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People in Our Community

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Krysten and Matthew Watkins

Topeka couple marries at Leoville Catholic church

Krysten Miller, Topeka, became the bride of Matthew Watkins, also of Topeka, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville. Father Ben Saw officiated. Parents of the couple are Jerry Miller, Gem; Carolyn Miller, Oberlin; and Daniel and Judy Watkins, Hoxie. Honored guests were the bride's grandmother, Lucille Miller of Norton and the bridegroom's grandparents, Bob and Pat Nelson of Colby. The bride was escorted to the altar by her father with Kassia Bryan as train bearer. She carried a bouquet of white and light blue daisies and white roses. Serving as maid of honor was Jaqueline Auker of Loveland, Colo. Bridesmaids were Danielle Watkins, Hoxie; Summer Creed, Conway Springs; Natalie Brown, Salina; and Tara Gassman, Hoxie. They carried bouquets of white and light blue daisies. Readers were Ken and Mary Lou Gudenkauf. Eucharist ministers were Larry and Joyce Washburn. Candelights were Hunter Bryan, Oberlin, and Taylor Washburn, Denver.

Jorne Smith, Omaha, carried the rings and Sky Creed, Conway Springs, was flower girl. Ushers were Bryan Miller and Scott Miller, Oberlin; Drew Washburn, Colby; and Mark Watkins, Salina. Erin Doeden of Anthony was the soloist and sang "From This Moment", "Ave Maria" and "I Need You," accompanied by organist Shelley McKenna. Best man was Steve Watkins, Topeka. Groomsmen were Eric Miller, Topeka; Gregg Smith, Omaha; Derrick Sutton, Euless, Texas; and Aaron Brantley, Manhattan. Men of the wedding party wore boutonnieres of white roses. Seated at the guest book were Kem Bryan and Lindsay Sowers. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Elks Club in Hoxie with Marilyn Tophane, Becky Smith and Marilyn Sowers serving. Kristy Ostmeyer and Jill Sowers were in charge of the gift table. The bride is studying social work at Washburn University and the bridegroom is a master brokerage representative with Personalized Brokerage Services. They are making their home in Topeka.

Layoff workshop planned

The Northwest Kansas Workforce Network plans to offer workshops where needed in the 18 counties of northwest Kansas for those dealing with the effects of a layoff. Most of the workshops are free. They will help those being laid off and make the transition as smooth as possible. Rapid Response services offer support to both employers and employees and also provide important information for employees. Once employees are notified of the layoff date, employers can make arrangements for the Rapid Response team to visit the job site. Conducting the meeting prior to the separation date allows workers time to consider their options before the actual layoff. During the meeting, the team explains pertinent information to the employees who are facing the prospect of unemployment. It also provides pre-layoff information on Unemployment Insurance, dealing with the personal and financial impact of unemployment as well as information on the various programs offered through the Workforce Network. Employees who attend the Rapid Response meeting have the option of being contacted by a case manager. During the one-on-one meeting, employees complete a skill assessment and begin to develop an employment plan with specific career goals. It may include services from job search assistance to classroom training or on-the-job training. For details contact Cathy Patterson, coordinator, at (785) 628-8201.

Three receive promotions

Rhonda Goddard has been named chief operating officer for Rural Telephone's regulated operations at Lenora. She began her career with Rural 10 years ago and currently is chief financial officer. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Fort Hays State University and is a certified public accountant. Other promotions include Diana Smith, who will take on additional responsibilities in finance and ac-

counting. She has worked there for nearly seven years and has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Fort Hays State. Larry Cheeseman, Colorado Springs, has joined the management team at Rural Telephone, and will have revenue requirements and regulatory responsibilities. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Adams State College and has over 26 years of experience in the regulated telephone industry. Chadron State College for a February 2003 exhibit at Chadron, Neb. Twelve artists are selected each year to be featured at the museum. Each receives a stipend for exhibiting and traveling expenses.

Paintings to be featured

The Dane Hansen Museum of Logan will feature 25 paintings, mainly of watercolor media, by Norma Stevens during January. Mrs. Stevens has had two paintings accepted into a juried exhibit at

bag gift exchange was enjoyed following the meal. The next meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 6, due to the fact that the regular meeting date would be New Year's Day. They will gather at 11 a.m. at the home of Rosemary Bergling, go to Colby for lunch and then visit The Craft Peddler in Brewster.

