

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Nikki and John Amlong

Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Nikki Alstrom and John Amlong were married at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, in a double-ring ceremony at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

The Rev. Doug Hasty officiated before an altar decorated with flowers grown by Ramona Amlong, with an oil unity candle for the couple and a white candle for the family.

Parents of the couple are Gary and Becky Alstrom, Oberlin, and Tony and Ramona Amlong, Dresden.

Joy Russell, Oberlin, was organist. She played "The Lord's Prayer" as Kaylee May, Oberlin, and Regan Bartels, Phillipsburg, lighted the candles. Tracey Keeling, Oberlin, was vocalist and sang, "The Rose," as the wedding party entered.

The bride chose for her wedding a gown fashioned with a fitted bodice decorated with beads and pearls and a long, flowing skirt with a minor train. She carried burnt orange and green roses.

Valerie Hammond, Hays, was matron of honor. She wore a celadon halter-top gown with beading along the V-neck. Bridesmaids were Karlie Black, North Platte, Neb.; and Kelley Black, Oberlin. They wore burnt orange gowns fashioned like that of the matron of honor. All wore flower arm bands.

Tatum Bartels, Phillipsburg, and Kelsey May, Oberlin, were flower girls. They wore ivory gowns fashioned with a butterfly swoop to the side and halos made of fall leaves. They carried bags with the couple's photograph on the sides and scattered white flower petals.

Steven Schiltz, Stratton, Colo., served as best man. Groomsmen were Jess DeClue and Dave Cooksy, both of Hays. Casey Alstrom, Oberlin; Eric Green, Jennings; and P.J. Waldscmidt, Hays, were ushers. Cole Amlong, Wichita, and Gage Van Meter, North Platte, Neb., were ringbearers.

A reception followed at the Oberlin American Legion. The

tables were decorated with mirrors on which rested ivy bowls filled with green and orange marbles and water, topped with floating candles, along with votive candles and fall leaves.

Montine Alstrom, Jessica Luck and Roxann Bartels served. Roberta Schillig and Dawn Henderson were seated at the guest book and Stacey Schillig was in charge of the gifts.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She is employed by Midwest Drug Center as a health aide.

Her husband graduated from Jennings High School in 1996 and is an operator on a pulling unit for Professional Pulling Service in the Hays area.

After a honeymoon to Oklahoma City, Dallas and Kansas City, they are at home at Catharine, near Hays.

Out-of-town guests were Terry Edwards, Lincoln, Mo.; Mark and Jessica Luck, Jamie, Missy, Cole and Braden Amlong, Wichita; Hazel Rippetoe, Del City, Okla.; Elden and Eleanor Odle, Prairie View; Aden and Ruth Schillig, Norton; Sonya Ward, Lake Geneva, Wis.; Opal Rolland, WaKeeney; Jeff and Beck Pfannenstiel, Munjor; Travis and Cherie Gottchalk, Kasey Chester, Abbey Bainter, Jayme Clark, Carl and Sherri Stouffer, Hays; Ken Kauffman, Turlock, Calif.; Mary Colett, Kansas City; Joel and Sarah Uerling, Mary and Rick Lorentz, Marvin and Dixie Lorentz, McCook; Amos and Toni Alstrom, Scott City; Barry and Lou Rhyme, Schoenchen; Mike and Vickie Bailey, Micheal Vahling, Jerry, Patty, Jared and Peggy Foster, Jennings; Nancy Vernon, St. Francis; Robert and Krystal Hollars, Larry and Trevor Boling, Tammy Bruln, Matt and Roberta Schillig, Dresden; Camille Higer, Becky Wicks, Craig Seibel, Shawn Brach, Ellis; and Taylor Lieker and Sara Gottchalk, Victoria.

Lairy and Beth Goltl spent Thanksgiving in Wichita with Scott and Deb Goltl, Molly, Matthew and Nathan.

Celebrating Thanksgiving and the arrival of a new daughter at the home of Steve and Chris Hess and Norah Elizabeth Mae Hess in Overland Park were Dan and Julie Hess and Carter, Salina; Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica, St. Francis; and Cecil Hess.

Eunice Martin and daughters, Candy Rauhut, Garden City, and Connie Robison, Littleton, Colo., returned last week from a Caribbean cruise. Rod and Glenna Copeland of Colchester, Vt., spent the time with her father, Glenn Martin. Joining them for Thanksgiving was Libbie Copeland, Bozeman, Mont.

Thursday dinner guests of Sam and Kathy Willcoxon were their daughter, Kerri and Michael Conner and Jace, Highlands Ranch, Colo., and John Brown.

Lee Schissler, Houston, visited last week with Lucy Schissler and other relatives. He was a houseguest at the David Simpson home.

