The following story about a training device designed by Sgt. Randy McHugh, also Decatur County undersheriff, was e-mailed to The Oberlin Herald this week. Sgt. McHugh is midway through his sec- and see what he was looking for," he ond tour in Iraq.

By Sgt. KEVIN **McSWAIN**

Iraq — A little imagination and a lot of welding experience is providing service members with a better way to train for emergency situations



Gunners are now able to participate in Humvee Egress Training with to a new safety device designed by Sgt. First Class Randall McHugh, first sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 734th Transportation Battal-

The Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer, or HEAT, is an M1114, or uparmored Humvee, chassis mounted on an axle, powered by a generator. The device rotates the entire chassis to simulate a rollover. Under controlled conditions, it allows vehicle occupants to practice exiting an upside-down vehicle.

The open turret presented a safety hazard for the person in the gunner's position, however, and during the training, the person would have to stay crouched inside the vehicle as it rolled to keep from falling out.

"We were talking in a meeting one day about how we would like to have the gunners train in their proper position," McHugh said, "so I began to draw my ideas and finally came up with a final design."

Sgt. McHugh said once his design Class Roger Roe to see if the device could be built.

"Roe has a lot of experience in welding and building, and most importantly he has an open mind," Sgt. McHugh said. "I knew that if it could be built, he would be the one to do who could build it." Sgt. Roe, a quality assurance and

quality control noncommissioned officer with the 758th, said the job did not take much time.

able to build it within a few days,"

Sgt. Roe said Sgt. McHugh gave him a piece of paper with a detailed drawing of the device.

"I was able to look at his diagram

said. "He included everything down to the smallest millimeter measurement."

Sgt. Roe said the harness was made from material found in the motor pool that was used to repair armored security vehicles.

"I found scrap steel from past projects that were not being used and pieced them together to create the

Sgt. McHugh, from Oberlin, Kan., said although the egress trainer is located in the Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery's company area, it is for use by all service

"The Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer is an asset for Logistical Support Area Anaconda service members and anyone else needing to train their soldiers," he said.

The detachable safety device, which is equipped with foam padding, gives service members the chance to train with their gunner in the correct position; something that was not done befire because of safety concerns.

the hatch," Sgt. McHugh said. "It also gives the gunner a chance to experience what could happen to them if they were ever in a Humvee rollover." Once the device was tested, a few

modifications were made to the

"Capt. Parker Greene and Capt. was complete, he went to Sgt. 1st Ryan Evans, the commander and executive officer of Battery D, 1/5 FA, came out to test the harness," said Sgt. McHugh. "It worked just as it was designed. All we had to do was smooth out a few rough edges and add a little more padding to the

> attention the modification has received, noting that taking care of soldiers is what he is here for.

"This was a spur-of-the-moment discussed the particulars of naming "Once I got the diagram, I was project," he said. "I didn't know it would be such a big deal."

Relay for Life June 15-16

high school in Oberlin.

Chris Dempewolf, and those interby June 1. ested in forming one should call Tiffanie Farr at (785) 475-3123.

tion which will begin at 8 p.m. that 5234.

The Decatur County Relay for night. Donated items could include Life is scheduled from 7 p.m. on quilts, cross stitch, wood items, Friday, June 15, through 7 a.m. Sat- afghans, drawings, metal, etc. urday, June 16, at Smick Field at the Those planning to make a donation should call Mrs. Dempewolf at Teams are needed, said chairman (785) 693-4315. Items are needed

Photo display at Logan

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Hollywood features, documentary Museum will have "Married to Adventure: Photographs from the Travels of Martin and Osa Johnson" on display from April 27 through July 8.

The display was organized by the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum in Chanute. Filmmakers, photographers, explorers, naturalists and authors, the couple made adventure travel their occupation between 1917 and 1937 and left as their legacy an unprecedented record of remote regions of the world. Their Kansas City, Mo.

films, photographs, books, lectures and articles were the first introduction many Americans had to the cultures and wildlife of Africa, Borneo

Two children are baptized

knows for sure who will make the any decisions.

published watercolor and portrait shows, international and gallery artist, plans a four-day watercolor exhibitions, one-woman shows and United Methodist Church on Easter Sunday. Officiating was the Rev.

