

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Kieth and Dorothy Alstrom were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary, Thursday, Dec. 25, with a supper at the home of Jerry and Montine Alstrom. Additional supper guests were Gary, Becky, Casey and Nikki Alstrom, Oberlin; and Mark and Jessica Luck, Wichita. Evening callers were Nora Bearley, Oberlin; Jim and Sandy Allen, Littleton, Colo.; Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley, and DeWane Repshire, Russell Springs.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Dwayne and Betty Jones were Tina Jones, Seal Beach, Calif.; Florence Jones, Ann Leitner, and Gene and Tonya Tally, Jeremy and Jordan.

Enjoying the holiday weekend from Friday to Sunday with their parents, Don and Charlotte Meints, were Rod and Donna Carlson, Grand Island, Neb.; Mike and Glenda Walinder, McCook; Mark Walinder and Jenna Patterson, Denver; and Stan Meints, Fort Worth, Texas.

Dan and Melinda Grafel, Kade and Isabel, and Greg and Amanda Grafel, Kel and Reece were Christmas Eve guests of their mother and grandmother, Connie Grafel. Christmas evening visitors were Ardith Wayne, Gary and Janell Walters, and Sarah Walter, Overland Park.

—Open New Year's Eve, Frontier Restaurant.

Guests of Nelda Vaughn over Christmas were Gary and Judy Vaughn, Henderson, Colo.; the Todd Vaughn family, Westminster, Colo.; Tonie Owens, John and Mark, Suwanee, Ga., and Tamra Owen and Jordan, Kansas City, Mo.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Dewaine Stapp, Donna Kent and Doris Miller. Lows went to Barb Solko, Aleen VanVleet and Floyd Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Barb Solko and lows went to Dale Votapka and Kelva Swindler.

Eldon Smith returned recently from Traverse City, Mich., where he spent Thanksgiving with his sister, Gladys Schichtel, and other family members. They also traveled to Nashville, Tenn., for several days.

Denise and Wayne Hoffman of Cozad, Neb., visited on Sunday with

her cousin, Jack Lamb and his wife, Lois. They were en route home from Green Valley, Ariz.

—Happy Birthday to our New Year's baby, 25 years ago, Melissa Dawn Carlton.

Jeff Hayward spent three weeks assisting his mother, Marian Railsback, in renovating her home in Fort Collins, Colo. His wife, Penny, and son, Alex, and his grandmother, Ethel Railsback, Oberlin; Anne and Jack Griffen, Denver, and Tom Railsback, Great Falls, Mont., joined them for a Christmas celebration on Dec. 20.

Joining Brad and Shanna Long and Miranda, for dinner on Christmas Day were her father, Eugene Wurm, Herndon, and her sister, Judy Jordan, Christopher, Karyn, Sean and Daniel, Oberlin.

—Open New Year's Eve, Frontier Restaurant.

Sam and Diana Steinmetz entertained to dinner on Christmas Day, Delpha Steinmetz and Terry Steinmetz, Norton; Cricket Steinmetz, Sterling; Shane Johnson and Amanda Chambers, Dodge City; and Steve Cullen, Andy Chambers, Adam Steinmetz, and Luetta Pollnow, Oberlin. Afternoon callers were Bill Steinmetz, and Sandy Steinmetz and daughter, Norton; and Carrie Steinmetz and Manuel O'Tero, Nashville, Tenn.

Christmas Eve supper guests of Florine Vernon were the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Vernon, Rachelle, Revé, Regina, Roberta, and Richard John, Colon, Neb.; Dorothy and Stanley Shimek, Jennings; and Eldon and Sharon Parde; Greg and Linda Sigorny, Dillon and Breann; Kim and Alicia Parde, Athena, and Dustin; and Dora Stephenson and friend, Terry, McCook.

Christmas guests of Cecil Hess from Wednesday to Friday were Steve, Jean Ann, Jenna and Jessica Confer, St. Francis; Steve Hess and Chris Mois, Overland Park; and Dan, Julie and Carter Hess, Salina.

Brad, Elaine, Leslie, Sarah and Jared Marcuson, and Gail and Kay Marcuson spent the Christmas holidays in Colorado. They were houseguests of the Chuck Newcom family in Denver, the Mark Hubbard family in Lakewood, and Gary Turner family in Fort Collins.



Jamie and Jennifer Wildeman.

Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Jennifer Brooks and Jamie Wildeman, both of Lenora, were married on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Leoville. Father Kerry Ninemire, uncle of the bride, performed the double-ring ceremony. Parents of the bride are Ralph and Kathy (Ninemire) Rinke, Wichita, and Jerry and Margaret Mahler, Kansas City. Parents of the bridegroom are Kenny and Rhonda Wildeman, Jennings. Honored guests were grandparents of the couple, Jeanine Rinke, Pratt; Frank Bouts, Selden; and Virginia Wildeman, Grainfield.

