



Danielle and Jeffrey Leitner

## Couple exchange vows at St. John's Lutheran

Danielle Danette Diederich and Jeffrey Daniel Leitner were married on Saturday, June 4, 2005, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Pastor Richard Langness officiated at the evening ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Rocky and Teresa Diederich, Oberlin; and Danny Joe and Jean Ann Leitner, Herndon.

Grandparents of the bride are Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Oberlin; Carolyn Miller, Colby; the late Claude Miller; and the late Kenneth and Sara Reiners. Her great-grandmothers are Matilda Diederich and Iris Wurm, Oberlin.

The bridegroom's grandparents are the late Robert P. and Ann Leitner, and the late Charles and Virginia Portschy.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her parents, and the bridegroom seated his parents.

Kamy Diederich, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Junior bridesmaid was Jori Diederich, sister of the bride. Erika Redfern, friend of the bride, and Jennifer Leitner, sister of the bridegroom, were bridesmaids.

Personal attendant of the bride was Jessica Sjolholm, Ellis. Flower girls were Caitlin and Courtney Leitner, cousins of the bride.

Jason Bergling served as best man. Joel Pfeifer, friend of the bridegroom, and Isaac Marintzer, cousin of the bridegroom, were groomsmen.

The rings were carried by Rex and Max Diederich on a handmade pillow made by the bride's grand-

mother, Carolyn Miller.

Guests were seated by Jarrod Schmoker, Joe Haag, and Ryan Diederich, cousins of the bride. All serve in the Armed Forces and wore their dress uniforms.

Candlelighters and program attendants were Amy and April Portschy, cousins of the bridegroom. Scripture was read by Jennifer Leitner, sister of the bridegroom.

Organist was Dianne Bremer. Jennifer and Anita Hirsch were vocalists and Jeanette Diederich, vocalist and guitarist.

The unity candle symbolized that in their marriage, God was bringing the two together as one. It was also in remembrance of the late grandparents of the couple.

The wedding party rode to The Gateway for the reception and dance in horse-drawn buggies and were accompanied by Ron McDougal and Mick Glaze.

The wedding cake was baked and served by Shari Haag, aunt of the bride. She was assisted by Brenda Lawless, aunt of the bride, and Charlotte Smith, aunt of the bridegroom.

Leon and Marita Portschy, uncle and aunt of the bridegroom, and Robb and Gay Leitner, uncle and aunt of the bride, hosted the reception.

June 4 marked the wedding anniversary of the bridegroom's grandparents, the late Charles and Virginia Portschy.

Following a honeymoon to Mackinac Island, they are living in Colorado Springs.

## Norcatatur man retires

David J. Hare of Norcatatur, a senior equipment operator at the Oberlin Sub-Area Office, retired from the Kansas Department of Transportation on March 13.

He began his career as an equipment operator in Oberlin in 1981. He said he has seen a lot of changes since his early days, but his commitment to keep Kansas roads safe for

motorists hasn't changed. He has done maintenance and snow removal for 24 years.

His retirement plans include woodworking and leather crafting.

He and his wife Retta have three grown children: Janice Ebner, Joseph Hare and Katherine Wilkins, and seven grandchildren.

## Prayer service set for Sunday

The Decatur County Ministerial Association will sponsor the fourth annual Community Prayer Service for rain and other concerns, beginning at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the Bohemian Hall on the museum grounds.

The format for the service will be

in the style of a Taize prayer service, according to the Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler.

"Everyone is invited and welcome to attend as we lift up our prayers to God for our community," she said.

## Women plan salad supper

Connie Olson opened the March 5 meeting of St. John's Lutheran Missionary League with the devotion, "The Hands of Jesus." Phyllis Beneda was hostess.

Evelyn May led the topic, "Shine Like Stars." Peggy Groneweg was elected as a delegate to the convention in Salina in April. Plans were made for the salad supper in May.

## Club News

### Members select fashions

Monday Evening Club members met at the Dresser in downtown Oberlin on March 13. Each person selected an outfit from the new spring fashions which appealed to her and explained why. Manager Karen Metcalf spoke about trends for spring as well as the coming fall season.

Members held their meeting at the LandMark Inn where roll call was answered by members commenting on three items of the 20-question community survey which they feel are true of the quality of life in Oberlin and Decatur County. Terry Woodbury of the Heartland Center for Leadership Development spoke to the group about factors which

determine the future in Northwest Kansas. Each person was urged to return her survey and bring another person to the community-wide meeting to be held the evening of Thursday, April 6, at The Gateway. The club is operating the Sunflower Cinema during March.

Co-hostesses were Karol Styles and Marcia Lohofener.

The April 10 meeting will be held at the home of Barbara Dehlinger with Arian Arnold as co-hostess. The program, on feng shui, will be given by Michelle Moses and roll call will be answered by each member naming a favorite item in her home.

