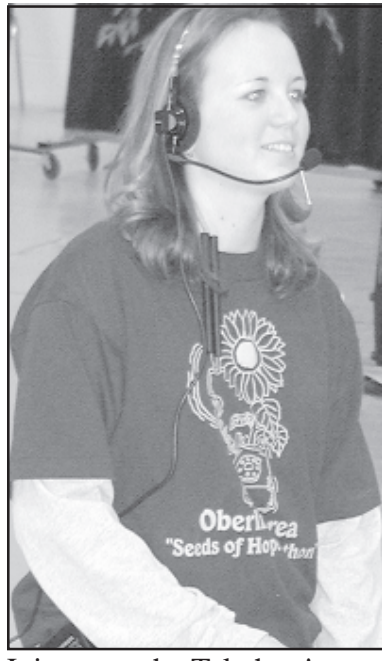
students succeed. That commitment to service to students increased our retention rate.

"Everyone at the college set goals to keep current students and attract new students to the campus."

Headcount and credit hours will continue to increase as enrollments are finished at the school's 25 outreach centers in the 14-county service area, he said.

The 'Seeds of Hope' Telethon
needs YOUR Help

Saturday, Feb. 11
1-10 p.m. at The Gateway, Oberlin
or on Local Access Channel 7
10 Years of making a difference in Decatur County!



Join me at the Telethon!

Seeds of Hope is THE annual fund-raiser for many of Oberlin and Decatur County's 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 county. 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 Jack Benton at 475-3174. 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 Kimberly Davis or Kristi Smith at 475-3510, or use the 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. on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Come on up to The Gateway to watch, sample the sloppy Joes, ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, pie and chili soup and make your donation in person.



Oberlin Area

"Seeds of Hope Telethon"

Send in your donation today!

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

Name:

Address:

City: Zip:

Donation:

Mail to: Box 305, Oberlin, Kan. 67749

Bake-off
 We challenge you to bring in your best cinnamon rolls!
 Entries should be at The Gateway by 2 p.m.



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Man injured in accident

Warren Harting, 56, father of Jennifer Unger of Oberlin, was hurt in a power-takeoff accident on Jan. 14 at his feed yard south of Norton, according to a story in *The Norton Telegram*.

He and his son, Tyler Harting, were pumping water from a livestock lagoon using a tractor with a power-takeoff pump. Mr. Harting was reaching to prime the pump, the son said, when his coveralls caught in the power takeoff.

He was taken by ambulance to Norton, then transferred to Kearney, Neb. From there he was airlifted to Bryan LGH Medical Center West in Lincoln, where he underwent surgery for the amputation of his right leg at the hip joint. He has also undergone several other surgeries.

Mrs. Unger has been in Lincoln with her father and returned home Sunday. She said her father underwent another surgery on Monday, but was able to call her later that day. He remains in the intensive care unit, she said. Mrs. Unger and her husband, Greg, live in Oberlin with their son, Mitchell.

Mail will reach Mr. Harting at the hospital, 2300 S. 16th Street, Lincoln, Neb., 68502.

Exhibition on display at museum

"Magic, Myths, and Minerals: Chinese Jade from the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery," will be on display at the Dane Logan Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan through Sunday.

The show includes 37 small jade sculptures dating from ancient times through the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). Jade has fascinated the Chinese for more than 5,000 years, gallery officials say, and in ancient China was recognized not only for its beauty and durability, but also for its reputed magical or supernatural qualities.

