

Couple plans June wedding

Tara Gassmann and Gary Aschenbrenner of Shawnee plan to be married on Saturday, June 17, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hays.

Parents of the couple are Anthony Gassmann of Dresden, and Peggy Gassmann of Oberlin, and LeRoy and Lois Aschenbrenner of Ogallah.

The bride is a graduate of Jennings High School and North Central Kansas Technical School at Hays. She is a registered nurse at Swanson Surgery Center in Leawood.

Her fiancé graduated from Trego Community High School and



G. Aschenbrenner, T. Gassmann

Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland. He is a truck loader at Andersen Logistics in Shawnee.

Dinner honors graduates

Five generations gathered at the Golden Age Center on Saturday, April 15, for a family Easter potluck dinner, which also honored four second cousins, Robbie Rutherford, Corey Ufford, Karissa Call and Nikki Lincoln, who will graduate from high school this spring.

Those present included Maurice and Rita Schaller, Larned; Rob and Janie Rutherford, Robbie and James, Topeka; Richard and Wendy Ufford and Corey, and Sarah and Stethon Johnson, Overbrook; Chris and Shannon Warthan and Colt, Lyndon; LeRoy and Shirley Muir-

head, Alma, Neb.; Kenneth and Carolyn Call, Jennifer Call and friend, Mike, Harlan and Judy Call, Karissa and Nathan, and friend, Josh, Colby; Ken and Cheryl Gibson, Denver; Travis and Holly Lincoln, Hannah, Ethan and Grant, Wamego; Tanner Lincoln, Traer; and Faye Miller, Calvin and JoAnn Ufford, Charles and Donna Lincoln, Griff and Cindy Lincoln, Tracy and Monica Lincoln and Nikki, and Crystal and Avery Witt, Florence Vavroch, and Bill and Dorothy Woods, Oberlin.

Sheep dog trials to be May 7

The annual Cottonwood Ranch Sheep Dog trials will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7.

The state historic site is on U.S. 24 near Studley, between Hill City and Hoxie.

The event is co-sponsored by the Kansas State Historical Society, the Friends of Cottonwood Ranch and the American Border Collie Association. This year, the Kansas Sheep Council join the sponsors as host to a small Sheep Fest for exhibiting various breeds, with demonstrations relating to sheep and their wool.

The Sheep Dog Trials are a judged and timed event sanctioned by the American Border Collie Association. Handlers send their dogs about a quarter mile away into a pasture to gather four to five sheep, then drive them through an established course, and eventually coax them into a small pen. All of the activity may be viewed from bleachers or lawn chairs.

Lunch and refreshments will be available from vendors. The event will not be rescheduled, as the dogs will work in any weather.

There is no admission charge for the two-day event.

Women attend convention

Karen Eskew of Oberlin was elected vice president for Christian life during the Kansas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League Lutheran Women in Mission convention held at the Bicentennial Center in Salina from Friday to Sunday.

The theme was "Chosen to Serve" and there were over 500 members and guests present. Others from Oberlin representing St. John's Lutheran Church were Peggy Groneweg, Wilma May, Connie Olson and Janice Cundiff.

They adopted mission projects and financial aid to students for \$72,000 to be raised over the next two years. During servant events they made cards for nursing homes,

wrote cards to military personnel and tied quilts. Approximately 80 people walked in the park for mission donations.

Participants brought craft items, food supplies, paper supplies, games and health items which were donated to OCCCK Inc., a regional rehabilitation network, and Rebecca Morrison House in Salina.

Speakers included National Vice President of Christian Life Vivian Ernst, Ida Grove, Iowa; Dr. Jotham Jhang, mission speaker and banquet entertainer, founder of the Center for Asian Missions and Evangelism, Centreville, Va.; and Bible study leader, the Rev. Tom Harmon, Wichita.

City to sell old roller mill

The Oberlin City Council declared a roller mill at the old Cochran property southeast of town as surplus so the city could sell it at their meeting Thursday night.

The city received three bids for the item, with some including tearing down the building that houses the mill.

The bids came from Bill Goss for \$252, Dan Wasson for \$850 and Roger May for \$2,201.

The council decided to accept the

high bid from Mr. May and May Family Farms. The equipment has to be removed prior to June 1.

