

People in Our Community

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Gene and Heather Bertman and Joshua of Norman, Okla., came Saturday to visit her grandmother, Alice Shirley, and other relatives. They joined John Shirley, Scott City, and his granddaughter, Brooke Shirley, Salina; Robbie and Jeni Henningson, Nolan and Gannon, Norcat, and Sam and Tiffani O'Toole, Parker and Peyton, McCook, for dinner on Sunday at the home of Herb and Carol Shirley. The Bertmans left on Tuesday.

Tom and Jenny Phillips of Seattle, Wash., plan to come Friday, and Duane and Barbara Custer of Salina will arrive Saturday to visit the women's parents, Floyd and Marylu Brown. Tom and Jenny will also spend time with his parents, Dr. Robert and Opal Phillips, in Manhattan.

Duane Witt underwent laproscopic colon surgery last Tuesday at Shawnee Mission Medical Center and is recuperating satisfactorily. His wife, Carol, and family, Luan Taylor, Prairie Village; Mary Lohofener, Oberlin; and Mark Witt, Great Bend, were with him. He was dismissed on Thursday and he and his wife are staying at the Taylor home. Mail will reach him, c/o Luan Taylor, 4320 W. 70th Terrace, Prairie Village, Kan., 66208.

Bob and Kay Gaskill returned home Sunday night from Canada, where they spent a week heli-hiking, in the Bugaboo, Canadian Rocky and Purcell Mountains. They left from Banff, Canada, and stayed at the Bobbie Burns and Bugaboo Lodges. They rode in helicopters to the mountains, then spent each day hiking.

—Volunteers needed to work games and rides at Decatur County Fair Aug. 9-13. Call 475-3351 or stop by Ray Jewelry. 29-31

Louise Pollnow and Marie McKisson went to Cameron, Mo., where they attended funeral services for Mrs. Pollnow's great-nephew, Spencer Matteson, 6, son of Julie and Rob Matteson, on Sunday, July 10. They also visited Mrs. Pollnow's cousin, Diane Jamison, at Beloit en route home on Monday.

Vera Lindemann was honored with a surprise luncheon on Friday at the Frontier Restaurant in observance of her 95th birthday. Others present were Patty Reinhardt and Nelson, Otis; and Alice Shirley, Alice Bobbitt, Elaine Thomas, Barb Castor, Louise Pollnow, Kay Marcuson, Bernice Martin, and Fern Jording, Oberlin.

Ted and Shirley Martin of Miami, Fla., left last Wednesday after visiting since Monday with her aunt, Vivian Bishop.

Brian and Jennifer King, Tyler, Matthew and Brysen of Cincinnati, Ohio, were recent visitors of her grandmother, Fern Wenger, and aunt, Jodie Wenger. She is the daughter of Ron and Linda Wenger. Evan Wenger, Denton, Texas, was also a houseguest at that time while helping with harvest.

Thelma Walker, formerly of

Oberlin, is recuperating from surgery, which she underwent recently in Salina. Mail will reach her at Bethany Home, #14, 321 North Chestnut, Lindsborg, Kan., 67456.

Julie Cunningham has moved to Oberlin from Columbia, Mo. Her husband, Gary, plans to join her later after he retires. Her son, James and Autumn AraSmith and Amarissa, live at Rexford. She is a daughter of Richard and Clara Russ and she is living next door to them.

—Seafood Buffet, Friday, July 22, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.

Lee and Maxine Van Pelt of Cedaredge, Colo., spent last Tuesday afternoon visiting his cousin, Luetta Pollnow. They were houseguests of his sister and her husband, Vi and Elmer Kathka, while in Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mishler of Wichita were last Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters.

Rusty and Sharon Addleman attended a reception which honored his sister and her husband, Ruth and Robert Ingold, in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary on July 10. It was held at the home of their daughter, Susan and Mark Brooks, in Overland Park. Among others present, besides the couple's children and families, were Chad and Noel Addleman, and Kevin and Michelle Rush, Gavin and Gannon, all of Olathe.

Verna Mae Anderson has returned to Oberlin and is recuperating satisfactorily at Decatur County Hospital after undergoing surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. Her daughters, Linda and Cliff Mills, Colorado Springs; Tina Wesch, Hiawatha; and Kathy Haug, Salida, Colo., were with her for the surgery and Linda and Cliff brought her to Oberlin. Tina plans to return today to visit her mother.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Dorothy Moore, Wilma May, Floyd Edgett, Henry Edgett and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Veanna Carman, Floyd Edgett, Alvina Unger, Aleen Van Vleet and Merle Shirley. Pitch highs were won by Aleen Van Vleet and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Merle Shirley and Wilma May. Bridge winners were Beth Sebaugh and Leone Purton.

