

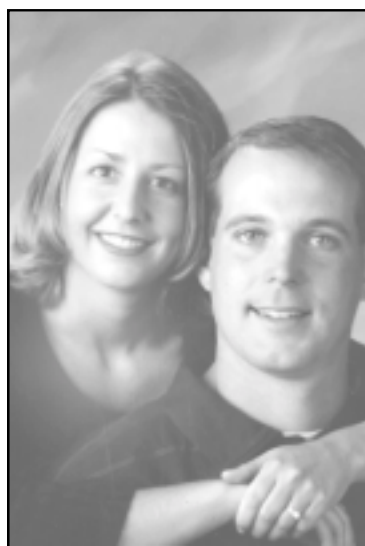
Couple to wed in June

Erica Stanley and Daren Fortin plan to be married on Saturday, June 21, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin.

Parents of the couple are Bob and Alice Stanley, and Jerry and Jolene Fortin, all of Oberlin.

The bride is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Fort Hays State University. She is a registered nurse at Decatur Health Systems.

Her fiance also graduated from Decatur Community High School and earned a Degree in Ag-Business at Fort Hays State University. He is employed at Oberlin Livestock Auction and is a rancher.



E. Stanley and D. Fortin

July wedding planned

Trena Dejmal of Wahoo, Neb., and Robert T. Miller of Cambridge, Neb., plan to be married on Saturday, July 12, at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

Parents of the couple are Joe and Candy Dejmal, Oberlin, and Kim and Kathy Miller, Cambridge, Neb.

The bride-to-be earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She is a first-grade teacher at Wahoo Elementary School.

Her fiance graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical School in Communications Technology. He is employed as a lead field technician for Scope Networks.



R. Miller and Trena Dejmal

Area commencements planned

Three area high schools, Jennings, Herndon and Golden Plains, have scheduled their commencement exercises.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Commencement will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Jennings High School gymnasium.

Christina Coiner will give the valedictorian address and Peggy Foster, the salutatorian address. Superintendent Lee Stieben will present the seniors, as well as the eighth-grade class. They will be introduced by Senior Class President Jerry Lahnanen.

Board member Sheila Rhodes will present the high school diplomas, and Larry Miller, also a board member, will award eighth-grade certificates of completion. Kay Brown and Diane Carter will play the processional and recessional.

Members of the high school graduating class are Jesse Bryant, Christina Coiner, Michael Davis, Peggy Foster, Jerry Lahnanen Jr.,

Tara Lahr, Tony LaRue Jr., Karen Lasiter, and Ryan Miller.

Eighth-graders include: Kimberly Coiner, Clint Krizek, Brett Linden, Marcus McKenna, Justin Meitl, Brian Miller, and Seth Ritter.

GOLDEN PLAINS

Golden Plains seniors will graduate during commencement exercises at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Golden Plains gymnasium.

Class members include Heath Albers, Fredrick Albers, Adam Babcock, Joshua Carroll, Briana Dechant, Brady Dible, Christopher Flores, Angela Fortin, Michele Goscha, Danielle Hickert, Kenneth Johnson, Jace Lobato, Jason McIntyre, Brandon Offutt, April Riedel, Casey Shaw and Jami Shaw.

HERNDON

Commencement will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 16, at the Herndon High School gymnasium.

Three seniors, Nikolaus Martin, April Portschy, and Chelsey Schissler, will receive their diplomas.

K-State student cloaked

Aaron White was cloaked by members of the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine staff on April 19, during a "White Coat Ceremony" at the Kansas State University Alumni Center.

The students start their clinical training this month and will graduate on May 21, 2004, with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degree.

His wife is the former Sarah Ketterl, daughter of David and Judy Ketterl of Herndon.

She began practice this month with Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Norton, after earning her degree as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine at K-State this month. Her husband plans to join the practice after the graduates.

Speakers were Dr. Roger Fing-

land, Dean Ralph Richardson, Dr. Stephen J. Withrow, and Dr. Derek Mosier. The white coats were presented by Drs. Bonnie Rush, Dave Biller, David Hodgson, Lisa Moore, James Rousch and David Gnad. Marshal was Dr. James Carpenter.

The 108 students cloaked are entering the clinical phase of their veterinary education and were welcomed to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital by members of the clinical faculty. The white coat is a symbolic non-verbal communication used to express and reaffirm a fundamental belief that veterinarians are competent and compassionate healers. A reception followed.