### 4-H members give program

By SAMANTHA ANDERSON

Are you 4-H members glad 4-H day is over? I sure am!!! There were no injuries reported at the club day. I think it was the same judges as last year, but this year they were a lot harder. They gave out a lot of red ribbons for any subject. Just if you are wondering, 4-H day was March 10. Regional 4-H day will be at 5 p.m. on March 31 in Brewster.

On Sunday, March 12, the Stick-To-It 4-H club had a meeting at 4:30 p.m. There were 23 members present and 16 members absent. Madison Monaco,

Zach May, Hannah May, Christopher Anderson, and Gabriel Anderson gave us wonderful programs.

Madison read a poem called "Heartland" that was very cute to listen to. Zach told us about "Cattle RFID Ear Tags" and Hannah told us how to make a gift bag out of empty toilet-paper rolls. Chris told us how to make a giant ruler before Gabe told us how to make a lamp out of your Dad's old popcorn popper. Great project ideas!! And yes, I suffered through one too. I talked about how to make a picture frame out of sunglasses.

### Club members enjoy music

Pi Alpha club met March 13 at Sappa Valley Manor and enjoyed a musical program presented first. It included piano solos by Kaine Fredrickson and Darby Rouse, and a trumpet-piano duet by Chenaniah Langness and Joy Russell. Others present to listen were the Rev. Rick Langness family, Robyn Rouse, Gary and Sarah Fredrickson, and Neal Russell.

Mrs. Russell was hostess and

gave devotions entitled, "Spring Cleaning for Heart and Soul." Co-hostess was Cecil Hess. Fifteen members were present. A \$20 donation was made to Smoky Hills Public Television. Kristy Evans won the hostess gift.

The March 27 meeting will be held at the Golden Age Center with Rosella Meitl as hostess, assisted by Doris Sloan.

### Club honors residents

Zeta Nu Club met at Cedar Living Center for the March 9 meeting with 14 members present.

Lois Fredrickson won the hostess gift. Following the meeting, members served long johns, coffee and tea to the residents to honor those who were observing March birthdays.

Entertainment was by Decatur Community High School vocal

students of Susan Nelson who sang their contest solos, accompanied by Mary Jo Lohofener. Hostesses were Marie Jean Vavroch, Marie Zimmerman and June Harold.

The next meeting will be at Sappa Manor on April 13 where installation of officers will be held following a salad supper.

### Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends enjoyed lunch at the Pizza Hut on March 8.

Those present were: Norma Richards, Phyllis Screen, Bernie Fred, Mabel Zimmerman, Dorothy Jackson, Ruby Wennihan, Joan Neidenthal, Millie Lippelmann, Eileene Grose, Doris Fringer, Martha Fringer, Alice Shirley, Nadean Stoney, Mary Ann

Amack, Esther Carlson, Doris Sloan, Cecil Hess, Evelyn Olson, Elaine Bryan, Delphia Biggs, Eula Juenemann, Marty Munson, Dolores Koerperich, Bertha Schwisow and Mildred Holmdahl.

The next meeting will be an 8:30 a.m. prayer breakfast on April 12 at the Frontier Restaurant in observance of Holy Week.

### Maverick 4-H Club meets

By TAYLOR MACFEE

Maverick 4-H Club members took part in Decatur County 4-H Day at the Oberlin Elementary School on March 10. The club did a dance to "The Car Wash."

After the performance, a short business meeting was held. We talked about working at the movie theater. All members brought finger foods, and pop

was furnished by Macfees and Fortins.

We also had Life Skills for anyone who wanted to do them. We thank Mrs. Lohofener for the use of her room.

Regional 4-H Day will be on March 31. The top entries from the county 4-H Day will gather with other counties to compete for regional awards.

### Neighbors enjoy coffee

The Oberlin Royal Neighbors of America camp held a St. Patrick's coffee at the Golden Age Center on Thursday with 25 members and guests present.

Mary Ann Amack led in a sing-along of Irish and old-time songs,

accompanied by Beth Sebaugh. Homemade cinnamon rolls, made by Nadean Stoney, were served. Door prizes were won by Elaine Mizell of McCook and Ardis Roe.

## Couple plans June wedding

Katherine Lynn Stoker and Bradley Rex Moore are making plans to be married on July 22 at St. Pius X Church in Mission.

Parents of the couple are Charles and Barbara Stoker of Merriam, and Brendan and Kathi Moore of Cedar Bluffs.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Shawnee Mission North High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Kansas, majoring in political science. She is the granddaughter of Shirley Reeder of Overland Park and the late Donald Reeder, and the late Paul and Ruby Stoker.

Her fiance graduated from Decatur Community High School.