—75% off Sidewalk Sale, One Day Only. Sat., July 23, Oberlin Mercantile Co.

Karen Metcalf and her sister, Mary Stephenson of Leavenworth, returned home last Tuesday from Danville, Calif., where they visited Janice Judd, a cousin of Jack Metcalf.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters attended the funeral of Dorothy Wolters at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood last Thursday. On Monday, they attended the memorial service for her given by the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood. The Rev. Don White officiated at both services.



Jamie and Andrew Eager

Couple exchange vows at Manhattan church

Jamie Carman Alstrom and Andrew Michael Eager were married at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan. Pastor Jim Reed officiated.

Parents of the couple are Larry and Diana Alstrom, Hoxie; and Mike and Dimity Eager, Alpharetta, Ga. Grandparents are Willis and Peggy Carman, Oberlin; and the late Max and Jackie Alstrom; and Sybil Language, South Africa. Myrtle Waldo, Oberlin, is the bride's great-grandmother.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a white strapless gown with a long train adorned with crystal and silver beads and pearls. She carried a bouquet of orange, pink, red, yellow and purple tulips.

Angie Long, Wichita, was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Holly Horning, Hutchinson, and Emily Ostmeyer, Manhattan, cousins of the bride, and Sarah Eager, Madison, Wis., sister of the bridegroom, and Kristen Wade, Olathe, friend of the bride. They wore matching strapless gowns of celadon green satin and carried multi-colored tulip bouquets.

The bride's flower girls were Maggie Koster and Haly Koster, Wichita, and Morgan Meier, Hutchinson, cousins of the bride. They wore white tea-length, sleeveless tulle dresses with celadon satin sashes with white wreaths in their hair.

Serving the bridegroom as best man was Brad Foura, Overland Park. Groomsmen were Evan Commerio, Olathe; Sean Bassi, Atchison; Lee Orriss, Ontario, Canada, and Adam Cummins, Overland

Park, all friends of the bridegroom. Ushers were Clay Alstrom, Loveland, Colo., brother of the bride; Adam Ostmeyer, Manhattan, cousin of the bride; Cory Drummond, Overland Park; Chris Jones, Newton; and Josh Wright, Leawood, all friends of the bridegroom.

Music for the ceremony was performed by Adriel Alstrom, Lawrence, cousin of the bride, who played the cello, and Jason Haith, Kansas City, friend of the bridegroom, who composed and sang a song for the couple. Mary Ellen Sutton, Manhattan, was organist.

Ashley Campbell, Overland Park, and Sarah Weis, Manhattan, friends of the bride, read scripture and an additional reading.

Alex Schippers, St. Louis, Mo., and Courtney Baalman, Kansas City, friends of the bride, were seated at the guest book. Handing out programs were Anna Flores and Lyndsey Ryan, both of Manhattan, also friends of the bride.

Jodee Carman, Oberlin, aunt of the bride, was videographer. Mackenzie Carman, Oberlin, and Chelsea Heskett, Wichita, cousins of the bride, handed out wedding favors.

A dinner, reception and dance was held at the Houston Street ballroom following the ceremony, catered by Leanna Sloan, Hoxie, friend of the family. Hosts were the bride's uncles and aunts, Tom and Deb Campbell, Charlie and Cindy Ostmeyer, Hoxie, and Dick and Anne Heskett, Wichita.

Following a honeymoon to St. Lucia, they are at home at 11300 W. 136th Street, Apt. 326, Overland Park, Kan., 66221.

Cresslers meet in Oberlin

Jeff and Penny Hayward hosted a barbecue and reunion on July 10 at the Oberlin City Park for the Cressler family. Jeff prepared the barbecue and the others brought additional dishes.

The group enjoyed visiting and taking pictures and the children enjoyed the park playground equipment and touch football.

Those in attendance were Alfred and Betty Cressler and longtime family friend, Roberta Petracek;

Doug Cressler, Don, Tricia, David, Jade, Travis and Wyatt Cressler, Jennings; Jeff, Penny, Alex and Logan Hayward, Shirley Hayward, and Jan, Anna, Aaron, Shawn and Gage Cressler, Oberlin; and Marsha, Bernie, Kallon and Seth Chavies, Las Vegas. Earlier in the week, Al and Stephanie Cressler of Arlington visited with family at the home of Al and Betty Cressler.

The next gathering is planned for the summer of 2006.

