

# Oberlin man to be honored at banquet

The University of Kansas Alumni Association will honor an Oberlin alumnus for his longtime volunteer efforts at a banquet tonight in Goodland.

Kurt W. Vollertsen, owner of Ward Drug in Oberlin, will receive the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award for his years as a volunteer coordinator of the Kansas Honors Program. The award will be given during a dinner and awards program at 6:30 p.m. (Central Time) at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Larry J. Borden, Colorado Springs, chairman of the Alumni Association national board, will make the presentation.

The Kansas Honors Program, sponsored by the Alumni Association and the KU Endowment Association, has recognized the top 10 percent of high school seniors in each county in Kansas since 1971.

More than 60 seniors from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties and their parents will join in honoring Mr. Vollertsen, who earned bachelor degrees in biology and pharmacy in

1977 and 1980.

He began coordinating the county Kansas Honors Program after his graduation and has continued in this role since. He also has helped recruit pharmacy students to the university and has hosted rural-practice seminars in his store for students. He and his wife Becky, a member of the KU Class of 1978, are Jayhawk Society members of the Alumni Association.

The Clodfelter Award, created in 1986 by the Alumni Association, honors volunteers who serve as KU ambassadors in their home towns. The award is named for Ms. Clodfelter, who received a bachelor's degree in 1941 from KU and worked at KU for 47 years, 42 of them at the Alumni Association. Ms. Clodfelter, known to countless Jayhawks nationwide, retired in 1986 and lives in Lawrence.

Mr. Vollertsen said, "I want to thank the Alumni Association for this honor and particularly Ms. Clodfelter for the award. It is a privilege to work with the alumni association and to see the kids develop into young adults."

## Area students to be honored

Three Oberlin seniors are among students from 17 northwest Kansas high schools to be honored tonight by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and the KU Endowment Association.

A total of 51 seniors from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties will be named Kansas Honor Scholars at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Central Time at the Goodland Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade St. They are in the top 10 percent of their senior class.

Among those to be honored are Andrew Anderson, Anthony Marshall and Kelly Olson, Decatur Community High School; Nichole Spresser, Golden Plains; Tiffany Wheeler, Jennings; and Anikka Martin, Renae Solko and Emily Wolters, Rawlins County High School.

Kevin Boatright, associate execu-

tive vice chancellor for external affairs, will speak. Kansas Alumni Association representative Carolyn Barnes, director of the Kansas Honors Program, is in charge of the award presentations.

The dinner will cost parents and alumni \$13 each. Honored students will be guests of the Alumni and Endowment associations.

Perry and Janet Warren, Goodland, will serve as the site and Sherman County coordinators. Other coordinators include Wade Park, Oakley, Gove, Logan and Sheridan counties; Mike and Brenda Day, St. Francis, Cheyenne County; Kurt Vollertsen, Oberlin, Decatur County; Charles and Connie Peckham, Atwood, Rawlins County; and Sharon Steele, Colby, Thomas and Wallace counties.

The associations began the Kansas Honors Program in 1971, and it has honored 92,630 students since.

## Food pantry increases hours

The Decatur County Food Pantry, which has been open two days a week at the United Church of Oberlin, is now open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Other hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

Shari Rogers, a volunteer for the Decatur County Ministerial Association, is in charge of the pantry. She said that all items are now stored in the church basement. Applicants need to complete two forms for proof of identity and two for proof of income.

Items the pantry could use include

laundry and feminine hygiene products, canned carrots and peas and household cleaners.

The ZCJB Lodge and county 4-H clubs, both observing centennials this year, are sponsoring a food drive for the pantry at a free dance at the Bohemian Hall in Oberlin from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, April 30. Those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable item for the pantry.

For information, call (785) 475-2280 and leave a message or call Decatur County dispatch at 475-8100.

## Vineyard program Thursday

Harold Davidson, a member of the Nebraska Grape-Growers Association, will be presenting the Master Gardeners program on growing grapes and making wine at noon on Thursday at The Gateway.

Mr. Davidson has a vineyard, called Ravenswood Road Vineyard, near McCook and he has been growing grapes and making wine since the mid 1970s.

