



Jeremy and Loni Jensen

Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Loni Marietta of Manhattan and Jeremy Jensen of Oberlin were married at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

The Rev. Don White of Atwood officiated at the double-ring ceremony before an altar decorated with white poinsettias and greenery, with lights and candles. The aisle pews were marked with greenery and bows.

Parents of the couple are Alan and Judith Marietta, and Donald and Debra Macfee, all of Oberlin.

Organist was Cheryl Metcalf, Oberlin, who played "Cannon in D" for the processional. Leah Marietta, sister of the bride, and Anthony Marshall sang, "The Prayer" as the unity candle was lighted. Flutists were Christie Morris, Oberlin, and Deborah Donelan, Silver Lake.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a white satin, off-the-shoulder gown with fur trim, with embroidered bodice, front panel and train.

Leah Marietta, Manhattan, was maid of honor for her sister. She wore a plum A-line strapless gown with beaded bodice. Bridesmaids were Lora Marietta, sister of the bride, Oberlin; and Natalie Brown and Lacey Schuckman, Manhattan. They wore plum A-line gowns fashioned with halters and beaded bodices.

Kassidie Jensen, Oberlin, and Majken Mandery, Lincoln, nieces of the bridegroom, were flower girls. They wore sleeveless white tea-length gowns fashioned with embroidery and gold bows.

April wedding planned

Justin Bearley and Lori Graf plan to be married on April 16 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ost, Kan.

Parents of the couple are Robert and Sharon Bearley of Kensington, and Mark and Linda Graf of Cheney.

The bride-elect graduated from Newman University in May, 2004, with a degree in Marketing and Management. She is employed as assistant business manager at Midwest Surgical in Wichita.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Fort Hays State University in May, 2002, with a degree in Technology Education. He is employed by the Cheney Unified School District, where he teaches Industrial Technology and is assistant girls basketball coach and assistant football coach. He is a grandson of Nora Bearley of

Bret Marietta, brother of the bride, served as best man. Groomsmen were Kegan Macfee and Chad Jensen, brothers of the bridegroom, and Dan Morford, Oberlin. Ushers were Jordan Macfee, brother of the bridegroom; and Torrey Morford, both of Oberlin.

Kennedy Jensen, Oberlin, niece of the bridegroom, was ringbearer. She wore a plum satin, off-the-shoulder gown with fur trim.

The mother of the bride chose a gown fashioned with a V-neck, long-sleeved sequin top with black skirt. The bridegroom's mother wore a plum-colored dress with beading on the jacket.

A reception followed at the Oberlin American Legion. The bridal table was centered with an octagonal, three-tiered white wedding cake with gold ribbon trim and purple and gold Christmas balls. The room was decorated with garlands of purple and white Christmas lights, glitter snowflakes, candles, and an ice sculptured, lighted path to the door.

Christie Morris assisted at the reception table and Marcia Emig, Goodland, and Pam Marietta, Cañon City, Colo., aunts of the bride, served the cake.

Jennifer Schissler, Oberlin, was seated at the guest book. Sara Cumbie, Cañon City, Colo., was in charge of the gifts.

The bride graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Kansas State University.

After a honeymoon in Georgetown, Colo., they are living in Manhattan.



Lori Graf and Justin Bearley

Oberlin and the late John Bearley; and Duane Kintigh of Courtland, and the late Vivian Kintigh.

Club News

Pastor describes mission

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler was guest speaker at the Feb. 14 meeting of Monday Evening Club held at the home of Sharon Addleman. Maria Sanden was co-hostess.

She told of her three-week mission trip to Papua New Guinea, located in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, in the summer of 2003 as a member of a four-person group. The trip was under the sponsorship of the Central State Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. They spent time in Lae, the church headquarters of the synod; Heldsbach and Sattelberg. She showed

a video of New Guinea and answered questions.

