People in **Our Community**

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Among relatives and friends who attended the recognition and LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reception honoring the late Dale Votapka at Fort Hays State University on Saturday, besides his wife, Cheryl Votapka, were Beth Sluder, Bethany, Mo.; Pam and Eric Huerter and family, Lawrence; Luanne Rupe and boys and Rick Rowlinson, Hays; Joy Votapka, and Dan and Lisa Votapka, Oberlin; Nancy Ellis, Topeka; and Shelly and Don Gotchall, Great Bend.

Kelly Moore, and Loyd and Fern Moore attended the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra performance, "Love is in the Air," at Frahm Theater in Colby on Sunday afternoon. Their son and grandson, Gabe Moore, a sophomore at Colby Community College, played the trumpet in the orchestra. Bradley Herndon, instrumental instructor at the college, was the director.

Krista Fowler and Kari Williby were named to the honorable mention honor roll at North Central Kansas Technical School for the fall semester. Both are enrolled in the associate degree nursing program. Lucas Bailey of Norcatur, who is enrolled in plumbing, heating and air conditioning, was also on the honorable mention honor roll.

Marvin Walker of Lindsborg and his family and other relatives were here last week for graveside services for Thelma Walker at the Jennings Cemetery on Saturday. Mail will reach the family at 214 N. Maple, Lindsborg, Kan., 67467.

-President's Day Brunch, which was Friday.

Sunday, Feb. 17, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. reservations

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Kelva Dryden, Wilma May, Doris Fringer, Dewaine Stapp and Max Carman. Lows went to Barb Solko, Aleen Van Vleet, Henry Edgett, Wilma May and Dewaine Stapp. There were no pitch games due to the snow. Winning highs at bridge were Cynthia Matson and Carol Shirley.

Elaine Cody Thomas was honored by her family with an open house Saturday afternoon at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Those attending from her immediate family were Leland and Peggy Cody, and Connie Hogg, Midwest City, Okla.; Scott and Susan Davenport and family, and Todd and Mandy Davenport, Edmond, Okla; Ben and Carrie Cody and family, Tulsa: and Barb Castor

Lacey Roe of Norcatur and Heather Williams of Oberlin were Dennis and Betty Campbell, the named to the Dean's Honor Roll (3.5-3.9 grade point average) for the fall semester at Pratt Community

-The Dollar Table is back at the Oberlin Mercantile Co.

Sue Renk and her daughter, Allison Jones, Aiden and Ashton of Plainville, came Saturday to spend the day and to take their mother and grandmother, Elaine Bryan, out for dinner to celebrate her birthday,

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and Rhonda

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Lila Jennings, Jennings,

and Brendan Jennings,

He was stationed at Ab-

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Baltimore, Md., for three

His parents are Judy and

Lee Ploussard of Oberlin,

and Lawrence and Lila

Jennings of Jennings.

Hastings, Neb.

months.

Wedding set for April

Leigh Ann Lohoefener and Clint Randall Johnson of Wichita plan to marry on Saturday, April 12, at the University Congregational Church in Wichita.

Parents of the couple are Greg and Mary Jo Lohoefener, Oberlin, and Linda Johnson, Ottumwa, Iowa, and the late Randall Johnson.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She graduated from the University of Kansas in 2003 and 2004 with Bachelor of Arts degrees in psychology and human biology. In July 2006, she graduated from Wichita State University with a Master's Degree in physician as-

She is a physician assistant in cardiothoracic/vascular surgery at Cedar Surgical in Wichita.

Her fiance, a 2000 graduate of clinical perfusionist.



C. Johnson and L. Lohoefener

Ottumwa High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in health sciences in 2005 from the University of Iowa. He graduated from the University of Iowa Carver School of Medicine in May with a degree in perfusion technology from the department of cardiothoracic surgery. He works for Hospital Clinical Services Group in Wichita as a certified

Arızona party draws 26

The 18th annual Arizona gathering on Friday included a catered lunch at the Green Valley Community Church Fellowship Hall for 26 present or former Decatur County

Dwayne and Betty Jones put on a program with teams that did a written quiz about Oberlin and Decatur County history.

The planning committee included

Joneses, Rex and Billie Morton and Duane and Marilyn Waldo.

Others attending were Don and Marie Aschwege, Perky Barnett, Don and Shirley Carlisle, Avis Davis, Bob and Amy Jane Dodson, George and Clarice Meadows, Harold and Janice Meitl, Max and Marlene Miller, Doris Jean Oliver, Jerry Thomsen and Sam and Kathy

Touring group to perform

The Wichita Children's Theater Professional Touring Company will present "Yankee Doodle" at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the St. Francis High School Auditorium, portraying events from the past through drama, music, dance and mime. School presentations will also

be given at 9:30 a.m. Monday at by a paying adult.

Quinter and 1:30 p.m. at Brewster, with performances at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Winona and 1:30 p.m. at Rexford. Admission will be by Western

Plains Arts Association season tickets or \$5 for adults at the door. It's free for children accompanied

Rotary Club hears about tour

Cynthia Haynes gave the program next to Haiti. at the Feb. 5 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway, talking about her visit to Nicaragua.

She said it is the largest, but most sparsely populated, of the Central American nations. It borders Honduras to the north and Costa Rica to the south. She said that it is the second poorest country in the Americas

Nicaragua was settled by the Spanish in 1522 and has been dominated by different political groups and families competing for power for many years. Managua is the capital and also the largest city. Spanish is the official language and the average education is fourth grade.

Club News

Club makes donations

By SAMANTHA ANDERSON supporting the Oberlin Runway

the monthly meeting. For roll call, we brought second-hand items to donate to the Bargain Box. We had 22 members and three leaders present.

