

**THE OBERLIN HERALD —**  
**People in**  
**Our Community**

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Rusty and Sharon Addleman returned home last Tuesday from Kinley Park, Ill., where they visited their daughter, Shannon and Bob Gillund, and Brynna, and made the acquaintance of their new grandson, Bryant, who was born Nov. 12. Mrs. Addleman had spent time there, then accompanied her husband home.

John and Joan Shirley of Scott City, and Chad and Brooke Shirley of Wichita, were weekend guests of Alice Shirley. Joining them for dinner on Sunday were Robbie and Jeni Henningson, Nolan and Ganon, Norcatur; Tiffani O'Toole, Payton and Parker, McCook; and Herb and Carol Shirley.

Leslie Marcuson was recently inducted into Alpha Beta Beta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society at Washburn University. She is a senior in secondary history education. Elaine and Sarah Marcuson were her guests at the ceremony.

Kirk and Brenda Ulery attended funeral services on Saturday at Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Wichita for his mother, Betty Ulery, who died on Dec. 8.

**—Christmas Brunch Buffet, Sunday, Dec. 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.**

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters were Tuesday Christmas guests for lunch at the Atwood Good Samaritan Center. Their sister, Dorothy, is a resident there. The Red Hat ladies presented the program and had a real Santa Claus.

Karyn Jordan, a junior at Decatur Community High School, was cho-

sen to perform in second chair in the clarinet section at Kansas Music Educators Association Honor Band at Fort Hays State University in Hays on Saturday. Her brother, Chris Jordan, rural Ludell, a junior at Rawlins County High School in Atwood, was chosen as a tenor in the honor choir. Their mother is Judy Jordan of Oberlin.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Kelva Swindler, Dale Votapka, Henry Edett, Vivian Bishop and Elden Haas. Lows were won by Donna Kent, Doris Miller, Floyd Edgett, Doris Gilbert, Max Carman, Aleen Van Vleet and Dale Votapka. Pitch highs went to Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett with lows going to Dale Votapka and Doris Miller. Phyllis Lohofener and Marie McKisson were bridge winners. There will be a Christmas posluck (ham provided) at 12:15 p.m. at Golden Age Center.

Norma Richards spent Thursday and Friday visiting Johnnie and Christine Richards in Olathe. They were joined by the families of the couple for pizza on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Pena and Ian on Sunday and they took Ian to see Santa Claus at the park. April Ann Wolters was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wolters in Hays last Monday.

Leslie Marcuson and Josh Klamm of Topeka were recent visitors of Brad, Elaine, Sarah and Jared Marcuson. Both are seniors at Washburn University. They came to help her dad, Brad, celebrate his 50th birthday.

**Woman honored on 70th**

A surprise birthday party was held Saturday night at the Red Crown Lounge for Shirley Ward in honor of her 70th birthday.

Entertainment was provided by her sister, Jan Ferrada; her brother, Bob Castle; and a nephew, Devan Castle.

Also attending were Eduardo Ferrada, Denver; Lyn Fossum and family, WaKeeney; Shayla and Mark Bailey, Norcatur; Lynn Baker, Jennings; John Vavroch,

Colby; Deb and Trey Ward, Smith Center; Sarah Castle and family, Hoxie; and Deanna Castle, Calise Castle, Jennifer and Thaniel Monaco and family, Florence Vavroch, Kay Chambers, Marcia Lohofener, Mardi and Seth Lohofener and family, Merlou Robinson and Jace, Juanita Williby, Bob Russell, Lynn Doeden, Judy Cochran and Riley, and Shayla and Doug Williby, all of Oberlin.

**Student wins scholarship**

Mallory Jennings of Goddard, granddaughter of Don and Gerry Neff of Oberlin, has won Wichita State University's \$48,000 Henry Gore Memorial Scholarship.



M. Jennings

The scholarship, which recognizes leadership and academic skills, is said to be the largest scholarship in Kansas. She plans to study aerospace engineering. The daughter of Mark and Debbie Jennings of Goddard, Mallory was chosen for her involvement in extracurricular activities and her academic achievement. She will receive \$12,000 a year for four years at the university. Her mother is a 1978 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Miss Jennings says she hopes to be an astronaut or work for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. She completed a check flight for licensing as a private pilot

in February and was the first woman to complete flight training through the Urban League of Wichita's Young Engineers and Scientists Youth Flight Training program since it started in 2004.

"When she started attending Goddard High School in 2002, after moving from Texas, she immediately gravitated toward things she already had an interest in: science and math," said Kimberly Hoetmer, her counselor. "In eight short months, she established herself as an integral part of the Space Settlement Design Team...."

Miss Jennings is president of the Goddard High Science Club and its Science National Honor Society, as well as being a volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Her paternal grandparents are Leroy and Lucille Jennings of Oakley.

**Christmas program is Sunday**

Cal and Cindy Turner of C.C. Turner Music Ministries will present a Christmas program, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," at 6 p.m. on Sunday at the Oberlin Assembly

of God Church.