> A dinner in their honor followed For details on the workshop, call at the home of their grandparents, Kent and Deb Brown.

ing morning services at the Oberlin Reuber and Skylar, Denver; Larry and Terri James, Norcatur; Natalie Brown and her fiance, Chris Barlett, Manhattan; and Wade and Leslie Jones, Hannah, Morgan and Kacie; Mike and Denise Jones and Tim; Kevin and Jackie Brown; and Nor-

Morgan Lea, 2, and Kacie Jean, 6 Parks, Hill City; Ruby Phifer, weeks, children of Wade and Leslie Goodland; Jeremy Brown, Justin Jones of Oberlin, were baptized dur- Brown and Addyson, and Talia

names

Doug Hasty.

Those present included Charlotte ma Brown, all of Oberlin.

Goodness sakes Alive, she's

Gottcha! Happy Birthday Lynette (Morford) Glendy

Love, Your family

Internet tonight. 475-2206

Club News

Group plans bakeless sale

Plans were made for a bakeless bake sale. This money will be bake sale as a fundraiser when the used for auxiliary projects, mainly Girls State, scholarships and veterans. The Avenue of Flags magazines are available to anyone for a donation. The president read correspondence from the state and district.

Two girls were chosen to receive scholarships, which will be given at the awards assembly on May 16. An interesting program The president showed a sample was given by Carol Morford on "No Child Left Behind," and how ber as a fund-raiser for a bakeless it could be changed.

Supper ends club year Zeta Nu Club finished the club prom committee and the library

year with a salad supper on April 12 at the Oberlin Covenant President Janice Winters con-

Oberlin American Legion Auxil-

iary met on April 11. Hostesses

were Laurene Dempewolf and

President Angela Corcoran

conducted the meeting and three

officers and five members were

present. Phyllis Metcalf led in

prayer, followed by the flag salute

of a card to be sent to each mem-

Laurene Van Otterloo.

and preamble.

ducted the meeting and led in the flag salute and club collect. Roll call was answered by 14 members. Correspondence was read and thank yous read from the gift.

for the club contributions. Mrs. Winters installed the fol-

lowing 2007-2008 officers: Mary Henzel, president; Florence Vavroch, vice president; Lois Fredrickson, secretary; and Joy Votapka, treasurer.

Mrs. Winters won the hostess

Club elects new officers

Monday Evening Club met at the home of Mary Ann Erickson was Micheala Wasson, infant daughter of Michael and Kelly Annette Terry of Atwood pre-

sented the program on relaxing Dehlinger. with yoga.

New officers elected included: Peggy Pratt, president; Diane on April 9. Marcia Lohoefener Frickey, vice president; Shirley was co-hostess. A special guest Shields, secretary; and Sharon Addleman, treasurer.

The next meeting will be a brunch at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, at the home of Barbara

Widows and Friends meet

Commissioners discuss

Decatur County commissioners signs or how to pay for them.

Commissioner Ralph Unger asked if the county would base the

asked if highways would keep their road names on what counties around

naming county roads

Widows and Friends met Nadean Stoney, Bertha Sch-Wednesday at the Frontier Restaurant for breakfast. Attending were Eileene Grose,

Mildred Holmdahl, Norma Rich-Olson, Phyllis Screen, Cecil Hess, school activities.

the roads in the county as part of the

new enhanced 911 system last Tues-

The commissioners and Chief

Dispatcher Jeanne Pachner have

worked on the project for months,

taking bids for the equipment need-

ed in dispatch and for aerial photog-

Part of the project will be to name

or number all of the roads in the

number, even it that is out of order?