Zach May read some correspondence from State Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer and Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, responding to our letter

The Stick-To-It 4-H Club met Expansion Project, and we hope on Sunday in the Sacred Heart to hear from more Kansas lead-Church basement in Oberlin for ers. We practiced for the model meeting we will be doing for 4-H Days.

We will meet at 1:30 p.m. next week at the church to practice again and we will be taping it on Sunday, Feb. 24, at the church.

As Byron would say, "Talk to ya'll later."

Zeta Nu honors woman

Zeta Nu Club entertained with a birthday party at Cedar Living Center on Thursday. Club members presented a birthday balloon who was the only resident with a was also held. February birthday.

A barbershop quartet from the high school music department provided entertainment, after which the club members served and gift to Berenece McKay, rolls and coffee. A short meeting





Wednesday, February 13, 2008 **THE OBERLIN HERALD** 7A

Dinner theater

Humanities Commission on Saturday, Feb. 23, at The Gateway.

A surf and turf dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. with wine and other

After dinner, the trio will present a rare blend of flute, harp and viola

Each member also is an outstanding soloist

Megan Meisenbach has studied with world-renowned flutists Jean-Pierre Rampal and James Galway. Mary Golden has played her

harp all over the country and will be playing a full-sized concert Salzedo harp. Bruce Williams is the principal

of the Austin Symphony and former

a Grancino viola from 1680.

The trio plays a varied program, from Telemann to Debussy, from the 18th century to the 20th. One of the featured works is the "Sonata" by French Impressionist Claude Debussy, which defines this unusual combination of instruments.

Tickets are \$25 per person, \$12 for children under 12. Each season ticket includes one ticket for the dinner theater, two for a two-family

Dinner reservations must be made by Tuesday by calling Ella Betts, 475-3557, or Mary Henzel, 470-0218. Concert tickets are available for \$10 for adults and \$5 for

Pastors plan weekend at Shepherd's Staff

Teaching teens to own their faith "We'll look at why teens may not be will be the focus of a weekend youth leaders' conference Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19, at the Shepherd's Staff in Rexford.

Pastor Brant Rice of Celebration Community Church in Hays will facilitate the conference, designed to help parents, youth leaders and pastors "get plugged into teens" and teach them how to "own their Christian faith." A native of Norton, Mr. Rice is a

graduate of Fort Hays State University and Taber College in Hillsboro. In late April, he will graduate from Rockbridge Seminary, Springfield, Mo. He has been youth pastor at the church since 2001, following five years as an elementary teacher in the Hays School District. "I think it's an essential topic

of youth ministry," he said. "If we don't come to a realization that we need to own our faith as adults, A complete schedule of times and how can we expect teens to own a registration form is available their faith?"

Mr. Rice said linking life skills with faith will also be part of the

balance in their lives," he said. that foster Christian growth.

growing in their faith and lack accountability. We'll also look at how to ignite a student leadership so the teens can grow in their faith." Assisting him will be Oakley

native Kael Bloom, director of ministries at the church. He serves as worship director, as well as band leader and lead singer of the contemporary praise and worship band Ignite. Bloom will serve as praise and worship leader during the weekend. Starting with a meet-and-greet

training session at 7 p.m. Friday, the conference will continue at 9 a.m. Saturday and conclude at 3 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be served. Cost of the conference is \$26. Dorm-style lodging is available for \$43, and hotel-like accommodations are \$76.

For details, call (785) 687-2565. online at www.shepherdstaff.org. Deadline is Friday, April 4.

Shepherd's Staff is a nonprofit Christian conference center offering "We need to help teens have rental facilities, staff and programs

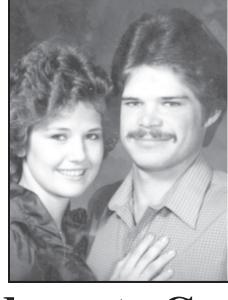
Senior party set for Thursday

A Valentine's Day party for senior a.m., followed by a spaghetti dinner citizens will be held Thursday, not at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 per couple. today, as reported in last week's Reservations are due by noon today

John Juenemann will sing at 11 Gee at 475-2389 or 475-3222.

by calling meal site director Helen

Internet tonight. Call 475-2206



25th) Wedding Anniversary

Rocky and Teresa Diederich Married Feb. 14, 1983

Please join in the celebration at a dance at the Oberlin American Legion &at., Feb.16 — 8 p.m.

Karaoke & Dancing Public is invited

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Eighth grade girl wins county spelling contest Megan Wentz, an eighth grad- the words to participants. Runner-up was Elizabeth Neder at Decatur Community Junior land, daughter

the Decatur County Spelling Contest last Monday at the Oberlin Elementary School. The win

qualifies Megan, daughter ois Wentz of

of Darren and

who conducted the contest and read Norcatur, a fifth grader.

Norcatur, for the Kansas Spelling dents Nick Ashley, son of Robert Bee at Barton County Community and Jody Ashley of Oberlin, a sixth College in Great Bend in March, grader, and Ganon Henningson, son said Principal Duane Dorshorst, of Robbie and Jeni Henningson of

ticipants were Oberlin El-

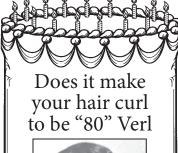
Oberlin grad serving in Army National Guard

Brent A. Jennings, a 1987 gradu-tending his graduation were Judy ate of Decatur Community High Ploussard, Oberlin; Lawrence and

School, completed officer basic training on Dec. 5 and is now working in Topeka as a surface maintenance officer with the Kansas National Guard.

He joined the guard in Scott City in April 1986, and reached the rank of sergeant first class. He B. Jennings joined the Norton unit in 1990. In March, he

entered Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant when he graduated on June 21. At-





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