Hobby Club enjoys lunch

The Hello There Hobby Club met at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin for their annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 4. Those present were Ardythe Cederberg, Mary Holle, Elma Lee Erickson, Rosemary Bergling, Violet Holle, Vicky Mumm, Maxine Wright, Daisy Schmidt, Margaret Brown, and Eulaine Benda. A grab

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Holiday dinner guests of Jerald and Elaine Leitner on Thursday were Karla, John, Dustin and Jerad Sullivan, Colby; Jeremy and Jason Bryant, and Karen Roesch, Manhattan, and Haley, Kaydee and Andy Leitner.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Diana and Sam Steinmetz were Delpha Steinmetz and Terry Steinmetz, Norton; Amanda Chambers, Hays; Cricket Steinmetz, Sterling; Luetta Pollnow, Kay and Andy Chambers, Rich Grafel and Adam Steinmetz.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Jones were Tina Jones, Seal Beach, Calif.; and Eugene, Tonya, Jeremy and Jordan Tally, Florence Jones and Ann Leitner, Oberlin.

Carmem Correa and Wanda Correa of Sao Paulo, Brazil spent Christmas week with Chuck and Joy Votapka. Additional holiday guests were Charlie and Gina Votapka and family, Ogallala, Neb.; Nancy and Nicole Ellis, Topeka, and Dan and Lisa Votapka and family, Oberlin. The Correas prepared a Brazilian meal for them on Saturday.

Allen Robey is hospitalized in Kearney, Neb. Mail will reach him at Good Samaritan Hospital, In-patient Rehab, Room 244, 31st and Central, Kearney, Neb., 68847.

Christmas Eve supper guests of Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh were Brad and Michelle Simonsson, Braylon, Colton, and Taylor, Wamego; Brent Simonsson and Stephanie Gaskill, Manhattan; Brian and Pam Simonsson, Breck and Nathan, Travis Castle, and Vic and Opal Bryan. Sunday dinner guests were Dan and Sheryl Peters, Shawnee; Scott and Angie Slabaugh and Gwen, Hill City; Krista Simonsson and Brian Gutchewsky, Lawrence; and Brian and Pam Simonsson, Breck and Nathan.

Lindsay and Lacy Haynes of Lawrence left Sunday after spending the holidays with their parents, Steve and Cynthia Haynes. While here, Lindsay worked at *The Oberlin Herald* and Lacy painted his bedroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters and Mr. and Mrs. Fernanda Pena, Denver, attended the Christmas Eve program at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood to see Ashley and Levi James Wolters. The Penas spent from Tuesday to Thursday at the Gus Wolters home. Additional Christmas Day dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wolters, April, Ashley, and Levi James, Ludell; Lacy Wolters, Hays, and Dorothy Wolters, a resident of the Good Samaritan Center.

A Christmas Eve gathering at the home of Thaniel and Jennifer Monaco, Madison and Lawson included Bob and Deanna Castle, Calise Castle and friend, Adriaan Heydenrick of South Africa; Valisha Castle and Kariah, Hays; Devan and Sarah Castle, Rebekka and Maiah, Quinter; Janice (Castle) Kestenbaum and her fiancé, Eduardo Ferrado, Denver; Carolyn Shirley and Shannon Harris, Colby; Curtis and Chris Walston and Desirae, and Doris Fringer, Oberlin. On Christmas Day, they were all at the Bob and Deanna Castle home for dinner.

Dolores Koerperich spent the weekend visiting Donna, Todd and Trevin Reinert in Topeka and made the acquaintance of her new grandson, Taylor Eugene Reinert, born Dec. 18. His aunt, Karen Ostmeyer, and cousins, Kayla, Nicholas and Jacob, also visited there.

Gail and Kay Marcuson were houseguests of Diane, Chuck, Natalie and Chip Newcom of Denver from Dec. 22-27. They enjoyed the "Festival of Lights" at Calvary Baptist Church in which Diane was a choir member. They also attended Dickens' "Christmas Carol" at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

Bill and Donna Goss spent from Monday to Friday with their daughter and family, Joan and Steve Class and Michael in Denver and were joined by other family members for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Skoda, Jennifer and Julia, Houston, Texas, spent a week over the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Skoda.