Everyone is welcome to bring a sack lunch to The Gateway at noon on Thursday. The free session will

be approximately an hour long. Handouts will be given on the structure of grape vines, a number of varieties grown by Ravenswood Vineyard and the process of wine making, as well as questions answered by Mr. Davidson.

This program will be the last of a series of Thursday noon seminars, called "Gardenmania," sponsored by the Decatur County Master Gardeners and the Decatur County Extension Office.

## Club News

### Poppy program planned

Plans were made to present a poppy program to the sixth graders at Oberlin Elementary School at 2:10 p.m. on Friday in the school lunch room when nine members of the American Legion Auxiliary met on April 13.

Joan Evans will assist the president with the program and all members are urged to attend. Poppy Day will be observed on May 27 in Oberlin.

Prayer was led by President Phyllis Metcalf followed by the flag salute and preamble. It was reported that membership is 133 with a goal of 145. Members helped serve the pancake feed sponsored by the Sons of Legionnaires for the Legion memorial fund on April 7.

### Piano students perform

Eileene Grose and Estella Waldo hosted the April 11 meeting of Pi Alpha Club at Sappa Valley Manor during which piano students of Cheryl Metcalf presented an enjoyable recital.

Participants included Britta Noren, Heather Glodt, Nolan Henningson, David and Michael Noren, Caleb Koerperich and Mary Olson. Accompanying the students were Jeni Henningson, Steve Noren, Sue Glodt, Chris Koerperich and Mariah, Aliah and Obadiah Jones. A \$10 donation will be made to the pool fund

Memorial Day plans were made and volunteers are needed in preparing the flags for the service. It is not necessary to be a member to help with this community project. Applications for scholarships were reviewed and two girls will receive \$250 each for college. They will be presented at the awards assembly on May 18.

Joan Evans presented a program on national security about how illegal immigrants are coming to the country and working in secured areas. She advised everyone to have a living will to make their wishes known in case something happens to them. Phyllis Metcalf was hostess.

Mrs. Grose read, "A Happy Home," recipe for devotions. The club will assist at the 4-H Building and the Sinko booth at the Decatur County Fair, but will discontinue their ice cream project there. Fourteen members were present and Doris Sloan won the hostess prize.

The final meeting of the club year will be at the home of Fern Wenger on April 25 with Estella Waldo assisting.

Installation of officers will be held and dues paid.

## Kanona and Norcatur tour planned Sunday

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will sponsor a history tour to Kanona and Norcatur on Sunday.

The group will leave from The Gateway parking lot at 2 p.m. The first stop will be at the original townsite of Kanona. Historian Ethel Johnson Taylor and others will talk about the history of the town.

The second stop will be at Auker Park on Main Street in Norcatur, where Ron Temple, Frank Ward and others will talk about the town's history.

The cost is covered by commission season tickets or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For details, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 475-3329.

## June wedding set by couple

Brooke Erin McConville and Mitchell Alan Nelms plan to marry on June 11 at Peace Lutheran Church in McCook.

Parents of the couple are Mark and Kim McConville and Merrit and Susan Nelms of Indianola, Neb., and Tom and Carol Miller of Dana Point, Calif.

Grandparents of the couple are Eileene Grose of Oberlin; Richard and Luella McConville and Lorraine Morosic of McCook; Max and Dona Nelms of Bartley, Neb.; and Robert and Elaine Miller of Oberlin.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Republican Valley High School. She earned an Associate of Arts degree in respiratory care at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Neb., and works at



M. Nelms, B. McConville

Children's Hospital in Omaha.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of Republican Valley High. He earned an associate's degree in auto-tech at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Neb., and works for Affordable Tire in Omaha.

## Drama team to perform

The Manhattan Christian College drama team will perform at the 9 a.m. morning worship services at Prairie Chapel and at 10:45 a.m. at the Oberlin United Methodist Church on Sunday.

The team will arrive at Prairie

Chapel on Saturday evening and a light meal will be served. A church-wide potluck dinner will follow the Oberlin service.

