

# Decatur Farm Bureau honored for awareness

The farmers and ranchers of the Decatur County Farm Bureau have been honored with Kansas Farm Bureau's Award for Excellence for public relations and advertising. The county Farm Bureau organization was recognized on Nov. 17 at Kansas Farm Bureau's 88th annual meeting in Manhattan. The public relations and advertising award is part of the KFB Awards for Excellence, designed to recognize volunteer farmer/rancher commitment to agriculture and rural communities. Public relations and advertising showcases a county Farm Bureau's ability to promote and enhance awareness of its activities.

"The hard work undertaken by the Decatur County Farm Bureau lies at the heart of our efforts to advocate for agriculture and our rural communities," said Steve Baccus, an Ottawa County farmer who serves as president of Kansas Farm Bureau. "This award is reflective of the talent, dedication and passion that volunteer Farm Bureau members feel for an industry that is more than just a business - it's a way of life worth preserving." County Farm Bureaus compete in a membership category of similar-sized county organizations. Kansas Farm Bureau, established in 1919, is a nonprofit advocacy organization supporting farm families.

# Story contest planned

Entries are being accepted for the 2007 Kansas Factual Story contest, sponsored by Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas. The annual contest encourages people to write about unpublished happenings and anecdotes in the lives of Kansans. Olive Ann Beech of Wichita provided cash awards for winners for over 30 years, followed after her death by her daughter, Mary Lynn Oliver of Wichita. Awards include \$175, first place; \$125, second; \$100, third; and \$50 each for two honorable mentions. Entrants should keep a copy, as no

entries will be returned. Originals will be submitted to the manuscript department of the state Historical Society. Stories, 750 words or less, should have taken place in Kansas in earlier days, be true and not have been published. The contest is open to anyone, limited to one per person. Entries must be postmarked no later than Saturday. Submit entries and questions to June Windscheffel, contest chairman, 1100 SW Belle Ave., Topeka, Kan., 66604-2043, phone (785) 272-2831.

# Tripple Creek Riders schedule fund raiser/dance for Dec. 16

The Tripple Creek Riders will sponsor a fund raiser and dance on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Bohemian Hall at the Last Indian Raid Museum. Doors open at 7 p.m. and there will be free finger foods and pop while supplies last. Cost for the dance is \$5 for singles and \$10 per family. Deejay will be by Cochran Music.

A custom-made Simco longhorn roping saddle with 15 1/2" bullhide-covered tree will be given in a drawing. Tickets may be purchased from any member for \$1 each or \$5 for six. Other items will be given away, with drawings to start at 8 p.m. For details, contact Roma Grafel, Tina Meitl or Kristin McHugh.

# Group enjoys evening dinner

The Oberlin camp of the Royal Neighbors of America had their Christmas dinner at The Gateway the evening of Dec. 2. After a delicious meal of smothered steak, baked potato, green

beans, salad and pie, Alan Marietta gave a presentation on Hurricane Katrina. He spent several months in New Orleans following the hurricane.

# Vocal quartet to perform

The Diamonds, a vocal quartet, will present a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, in the Colby High School Auditorium. The quartet, which describes itself as "classic rock 'n' roll with today's attitude," will be performing timeless hits from the '50s and

'60s. Their first major hit recording, "Little Darlin'," is sometimes referred to as the "national anthem of rock 'n' roll." It is sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association. Admission will be by season pass or \$15 for adults and \$8 for children at the door.

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After receiving a I rating at the Kansas Music Teachers Association district auditions, Britta Noren, student of Cheryl Metcalf, participated in the state auditions, held in Lawrence on the KU campus. She also received a I rating there. She is the daughter of Steve and Connie Noren.

During the nine weeks of training he studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. He is the son of Donna Boswell of Oberlin and is a 2001 graduate of Wichita Southeast High School.

Walt and Rosella Meitl spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Karen and Shawn Dooley and family, in Belle Plaine. Additional guests were Joyce Morel and daughters, Norton, and Charles Meitl, Holcomb.

Audrea Westfall, daughter of Tina Delzeit of Rexford and Alan Westfall of Great Bend, is one of eight students who were recognized as outstanding seniors in Kansas State University's College of Human Ecology. They are chosen for academic achievement; leadership, participation and service; and professional potential. The students will be recognized at the college's fall graduation honors and student awards presentation at 4 p.m. Friday at the Hoffman Lounge in Justin Hall. The department's commencement ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday in McCain Auditorium. She is a senior, majoring in communication sciences and disorders.

Rachel Wurm received word from Wayne Herzog, Sacramento, Calif., on Friday of the death of his niece, Virginia Carver, 70, of Golden, Colo. She was a daughter of the late Bob and Mabel (Paulson) Herzog. Her father was a native of Herndon and his wife was a former math teacher at Decatur Community High School.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Wilma May, Elden Haas, Dewaine Stapp, Elden Haas, Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Aleen Van Vleet, Barb Solko, Floyd Edgett, Veanna Carman, Dorothy Moore, Doris Miller and Elden Haas. Pitch highs were won by Aleen Van Vleet and Henry Edgett with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Floyd Edgett. Bridge winners were Marie McKisson, Dorothy Cochran and Phyllis Lohofener.

