



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hurla

Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Sarah Renee Stanley of Oberlin, and Andrew Francis Hurla of Tonganoxie were married on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. Father Jim Hoover officiated at the double-ring ceremony before an altar decorated with red poinsettias, white roses, gold bows, and Christmas greenery.

Parents of the couple are Joe and Regina Stanley, Oberlin, and Francis and Mary K. Hurla, Tonganoxie.

Organist was Mary Lohofener, Oberlin. Vocalists were Erin Doeden and Chris Smith, Oberlin.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a white dulciana satin gown fashioned with an ornately hand-patterned beaded bodice with an open neckline; hug-the-shoulder sleeves, sprinkled with petite crystal beads and silver beading; basque waistline with semi cathedral train.

Mandee Buchholz, Oberlin, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jessica Stanley, Oberlin, sister of the bride; Jenny Olson, Oberlin, and Laura Kennedy, Syracuse. They wore tuxedo style, short-sleeved, floor-length red satin gowns.

Marissa Stanley, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a mid-length, empire waist white satin dress featuring a red sash around her waist. Ring-bearer was Tyler Bruggeman, Oberlin, cousin of the bride.

Jason Krivjansky, Leavenworth, served as best man. Groomsmen were Craig Toews, Salina; Kevin Bronson,

Holyrood, and Matt Schroeder, Hays. Ushers were Jeff Hammons, Merriam; Daron Shuler, Lawrence, cousin of the bride; Walter Acheson, Overland Park, and Eric Goodman, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Stanley chose for her daughter's wedding an ivory two-piece suit. The bridegroom's mother wore a black, tuxedo style pant suit.

A reception, dinner and dance followed at The Gateway Center. Reception hosts were John and Linda Stanley, and Bob and Jo Ann Shuler, uncles and aunts of the bride.

Those assisting at the reception table were Dorothy McClain; Margaret Stanley and Alvera Bruggeman, aunts of the bride, and Earlene Bronson, Jessica Scott and Brooke Hammons were seated at the guest book. Mary Beth and Megan Stanley, cousins of the bride, were in charge of the gift table.

The bride graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1997 and will receive a Bachelor of Science in Business Education in May. She is currently student teaching at Trego Community High School in WaKeeney.

Her husband is a 1993 graduate of Tonganoxie High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and General Science from Fort Hays State University in 1999. He is a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Fort Hays State University.

After a wedding trip to Estes Park, Colo., they are currently at home in Hays.

Oberlin 4-H'ers collect ribbons

Decatur County 4-H members participated at Regional 4-H Club Day on Saturday at Brewster High School. Results include:

Blues: Rock Island Rockets, model meeting; Aaron Helm, novelty/other; Stick To It, skit; Jacob Helm, junior reading; Rory Wendelin, intermediate reading; Corey Fortin, senior reading; Dakota Soderlund, Sabrina Dellere, junior demonstration/illustrated talks;

Becky Helm, intermediate demonstrations/illustrated talks; Jacob Helm, Aaron Helm, Jared Marcuson, project talks; Jessica Fredrickson, piano solo; Aaron and Becky Helm, instrumental duets; Sunnie Fredrickson, instrumental solo.

Reds: Sarah Marcuson, piano solo; Sarah Marcuson and Anne Marie Wasson, piano duet; Sunnie Fredrickson, vocal solo.

Club News

Club learns about fire safety

Thirteen members of Pi Alpha Club filled the office/meeting room of the Oberlin Fire Station on March 26 when they met for a fire safety program with Fire Chief Bill Cathcart. He has held that position for 13 years, following his father, the late Gerald Cathcart, who served as fire chief for 25 years.

He reviewed fire safety rules in the home, answered questions and emphasized the importance of working smoke alarms on all floors. Trent Townsend speedily donned 30 pounds of clothing and gear used for full fire attire. There are 40 dedicated volunteers who serve the four units in the county for Oberlin, Norcatour

and Jennings. They are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

They toured the facility to see the trucks and equipment. It also houses the 1928 General Motors first motorized fire truck in Oberlin, purchased for \$5,000. It was later sold, then later traced to Texas and returned to Oberlin for \$5,000. Members then went to the United Methodist Fellowship Hall for refreshments served by hostesses Estella Waldo and Joy Russell. A card was signed for Margaret Lund and a donation made to the fire department.

The next meeting will be on Saturday at the Pat Wright home for an 8 a.m. spring breakfast.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met for breakfast at Janey's Frontier Restaurant on March 28.

Those present included: Goldie Raulston, Mae Guy, Cecil Hess, Marianna Bendon, Blanche Skubal, Millie Lippelmann, Veanna Orr, Ruby Wennihan, Nadean Stoney, Alice Shirley, Elva Shaughnessy, Esther Carlson, Dorothy Jackson, Mildred Holmdahl, Eileene Grose, Evelyn Olson and Bernie Fred.

Mrs. Grose announced that the group will go to Atwood on April 11 for a noon luncheon at the downtown Park Hill Too Cafe. Tentative plans are to tour the Mustard Seed, in the old opera house, and possibly the Oil Depot, if open. Drivers may get their rides, as usual, and meet at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church. Other drivers or those needing rides may call Doris Sloan at 475-2445, or Mrs. Grose at 475-3660.

Woman named administrator

Janice Shobe has been named administrator of the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood and will begin her new position on April 23.

She will replace Shawn Sullivan, who is transferring to Lyons, where his wife, Jennifer, has relatives.