The roller mill is grain handling equipment, said City Administrator Gary Shike, and is used to crush grain. When the city purchased the land, where the new sewer lagoon system will be built, the roller mill came with it. Since the council didn't plan to farm the ground, he said, the city decided to sell the machine.

Rotary enjoys musicians

Christie Morris, band teacher for Oberlin schools, was introduced by Lee Gilliam at the April 18 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club.

The flute and saxophone quartets played classical numbers, after which the clarinet quartet per-

formed with accompanist Cheryl Metcalf.

Janice Shobe, a member of the Atwood Rotary Club, was a guest. Members were reminded that President Gary Shike needs cruise tickets and money by April 21.

Club News

Auxiliary to pack box

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary met at the post on April 12 with four officers and one member present. President Angela Corcoran conducted the meeting and Phyllis Metcalf gave the prayer in the absence of the chaplain.

It was announced that the convention will be held from May 19 to 21 in Great Bend. The auxiliary's youngest member, Emily Bryan, will be presented a gift from the group. It was voted to give two \$250 scholarships to senior girls and these will be voted

on at the next meeting and presented on May 17 at the school.

It was reported that eight *Avenue of Flags* magazines were sold and they are available at the museum, LandMark Inn or by contacting Phyllis Metcalf. A box will be packed at the next meeting for the platoon in Iraq and all members are urged to attend and bring something for the box.

Dolores Koerperich was assisted by Mrs. Corcoran as hostess in the absence of Millie Lippelmann.

Club installs new officers

Zeta Nu Club met on April 13 for a salad supper at Sappa Valley Manor for its final meeting of the year. There were 17 members and one guest present.

New officers were installed by Eloise Smith, outgoing president, with fruit as the theme. They are

Janice Winters, president; Mary Henzel, vice president; Florence Vavroch, secretary, and Lois Fredrickson, treasurer.

The club decided to help operate the train at the fair again this year. Joy Votapka won the door prize.

Calico Gals tour home

Six members of the Calico Gals Club met at the Chinese Buffet Restaurant in Colby for lunch on April 19.

After the meal, the group went to the home of Barbara Duell in Colby. Her daughter, Lisa Eccles of Edmond, Okla., was a guest.

She has been helping with painting at the Duell home in preparation for Ben and Barbara Duell to move. A social afternoon and a tour of the home were enjoyed.

The next meeting will be a Dutch treat at 11:30 a.m. on May 17 at the LandMark Inn.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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Everyone should know the facts about mumps

Since there is a mumps outbreak, with a few cases reported in western Kansas, here is a review of some facts we should know about mumps, an acute illness caused by a virus.

Symptoms may or may not include fever, headache, muscle ache, tiredness, and a loss of appetite, followed by swelling of salivary glands. The parotid salivary glands, in the cheek, near the jaw line and below the ears, are most frequently affected.

Severe complications are rare. However, mumps can cause:

- Inflammation of the brain and/or tissue covering the brain and spinal cord (encephalitis/meningitis).
- Inflammation of the testicles (orchitis).
- Inflammation of the ovaries and/or breasts (oophoritis and mastitis).
- Spontaneous abortion.
- Deafness, usually permanent.

Transmission: The mumps virus

replicates in the upper respiratory tract and is spread through direct contact with respiratory secretions or saliva. The infectious period is from three days before symptoms appear to about nine days after.

The incubation time can vary from 16 to 18 days (range 12-25 days).

A diagnosis should be made by your physician and laboratory testing may be required.

The mumps vaccine, contained in the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) injection, can prevent this disease.

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Notice Taxpayers

May 10th is the Deadline for the Last Half of 2005 taxes. If not paid on or before May 10, 2006 these taxes will bear interest.

Please bring first half paid receipt or tax statement information when making payment.

Jean Hale
County Treasurer
Decatur County, Kansas

Open Houses by Coldwell Banker Kircher & Associates Realty, Inc.