Enne church reunion set

A reunion for members of the former Enne Lutheran Church, later named Bethel, is planned at noon on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Prairie Development Center meeting room, 208 S. Fourth, in Atwood.

Those attending are asked to bring table service and a covered dish. All former members and those with neighborhood ties are encouraged to come.

Teens for Christ year begins with new leaders

The Oberlin Teens For Christ will begin a new year of youth outreach programs starting at 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 14, with "Gross Olympics" at the City Park.

The new directors, Doug and Johanna Mason, who live at 410 E. Commercial in Oberlin, said they are eager to get acquainted with the youth and rebuild the ministry.

Over the past three years the ministry has dwindled, leaving the building at 118 S. Rodeaver in poor condition and the operating funds depleted. Currently there is no running water in the building, and much of the contents need to be replaced.

The Masons said, "We are challenged with not only providing ministry to our teens, but also restoring funding and updating the facility. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 a month in support. We are counting on the people of Oberlin to meet this need."

Mrs. Mason is a registered nurse and will be working as the Oberlin school system nurse, which is a part-time position. Her husband is pastor at the Lund Covenant Church southwest of Oberlin, working with Tom Smith for the rest of the year.

Their daughter, Rebecca (Becca), graduated from Bird City High School and will be attending Colby Community College this fall. Amber will be a high school sophomore and plans on being active in the performing arts. Bethany, who they say was their surprise, is 3.

Before moving to Bird City, the family lived in Russell, where he

was an insurance agent and also worked with the TFC ministry.

To get going, Mr. Mason said the group needs at least 50 New International Version Bibles, a laptop computer (DVD capability), digital projector, game supplies (balls, orange cones, hula hoops, Frisbees), pens, pencils, markers, tape, scissors, poster board, carpet in good condition, chairs, sofas, folding tables (6- or 8-foot size), and food for meetings.

The leader said he needs someone to coordinate food for each Sunday evening meeting. His hope is to have someone volunteer to make a list of meeting dates that can be circulated around town, giving people the opportunity to sign up for an evening to provide the youths with a meal. The volunteer would then send out a reminder note a week in advance to the person on the list and a thank you note afterward.

There is also a need for four to six adult volunteers to assist at the meetings. There are also monthly Teens for Christ rallies called "The Edge" where adults can help with transportation, as well as other special events throughout the year.

The Masons have 25 years of experience working with youth, 10 of those years with TFC Connection in Russell and Bird City. Call them at (785) 475-2599.

Donations should be made out to: TFC Connection, 662 7th St., Phillipsburg, Kan., 67661, specifying that it is for the Oberlin account.

New Arrivals

Spencer David Schliep

David and Linda Schliep of McCook are the parents of a son, Spencer David, born July 1, 2005, at Community Hospital in McCook. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin, and the late Gerald Dempewolf; and Duane and Lucille Schliep, Glenvil, Neb. Great-grandmother is Berdina Schliep, Hastings, Neb.

Savannah Rae Gregory

Chad Gregory and Malorie Wurm of David City, Neb., are the parents of a daughter, Savannah Rae, born June 19, 2005, at Memorial Hospital in Seward, Neb. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces. Grandparents are Kevin and Deb Gregory, David City, Neb.; and Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb., but for-

merly of Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Lois Gregory, Lincoln, Neb., and the late Ralph Gregory; Bill and Pat Town, Omaha; Dennis and Patricia Wurm, Oberlin; and Alvina Gamblin, Oberlin, and the late Richard Gamblin. Iris Wurm, Oberlin, is her great-great-grandmother.

Isaac Paul Stanley

Derek and Diana Stanley of Lenexa are the parents of a son, Isaac Paul, born July 1, 2005, at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. He weighed 4 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 17 inches long. Grandparents are Bob and Alice Stanley, Oberlin; and Jim and Linda Laevenstein, Hoxie. Great-grandparents are Ethel and Rex Schroeder, Oberlin; and Dick and Bernadette Stanley, Vancouver, Wash.

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Arizona residents sought

For many years, former residents of Decatur County have met annually for a get-together in Arizona.

Some 50 have been in attendance since the reunion was first planned and organized by Boyd Bainter and the late Harold Robison. The group would like to hear from those who spend the winters in Arizona or have moved there so they can be included.

The group meets in February and the next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Miller in Gold Canyon, Ariz.

Anyone knowing names and addresses of those in Arizona with Decatur County area ties are asked to contact Dwayne Jones, Box 42, Oberlin, Kan., 67749; call him at (785) 475-2034; or email rjonespar@aol.com.

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