

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# People in Our Community

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Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon and Barbara Dehlinger accompanied Keith, Roma, Sydney and Saeger Grafel to Hays on Saturday, Feb. 17, for the Fort Hays State-Washburn basketball game. Rusty Grafel is a senior and plays guard on the team. He was among those honored between games during Sports Academic Award Night for scholastic achievement while participating in sports. His family also attended the reception that afternoon in the college auxiliary gym for seniors. They were joined by Teryn Grafel, a student at Cloud County Community College in Concordia. Rusty was presented with a large photo of himself, signed by all of his teammates. He will graduate this spring with a degree in sports administration.

Kade, Kel, Isabel and Reece Grafel were Saturday visitors and overnight guests of their grandmother, Connie Grafel.

Clara Russ was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital by helicopter on Sunday, after suffering a heart attack. She underwent heart stent surgery and was recuperating satisfactorily, according to her daughter, Julie Cunningham. Her husband, Richard, has been with her, along with several other family members.

Marvin Everist moved last week from Scottsdale, Ariz., to Wheat Ridge Terrace in Oberlin. Assisting him were his daughters, Beth Plier of Los Angeles, and Kathy Ernst and husband, David, of Denver.

Roxanna Jankovits of Rochester Hills, Mich., came Thursday to visit a week with her mother, Betty Harden, a resident at Cedar Living

Center. Another daughter, Jeanette Adams of Cheyenne, Wyo., also visited from Thursday to Sunday. They were all joined for dinner on Sunday by their son and brother, Jerry Wolfram of Herndon.

**—March Madness Sale. 25% off KU and KSU Collectibles. 75% off Sale Table. Oberlin Mercantile Company, next to the LandMark Inn.**

Charlotte Parks of Hill City visited over the weekend with her daughter, Denise and Mike Jones, and family. She came to make the acquaintance of her new great-granddaughter, Kacie Jean Jones, infant daughter of Wade and Leslie Jones, who was born Feb. 23.

Weekend visitors of Nora Bearley and Jerry and Montine Alstrom were Max and Beverly Bearley and Isys of Hays, and Larry and Judy Bearley of Oakley.

Jody Skidmore and Christina of Aurora, Neb., were weekend guests of her mother, Nadean Stony. Delores Jennings was a Sunday afternoon caller.

“Christmas in March” was held on Saturday at the home of Gary and Leola Zodrow. Others present were Steve and Lori Zodrow, Amber, Brenda and Michelle, Norton; Mary and Larry Van Otterloo Jr., Aubrey and Taylor, St. George; Ingo Roedig and Karen Cassen, Casper, Wyo.; and Mory and Deena Zodrow, Ray, Lara and Luke, Larry Van Otterloo Sr. and Laurene Van Otterloo, Oberlin. They also helped Steve Zodrow, Larry Van Otterloo Jr., and Aubrey Van Otterloo celebrate their birthdays.

Cynthia Haynes spent Thursday in Concordia, where she visited her mother, Emma Desilet, at the nursing home. She had lunch with her sister and her husband, Marie and Rick Cairns.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Ivis Hanson, Barb Solko, Aleen Van Vleet, Wilma May, Henry Edgett, R.D. Thornton and Max Carman. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Wilma May, Floyd Edgett, Max Carman and Doris Gilbert. Pitch highs were won by Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Barb Solko. Winning highs at bridge were Cynthia Matson, Marie McKisson, Merle Shirley, and Leone Purton.

## Scholarship to honor slain soldier

The McCook College Foundation has established the Randy J. Matheny Memorial Patriot Scholarship to honor a soldier killed last month in Iraq.

The foundation said it matched an anonymous \$5,000 donation from a McCook family, launching the memorial scholarship with an initial fund of \$10,000.

A \$1,000 scholarship, administered by the foundation, will be given to a student attending McCook Community College starting



R. Matheny

next fall. Any student in any approved course of study at the college, or through the MCC Advanced Studies Center, will be eligible.

Sgt. Matheny, a member of the

Nebraska National Guard's 1074th Transportation Company based in Sidney, was killed Feb. 4 in Iraq.

For details on the scholarship, call (308) 345-5233.

## County 4-H Day Friday

Decatur County 4-H Day will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday at the Oberlin Elementary School, with members from the Maverick, Sappa Valley, Star Valley and Stick-To-It 4-H Clubs participating.

Groups and individuals will perform in the cafeteria, gymnasium and various rooms.

There will be project talks, musical numbers, solos, skits, demonstrations and more in the competition. The public is invited.

Those taking regional blue ribbons will go on to Regional 4-H Day at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 30, at the Brewster School.

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 For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (785) 475-8118.

## Relay for Life planned for June 16 and 17

The sixth annual Decatur County Relay for Life will be held from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, June 16 and 17, at Smick Field at the Decatur Community High School.

In case of bad weather, the event will be held at The Gateway, ending around midnight.

Relay teams must have eight to 12 members committed to walking at the relay. Top team fund raisers will receive a plaque. Last year's winner was Decatur Health Systems.

To sign up a team, call Tiffanie Farr at (785) 475-3123. Cancer survivors who would like to participate in the Survivor's Victory Lap should call Melinda Grafel at (785) 322-5234.

Luminaries, \$10 each, may be

purchased in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone who lost the fight. For details, call Jean Hale at (785) 475-2136 or Carla Depperschmidt at (785) 475-3452.

A crafter's auction is planned to raise money for the relay, but no date has been set, said organizer Chris Dempewolf. Those interested in donating quilts, afghans, hooked rugs, metal sculptures, wood items, dolls and the like should call her at (785) 693-4315.

Other members of the Relay for Life committee are Rhonda May, Lynn Doeden, Ralph and Norma Unger, Charles and Betsy Haag, Leanna Bryan, Sharee Dempewolf, Regina Stanley, Byron Hale, Linda Hunt, M.J. Dempewolf, Sharon Black and Tyler Bruggeman.

## Agri-Tourism Part 2 workshop set for April 4

“Northwest Kansas Rural Experience: Agri-Tourism Part 2,” a one-day workshop on agri-tourism, will be held Wednesday, April 4, at The Gateway in Oberlin, starting with registration at 8:30 a.m.

The workshop, for those interested in beginning or presently operating agri-tourism business, is open to the tri-state area.

The keynote speaker will be Ben Allen, K-State Research and Extension agri-tourism specialist. Richard Smalley, Kansas Department of Commerce marketing specialist, will provide an in-depth morning workshop.

In the afternoon, Darvin Strutt of F&M Insurance will speak on liability issues and Harold Sulzman, Peoples State Bank, will talk about financial considerations. The work-

shop will wrap up with a panel including owners of three tourism businesses and the workshop speakers.

The community of Oberlin invites participants to enjoy a self-guided tour of its beautiful downtown. Booth space is available, and lunch will be provided.

This event is sponsored in part by the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., the LandMark Inn, K-State, the Kansas Department of Commerce, the Colby Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank, the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development.

For registration or details, call (785) 460-4582 or (785) 462-2602.

## Oberlin grad serving in Iraq

Capt. David Goscha has been serving at FOB Camp Loyalty in Baghdad since Dec. 1 as a lawyer in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.

The son of Bill Goscha of Oberlin, he has been in the Army for eight years. He is a 1985 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

His wife, Shellie, and their three children are living at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas, while he is overseas.

Write to him at Capt. David Goscha (OSJA), 2 BCT, Unit 41546, FOB Loyalty, APO AE 09390-1546.



Capt. Goscha

Internet tonight  
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