Meagan and Breanna Ayers of Salina were houseguests from Saturday to Tuesday of their grandparents, Mike and Janeil Jensen.

Marilyn Henke of Manhattan, Dr. Jo Beaty of Coronado, Calif., and Connie Grafel attended the K-State/Arizona State Holiday Bowl football game in San Diego on Friday.

Mary Ann Amack accompanied Jerry and Sue Anderson of Holdenville, Okla., to Meeker, Colo., where they spent Christmas week with Kevin and Georgann Amack, Madeline and Annelise.

Jennifer Thomas was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Fort Hays State University for the fall semester. She is a freshman, majoring in chemistry. She is the daughter of Dennis and Kaylene Thomas, and brother of Jason Thomas of Oberlin. Her grandparents are Donald and Marie Thomas, Oberlin, and Donald and Elaine Mann, Norton.

Lori and Kevin Lawn, Jordan and Caidan, Kearney, Neb.; Sherri Ayers and family, Great Bend; and Mike and Janeil Jensen were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mildred Holmdahl.

Christmas week guests at the homes of Gene and Marcella Leitner of Oberlin and Denis and Wilma Tongish of Herndon were Patricia Tongish, Ashley, Lesley, John and Jarrett, Newton; Barbara Leitner, Farmington, N.M., and Donna Wilson and Desiree, Wichita.

Bob and Deanna Castle left Saturday for Denver to attend the Neil Diamond Show, a gift from their family in observance of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Holiday guests of Norm and Julie Gallentine were Becky and Al Rohr, Colorado Springs; Hayley and Dave Wilson, Manhattan, N.Y.; Emily and Dale Waldo, Salina; Daphne and Brad Plumer and Malynn, Salina; Austin Gillund, Emporia; Gary and Tracey Gallentine, Titusville, Fla.; Ashley and Kelly Gallentine, Columbia, S.C.; Gene and Kristi Gallentine, Jason and Kelsey, Clayton; Rex Gallentine, Jordan and Braden, Milford; Tami and Joel Shaw and Dante, Oberlin.

Gene and Helen Gee returned home Thursday from Topeka, where they had visited Beverly and Robert Keys. On Monday evening they were honored with a tour of Kansas City decorated homes, shopping at the Plaza and dessert at the Cheesecake Factory in observance of their October wedding anniversary. Tuesday evening they attended the Topeka Bible Church Christmas Eve service. Also attending were Darren and Deb Nigus, Amanda, Jesse and Mika, Topeka. All were guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Keys for Christmas refreshments following the program, then were Christmas Day dinner guests. While there the Keys talked to their daughter, who is in Auchen, Germany.

Franklin and Michele Kolsky and Andrew, and Mable Mitchell, Irwin, Utah, spent from Saturday to Thursday at the Franklin Kolsky home in Oberlin visiting relatives and friends.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Kenneth Van Vleet, Henry Edgett, Sandra Young and Elsie Goodnight. Lows went to Doris Miller, Veanna Orr and Kenneth Van Vleet. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Myrtle Waldo with lows going to Kenneth Van Vleet and Aleen Van Vleet. A New Year's Eve party will begin at 8 p.m. Bring snacks and favorite games.

Steve and Kathy Fraker and family of Fallon, Nev., plan to leave Thursday after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fraker of Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wade of Russell.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Eugene Wurm, Herndon, were his daughters and families, Judy Jordan, Christopher, Karyn, Sean and Daniel, Oberlin; and Shanna and Brad Long and Miranda, Norcatur; his grandchildren, Travis Nichols and friend, Anna Leibbrandt, and Ryan and Rebecca Nichols, all of Danbury.

A Wasson family get-together was enjoyed Sunday evening at The Gateway. Those present included: Donald Wasson, Dan and Carol Wasson, Anne Marie and Nolan; Tom and Tammy Wasson, Jordin and Braden, Jim Wasson, LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt, Joe and Vicki Schmidt, Barry and Tanner, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, Dennis and Judy Shirley, Tom and Leanna Sloan and Doris Sloan.

Christmas Day guests of Dale and

Lenore Carlisle were Randy, Cheryl and Dustin Thull, Victoria; Tim, Donna, Lee and Craig Urban, Olathe; Roger, Jane, James and John Carlisle, Oberlin. Other callers during Christmas week were Don and Shirley Carlisle, Dewey, Ariz.; Lori Chavez, Topeka, and Bonnie, Kelly, Kathleen and Carlie Schiltz, Menlo.