The program is full of music and fun for the family. Soup and sandwiches will be served afterward.

**Grief support group to meet**

Adults who have lost a loved one or experienced a recent loss are invited to join the Community Hospital grief support group beginning in January in McCook.

The support group, tailored for adults, will meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 4 through April 19. It is considered a closed support group, meaning attendees preregister and are encouraged to attend all eight sessions. Once the support

group begins, new members will not be added. The support group will be repeated for additional attendees in the fall.

Facilitators are Becky Mai, Social Services Director at Community Hospital, and Cathy Nichols.

For details or to register, contact Becky Mai, (308) 345-8221 or Cathy Nichols at Community HealthCare and Hospice at (308) 345-8356.



Bradley and Catherine Smith

**Couple exchange vows in candlelight ceremony**

Catherine Ann Alexis Clark and Bradley Wayne Smith were married on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, in an evening candlelight ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church in Pueblo, Colo. Officiating was the Rev. Brad Munroe.

The bride is the daughter of Dumont and Diane Clark, Pueblo, Colo.; and granddaughter of Martha Beaver, Fort Collins, Colo. The bridegroom is the son of Philip and Pamela Smith, Copeland, and grandson of Bruce Guinn, Oberlin.

The bride wore an ivory duchess sating own embroidered on the bodice and hemline with champagne-colored leaves and flowers with pearl and crystal bead accents. Her cathedral-length veil was trimmed with ivory satin ribbon fell from a crystal tiara. She carried a cascade bouquet filled with Star-Gazer lilies, orange oriental lilies, antique roses, bearded wheat and calla lilies. Her bouquet was placed in a large arrangement at the front of the altar around large pillars on either side of the altar and on pews.

Maid of honor was Nina Poole. Her bridesmaids were Katie Cook, Kelli Borowczak, Julie Richmond and Cindy Smith. They wore duchess satin, floor-length, two-piece dresses with ivory tops and black skirts, and carried hand-tied nosegays with flowers like those of the bride.

The bridegroom wore a classic tuxedo with shawl collar and a monogrammed black satin bow tie and a single, red calla lily. Jason Richmond, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, was best man. Groomsmen were Matthew Clark, Darren Clark, Matthew Fay and Ryan

Moore. They wore the same attire and flowers as the bridegroom.

Ringbearer was David Beaver, cousin of the bride. Ushers were Shawn Guinn and Donald Beaver, uncles, respectively, of the bridegroom and bride.

The bride's mother wore a black, floor-length evening gown with silver accents and the mother of the bridegroom wore a black, floor-length evening gown with gold accents.

Program attendant was Jessica Young and wedding coordinator was Jennifer Denton.

Music was provided by Dr. Neal Osborn for the prelude and postlude; Gregory Beaver, cellist, cousin of the bride, and Julie Yoon, violinist, from the Chiara quartet, now serving a year in residency at Julliard School of Music.

The cocktail reception and dance followed at the Pueblo Convention Center

After a honeymoon to the Florida Keys, they are making their home in Pueblo, until the bridegroom finishes his Family Practice residency as a physician. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas and Park University with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition. He graduated with a Doctor of Osteopathy degree from the University of Health Sciences in Kansas City, Mo.

The bride is a physician assistant in a private family practice office. She is a graduate of Troy State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and of Baylor College of Medicine Physician Assistant program with a Master of Science degree.

**Christmas potluck enjoyed**

Widows and Friends enjoyed a Christmas potluck dinner on Dec. 8 in Fellowship Hall at the United Methodist Church. Doris Sloan was hostess and Mildred Holmdahl furnished the holiday table decorations.

They were entertained with seasonal songs by the DCHS Singers, under the direction of Susan Nelson, vocal teacher, and accompanist Mary Lohofener. Danica May was featured on the flute and the Singers Quartet, Kellen Doeden, Jeremy Tally, David Morris and Anthony Marshall, performed, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch." Jake Padgett and Nikki Lincoln danced the boogie-woogie for the song, "We Couldn't Do It Without You, Mr. Santa."

Following the dinner and program, guests shared family Christmas stories and Mrs. Sloan read, "Lake Time" for devotions.

The Jan. 12 meeting will be at 2 p.m. at Wheat Ridge Terrace to hear Sandy Kahlmann of Phillipsburg, area director of Hospice, tell of the services provided by the agency. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Those attending the dinner were: Marie Jean Vavroch, Eula Juenemann, Dorothy Jackson, Martha Fringer, Doris Fringer, Luella Sloan, Marty Munson, Eileene Grose, Cecil Hess, Doris Sloan, Phyllis Screen, Millie Lippelmann, Alice Shirley, Mildred Holmdahl, Virginia Spratling, Alice Bobbitt and Nadean Stony.