Mrs. Shobe, the former Janice Wesch, is a 1968 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She earned a degree in education from Kansas State University and her Master of Business in Education was from

the University of South Dakota. Her parents are Nila Wesch of Oberlin, and the late Carl Wesch.



Janice Shobe

She worked a year as office manager at the Atwood Good Samaritan Center after she and her husband, Ken and family moved to Oberlin. She transferred to Oberlin as office manager at Good Samaritan Center a year later. She has received her administrator's license and taken her internship under Administrator Joyce Ploussard.

Jennings students rank high

Music students from Prairie Heights School at Jennings who captured I ratings at the Regional Music Festival in Oberlin on Saturday will be attending the state festival in Wichita on April 28. Kay Brown is their instructor.

Those with I ratings include: Kristi Smith, vocal solo; Kristi Smith, Sarah Meitl, Katie Randolph, Nickie Rhodes, Whitney DuBois and Lori Vahling, woodwind sextet; Peggy Foster, con-

tra-alto clarinet solo; Lori Vahling, saxophone solo; Brett McKenna, Adam Wahlmeier, Ben Rhodes, Chris McKenna, Russell Miller Justin Bolt, trumpet sextet.

Students receiving II ratings were Kristi Smith, Sarah Meitl, flute solos; Ben Rhodes, trumpet solo; Sara Kier, baritone solo; Theo Stone, vocal solo; Ann Carter, Ryan Miller, Adam Miller and Grant Bailey, trombone quartet.

University honors seniors

Students from 18 Northwest Kansas high schools will be honored on Thursday by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and the KU Endowment Association at Goodland.

The University of Kansas will honor area high school seniors at a dinner and program, beginning at 5:30 p.m. (mountain daylight time) at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main, in Goodland.

The top 10 percent of high school seniors from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace coun-

ties will be named Kansas Honor Scholars.

Among area students to be honored include: Byron McFee, Grant Reynolds and Mallory Sullivan, Oberlin; Chris Broeckelman and Angela Albers, Golden Plains; Angela Cash, Herndon, and G.G. Launchbaugh, Hoxie.

Jon Swindell, associate professor of design, will speak.

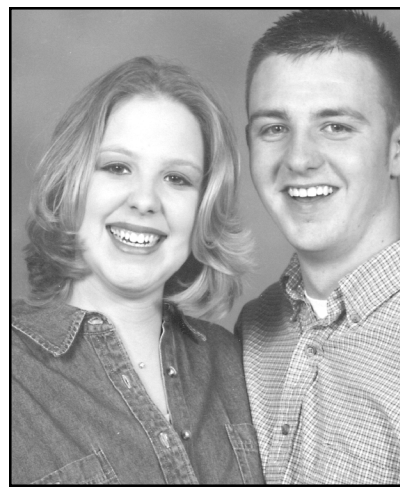
Cost for parents and alumni will be \$11 each. Honored students will be guests of the two associations. Kurt Vollertsen of Oberlin is coordinator for Decatur County.

Couple to marry in June

Wendy Ann Smith and Brandon Jon Carr will be married on June 23 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays.

Parents of the couple are Ron and Christine Smith, Hoisington, and Brett and Pam Carr, Oberlin.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Hoisington High School. She graduated in 1998 from Barton County Community College and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Fort Hays State University in 2000. She is working on her Masters Degree at Fort Hays State University. She is employed at Kelly Center at the university.



Wendy Smith and Brandon Carr

Her fiance graduated in 1998 from Decatur Community High School in Oberlin. He is a student at Fort Hays State University, where he is majoring in Computer Information Systems. He is employed at Sykes Enterprises in Hays.

Landscape artist to give program

Terry Mandell, landscape artist from Hays, will present a program at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at The Gateway, sponsored by the Master Gardeners of Decatur County.

He will provide information on land-

scaping yards and answer questions.

All interested persons are invited. For details, contact Judith Marietta, Marcia Hasselbusch, Diane Frickey, or Phyllis McKay.

Church plans praise services

Oberlin Covenant Church will begin having Wednesday evening praise celebrations at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday night. "The Bridge," a musical group from Norton's First United Methodist Church, will join them for the new schedule tonight.

Members of the group include:

Glenn Krebs, bass; Dan Sturgill, keyboard; Troy Leiker and Chuck Look, guitars; Janet Look, drums, and Kelley Krebsbauch and Lee Ann Wallace, vocalists.

These evenings are casual, filled with laughter, conversation and goodies. Everyone is invited.

Decatur County Museum

Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m.

in the Bohemian Hall
at the Museum.

Dessert Bar will be served.

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We have received a new shipment of Colonial at Home Candles and Camille Beckman Creams, new Aromas and Fragrances.

Card of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks to all our friends, who sent cards and memorials, provided food, support and prayers during our time of sorrow and great loss. A special thanks to the doctors and staff at the hospital and CLC for their excellent care, support, and concern during the last 10 months; to the staff at the drug store for all their help, and to the staff at Pauls Funeral Home.

Sharon and Rusty

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New Arrival

Caden Arthur Whetzel

Steve and Kim Whetzel of Hartwell, Ga., are the parents of a son, Caden Arthur, born March 29, 2001. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are

Dave and Marge Whipple, Edwards, Mo.; Pat Whetzel, Oberlin, and the late Robert Whetzel. Art and Loretta Nelson of Oberlin are his great-grandparents.

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