

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Gene and Helen Gee had a double birthday celebration dinner on Thursday evening to honor her mother, Ruth McQuiston, and her brother, Dwight Garnhart. Joining them for ice cream and cake were Colleen, Justin and Jacob Gee and Mabel Bailey.

Herschel and Jody Betts returned last week from California, where they visited their daughter and husband, Susan and Charles McMontagle in Poway, and their son and wife, Rod Betts and Lisa Kay and daughter, Casey, in La Jolla.

Marian Fraker, Luetta Pollnow, and John and Pat Wright were in Denver for Scott Hamilton's group's presentation of "Stars on Ice" at the Pepsi Theater on Jan. 31. They also saw Todd Eldridge, world Olympic skater. Bob Fraker did not accompany them, as was stated last week.

**—Mardi Gras Cajun Dinner Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6-8 p.m. Land-Mark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Evan and Mary Jorn are moving this week from Duncanville, Texas, to Lawrence to make their home. He is a 1969 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

John, Eunice and Jennifer Andrews of Perry, Ga., were guests of Wilma May and attended the wedding of Stephanie May and Andrew Frankforter at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Dewaine Stapp, Floyd Edgett, Wilma May, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Donna Kent and Barb Solko. Lows went to Wilma May, Dorothy Moore, Aleen Van Vleet, Veanna Carman and Floyd Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Dorothy Moore and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Henry Edgett and Floyd Edgett. Bridge winners were Ila Ray, Alice Shirley and Merle

## Rotary welcomes member

Doug Claussen, new general manager of Decatur Co-op Association, was welcomed as a member of the Oberlin Rotary Club on Feb. 6. He was introduced by Herschel Betts, a past district governor of Rotary.

Lynn Doeden, administrator of Decatur Health Systems, gave program about the proposed expansion plans at the Decatur County Hospital. She said plans started with a strategic planning meeting in April with the hospital board, staff, doctors and others.

The group felt a need in health care was to add rooms for the hospital's specialty clinics, she said. Cottonwood Health services will move to the new area, freeing up space in the nursing home. The hospital hopes to pay for the addition from gifts and a loan through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, she said, so no tax increase is planned.

Mrs. Doeden was introduced by Charles Frickey, program chairman. Guests were Janice Shobe and Megan Carter. Carolyn Burtis gave an update on

Shirley. Senior potluck will be at 12:15 p.m. Sunday.

**—Scholarship pancake and sausage feed Tuesday, March 13, 5:30 p.m. American Legion. Free-will offering. 07-09**

Funeral services were held Saturday at First Mennonite Church in Pretty Prairie for Mary Alice Graber, 77, the mother of Chris Fall of Concordia, formerly of Oberlin. She died Feb. 6. Family members attending were Jim and Chris Fall, Concordia; Emily Fall, Lawrence; Aaron and Sarah Fall, Holton; and Tessa Fall, Manhattan. Those from Oberlin who attended the services were Larry and Peggy Roe, Gary Shike, and Jim and Jeri Buchholz.

Jan (Porter) Evans, former resident of Oberlin, underwent surgery on Tuesday at Via Christi/St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. Mail will reach her at 105 Poston Road, Rose Hill, Kan., 67133. She is a 1969 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

**—Sweet Prairie Fire Dinner Concert w/Amy Carman and Angie Fortin, Sunday, Feb. 25, 6 p.m. Call 475-2340 for information or reservations.**

Evangelist John L. Paulson, a Missionary Service Corps missionary, is doing a church plant in Selden. Services are at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Selden Community Building. This will be a conservative, evangelical Bible-based worship experience, he said.

Marie Vacura of Pueblo, Colo., was a weekend guest of her grandmother, Laurene Van Otterloo.

Funeral services were held at the Alert Covenant Church north of Leonardville on Friday for Maurice Lund, 85, of Green, who died Feb. 5. He was a brother of Elmo Lund of Oberlin. Burial was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, near Green.

the Sappa Park Project for the program at the Jan. 30 meeting. She told the club she is gathering a history of the Sappa Park in scrapbooks and on a video disk. She said the park started in 1935 with Decatur County providing \$20,000 and the City of Oberlin providing \$20,000 to buy 483 acres for the site. The lake covered 173 acres at the completion of the dam, she said. She was introduced by program chair Larry Ganje.

