

Oberlin graduate finds fulfillment in her work

Amy Anderson, who graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1979, has found her place in life working for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Oklahoma City.

The daughter of Dr. Jay Anderson of Oberlin and Mary Anderson of Osborne, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in communications from Fort Hays State University in 1983. She serves as health care services coordinator for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

She said that when she graduated from high school, her parents told her, "All we ask of you is that you leave the world a little better than you found it."

"I hope, at least for the families we see dealing with these devastating diseases, that the support we provide has made their world a little better and a bit easier," she says.

Ms. Anderson said that the MDA Neuromuscular Center at Integris Southwest Medical Center opened in July of 2004 and they have been blessed with incredible success and attention since.

"Just 10 months later," she recalled, "we were chosen to be profiled on the National Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon. While the national film crew was in town taping for the Telethon, we were also able to arrange for the filming of Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry and the First Lady for the national show. The Henrys were one of the first families I met when I started with MDA over 15 years ago. Their daughter Lindsay had a neuromuscular disease and died at 7 months."

"When we opened the clinic, our five-year goal was to become an MDA/ALS center, one of a select group of clinics that meet standards set by MDA to care for people with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). With a lot of hard work, we were able to earn this designation in less than two years!"

"Opening the clinic and receiving all this national recognition is the culmination of more than a decade of hard work. It first began when Brent Beson, medical director of the clinic, had just graduated from high school and I recruited him to be a camp volunteer. Although Brent always knew he wanted to be a doctor, it wasn't until after his first week of MDA camp that he decided he wanted to be a neurologist and spe-

cialize in neuromuscular disease. "After the first few years that Brent volunteered at the camp, we became good friends with a common vision ... a state-of-the-art neuromuscular center with a multidisciplinary team of experts dedicated to providing hope, help and health care to people with muscular dystrophy and related disorders."

"We are now able to provide a full range of services to all of our patients at no direct cost to those we serve. I guess the idea that 'If you build it, they will come' works, as we now have people traveling from at least five states to our center."

"What many people don't realize is that MDA covers 43 different neuromuscular disorders. In addition to the muscular dystrophies and ALS, we also cover myasthenia gravis, hereditary neuropathies, inflammatory myopathies, spinal muscular atrophy, and other muscle diseases."

"Although I am extremely proud of the clinic, I am also humbled by the honor of being able to work with such a caring team of professionals who put service to others first."

"Working with families who are dealing with these devastating diseases really gives you a great respect for the depth of the human spirit. So many of our patients and their families are such exceptional people. They deal with extraordinary pain and difficulty with great grace, dignity and in many cases, incredible humor. It is such a privilege to be able to provide even a little hope, comfort and care."

"One of our main goals was to become a designated MDA/ALS center. There were only 35 clinics in the nation that had received this designation, with most being large university-based research clinics."

"We had hoped to reach this goal within five years of opening, but enthusiasm from our clinic team helped us meet the criteria and we received designation as an MDA/ALS center in less than two years, dedicating the Integris MDA/ALS Center in May 2006."

Ms. Anderson said that her philosophy is, "Don't just live the length of your life; live the width of it as well."

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A. Anderson



Natalie and Drew Zalkin

Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Natalie Newcom and Drew Zalkin were married on Saturday, June 24, 2006, in Denver. The Rev. Mary Armacost Hulst officiated at the 4:30 p.m. double-ring ceremony at Calvary Baptist Church.

Parents of the couple are Diane and Chuck Newcom of Denver, and Cindy and Larry Zalkin of Charleston, S.C. Kay and Gail Marcuson of Oberlin and Elda Newcom of Garden City are grandparents of the bride.

The bride wore a gown of white silk with a chapel-length train designed by Reem Acra. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of pink roses, green hydrangeas and raspberry mini calla lilies.

Hannah Trierweiler, New York, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amanda Berger, New York; Shelbi Galeria, San Antonio; Erin Linehan, Upton, Mass.; Bennett Ritvo, New York; Jessica Hubbard, Denver; and Nicole Palmer, Boston. They were attired in raspberry silk gowns with pink sashes, designed by Jenny Yoo. They carried bouquets of pink peonies and hydrangeas with raspberry celosia.