Yes, they should, said Bruce Har-

That means if some of the county

roads are numbered and they go in

order, the map could skip from road

16 to U.S. 36 and then back to road

While there's no rule or law that

requires the roads to be named, the

group wants to do it because they

think naming the roads will make it

easier on dispatchers and emer-

At previous meetings, the com-

missioners have talked about need-

ing signs to mark ever intersection

in the county, which could cost up-

wards of \$200,000, but no one

raphy to create new maps.

desty of R&S Imaging.

17, he said.

gency crews.

wisow, Dorothy Jackson, Bernie Fred, Elaine Bryan and Doris There will be no meeting in

ards, Eula Juenemann, Evelyn May due to Mother's Day and

The group talked about calling the

road in Sappa Park just Sappa Lake

asked County Attorney Steve

Mr. Hardesty asked if the city

would have a problem naming it

that? Otherwise, said Mr. Unger,

people who live on that road would

it are doing. For instance, using the

letters on north-south roads and

numbers on east-west roads, de-

pending on what Norton or Rawlins

County had done. The road names

in Decatur County, said Mr. Unger,

probably won't match all of the

Double A or Double B and so on af-

ter they go through the whole alpha-

bet, said Mr. McEvoy, instead of

like Alpha, Beta and other call

names instead of double letters.

Roads could have just letters or full

The commissioners didn't make

Mr. Unger suggested using names

The county might want to use

roads in the other counties.

Commissioner Stan McEvoy

probably have a U.S. 36 address.

Decatur Community High School. cal trainer, based in Emporia. **Woodmen hold benefit** Oberlin Modern Woodmen of hold items after a natural disaster or

Share Program. couple was not home at the time. Mrs. Sattler is a second-grade

the country provide basic life necessities to people in need in their com-

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Alan Cochran and DoAnn Phillips

He is employed with Detroit Diesel Her fiance is a 1978 graduate of Remanufacturing Corp. as a techni-

help for Ron and Cindy Sattler through the organization's Care and The Sattlers' farm home east of

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

plans June

DoAnn Phillips of Great Bend

and Alan Cochran of Emporia plan

to be married on Saturday, June 2,

at the First Christian Church of

Parents of the couple are Robert

The bride-elect is a 1981 gradu-

ate of Healy High School. She is

employed by Alternacare in Great

Bend as a respiratory service tech-

and Carole Bennett, Healy, and

Leonard and Dorothy Cochran,

wedding

Great Bend.

Couple

teacher at the Oberlin Elementary School and her husband is a farmer The Modern Woodmen Care and Share program helps members of the fraternal financial service organization's local camps across

America members provided some other crisis, or if a shelter or food pantry needs more supplies to help families, Modern Woodmen members can help through this annual project," said Marie McKisson, lo-Achilles was destroyed by fire. The cal camp secretary. "Each year, members from over 400 camps purchase and donate thousands of dollars worth of food, clothes and more."

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States. The Oberlin camp provides volunteer service and social activi-"Whether a family needs house- ties for members.

rating at the regional music festival.

Mrs. Nelson introduced the

Rotary enjoys 4-H program Members of the Star Valley 4-H and presented Susan Nelson, vocal

Club presented their 4-H Day num- music instructor. Mrs. Nelson prebers at the April 3 meeting of the sented Jenny Hirsch, who sang her Oberlin Rotary Club. They were in- I-rated solo for the club. She was troduced by Rick Langness, pro- among 16 soloists who received a I gram chairman. Aaron Helm gave a talk on etha-

number; and Britta played a piano

Road. Does the county have the jurisdiction to change the name of that chairman for the April 10 meeting Hays State University. road since it's on city property?

guest of Charles Haag.

Noren gave a humorous dual acting rating. The women's quartet, Rory Wendelin, Tricia Dorshorst, Kenzie Junior Rotarians present were Fisher and Jenny Hirsch, sang. All Jessica Soderlund and Victoria were accompanied by Mary Jo Winters, who told about their plans Lohoefener. after graduation. Gail Green was a

nol fuel; Becky Helm played a flute DCHS Singers, who sang their con-

solo; Sarah Langness and Britta test piece, which also received a I

Guests were Barb Olson, Jan Bainter and daughter Abby Bainter, Greg Lohoefener was program who will soon graduate from Fort

Fund raiser rescheduled

beginning of the month and rescheduled the fund raiser for Friday.