Guests were Mrs. Shobe and Kay Brown and junior Rotarians Josiah Russ and Lacy Rouse.

Bob Gaskill, program chairman on Jan. 23, told about a unique Christmas gift, a National Geographic Genographic Project kit he received in 2005. He said he took a genetic sample and sent it to National Geographic for analysis. They traced the migratory history of his ancestors back an estimated 50,000 years.

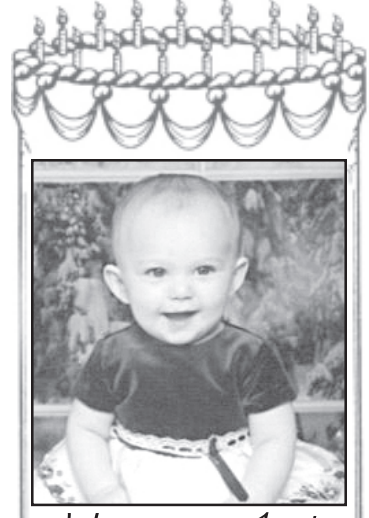
Guests were Larry Brennan, Walter Woodward, Brad Weisenberger, Ed Young, Gene Gallentine and Connie Grafel.

## Oberlin graduate accepted by recording conservatory

Adam Spanier, a 2003 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has been accepted into an elite class of 12 at the Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences in Gilbert, Ariz.

Orientation will be Friday, Feb. 23, and he will start classes the following Monday. Adam will complete classes on Sept. 21, then will begin a two-month internship, possibly in Los Angeles, Nashville, or New York. After that, he will have a Bachelor of Science degree and be certified in most recording areas, then will be placed in a recording studio.

He and his wife, the former Andrea Marshall, daughter of Troy and Debbie Marshall of Norcatour, plan to move on Saturday to Phoenix,



Happy 1st Birthday!  
Love,  
Daddy & Mommy

## Couple plans vows next month

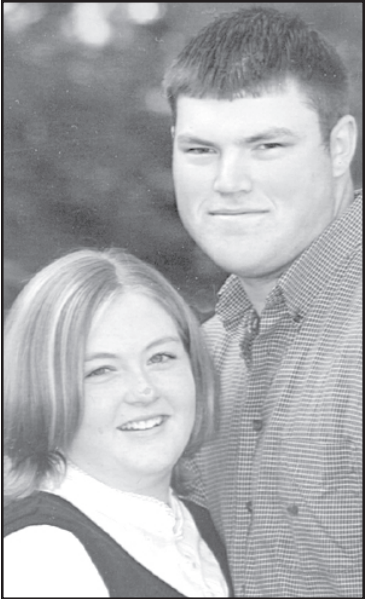
Katie Jo Wahlmeier and Zachary Wade Golemboski of Colby plan to be married on Saturday, March 24, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby. Both are graduates of Colby High School.

Parents of the couple are Cindy Black, Carlsbad, N.M., and the late Doug Wahlmeier, and Mark and Jacque Golemboski, Colby.

Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Dennis and Marilyn Wahlmeier, Cambridge, Neb., and Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings. Her great-grandmothers are Agnes Wahlmeier, Jennings, and Carol Shaw, Selden.

Grandparents of her fiancé are Tony and Kathy Surmeier, and the later Ed Golemboski, and Vern and Sally Patten.

The bride-elect graduated from Colby Community College in May



Katie Joe Wahlmeier  
Zachary Wade Golemboski

with an Associate of Arts Degree in English. She works at Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby.

Her fiancé graduated in May from Northwest Kansas Technical College with a degree in diesel technology. He works at Colby Implement.

## Arizona party has 38

Thirty-eight former and present Kansas residents attended the 17th annual Decatur County in Arizona party on Feb. 6 at Rancho Resort in Sahuarita, the home of Rex and Billie Morton.