The church was decorated with violet and purple lilies, white roses and ivy. The pews were festooned with white bows from Linda Wahlmeier and the altar candles were encircled with wreaths of ivy and purple and lavender flowers. Mashelle Johnson of Lenora provided the flowers.

Organist was Janet Meitl of Dresden, who played "Canon in D" for the processional and "The Wedding March" as the recessional. Cheri McKeever, Lenora, sang "Keeper of the Stars" and "Me and You."

The bride, who was escorted to the altar by her son, Jacob Brooks, wore a white satin gown with an embroidered bodice and a cathedral train.

Jessica Clark, Manhattan, served her sister as maid of honor. Lisa Willson, Wichita; Joni Clark, Wichita, sister of the bride; and Joni Wildeman, Pratt, sister of the bridegroom, were the bridesmaids. They wore lilac satin floor-length gowns with spaghetti straps.

The bride's personal attendant was Susie Nelson, Wichita.

The bride's daughter, Hanna

Brooks, was flower girl. She wore a white satin, tea-length, sequined sleeveless dress. Jaquan Goodridge, nephew of the bride, was ringbearer.

Garrett Nokes, McCook, served as best man. Groomsmen were Justen Nokes, McCook; Chance Yoder, Hugoton; and Cody Bridgeman. Jacob Brooks, son of the bride, was junior groomsman.

Ushers were Clay Rush, Colby, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; Bart Brooks, Clayton; Chris Scheetz, Lenora; and Brady Hageman, McCook.

The guest book and gift table were attended by Tammy Gerlits.

A reception was held in the Leoville Parish Hall. Daryl and Marge Hartzog and Gary and Jeanie Gawith, all of Jennings, served as hosts.

A white, three-layer wedding cake was made by Violet Krizek of Jennings. It featured violet and purple flowers with a satin ribbon wrap. Cake servers were Jessica Rush, Colby, sister of the bridegroom, and Kim Georgeson, Lenora, and Anna Casperson, St. Libory, Neb.

Dennis and Shawn Spresser led the wedding march and Stan McEvoy deejayed the dance.

The couple has postponed their honeymoon trip.

Mrs. Wildeman graduated from Wichita State University, earning a general studies degree. She is a full-time nursing student through the Colby Community College Norton Annex at Norton County Hospital.

The bridegroom earned a degree in ag business from Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., and is a combination technician with Rural Telephone Service Co., Lenora. They are making their home in Lenora.

Couple set April vows

Kimberly Jo Kramer of Junction City and Shane Michael Elwood of Sterling plan to be married April 30.

Parents of the couple are Larry Kramer, Junction City, and the late Shirley Kramer, and Mike and Jacque Elwood of Oberlin.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of St. Xavier High School in Junction City and is a student at Sterling College, majoring in athletic training with a minor in biology. She is student athletic trainer for the football and women's basketball teams.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a 2003 graduate of Sterling Col-



S. Elwood, K. Kramer

lege, where he earned a degree in behavioral science with a minor in business. He works for Reno County Youth Services in Hutchinson.

Girl Scout to be honored

Sarah Olson of Oberlin will be honored at a Girl Scout Gold Award presentation ceremony at 7 p.m. Monday at the Decatur Community High School Cafeteria. All Girl Scouts will participate in the ceremony.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting and is achieved by fewer than one percent of all girls who join the Girl Scouts. Typically, it takes two to three years of intensive work to complete the requirements, develop a Gold Award project, and complete the project itself.

Her project was to make a Power Point presentation, which she will show on Monday night. Her presentation includes information on medical facilities, businesses, schools, churches, recreation, etc., in and around Oberlin. She reproduced the presentation on discs for the Chamber of Commerce, Doctor

Procurement Committee, and other organizations, which can then use the discs for individuals or businesses interested in locating in Oberlin. Sarah also took all the pictures for the project, which took 50 hours to complete. A copy is available at the Chamber office.

The five requirements to earn the award include: earning four interest project patches on topics related to the Gold Award project; earning the Career Exploration pin; earning the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award;

earning the Senior Girl Scout Challenge; and planning and completing a Girl Scout Gold Award project that requires at least 50 hours of work.

She is the daughter of Dr. Mark and Barbara Olson of Oberlin and is a 2003 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She is a freshman at Kansas State University.

The public is invited.



Sarah Olson

Club News

Scouts learn about scrapbooks

The Brownie Girl Scouts met after school on Dec. 18 at Faith Lutheran Church. After singing grace and eating snacks, they prepared for the Christmas party.

Patti Richards taught the girls some of the beginning scrapbook skills, using Creative Memories products. Each girl made a photo sharing card, using pictures of themselves which they brought and pictures taken during scout meetings. The girls can give the cards to their parents for Christmas.

After the craft project, the girls exchanged gifts and received gifts from their scout leaders.

The food items each girl brought were delivered to Stanley Hardware for the food drive. After the new year, the food will be taken to the Decatur County Food

Pantry.