**New Arrival**

**Kacen Brett Smith**

Kirby and Joni Smith of Pratt are the parents of a son, Kacen Brett Smith, born Dec. 6, 2004, at 7:04 a.m. at the Regional Medical Center in Pratt. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches

long. Grandparents are John and Luanne Smith, Brookville, and Kenny and Rhonda Wildeman, Jennings. Great-grandparents are Tom and Esther Likes, Salina; Virginia Wildeman, Grainfield; and Frank Bouts, Selden.

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**Christmas services planned at churches**

The birth of the Christ Child will be celebrated in churches throughout the area in message, Masses, programs and music. Here is a list of services reported to us, compiled by *The Herald* staff:

**OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**

A drama, "Jesus' Birthday Party," will be presented at Oberlin Community Fellowship at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

**LUND COVENANT**

The children's program will be presented at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. A candlelight service will begin at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

**OBERLIN COVENANT**

A Christmas Eve candlelight service is scheduled at 10 p.m. The Christmas program will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 26.

**JENNINGS, DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST**

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 5 p.m. at Jennings and will be 6:30 p.m. at the Dresden church.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN**

The children will present their Christmas program at 7 p.m. on Sunday. Christmas Eve services begin at 7 p.m. and services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day. New Year's Eve services are scheduled at 7 p.m.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Cal and Cindy Turner of C.C. Turner Music Ministries will present a Christmas program, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," at 6 p.m. on Sunday at the Oberlin Assembly of God Church. Soup and sandwiches will be served after the program.

**FAITH LUTHERAN**

The children will present a Christmas program during morning worship at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. There will be a Christmas Eve candlelight

service of carols and Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST PRAIRIE CHAPEL**

Oberlin United Methodist Church Christmas program will be held during morning worship services at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Prairie Chapel will have its Sunday School Christmas program at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22. A Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. at Prairie Chapel and at 8 p.m. at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

**UNITED CHURCH**

A Christmas Eve communion service will begin at 7 p.m.

**HERNDON COVENANT**

The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART LEOVILLE CATHOLIC SELDEN SACRED HEART**

The parish children's program will be presented following Mass, which begins at 10:30 a.m. at Oberlin Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Sunday. Christmas Eve Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Oberlin; 8 p.m. at Leoville, and 10 p.m. at Selden. There will be a 9 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day at Sacred Heart in Oberlin. New Year's Eve Mass will be at 9 a.m. in Selden, 5:30 p.m. in Oberlin and 7:30 p.m. at Leoville.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HERNDON**

Christmas Eve Mass is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. in Herndon.

**UNITED METHODIST NORCATUR, CLAYTON**

A children's Christmas program will be presented at 10 a.m. on Sunday at the Norcatur United Methodist Church. Christmas Eve services will be held at the United Methodist Churches at 8:15 p.m. in Clayton and at 9:15 p.m. in Norcatur.

**Oberlin grad earns doctorate**

Carol Fink of Wamego, daughter of Gordon and Norma Anderson of Oberlin, received her doctorate in family education and consultation during commencement exercises at Kansas State University on Friday at McCain Auditorium in Manhattan.



Carol Fink

A 1973 graduate of Decatur Community High School, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1977 and a master's degree in 1991 at the university.

She served several years as

county extension agent in Pottawatomie County and works in the extension department at K-State.

She and her husband Robert live at Wamego. Their son Austin is a sophomore at Fort Scott Junior College and their daughter Ashley is a junior at Wamego High School.

They live at 16050 Brush Creek Road, Wamego, Kan., 66547.

Her parents attended commencement and visited from Thursday to Saturday in the Fink home.

**Student to receive degree**

Brooke McConville will graduate on Saturday from Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Neb., with an Associate of Applied Science degree in respiratory care.



B. McConville

She has accepted a job with Children's Hospital in Omaha and will begin working on Jan. 3. Her family attended an awards ceremony in Lincoln on Dec. 6, where she was presented "The Most Improved in Both Classroom and Clinical Education Award."

She is the daughter of Kim and Mark McConville of Indianola, Neb., and Tom Miller of Dana Point, Calif. Her grandparents are Eileene Grose, and Bob and Elaine Miller, Oberlin; and Richard and Luella McConville, Indianola.

She is a 2002 graduate of Republican Valley High School in Indianola. She will be living at 5519 South 31st Street, Apartment 8, Lincoln, Neb., 68516.

**Piano recital Thursday**

Piano students of Mary Henzel will present a Christmas mini-recital at 5 p.m. on Thursday at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

Students who may perform include Lisa Davies; Rhiannon Davis, daughter of Lisa and Gareth Davis; Channing Farr, son of Amanda Farr;

Joslyn Wade, daughter of Linda and Brad Wade; Jody Shike; Matt Wittman, son of Jody and Gary Shike; and Jordin Wasson, daughter of Tom and Tammy Wasson. It will conclude with everyone singing Christmas carols.

The public is invited.

**Advisory board to meet**

The board and advisory council of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Holiday Inn, Cody Room

B, in Hays. For details, call the office at (800) 432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

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