A Thanksgiving supper was held at the Gene and Helen Gee home for Kenny and Colleen, Justin and Jacob Gee of Oberlin, Robert and Beverly Keys, Robbie, James and Katherine of Topeka, and Ruth McQuiston and Dwight Garnhart of Oberlin. On Saturday evening, Kenny and Colleen Gee held a game night at their home for Gene and Helen and Robert and Beverly and family.

Dinner guests on Sunday, Nov. 27, of Gene and Helen Gee were Robert and Beverly Keys and family, Ruth McQuiston and Dwight Garnhart. The Keys family left for home on Sunday afternoon.

Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Shannon Metcalf and Becky Jo Emich traveled to Austin, Texas, to spend Thanksgiving with their son and brother, Chris Metcalf. They also enjoyed the 80-degree weather while visiting some of the area sights.

Bob and Joyce Hartzog visited in Kearney, Neb., last Tuesday with her uncle, Harold Olson, who remains hospitalized.

Memorial services were held Sunday afternoon at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home in Olathe for Dr. Gerald Tomaneck, 85, seventh president of Fort Hays State University, who died Thursday. A memorial service is also planned at 1 p.m. on Sunday in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center in Sheridan Hall on the Fort Hays State University campus. He was a 1942 graduate of the university and served as a Marine captain during World War II.

Marianna Bendon and Karla Jones met their daughter and sister and family, Marcia and Chris Fox and Charlie of Limon, Colo., in Colby for dinner on Saturday, Nov. 25.

—A Victorian Christmas Tea, Sunday, Dec. 10, 1-4 p.m. \$8.95/person. For reservations call 475-2340. LandMark Inn.

Kimberly Davis was a Friday dinner and overnight guest of her grandparents, Martin and Betty Brandt, in Aurora, Colo. They were joined by her uncle, Paul Brandt, and Tyler. On Sunday she spent the day with her grandmother, Ginny Bodeman of Denver, and helped her make 24 pounds of homemade chocolate and peanut butter fudge.

Pfc. Terry J. Quackenbush has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

# Two elected to council

By ANDREW DEMPEWOLF and JARED MARCUSON  
The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum was held at Rock Springs 4-H Camp from Nov. 17 to Nov. 19. This was a 4-H activity to educate us on leadership and to have a ton of fun. We got there and registered, then went to our cabins for some rest because we knew we would be having an eventful weekend. The next day, we separated into our own groups. Our classes were centered on leadership, and other activities such as banking and investments. Before we got to the leadership forum, we knew we were up for election for the Kansas State Youth Leadership Council. We had no idea it would be so nerve wracking. The frustration and nervousness built up during the day, and climaxed before we gave our speeches. We got through the speeches without em-

barrassing ourselves too much. We both were elected to the council which, in our books, isn't something to laugh at. The state is cut into four groups, and we represent the northwest district. Three were elected from our district, and the other one is from around Beloit. The council regulates parts of 4-H throughout the year, and organizes the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum. Decatur County is lucky to have two representatives on the council. More of our ideas will be brought up, and more votes could go to these ideas. It was an eventful weekend. It was topped off with a dance, where anyone that was there had a blast. A council meeting followed on Sunday, and we were back in Oberlin by 7 p.m. Both of us had an enjoyable time, and we hope to inform you about anything the council does.



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# Man speaks to Oberlin Rotary

James Miller of Eagle Communications, Oberlin's new cable operator, spoke to Oberlin Rotary Club members at the Nov. 21 meeting at The Gateway. He was introduced by Gary Anderson. Mr. Miller showed video slides and some of the accomplishments and projections of the company. He said that Eagle employs over 250 and operates 23 stations in three states, Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado. He said that their cable, radio and Internet services benefit area hospitals, schools, businesses and libraries.

He said the company planned to take the Kansas Public Broadcasting Service and WB2 channels off the Oberlin cable and replace them with two Wichita channels; Rotary members spoke in favor of keeping those channels instead of receiving additional Wichita channels. Guests were Janice Shobe of the Atwood Rotary Club, Julie Haag, Janice Ganje, Tammy Wasson, and Steve and Allison Ganje. Junior Rotarians from Decatur Community High School were Nolan May and Marci Metcalf.

# New Arrivals

## Jaci Renee Winter

Cade and Jill Winter of Clifton are the parents of a daughter, Jaci Renee, born at 1:50 a.m. on Nov. 18, 2006, at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Manhattan. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her brother, Jackson Neil, 2, welcomes her home. Grandparents are Jackie Votapka, Oberlin, and Denny and Adene Winter, Manhattan. Great-grandparents are Bob Wurm, Oberlin, and Sybil Winter, Linn, and Betty Folkerts, Oveido, Fla.



Allison Rippe

## Allison René Rippe

Kevin and Megan Rippe of Oberlin are the parents of a daughter, Allison René, born Nov. 17, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long. She has two sisters, Lilly and Michaela. Her father is loan officer at the Bank in Oberlin. Grandparents are Richard and Theresa Rippe, Ludell, and Jim and Cheryl Steinert, Lyons.

The family of Gene & Marsha Morford request a card shower in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Gene and Marsha were united in marriage on Dec. 12, 1981. Cards can reach the happy couple at: Rt. 2, Box 16 Oberlin, KS 67749



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