The group includes eight students who will share their faith and convictions through drama and humor.

## Windsong Chorus in Atwood

The Windsong Chorus of Sterling, Colo., will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Atwood Grade School.

Now in its 35th year, the award-winning Sweet Adelines group will present "Camp Calamine—Windsong Itches for Adventure," a music portrayal of kids at summer

camp, plus a musical salute to Colorado history. Two women's quartets, "KC Connection" and "Sterling Silver," will appear in the show.

The performance is sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association. Admission is by season ticket or \$8 for adults and \$4 for students at the door.

## June vows planned in Oberlin

Danielle Diederich and Jeffrey Leitner of Wichita plan to be married on Saturday, June 4, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Parents of the couple are Rocky and Teresa Diederich of Oberlin and Danny Joe and Jean Ann Leitner of Herndon.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and will complete a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management with a Certificate in Leadership from Fort Hays State University in May.

Her fiance graduated from Hern-



D. Diederich and J. Leitner

don High School and Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland with an Associate and Technical Degree in Electronics.

## Couple honored on 30th

Paul and Angela Corcoran of Oberlin were honored by their daughters, Crystal, Maureen, Regina, Roxann and Bridget, with a dinner on Friday evening at their home for their 30th wedding anniversary.

Angela Corder and Paul Corcoran were married on April 19, 1975, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin by Father Richard Lutgen. Robert Corcoran was best man and Kathy Townsend was maid of honor. Other attendants were Steve Corder and Kathy Tresner.

Those attending the dinner, besides the honored couple, were Robert and Patricia Corcoran, Tarentum, Pa.; Barbara Mitchell, Gill-



Paul and Angela Corcoran

ette, Wyo.; Rosemary Bertagnoli, Lakewood, Colo.; Chris and Janice Corcoran, Megan and Allison, Fort Collins, Colo.; Ray Corcoran and Bernard Corcoran, Oberlin; Crystal and Dennis Mahan, Hays; Maureen Corcoran, Salina; Regina Corcoran, Ulysses; and Roxann Corcoran and Bridget Corcoran, Manhattan.

## Prayer service Sunday

A community prayer service is planned for 7 p.m. Sunday at the Bohemian Hall on the grounds of the Decatur County Museum.

A community prayer vigil is scheduled from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, at the Oberlin Covenant Church, 810 W. Cedar.

Call Pastor Heidi Wiebe of the Oberlin Covenant Church with items to be included in the vigil.

Both events are for the whole community, and are sponsored by the Decatur County Ministerial Association.

## Happy 85th Birthday Lela Huff

The family of Lela Huff would like to honor her with a card shower for her 85th birthday on April 28th.

Cards will reach her at:  
1430 West 102 Place, Northglenn, CO 80260



## You're Invited

Please join us Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center for a Retirement Celebration honoring Marian Dempewolf  
Public Invited

## High Plains Artfest Show & Sale

The High Plains Artfest would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous contributions to help make the first High Plains Artfest a great success.

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- Seeds of Hope Telethon
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- Kansas Arts Commission, a state organization
- National Endowment for the Arts, a federal organization

## New Arrival

### Trey Braden Faimon

Chris and Catherine (Braden) Faimon of Burlington are the parents of a son, Trey Braden Faimon, born at 8:21 p.m. on April 10, 2005, at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center in Chanute. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. He was wel-

comed home by brother Eric, 3, and sister Brooke, 2. Grandparents are Randall and Mary Braden of Hays, and the late Rozanne Braden; and Gabe and Nancy Faimon, Burlington. Great-grandparents are Beryl and Mel Harris, Fort Scott, and Alice Faimon, McDonald.

Happy 30th Anniversary, Mom and Dad



Love, Your 5 Daughters

## DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 28, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30. Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Deadline for reservations is May 19, 2005. Price per plate is \$12.50 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name	Class
Spouse or Guest Name	Class
Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name.	
If spouse/guest is also an alumni, please indicate the class year he/she would like to be seated with: <input type="text"/>	
Late registrations accepted, but no guarantee on sitting with your class.	

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