A catered lunch was served in the resort's ballroom. The planning committee for the Decatur Party included Denny and Betty Campbell, Dwayne and Betty Jones, Rex and Billie Morton and Duane and Marilyn Waldo.

A display featured newspapers, legal documents and books of early historical events in Decatur County and the City of Oberlin. Mrs. Jones

and Mrs. Morton presented a brief program of humor and reminiscence of 1940s events in "Small-town America."

Others attending were Don and Marie Aschwege, Roberta Barnett, Jack and Greta Campbell, Don and Shirley Carlisle, Avis Davis, Bob and Amy Jane Dodson, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, Wayne and Odetta Marietta, George and Clarice Meadows, Max and Marlene Miller, Doris Jean Oliver, Dick and Aleta Phelps, Robert "Smookey" and Pat Robertson, Betty Slaybaugh, Jerry Thomsen, Maxine Walker and Sam and Kathy Willcoxson.

## Decatur graduate performs at college honors recital

Theresa Smith, a senior at Emporia State University, was among seven top-ranked music students selected to perform in the 2007 Honors Recital last Tuesday.

The music department said the seven passed a rigorous audition in December after rehearsing throughout the fall semester. The recital showcased the solo work of pianists, vocalists and other musicians. Miss Smith sang a soprano solo and also played the flute.

In the audience were music faculty members, who judged and

ranked the performances. Miss Smith was one of the top three, and each will receive a scholarship.

"These students are the best ones that we can put out there, and they are ordinary ESU students," said Terrisa Ziek, event coordinator and instructor of music. "They're wonderful performers and great students who are really fun."

Miss Smith, a graduate of Decatur Community High School, is a senior music education major. Her parents, Larry and Karen Smith, attended the performance.

## Club News

### Women exchange valentines

Seven members answered roll call with a valentine exchange when Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the LandMark Inn. Charissa Huff was hostess.

Devotions were given by Rowena Cathcart, followed by prayer. The meeting was conducted by Vice President Lucille Townsend in the absence of President Angie Wilson. There was no January meeting held due to the weather.

Mrs. Huff said that the Signal

Letter will be coming out soon and the reservation sheet for the Spiritual Growth Retreat Camp on April 20-21 will be in it. It was decided that no more cards will be ordered and members are to be thinking of a money-making project.

Mrs. Cathcart gave a short program on Prayer and Self-denial and a collection was taken for it. Phyllis Metcalf gave the program, "The Journey," with help from those present. A dessert was enjoyed from the LandMark Inn.

### Auxiliary plans supper

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight for a potluck supper.

All junior girls interested in

going to Girls State should plan to attend. All members are urged to attend, as delegates will be chosen.

### Blood pressure check today

A blood pressure check will be offered from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. today at the Oberlin Meal Site at the Golden Age Center.

Cottonwood Home Care foot ser-

vices will be available at the center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22. Anyone interested in participating should call (785) 475-2208 for an appointment.



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## Woman's story featured in children's magazine

Dale-Marie Bryan of Farlington, in southeast Kansas near Pittsburg, but formerly of rural Oberlin, has been honored by *Highlights for Children* for her story, "Puppy Love," published in the February 2007 issue.

The story was named "Best of the Issue" by the editorial, art and production staff.

In the story, Jan is embarrassed about Emerson, a kindergartner who likes her and gives her little presents. She soon finds out that he is upset about a former pet, a puppy. When he invites her to his birthday party, Jan gives him a new pet, a crab. He names it "Puppy" and is so absorbed in his present that Jan is sure her problem is solved.

"I love to laugh, and writing stories that help me and others see the funny sides of problems is what I like to do best," Mrs. Bryan said. "I drew from my own kids' experiences growing up. They always came up with crazy names for their pets."

She received an eight-inch pewter plate engraved with her name, the title of the story and the issue in which it appeared. The plates are handcrafted in Honesdale, Pa., home of *Highlights* since its beginning in 1946.