B. Moore and K. Stoker

He attended the University of Kansas and works on his family's farm at Cedar Bluffs. He is the grandson of Rex Moore of McCook and the late Fern Moore, and Cyrus and Beverly Haag, McCook.

## Woman honored on 83rd

Mary Lemman was guest of honor in celebration of her 83rd birthday on March 12. Cake and punch were served.

Those attending in addition to the guest of honor were her children, Audrey and Murry Pavlicek, Dona Van Pelt, Janet and Cletus Knipp, Don Lemman, and Carol and Scott Hodson.

Guests included Charlie, Jemie, Hunter and Austin Lemman, Jason, Vanessa and Taeya Berry, Amber

and Caitlin Farrell, Shaundell, Brian, Trey and Brianna Van Pelt, Chad Newton, Ardes Cappel, Maleah Hodson and friend Corey, Lila Fisher, Kristi, Emily and Kelsea Geschwentner, Walt Mosier, Millie Lippelmann, Myrna Wilson, Marissa and Miranda Mosier, Regina Lorance, Lois Carlson, Chris and Haley Lemman, Jerald and Elaine Leitner, and Ben and Karen Lashley.

## Girl baptized at Sacred Heart

Katrina Lou Neal, infant daughter of Kendal and Tammy Neal of Oberlin, was baptized Saturday, March 11, at Sacred Heart Church in Oberlin. Officiating was Father George Kochuvelikkakam.

A family baby shower followed at the church. Those present were Kendal and Tammy Neal and Katrina, Oberlin; Jack and Mary Gutchewsky, Herndon; Varlan and

Catherine Neal, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky, Kearney, Neb.; Joel and Sarah Urling and Addyson, McCook; Kayla and Braden Korte, Rexford; Shirley Axtell, Danbury; Phyllis Zeller, Ravenna, Neb.; Lori Beeby, Cassidy and Cadde, Lebanon, Neb.; Mary Karnes, Allen, Neb.; Hoxie; Ruby Wennihan and Pam Simonsson, Oberlin; and Opal Rolland, WaKeeney.

## Rotary hears young musicians

Rotary Club members enjoyed instrumental music provided by eighth graders when they met Tuesday, March 7.

Charles Haag introduced Christie Morris, school band director, and several musicians who received "I" ratings at the area junior high music contest in Colby: Jaxen Alstrom, tuba; Lakin Brown, bass clarinet; Mackenzie Carman, trumpet; Ashley Horton, clarinet; and Mary Olson, alto saxophone. They were accompanied by Cheryl Metcalf.

Guests included Barbara Olson, Steven Stecklein, Jodi Hoover, Kirk Logan and Rev. Rick Langness, a candidate for Rotary membership.

Kristi Smith talked about her experiences in Africa last August at the

March 14 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. She was introduced by Doug Fair.

She joined several from Oberlin and Hoxie on the journey that began in Denver. They went to Paris, Douala and Yaounde, Cameroon, and concluded in Nigeria. Their visit was to encourage the Africans to improve their lifestyle through classes and religious services.

It was announced that Merlou Lohofener of Oberlin will be going to Sao Paulo, Brazil, as a member of the Rotary Group Study Exchange program. She will be joined by two teachers from Great Bend. They plan to leave on May 15 and be gone a month.

## Direct payments reduced

Farmers who enroll land in the Direct and Countercyclical Payment Program after Feb. 8 may receive an advance of up to 40 percent of the direct payment for any covered commodity for the 2006 crop year.

The amount of the advance payment was reduced from 50 percent by the Agricultural Reconciliation Act of 2005, also known as Title I of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

As before, farmers may elect to receive their direct payments in two

installments per year. The first payment is available in December of the year before the crop is harvested, the balance in October.

For the 2007 crop year, farmers may receive an advance of up to 22 percent of the total direct payment. The value of the direct payment does not change.

Those who enrolled in the 2006 program prior to Feb. 8 and elected to receive a 50 percent advance direct payment will be unaffected by the act.

## New Arrival

### Haylee Rae Wolf

Ryan and Michele Wolf of Springfield, Ill., have a daughter, Haylee Rae Wolf, born at 12:18 a.m. on Feb. 26, 2006, at Springfield Memorial Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Doug and Pat Brown, Oberlin; Rod and Barb Wolf, Ogallala, Neb.; and Lowell and Shelley Olson, Brule, Neb. Great-grandparents are Art and Dolores Oelkers, Elwood, Neb.; Howard and Jo Wolf, Gilbert, Ariz.; Larry and Fay Gallentine, Ogallala; and Carol Olson, Brule.



Haylee Wolf

Don and Genola Claussen will be celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, March 23.



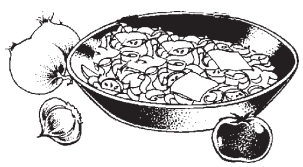
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