Judy Ladehoff reminded members of the work scheduled at Sunflower Cinema during February. It was noted that the Jan. 10 club meeting was rescheduled, then later canceled, due to the weather. A donation was sent to the Oberlin Library in memory of former member Betty Ellis, who died Jan. 26 at Garden City.

Members will meet at 5:30 p.m. on March 14 at the parking lot of the United Methodist Church to carpool to McCook for a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright house.

Day of prayer observed

Oberlin United Methodist Women met at noon on Feb. 2 in observance of Day of Prayer and Self-Denial with 18 present for a sack lunch meal. Coffee was served by Louise Pollnow.

An inspirational program in observance of the theme was led by Mary Waldo with group participation. CARE packages were to be mailed to college and votech students. Donations were made to World Vision for the tsu-

nami relief fund, and Camp Lakeside near Scott City for a dining room project.

World Day of Prayer will be observed on March 4, at the United Church of Oberlin. Yearbooks for 2005 were distributed. A program on prayer will be given by Pastor Hasty at the March 2 meeting. Devotions will be given by Elaine Bryan and hostesses will be Eris Young and Judy Davis.

Sisterhood holds benefit

Chapter BH, P.E.O. Sisterhood met on Feb. 8 in the Decatur Community High School cafeteria following the soup supper which was served as a fund-raiser for the chapter's Senior Girls Awards.

Seventeen members were present. The group voted to send a donation to Smoky Hills Public Television. Congratulations were extended to member Marlene Moxter who received the 2004

"Educator of the Year" Award from the Chamber of Commerce.

President Mary Lohofener read her president's letter, summarizing the chapter's activities and accomplishments of the past year.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 10 at the home of Jean Martin with Peggy Roe as co-hostess.

Members enjoy supper

Pi Alpha Club held a Valentine potluck on Feb. 14 at Sappa Valley Manor with Eileene Grose and Eunice Martin as hostesses.

Twelve members and guests Glenn Martin, Walter Meitl, John Wright, Don Neff, Dave Olson and Jerry and Montine Alstrom were present. The club will host the February birthday party at 2

p.m. at Good Samaritan Center on Feb. 23.

Members will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday at the home of Joy Russell for a business meeting, then go to the high school to hear the community band play. They will return to the Russell home for the social hour. Gerry Neff will be co-hostess.

Judging team places second

Kendra Anderson, daughter of Gayle Anderson of rural Oberlin, was on the Barton County Community College Meat Judging Team, which competed in the Southwestern Intercollegiate Contest recently in Fort Worth, Texas.

The team brought back a second-place trophy in the pork judging portion of the contest and placed sixth overall.

Other members of the team include: Scott Schmidt, Jay Poore, Isaac Spare, and Josh Ranker. Their instructor is Steve Pottorff.

Barton's team members were among 60 students competing in the A Division, which includes nine colleges and universities from Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Illinois. Approximately 100 students from 13 universities competed in the se-

nior division of the contest at the same time.

Josh Ranker, Ellsworth sophomore, placed fourth individually in pork judging and became the 10th high-point individual overall in the A Division contest. The team placed fifth in lamb judging, and Scott Schmidt, Pawnee Rock freshman, place fifth as an individual in lamb judging.

In the alternates division, Jay Poore, Bird City freshman, became the fifth high-point individual. Other Barton team members competing were Isaac Spare, St. John freshman, and Kendra Anderson, Oberlin freshman.

The team's next event will be the Houston Livestock Show Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest on March 5.



K. Anderson

Five students chosen to attend Girls State

Five Decatur Community High School juniors have been chosen by the Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary to attend the 63rd annual Sunflower Girls State on the University of Kansas Lawrence campus June 5-10.

The girls are Nikki Lincoln, daughter of Tracy and Monica Lincoln; Lora Marietta, daughter of Alan and Judy Marietta; Danica May, daughter of Richard and Delayne May; Jennifer Shaw, daughter of Richard and Anna Shaw; and Anne Wasson, daughter of Dan and Carol Wasson.