Bill and Carol Duncan traveled to Lubbock, Texas, on Nov. 14. They visited Greg and Tamara Duncan, getting acquainted with their week-old grandson, Matthew Gregory. From there, they went to Brownwood, Texas, to visit their son, Scott and Linda Duncan. Others attending a Thanksgiving gathering were Beth, of the home; mother-in-law, Jo Hood; and son, Paul, Abilene, Texas. Paul is a senior at Abilene Christian University.

—Christmas Victorian Tea, Sunday, Dec. 4, 1-4 p.m. Land-Mark Inn. \$8.50/person. Call (785) 475-2340 for reservations.

Brenda Fought is recuperating from heart surgery. Mail will reach her at St. Christopher House, 1780 Lafayette Street, room 207, Denver, Colo., 80218, phone (720) 917-9938.

Houseguests from Wednesday to Friday of Loyd and Mary Waldo were Michael and Susan Wright and Allison, Lawrence; and Tom Van Compermolle, Overland Park. Additional dinner guests on Thursday were Don and Jo Claussen, Bob and Marian Fraker, John and Pat Wright, and Phil Fraker, Oberlin; Doug Wright, Overland Park; Linda Tomlin, Hays; and Jim and Bonnie Claussen, Benton, Texas.

Bud and Detta McKirryher, Tucson, Ariz., spent a week with Craig and Celia Ecker and family at McCook. On Thursday, they were joined for a potluck dinner by John and Luci Grill, and Matt and Cheri Ecker and family at the McCook Senior Center. The McKirryhers were stranded in Oberlin due to the storm on Sunday.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Aleen Van Vleet, Max Carman, Merle Shirley and Wilma May. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Floyd Edgett and Barb Solko. Pitch highs went to Merle Shirley and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Barb Solko and Juanita Eckhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Peña, Ian and Ella of Colby. The Peñas are moving to Wichita.

Galen and Patrick Barenberg, Bennett, Colo., were Saturday supper guests of Gene and Marcella Leitner.

Thanksgiving supper guests Wednesday of Doris Fringer were James and Heather Shirley, Olathe; Rod and Patty Steinmetz, Two Buttes, Colo.; Chris and Curtis Walston, Deanna and Bob Castle, Carolyn Shirley and Shane Harris, Oberlin.

Frank Cameron is moving to Wesley Towers in Hutchinson. His address is 700 Monterey Place, Apt. 422, Hutchinson, Kan., 67502. Doyle and Karol Styles, Oberlin; Richard and Doreen Hager, Dodge City; and Tony Hager, Wichita, moved his belongings over the weekend.

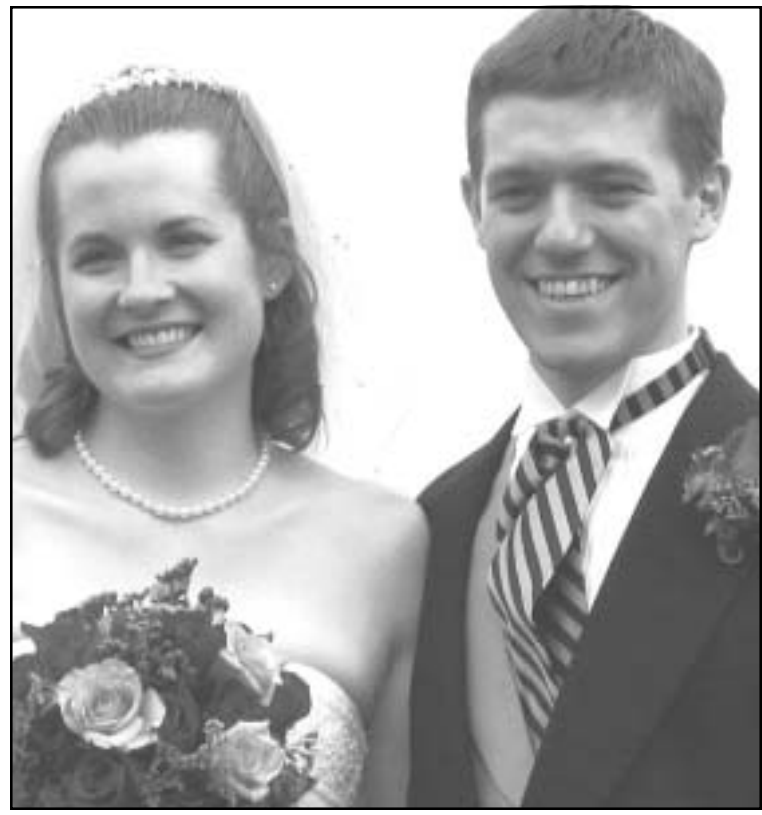
Herschel and Jody Betts spent Thanksgiving in Leawood with their son and family, Gene and Jan Betts and Mary Kate, Anne of New York City, and Michael of Bloomington, Ind. Additional guests on Thursday were Marcia and Steve Kirke, Des Moines, Iowa; and daughters, Natalie and Kyle Hartman, Prairie Village, and Angela, Omaha. En route home, the Bettses attended the KU-Iowa State game.