Thursday, April 27, 2006
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

311 North Rodehaver \$ 50,000.00
333 North Penn \$149,000.00



KIRCHER & ASSOCIATES REALTY, INC.
220 WESTVIEW PLAZA
MCCOOK, NE 69011

Oberlin student chosen for pageant competition

Chyanne Lahe, a freshman at Decatur Community High School, has been selected to compete in the National American Miss Pageant for Kansas to be held on Aug. 13 and 14 in Wichita.

She is the daughter of Jackie and Dan Mayberry of Oberlin, and Charles Lahe of Grand Junction, Colo. Pat Cozad of Oberlin is her maternal grandmother.

The pageant claims the girls will learn how to conduct themselves in a job interview, speak with confidence and gain a poise to help them in whatever they choose to do.

National American Miss says it is

one of the largest and most prestigious pageant systems in the world.

Annually, more than \$1 million in scholarships, prizes and awards are given to young women nationwide.

The winner of the Kansas pageant will move on to national competition in California.

Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor for Chyanne may send contributions to Chyanne Lahe, Route 3, Box 2C, Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Checks should be made to: National American Miss. The sponsor fee is \$380 for each contestant. Sponsors will be featured beside her photo in the state program book.



Chyanne Lahe

Decatur Co-op gives scholarships, awards

Jeremy Tally, a senior at Decatur Community High School, and Connie Gassmann, a senior at Norton Senior High School, received \$1,000 scholarships during the annual meeting of the Decatur Co-op last Tuesday.

Jeremy, son of Eugene and Tonya Tally of Oberlin, plans to major in business at Kansas State University. Miss Gassmann will attend Colby Community College to study to become a veterinary technician. Her parents are George and Vicki Gassmann of Clayton.

Melvin Waterman was honored for 26 years with the co-op with the Safe Driver's Award. Others receiving awards included Lewis Stoney,

15 years; Richard Karnopp, 13; Jack Brown, Bill Bryan and Scott Dolan, 9; Gary Gawith, 8; Paul Corcoran, Jeff McKeever and Carl Rae, 6; Rusty Bird and Kerry Green, 5; Dennis Hoyt, 4; and Ron McDougal, 3.

Mr. Gawith received a Service Award for 32 years. Other service awards included Mr. Waterman, 30; Mr. Karnopp, 24; Gene Soderlund, 23; Penny Soderlund, 18; Mr. McDougal 17; Mr. Bryan, 13; Rick Klima and Mr. Brown, 11; Lawrence Carter, 10; Tammy Wasson and Mr. Dolan, 9; Mr. Hoyt, Dalene Horton, Nadine Green, Mr. Stoney and Tom Franke, 8.

College names new president

Dr. Lynn Kreider has been named the fourth president of Colby Community College. He was recently unanimously selected by the board of directors.

An experienced academic institutional leader with over 20 years of experience, he has served as the first Chief Executive Officer/Chancellor of Louisiana Delta Community College, Monroe, La., since May 2001. Prior to accepting that position, he served as dean of professional and technology studies from 1997-2001 at Jackson State Community College, Jackson, Tenn.

Dr. Kreider served in Vietnam as crew chief and forward observer and was awarded the Bronze Star in

1968, the Meritorious Service Medal in 1987 and a Commendation Medal in 1967, 1976 and 1988. He was selected to receive the Lowell Barrett Award for Excellence in College Education in 1996 and is listed in Who's Who in American Educators.

"It was truly exciting for me to be selected by the Board," said Dr. Kreider. "I was very impressed with the turnout at the public forum and the sense of community and involvement when I interviewed for the job. I look forward to new and exciting things as the college begins this next step into the future."

Dr. Kreider will begin his duties on July 1.



Gerald "Ged" Diederich

will celebrate his
75th Birthday

with an open house from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, at the Golden Age Center, 220 N. Penn, in Oberlin, hosted by his children and families. Family and friends are invited. He has 7 children, 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Cards and greetings may be sent to him at: Rt. 3, Oberlin, Kan., 67749

DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 27, 2006 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, 2006. Price per plate is \$12.50 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

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| 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. | |

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.

Decatur County Health Fair
April 28, 2006
The Gateway in Oberlin • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lions Screening Bus
-free screenings for blood pressure, hearing, vision, blood sugars-

Bone Density Screening (\$20.00)

Hearing Testing

Good Samaritan Hospital Air Care Helicopter
(11 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

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