All of the girls will be sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary except Miss Lincoln, whose sponsor will be Ron Bryan. He sponsors a Girls Stater each year in memory of his wife, Karen.

The girls will join some 460 other young women who have just completed their junior year of high school. They will "Learn by Doing" the political system involved in the government of Kansas.

Beginning at the city level, advancing to county and the state, the girls will register to vote, file nomination papers, conduct political campaigns and make speeches.

Rachel Beck, Shawnee, 2004 governor of Sunflower Girls State, will preside at the sessions with Alpha Banker, Junction City, the 2004 lieutenant governor. The girls will be housed in Ellsworth Hall and the inauguration will be held in the Lied Performing Arts Center.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, Secre-



Danica May



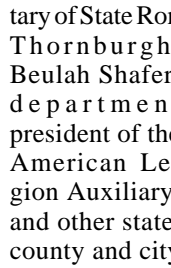
J. Shaw



N. Lincoln



L. Marietta



A. Wasson

tary of State Ron Thornburgh, Beulah Shafer, department president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and other state, county and city officials will share their expertise with the girls and answer questions.

Hiedi Blair, Wathena, is the 2005 director of Sunflower Girls State, and Claudia Satterlee, Winfield, will serve as assistant director. A staff of 60 auxiliary members volunteer for the program.

Benefit will help pool fund

Over 90 attended the benefit ham-and-bean supper Thursday at the Oberlin American Legion, which netted \$700 for the swimming pool fund.

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary sponsored the event and donated the food, supplies and rent. The city Pool Commission furnished dessert. Eighteen pounds of beans disappeared.

The money will go into the Decatur Area Development Fund, and will be used to help plan and build a new pool for Oberlin.

"Time...donations probably equaled the money made," Mrs. Shaw said. "The American Legion and Auxiliary are tremendous people doing tremendous things for the community."

World Day of Prayer set

World Day of Prayer services are planned for 2 p.m. on Friday, March 4, at the United Church of Oberlin, sponsored by the Oberlin United Methodist, Covenant, Faith Lutheran, Sacred Heart Catholic and United churches.

Women of Poland wrote this year's service, which will be followed in 86 countries around the world on the same day. The program

is sponsored by Church Women United; this year's theme is "Let Our Light Shine."

Everyone is invited to join in prayer and song and to support women's ecumenical ministries for peace and justice.

The international event unites people in over 170 countries in prayer.

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New Arrivals

Henry Brock Peterson

Brock and Rebecca (McKenna) Peterson of DeMotte, Ind., are the parents of a son, Henry Brock Peterson, born Jan. 22, 2005, at Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso, Ind. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.



H. Peterson

He has a brother, Will. Grandparents are Mike and Joan McKenna, Jennings; and Bill and Bryn Peterson, Clifton. Great-grandparents are Keith and Maxine Sauvage, Oberlin; and Della Peterson, Clifton.

Brennan C. Wunderly

Nate and Jade Wunderly of Olathe are the parents of a son, Brennan Cole, born Feb. 5, 2005, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20 inches long.



B. Wunderly

Grandparents are Carol Morford, Oberlin; Woody Morford, McCook; and Don and Peggy Wunderly, Fort Scott. Great-grandparents are Obert Skarphot, Madelia, Minn.; Margaret Grillo, St. Paul, Kan.; and Geneva Morford, Oberlin.

Morgan Lea Jones

Hannah Jones has a new baby sister, Morgan Lea, who was born Feb. 9, 2005, at Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. She weighed 6 pounds, 9.4 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Wade and Leslie Jones of Oberlin. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Denise Jones and maternal grandparents are Kent and Deb Brown, all of Oberlin. Paternal great-grandparents are Peggy Jones and Charlotte Parks, Hill City; and maternal great-grandparents are Norma Brown, Oberlin; and Ruby Phifer, Goodland.