His wife, Sarah; her parents, and her husband's parents, Hal and Marilyn White of Kingsdown, attended the white coat ceremony.

Community walk scheduled

Decatur Health Systems will sponsor a community walk from 4-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, at Sappa Park to mark Hospital and Nursing Home Week. There will be parking at the Gun Club.

Everyone is invited to bring a friend or come as a family. Rain date will be Wednesday, May 21. For details, contact Deb Klima at the hospital, 475-2208, or at home, 475-3410.

Child workers to be honored

Smart Start Northwest Kansas and Colby Community College will celebrate Child Care Provider Appreciation Day on Friday.

These agencies are asking parents, public officials, and child care

organizations, to honor their child care provider for their hard work.

Smart Start is offering a financial bonus for in-service hours attended over the past year to early childhood professionals.

Club News

Brownies work on badges

By HALEY SCHIESSLER

The Brownie Girl Scouts met after school on April 22. After the flag ceremony, Joslyn had the girls answer roll call by stating what they received from the Easter Bunny. We had 10 girls present and three absent.

Kiah asked the girls if they remembered to bring their books and vests. At our meeting last week, we discussed identifying different kinds of trees, grass and weeds. This week we matched pictures with the description of each. We talked about poison ivy having triple leaves and jagged edges.

One of the activities that we chose to do for the outdoor adventure badge was called, "Dress for the Weather Relay." The girls divided into two teams. Each was

given a bag of clothes which contained a coat, gloves, scarf, hat and umbrella. At the signal, one girl from each team put on the clothes over what she was wearing. She moved as quickly as possible to a turnaround point, then returned to the starting line, took the clothes off, then put them in a pile on the floor. The next girl in line puts on the clothes and races up and around the turnaround point, then back to the starting line. The first team to finish wins. It was so much fun, we did it twice.

Another activity for the Outdoor Activity Badge is to plan a sleep out. Our troop has decided to go to Kala's house to spend the night in tents in her back yard on Friday. More details will be discussed at our next meeting.

Brunch ends club year

Monday Evening Club members met on April 26 for a brunch at the Meadowlark Grill.

Outgoing president Arian Arnold installed the following officers for the 2003-2004 club year: Karen Metcalf, president; Judy Ladehoff, vice president;

Barbara Dehlinger, secretary, and Kay Moon, treasurer. A financial statement was submitted by Mrs. Moon and dues were collected.

Plans were made to assist with operation of the Rik-A-Sha at the Decatur County Fair the first week in August.

Club installs new officers

Pat Wright, assisted by Janette Votapka, hosted the April 28 meeting of Pi Alpha Club, with "Parking Lot Prayers," as her devotional theme.

Seventeen present members voted a \$100 donation to The Gateway sign project. Eileene Grose received the hostess gift

and a card was signed for Virginia Spratling, who had surgery.

Outgoing President Rosella Meitl used a recipe theme in installing the following officers: Marty Olson, president; Joan Evans, vice president; Shanna Richards, secretary; and Estella Waldo, treasurer.

Zeta Nu Club entertains

Eight members of the Zeta Nu Club honored four residents of Decatur County Good Samaritan Center for their birthdays on April 23. Each was given a "Nibbles" Easter Beanie bunny. Ice cream cups and decorated cookies were served.

Jim Buchholz directed the third- and fourth-grade students from Oberlin Elementary School as they performed several vocal numbers from their spring program.

Everyone enjoyed the 43 students and their program.

Diabetes group meets

Diabetes Under Control met at the United Church April 16.

The video, "Diabetes and Weight Control: Change for a

Lifetime," was enjoyed. Hostess was Barbara Pierce.

The next meeting will be announced at a later date.

Student chosen as cheerleader

Lesley Tongish, daughter of Dave and Pat Tongish of Newton, was chosen for the cheerleading squad at Fort Hays State University during try-outs. She has been a varsity cheerleader for the Newton High School for the past three years.

She competed for Extreme Athletics Senior Open All Girl and was ranked ninth in the nation at the Nationals held in Dallas, Texas.

She is granddaughter of Gene and Marcella Leitner, Oberlin, and Denis and Wilma Tongish, Herndon.