Bob and Kay Gaskill had as holiday houseguests Guy Gaskill, Winona; Artur Andrzejak, Poland; Lori Gaskill, Denver; Ray Kriegbaum, Boulder, Colo.; and Shad, Jody and Bryson Metcalf, Colorado Springs.

Don and Shirley Carlisle, Dewey, Ariz.; Lori Chavez, Topeka, and

Lisa Carlisle, Garland, Texas, arrived Thursday to visit relatives and attend the open house on Friday, which honored their mother and grandmother, Florence Jones, at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. She will be 100 years old on Jan. 27.

Kenny and Colleen Gee, Justin and Jacob, celebrated Christmas on Saturday afternoon at the home of Gene and Helen Gee.

Tom and Leanna Sloan of Hoxie, Dennis and Judy Shirley and Doris Sloan spent Christmas with Cindi Sauder, Brad and Jaime, in Lewisville, Texas.



Mildred and Gerald Green

Couple weds in Colby

Mildred Barnett of Colby and Gerald Green of Herndon were married in a double-ring ceremony on Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

Father Galen Long, Father Damian Richards and Monsignor Jim Reinert officiated. They will live in Colby in the winter and in Herndon in the summer.

Concert set at McCook

C.C. Turner Music Ministries will present a free sloppy joe supper at 6 p.m., followed by a concert at 7 p.m. at the Red Willow County Community Building, W. 5th and O Street, in McCook on Friday, Jan. 10. They are returning to McCook

with a new concert and new image, working behind the scenes with Mother's House Publishing. Those attending may register at the door for one of the free gifts which will be given away during the concert.

Woman honored on 100th

Florence Jones, a resident of Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, was honored with an open house in the dining room on Friday in observance of her 100th birthday, which will be Jan. 27.

Hosts were her son and family, Dwayne and Betty Jones, and her daughter and family, Shirley and Don Carlisle.

Those attending included: Lori Chavez, Sally Ramirez, Topeka; Lisa Carlisle, Garland, Texas; Bob and Mary Brown, Omaha; Clara Ann Hoffman, Denver; Connie Graning, Holbrook, Neb.; Don and Shirley Carlisle, Dewey, Ariz.; Ruth

Laidig, Elsie Macy, Helen Styles, Pauline Zander, Vivian Bishop, Phyllis Metcalf, Eryline Nichols, Neva Campbell, Vergie Nygren, Eugene, Tonya, Jeremy and Jordan Tally, Garrah Gaumer, Erma Holt, Loyd and Mary Waldo, Maxine Chambers, Anita Ketterl, Ruby Shuler, Hattie Olson, Jan Badsky, Dena Gillespie, John and Muriel Ready, Loretta McFee, Coleen Rippe, Harold and Glenva Nichols, Howard Banta, Elfie Brown, Laurene Dempewolf, Jody Betts, Charles and Donna Lincoln, Edna Mott, Carol Witt, Fern Moore, and Dwayne and Betty Jones, Oberlin.

New Arrivals

Taylor Eugene Reinert

Todd and Donna Reinert of Topeka are the parents of a son, Taylor Eugene, born Dec. 18, 2002. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He has a brother, Trevin. Grandparents are Dolores Koerperich, Oberlin, and the late Eugene Koerperich; Marvin Reinert, Salina, and Betty Hayes, Wichita. Great-grandmothers are Gladys Hayes, Wichita, and Marie Haesemeyer, Salina.

Spencer Ryan Wishon

Jon and Ana Wishon of Oberlin

are the parents of a son, Spencer Ryan, born Dec. 18, 2002, at Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. He weighed 5 pounds, 14.1 ounces and was 18 inches long. Grandparents are Lloyd Wishon, Oberlin, and the late Pat Wishon; and Francisco and Maria Elena Zuniga, Guadalajara, Mexico. Honorary grandparents are Jon and Carol Peters, Gresham, Ore. Great-grandparents are Albert Unger, Oberlin, and the late Velma Unger; and Martha Delgadillo Giad, and Maria Antonia Loza, Guadalajara, Mexico.



Happy over the hill Birthday to the baby of the family