Now in its 60th year, *Highlights*,

edited for children from 2 to 12, claims to go to more than 2 million homes, schools, libraries and professional offices, and has the largest circulation of any children's periodical in the country.

Each month, the staff votes for the author and illustrator whose work it considers to be the best in that issue.

Mrs. Bryan earned a Bachelor of Science in education from Fort Hays State University. A teacher

for 14 years, she is presently curriculum assistant with the local school district. A member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, she has previously been published in *Rookie Reader*, *Geography*, *Wee Ones*, and *Pack o' Fun*.

In her free time, the author enjoys reading, writing, crafting, sewing and quilting. She and her husband Floyd have four grown children and one grandson, Grant. She had taught several grades at Oberlin Elementary School when they lived north of Traer.

When asked why she decided to write for *Highlights*, she said, "Highlights folks are the greatest, most supportive people around. I'd always loved the magazine. It was the only good thing about going to the doctor!"



Mrs. Bryan

## Conservation District elects board member

Bruce Larue was elected as a supervisor during the annual meeting of the Decatur County Conservation District on Monday, Feb. 5, at The Gateway.

The Decatur County Bankers Association provided the meal. Chanté, the Decatur Community High girls group, under the direction of Susan Nelson, sang. Program chairman Carl Wahlmeier conducted the meeting and made introductions. Judy Elwood spoke about "Ag in the Classroom."

Linda Wahlmeier presented poster awards to: grade 3: Connor Beazley, first, and Justice Harris, second; grade 4: Demi Murray, first, and Whitney Witt, second; grade 5: Hannah May, first, and Baron Green, second; grade 6: Elizabeth

Nedland, first, and Kade Brown, second. Connor and Hannah will enter their winning posters at the state meeting in November. Cheyenne Soderlund, a first-place winner last year, received honorable mention for her entry at state in November.

Jesse Carter, loan officer at Farmers Bank and Trust, presented Kansas Bankers Conservation Awards to Jim and Diane Barrett, and David and Shirley Simpson, and the Windbreak Award to Sue Long of Jennings. The Grassland Award was given to Steve and Barbara Brown by Vernon Ketterl.

Other board members are Mr. Wahlmeier, Elden Huff, Ron Bryan, Lawrence Jennings and Vernon Ketterl.

## Brothers to sing in Hoxie

The Hughes Brothers will present "From Country to Broadway" at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Hoxie High School auditorium.

The five brothers from Branson, Mo., deliver a performance of con-

temporary country, old west, Broadway, gospel and Spanish music.

Sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association, admission is by season pass or \$15 for adults and \$8 for children at the door.

## Honor Roll

Welcome and thanks to these recent subscribers to *The Oberlin Herald*:

Lela Huff, Northglenn, Colo.; Bob Crawford, Kansas, Okla.; Steve Fraker, Fallon, Nev.; Kent Anderson, San Diego, Calif.; Delbert Siegfried, Arapahoe, Neb.; Eleanor Werner, Yoder, Wyo.; Susan Screen, San Carols, Calif.; Lori Walley, Summerfield, N.C.;

**Colorado:** Butch Vernon, Lafayette; Marty and Stan Ganzel, Aurora; Lela Huff, Northglenn;

**Kansas:** Mike Tacha, Mrs. Janice Winters, Lloyd Ramsey, Jennings; Michael Larreau, Wichita; Jeff

Jenkins, Olathe; Dorothy Machart, Lenexa; Verl Crabill, Norton; Trista Ploussard, Hoxie; Larry Screen, Salina; Mark Meitl, Dresden; Kim Brumley, Inman; Larry Screen, Salina; Mark Meitl, Dresden;

**Oberlin:** V.W. Sauvage, Brendan Moore, Dr. Donald Harrier, Carla Britton, Terry Rush, Edward and Vivian Rush, Phyllis Screen, Eunice Richards.



## Sweetheart Dance



DJ  
**PAUL HESKETT**

**Saturday, February 17 9 p.m. to ??**

Single \$3 Couples \$5

**Oberlin American Legion**  
Oberlin, KS

Internet tonight 475-2206