Jarrad Zalkin, Boston, brother of

the bridegroom, was best man. Groomsmen were Joe Reynolds, Hartford, Conn.; Chip Newcom, Evanston, Ill., brother of the bride; Andy Haberman, Collinsville, Conn.; Ted Lovejoy, Boston; Taylor Wolfe, and Nils Lundblad, New York. Ushers were Dana Betterton, New York, and Joel Moxley, Cambridge, Mass.

Musicians were the Lark String Quartet; Daniel Leavitt, trumpeter; Mary Louise Burke, soloist; and Michael McBride, organist. Readers were the Rev. Mike Williams and the Rev. Bruce Greer.

Guests gathered at the Denver Country Club for dinner and dancing following the ceremony. Leslie Marcuson, Topeka, attended the guest book. Reception hosts were Corry and Phil Doty, and Katherine and Mark Fulford, Denver; Sally and George Moxley, Richmond, Va.; and Jennifer Carver and Gordon Yale, Denver.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, Mr. and Mrs. Zalkin are at home in New York, where she is a specialist in Russian works of art at Christie's, the auction house, and he is a senior financial analyst at Related Capital Co.

School group sets meeting

Supporting Our Schools will kick off its plans for this school year with a meeting at 6 p.m. tonight in the Oberlin Elementary School library.

The group includes parents, teachers and community members who want to help enhance the educational experience through events geared toward learning. Among past events have been Math Night, Reading Night, Scavenger Hunt, Geog-

raphy Night (A Trip Around the World) and more.

Possible upcoming events include a Campbell's Soup Label and Box Tops for Education contest, an event which will coincide with parent orientation night, and a carnival.

Everyone is invited to attend and help with ideas and planning for the year. For questions, call Pam May, president, at 475-3606.

Club hears of school closing

Marilyn Noone presented a Smoky Hills Public Television program on the closing of the Jennings School when the Oberlin Rotary Club met on July 25 at The Gateway.

She said that the documentary about the closing was on the program *Kansas Spotlight*, and it brought out the effect the closing has on the community. Lack of students and money, loss of family farms and jobs, as well as the exodus of young

people to cities, led to the closing of the school. The superintendent at Jennings spoke on the program about problems relating to the closing. The school district was established in 1880 and closed in May.

"For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was sung in memory of Charlie Corcoran, as well as a moment of silence.

Marilyn's daughter, Stephanie Noone, was a guest.

Four generations gather

Jim and Linda Hollowell of Oberlin were hosts for a Harrison, Hollowell and White family weekend from Friday to Sunday.

The families displayed family photos and everyone got a family history booklet prepared by Patti Pouncil. Bob Threats of Denver, a family friend, provided the food.

Guests included Jim's mother, Vera Matthews, Denver; her brother, R.D. Harrison, Haskell, Okla.;

Jim's brother, Joe Hollowell, Denver; and cousins, Champ and Patti Pouncil, Drumwright, Okla.; Charles White, Kansas City, Mo.; Larry and Clifffetta Harrison and Quentin and Saundra Harrison, Haskell, Okla.; Steve, Sherri, Bria and Brenden Hudson, Denver; Keenan Hollowell, Brian, Taren, Monica and Taylor, and Christopher and Hollie Coburn and Jordan, Aurora, Colo.

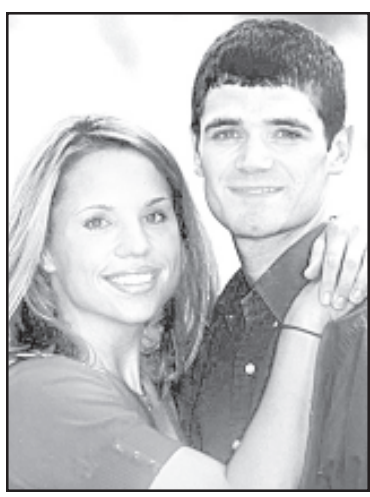
Couple plans fall wedding

Joanne Riedinger of Mulvane and Scott Wilson of Norcatour plan to be married on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the New Hope Community Church in Olathe.

A reception will follow at Quivira Lake Country Club.

Parents of the couple are John and Margaret Riedinger, Mulvane, and Dave and Pam Wilson, