

Women's conference set for March in Hays

"The Leadership Advantage: Kansas Women's Leadership Conference," is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30, at the Fox Pavilion, 1202 Main St., in Hays.

The event, sponsored by the Fort Hays State University Center for Civic Leadership, coincides with Women's History Month.

Although the walking conference begins at the Fox Pavilion, breakout sessions will be held around the historic Chestnut Street District.

"We want to provide a forum for discussion on issues, concepts and skills regarding leadership development for all Kansas women," said Christie Brungardt, conference administrator and university instructor in leadership studies. "We're hoping to encourage and enhance the ability of the attendees to actively participate in leadership at all levels."

Conference objectives include networking opportunities for women, encouraging development of leadership in women of all generations, mentoring between and among women and fostering a celebration of women's diversity.

Ann Crittenden, author of "If You've Raised Kids, You Can Manage Anything: Leadership Begins at Home," will be the keynote speaker. An award-winning journalist from Washington, she has worked as a reporter for *The New York Times*, as a financial writer and foreign correspondent for both *Newsweek* and *Fortune* magazines, and as an economic commentator for CBS News. She has served on the board of the International Center for Research on Women and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

"We couldn't have chosen a better date," said Brungardt. "Not only does the conference happen to fall at the end of Women's History Month, but it's also the same day as the Eagle Radio Ladies' Fair. We're confident that our attendees will gain valuable insight on women's roles in leadership, and they'll have a great time doing it."

Registration deadline is March 15. The \$79 fee includes all conference materials. For details or to register, call Amie Wright at (785) 628-5866, or visit www.kansaswomensleadership.org.

Oberlin woman earns degree

Shayla Williby of Oberlin graduated from Fort Hays State University in December with a bachelor's degree in sociology and certification in grant writing and life issues.

She said she started work toward a master's in health care administration with an emphasis in long-term care administration and gerontology last week.

Mrs. Williby plans to transfer to the master's program at the University of Southern California through correspondence in the fall. She works at Hays Medical Center in the oncology department and will graduate in May 2008 with her master's degree as a family nurse practitioner.

She is a 1976 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Her husband, Doug, is a transport driver for SEMCrude. The couple's daughter, Cammi Dickinson, lives in Hays with her husband, Brett, and son, Treger.

Sons Josh and Justin Williby also live in Hays. Josh works at Home Depot and will graduate from Fort Hays State in May 2008 with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a major in industrial technology. Justin, a crop adjuster, also will graduate in 2008 with a bachelor's in agronomy.

Mrs. Williby is the daughter of Shirley Ward of Oberlin and the late John Ward.

Comedian to perform Jan. 27

Ben Ulin, a comedian and illusionist, will perform at Morgan Theater in The Gateway at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Known as Iowa's favorite comedy magician for over 18 years, Mr. Ulin claims he has headlined at every major comedy club and performed for hundreds of company functions and colleges throughout the Midwest.

He is the main attraction at Adventureland Amusement Park, the longest-running show for 10 years, and performs with Kenneth Mull-

er's Comedy Productions. Now, he has combined his club act with big-time illusions to create one of the funniest touring magic shows ever.

His show includes music, costumes, audience participation, a beautiful lady assistant and tricks both large and small.

Sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities, this is a season ticket event or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For details, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel, (785) 475-3329.

Women's club to observe 75th

Plans for the 75th anniversary of Decatur Professional Women in March were discussed when 15 members met on Jan. 10 at The Gateway for lunch. Roll call was answered by members suggesting a New Year's resolution for the club.

Treasurer Megan Carter conducted the meeting; guests were Chloe Harmon and Cathy Rieken.

Ideas from previous celebrations were rounded up for the anniversary committee, which will bring back ideas to the February meeting.

Ms. Rieken, director of the 180 House in Oberlin, gave a presentation on how the house works. She said the boys would like to help out by doing community projects.

Connie Grafel told members that the next Decatur Tomorrow Com-

munity Forum will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the high school cafeteria.

Jan Badsky said a fund raiser is scheduled on Feb. 15 for the Good Samaritan Center with proceeds going to purchase a new van. She also said she would bring an updated schedule/sign-up sheet to the next meeting for members working at Sunflower Cinema.

Kimberly Davis gave a report on the Seeds of Hope Telethon coming up on Saturday, Feb. 3, and said volunteers are needed to serve food and for other work. Call her at (785) 475-3510 or 475-2206 for details.

The meeting closed with the club collect. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at The Gateway.

Jeweler adds laser welder

Terry Peterson of Peterson Jewelers in McCook has purchased a laser welder for repairing and manufacturing jewelry.

Mr. Peterson, who has more than 30 years experience as a bench jeweler, said recent advances in laser technology enable jewelers to restore and repair vintage items, create modern jewelry and safely work

on heat-sensitive pieces with the LaserStar workstation from Crafford-LaserStar Technologies Corp.

He said he took three days of intensive factory training at the plant in Austin with instructors who work in the jewelry industry, and they shared practical application for the new technology.

Foundation offers free trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person from Kansas who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation this month as part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees include two white flowering dogwood, two flowering crabapple, two Washington hawthorne, two American redbud and two golden rain trees.

They will be shipped postpaid this spring at the right time for planting, along with instructions. The six-to-12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and "The Tree Book."

To become a member, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska

City, Neb., 68410, by Jan. 31 or go online to www.arborday.org.



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Vera Lindemann accompanied Gene and Yve Lindemann of Littleton, Colo., to Wichita, where she spent the holidays with Polly Lindemann. They were joined by Rocke Lindemann, Troy and Kimberly Lindemann, Luke and Elise, and Marilyn Lindemann, all of Wichita, for Christmas. Gene and Yve then took Mrs. Lindemann to Otis to visit Kent and Pat Reinhardt and family, then they brought her home.

Among area students who have been selected as new members for the Kansas State University Chapter of Golden Key Honor Society are: Libby Holste, Ludell, a senior in history; and Kelsey Dorshorst, Oberlin, a senior in psychology.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes returned home Saturday from Denver, where he had met her at the airport. She had spent a week in Tunisia in North Africa, where she studied the condition of women in that Islamic country. This was part of a newspaper women's visit.

Gail and Kay Marcuson spent the holidays with their daughters, Diane and Chuck Newcom and family in Denver and Julie and Mark Hubbard and family in Lakewood, Colo.

Galen Lafferty met his mother, Nadene Lafferty of McCook, at the airport in North Platte, Neb., on Thursday. She had visited in Boise, Idaho, with another son, Rodney and Beverly Lafferty and family since Dec. 14.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Wilma May, Veanna Carman, Aleen Van Vleet, Dorothy Moore, Dewaine Stapp, Elden Haas and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Aleen Van Vleet, Floyd Edgett, Elden Haas and Veanna Carman. Pitch highs were won by Aleen Van Vleet and Henry Edgett with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Floyd Edgett. Bridge winners were Leone Purton and Dorothy Cochran. There will be open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday. Senior potluck will be at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at the center.

Group plans to sponsor reading nights

Supporting Our Schools will sponsor Family Reading Nights once a month, beginning on Monday at Oberlin Elementary School.

The "come-and-go event" evenings will allow families to bring their own books or use books from the school library and enjoy some time reading together.

Reading nights will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, Feb. 12, March 12, and April 23. Prizes will be given at each event.

The group asks that anyone who'd like to donate a bean bag chair to the school for this event drop it by the office or call President Pam May at (785) 475-3606.

 A Buck In The Hand Is Worth More Than A Garage Full Of Junk. Call The Oberlin Herald Classifieds 785-475-2206

Mae Guy is celebrating her 90th Birthday on January 25th. You may help her celebrate by sending cards and greetings to her at 108 E. Ash, Room 309, Oberlin, KS 67749.

Bargain Box Plus makes \$10,000 donation

During 2006 Bargain Box Plus, a thrift store operated by Marilou Long and Ann Mines at 106 N. Beaver, donated \$10,000 to projects in Oberlin, Jennings, Norcat and McCook.

The store accepts donated clothing, household and miscellaneous items, and proceeds from sales go to community projects.

Recipients in 2006 included the Jennings Library, \$500; Rotary Radio Day, \$200; Oberlin Business Alliance for Christmas decorations, \$100; FROGS camp, \$500; Oberlin Rotary after-prom party, \$100; Oberlin Business Alliance, \$500;

Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, \$500; Seeds of Hope Telethon, \$3,000; Oberlin Headstart, \$200; Junior Red Devil football, \$100; Decatur Community High School girls basketball concessions, \$100; McCook Humane Society, \$100; Norcat Museum, \$500; Jennings Czech Museum, \$500; Decatur County Museum, \$500; girls sports group, \$100; Sunflower Cinema, \$500; Oberlin Fire Department, \$500; Jennings Fire Department, \$500; Norcat Fire Department, \$500; and the Decatur County Food Pantry, \$500.

Woman honored on 80th

Edna (Herron) Swafford of Seattle was honored with a party on Wednesday evening, Jan. 3, at the Golden Age Center for her 80th birthday. She is a sister of June Fortin of rural Oberlin and a 1944 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Guests were Judy and Don Macha, Jayden and Jace McLain, and Cheney Hopkins, Plainview, Texas; Jesse and Cindy Carlisle and Callie, Jill and Terry McCorkle, and Barrett Eiler, McCook; Anita Mumm, Mason, Jack and Collin, Joyce and David Juenemann, Jesse and Lucas, Selden; Irma Mottley,

Suffolk, Va.; Chase and Dana Juenemann, Hays; Megan Horinek, Atwood; Jeff Fortin, Becky, Kari, Jeb and Brady, Jobey Black, Jack and Donna Fortin and Angie, Amy and Kendal Carman, Isaac, Patience and Moriah, Jerry and Jolene Fortin, Darren and Erica Fortin and Jacie, Jane and Roger Carlisle and John, Jay and Shelli Fortin, Josh and Jacob, Roberta and Lynn Johnson, Jamie and Lisa Fortin, Lindsay, Lance, Lauren and Logan, Jason Fortin, Kennedy and Conner, June Fortin and Eula Juenemann, all of Oberlin.

Ensemble to perform Sunday

"Bach, Beatles and Bluegrass" will be presented by the Nashville Mandolin Ensemble at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Atwood High School Auditorium, sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association.

Using an array of mandolins, mandola, mandocello, violin, guitar

and bass, the group offers a unique string ensemble sound. They perform animated arrangements of classical, jazz, pop and contemporary styles.

Admission is by season tickets or \$8 for adults and \$4 for children at the door.

New Arrival

Caiden T. Cummings

Jacob and Jennifer Cummings of Lee's Summit, Mo., are the parents of a son, Caiden Turner, born Jan. 8, 2007. He weighed 8 pounds, and was 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Donna and Joe Cummings, Overland Park, and the late Kim Betts, and Steve and Carla Ahrens,

Jefferson City, Mo. Great-grandparents are Ella Betts, Oberlin, and the late James Betts, and the late Don and Mary Cohan.

Internet tonight 475-2206

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