Thursday dinner guests of Sam and Diana Steinmetz were Tedd and Lila Johnson, Paxton, Neb.; Shane and Amanda Johnson, Dodge City; Gary Matheny, McCook; Kay and Andy Chambers, and Luetta Pollnow.

Holiday guests of Larry and Karen Smith were Marqueta Fetsch, Marienthal, and Brent and Theresa Smith, Emporia.

Thursday dinner guests of Bob and Deanna Castle were Janice and Eduardo Ferrala, Denver; James and Heather Shirley, Olathe; Rod and Patty Steinmetz, Two Buttes, Colo.; Devan and Sarah Castle and family, Hoxie; Carolyn Shirley, Shannon Harris, Shane Harris and boys, Doris Fringer, Valisha Castle and girls, and Travis Raile, Oberlin. Callers later were Shelby Brown and boys; J.D. Forbes, Hershey, Neb.; and Thaniel and Jennifer Monaco and family.

Jeff and Amie Bruce of Sterling, Ill., are the parents of a daughter, Jadlyn Layne, born Nov. 22, 2005.



Anne and Christopher Smith

Thornton-Smith vows exchanged in St. Louis

Anne Thornton, Elmhurst, Ill.; and Christopher Smith, Oberlin, were married at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005, at the Basilica of St. Louis, King of France, in St. Louis, Mo., by Monsignor Patrick K. Hambrough.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph P. and Cynthia M. Thornton, Appleton, Wis. The bridegroom is the son of Larry E. and Karen S. Smith, Oberlin.

Serving as maid of honor was Sarah Reever. Bridesmaids were Theresa Smith, Christine Donaghy, Amy Pletcher, and Jennifer Moore Walter.

Best man was Brent Smith. Groomsmen were John Thornton, Kris Haack, Reid Kirchoff, and Emily Fall Ledford.

Musicians were Melissa Jacobson, Doug Woolverton, Kristi Rood, Matthew Thornton, and Patrick Knox.

A reception was held at the Drury Plaza Hotel, St. Louis.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Sacred Heart Griffin High School, Springfield, Ill., and a 2003 magna cum laude graduate of Drake University, where she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre.

The bridegroom is a 1999 graduate of Decatur Community High School, and a 2003 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre.

Both are employed by The Chicago Theatre, and the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre.

The couple honeymooned on San Juan Island, Wash., and are making their home in Chicago.

Those attending the wedding from Oberlin were Larry and Karen Smith, Theresa and Brent, Lyman and Sharon Black, Dave and Carla Depperschmidt, and Jean Hale.

New Arrivals

Lukas Brier Zodrow

Mory and Deena Zodrow of Oberlin are the parents of a son, Lukas Brier, born at 9:41 a.m. on Nov. 22, 2005, at Bryan Lincoln General Hospital, Lincoln, Neb. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. He has a brother, LeRay, 14, and a sister, Lara, 10. Grandparents are Gary and Leola Zodrow, Oberlin; and Duane and Dee Blodgett, Midland, Mich.

L. Zodrow

She weighed 9 pounds and was 22 inches long. She has a sister, Landlyn, 3. Maternal grandparents are Howard and Carolyn Kuhn, Topeka. Maternal great-grandparents are Lemoine Landau, Wichita; and Byron and Phyllis McCartney, Oberlin.

Garrett J. Schroeder

James and Destiny Schroeder of Herndon are the parents of a son, Garrett James, born Nov. 18, 2005, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. He has a brother, Donovan, 6, and a sister, Ceanne, 4. Grandparents are Richard and Mary Schroeder, Colby; and Don and Diana Solko, Herndon. Great-grandparents are Mary Brooks, Norton; Lucille Solko, Atwood; and Delmar and Nadine Dewey, Trenton, Neb.

Winter Farmers Market set

The Oberlin Business Alliance will hold its annual Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the new Business Enhancement Center at 104 S. Penn, at the corner of Penn and Commercial in the former bank building.

Vendors with homemade baked

goods, jellies, produce, honey or handmade crafts are welcome to bring a table to sell their goods that day. There is no charge.

To reserve a table, call the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce office at (785) 475-3441.

Kids wrestling benefit set

The Oberlin Kids Wrestling Club will sponsor a benefit soup supper at 5:30 p.m. on Friday in the high

school cafeteria before the Oberlin-Oakley wrestling dual. Everyone is welcome.



50th Anniversary

The children of Clif Sr. & Clois Fiala are having a card shower in honor of their parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary December 3, 2005. Please send a card and enclose a note of something you remember, and/or photograph if you have one to: 3944 Magnolia St., Colorado Springs, CO 80907

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