Alliance members will host the which promotes business in town.

With an approaching cold front, event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the the Oberlin Business Alliance can-drive-though of the Business Entreceled its fish and burger fry at the preneurial Enhancement Center on Main Street. Proceeds will be used for operating costs for the alliance,

Honor Roll

Welcome and thanks to these recent subscribers to The Oberlin Her-

Jean Earlywine, Louisville, Colo.; J. B. Hubbard, Lakewood, Colo.; Letha Ferguson, Valencia, Calif.; Larry Nelson, Fredricksburg, Va.; Mrs. Effie Gish, Fort Worth, Texas; Mark Frickey, Ancram, N.Y. Kansas: Darlene Ramsey, To-

peka; Edwin Waterman, Sedgwick; Gene Geisinger, Phillipsburg; Jerry Fidele, Dodge City; Patricia Tongish, Newton; Josh Fortin, Clifton; Scott Anderson, Pauls Funeral Hilker.

Home, James Carswell, Selden: Kathryn Van Meter, Rea Magers, Norcatur; Virginia LaRue, Clayton; Betty Walker, James Bainter, Hoxie; Wilfred Wagoner, Victor Ritter, Jennings; Joyce Sumner, Norton; Tillie Pitner, Atwood;

Oberlin: Richard Weber, Pat Glenn, Harold Olson, Don Fredrickson, Vivian Lewis, Juanita Eckhart, Wilma LaSalle, Jim Wasson, James Plotts, Elwood Mines, Walter Meitl, Jack E. Fortin, Elaine Bryan, Charles Frickey, Leona

DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held in Oberlin, Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. <u>Doors open at 5:30</u>. Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Price per plate is \$14.00 -This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name

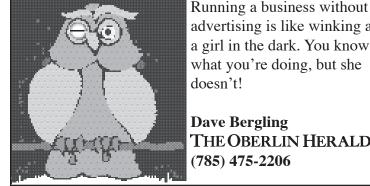
Class

Year to be seated with

Spouse or Guest Class

Year to be seated with

■ Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name and year you wished to be seated Deadline for reservations is May 19, 2007.



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LSA ANACONDA,

harness," he said.

"This gives soldiers a chance to train on how to pull the gunner from

Roe said he was surprised by the

Cancer survivors who plan to par-

ticipate in the first lap are asked to Craft items are needed for an auc- call Melinda Grafel at (785) 322-

and the South Pacific. is part of a seven-city national tour over a three-year period containing 70 black-and-white reproductions from original prints, two panoramic

The show at the Hansen Museum

murals and some 20 artifacts. The tour was developed and managed by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services of

Artist to hold workshop Cindy Agan, an internationally been displayed at numerous juried

workshop from May 3 to May 6 at can be found in private and corpo-

Her art can be explored through seum in Logan. She is the author of the North her web site at www.cindyaganart Light art instruction book, "Painting

Watercolors that Sparkle with Life." Her award winning paintings have (785) 689-4846. Class of 1997 sets reunion

the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Mu-

The Class of 1997 plans its 10year reunion the weekend of the becue and family fun; then at the Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet in May.

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Birthday

The class will meet at 8 p.m. Fri-

Sappa Park shelterhouse for a bar-American Legion that evening for the annual alumni dance. Class members should call Tuck-

day, May 25, at the American Le- er Woolsey at (785) 754-3570 and gion; at noon on Saturday at the leave a message.

> on her 85th Birthday April 19

Please help to honor our mother,

Fern Wenger

We are requesting a card shower. Mail may be sent to: 502 N. Cass, Oberlin, K& 67749 Ron, Evan and Jodie