L. Tongish

New Arrivals

Ashley Diehl

Drs. Lee and Cynthia Diehl are the parents of a daughter, Ashley, born May 5, 2003, in Raleigh, N.C. She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces. Her father, Maj. Lee Diehl, is presently stationed at Bitburg Air Base in Germany. Paternal grandparents are Rex and Adeline Diehl of Denver.

Spencer Lee Davidson

Lyle and Amanda Davidson of Delphos are the parents of a son,

Spencer Joe, born April 9, 2003, at Salina Regional Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Norm and Trudy Stockham, Norton; Larry Sumner, Norcat, and Joe and Verna Davidson, Delphos. Great-grandparents are Keith and Maxine Sauvage, Oberlin; Joyce Sumner, Norton, and H.L. Sumner, Norcat. Gracie Mae Sumner, a resident of Cedar Living Center, is his great-great-grandmother.

Baccalaureate service to be held Wednesday

The Decatur County Ministerial Association will sponsor a baccalaureate service for the Decatur Community High School Class of 2003 at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, in the high school auditorium.

The processional, Bach's "Sheep Shall Safely Graze," and the recessional, Beethoven's "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," will be played by Mary Lohofener.

Other vocal music selections will be included: Ramsey Meitl and

Rebecca Moore, duet; women's ensemble, who will sing "Irish Blessing"; and Sarah Olson, solo, accompanied on guitar by Adam Spanier.

Pastor Doug Hasty and Pastor Heidi Wiebe will offer prayers and Nicholas Anderson will read scripture. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler will deliver the message. Senior class artists are invited to submit original art work for the baccalaureate program covers.

The public is invited.

Alumni banquet to be held at The Gateway on May 24

The Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 24, at The Gateway. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Brian Simonsson is president of the association. Other officers include: Brad Marcuson, vice president; Jeni (Shirley) Henningson, treasurer, and Chris (Thornton) Dempewolf, secretary.

Reservations are due by May 19 and cost for the dinner will be \$12.50 per plate. There is a reservation form on this page of *The Herald*. Reservations and remittance may be

mailed to: Alumni Association, P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, Kan., 67749. The Gateway staff will serve the meal.

The Oberlin Herald will be taking pictures of all of the 10-year anniversary classes, as well as the 25-year class. A representative from those classes is asked to contact the newspaper at (785) 475-2206, with times and locations of their daytime reunions. Jeanie Unger will be taking colored pictures of these classes, as well as the five-year classes, for those who request them. She may be contacted at (785) 475-3256.

Jennings music students place

Fifteen students of Prairie Heights School of Jennings participated in the Regional Music Festival at Oberlin.

They included: Courtney Gillespie, Elise Kinser, Nakita Graf, Adrienne Vacura, Katie Randolph and Peggy Foster, woodwind sextet; Grant Bailey, Adam Miller, Ryan Miller and Jake Kramer, trombone quartet; Tiffany Wheeler, Jake Kramer and Grant Bailey, brass trio; and soloists Nakita Graf, bass clarinet; Elise Kinser, alto sax; Jake Kramer, French horn; Adrienne Vacura, B flat clarinet; Andy Coiner, vocal; Buddy Graf, vocal; Grant Bailey, trombone; Nick Wahlmeier, percussion; and Peggy

Foster, contra-alto clarinet.

Ten received I medals at Regional, which qualified them for the State Festival in Wichita. Receiving I medals were: Peggy Foster and Grant Bailey. The trombone quartet and the woodwind sextet received II's. The 29-member concert band received a I, II, II rating at state competition in Colby.

Tyler Bolt and Nakita Graf will represent Jennings at the 2003 State and International Lions Band Camps this summer, sponsored by the Jennings Lions Club.

Kay Brown, band instructor, said, "All of these young people have earned our congratulations. We are proud of you!"

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| Alumni's Name | Class |
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Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. **BE SURE** to give address, class year and maiden name.

If spouse is also an alumni, please indicate the class year the spouse would like to be seated with:

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Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad

Don and Ardis Roe

55th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Don and Ardis Roe are hosting a card shower in honor of the couple's 55th Wedding Anniversary May 16th.

Don Roe and Ardis Duckworth were married May 16, 1948 at the Congregational Church in Danbury. Their children include Jerry and Jolene Fortin, Oberlin; Larry and Peggy Roe, Oberlin; Jerry and Carol Manning, Derby; and Robert and Donna Spreser, Atwood. Cards of congratulations will reach them at: Rt. 1 Box 103, Oberlin, KS 67749

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