Oberlin Girl Scouts, troop leaders and their families are invited to attend a Girl Scout Award Presentation ceremony honoring Sarah Olson at 7 p.m. on Monday at the high school cafeteria. All Girl Scouts are asked to participate in the ceremony and are to wear their uniforms. The scouts need to be at the cafeteria by 6:45 p.m.

The Gold Award is the highest available to a Girl Scout. It is the equivalent of the Eagle Award for a Boy Scout. A senior Girl Scout who goes for the gold truly shows her determination to succeed in making the world a better place. Congratulations, Sarah!

The next Brownie Girl Scout meeting will be after school on Jan. 8.

Auxiliary gives to Angel Tree

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary met at the Legion on Dec. 10 for a soup supper, hosted by Dorothy Woods, Donna Lincoln and Eleanor Kircher. Members also brought food.

Tables were decorated in a Christmas theme and the pro-

gram included Christmas carols and Christmas thoughts by members.

Instead of a gift exchange, the auxiliary donated \$100 to the Angel Tree project.

The next meeting on Jan. 14 will include a program by Carol Morford on children and youth.

Outreach enrollment set

Northwest Kansans who want to take an outreach class through Colby Community College may enroll from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and next Wednesday in room 112 at the Decatur Community High School.

In Jennings, enrollment will be

offered from 7 to 8 p.m. next Wednesday.

For other enrollment sites or information on spring outreach enrollment, call the college at (785) 462-4692.

Army sergeant retires

Staff Sgt. Derry M. Bishop, a 1978 graduate of Decatur Community High School, recently retired after 21 years of military service.

His service included overseas tours to Germany and Johnston Island, and state-side assignments at Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; and Fort Riley. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal (4th Award); Army Achievement Medal (4th Award); Army Good Conduct Medal (6th award); National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Kosovo Campaign Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2nd Award); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award); North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal; Coast Guard

Special Operation Service Ribbon, and the Driver and Mechanic Badge.

Staff Sgt. Bishop was commended for his outstanding service to the nation, culminating with his assignment as Senior Desk Sergeant, 523rd Military Police Detachment, 924th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children: Crystal, Phillip, and Brooke. They are retiring in Junction City.

Family members who attended his retirement ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field at Fort Riley included: Elaine Bishop, Glendale, Ariz.; Jodie Fields, Terese and Greg Vontz, Canaan, Chanelle and Gracie Anne, all of Oberlin; and Bob and Joey Bishop, Madison and McKenzi, Manhattan.



Derry Bishop

Gospel team to be formed

A group of interested persons in the area are exploring the possibility of forming a gospel musical group, which would be willing to perform for various functions.

There are presently six interested in the group, thus far, but they would

like to add enough to possibly branch out into quartets or other small ensembles. Both vocal and instrumentalists who may be interested in becoming a part of the group are asked to contact Ron Temple at (785) 693-4360.

New Year's resolutions presented by Hospice

Hospice Services provides physical, spiritual, emotional and social support to help people in northwest and north central Kansas to live with hope and dignity while coping with loss and terminal illness.

Following are some New Year's resolutions, provided by the agency, people have written that have helped them in their time of grief.

• That I will grieve as much and for as long as I feel like grieving, and that I will not let others put a timetable on my grief.

• That I will remember others are grieving, too, and I will try to be considerate of their feelings.

For information about Hospice Services, call (785) 543-2900.

Carpet bid approved

Decatur County commissioners approved a bid of \$3,219 from the Carpet Center to carpet the health department office.

Health Administrator Marilyn Gamblin presented two bids, one from Pauls Furniture of Selden and the second from the Carpet Center.

Pauls bid \$1,290 for the conference room and \$1,220 for the rest of the office. That didn't include tearing out or installing the carpet. The installation bid was from Steve Diederich.

Commissioners decided since the prices were so close, they would support the in-county business even though the bid was \$39 more.

Ms. Gamblin asked the commissioners what they wanted to do about paying for the Local Environmental Protection Group. The group tests drinking wells and septic systems. The county had inked a check for \$1,000 some time ago, but hadn't sent it yet. Ms. Gamblin said

the group would like the money in January.

Months ago, representatives from the group met with commissioners to discuss whether users should be charged or if the county wanted to help pay for the services. Although the commissioners leaned towards fees at the time, other counties weren't doing that, so the group asked for money from the county.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn said if they pay it out of 2004 money, it couldn't be paid until the new year.

At the last meeting, the commissioners decided to help pay for a new door into the clinic and health department. They took \$1,000 out of the health department budget.

Ms. Gamblin said she didn't have a problem helping with the door, but said she would have liked it if the commissioners had called her instead of finding out about it in the minutes from the meeting.

You're Invited
to a
Girl Scout Gold Award
presentation ceremony
honoring
Sarah Olson
Monday, January 5, 2004
7 p.m. - DCHS Cafeteria

Oberlin American Legion

**New Year's
Eve Dance**

**Dance to "Jam Session"
Country and Rock**

~Come join the fun on Dec. 31st~
9 p.m to 1 a.m.
\$10 per couple
\$5 singles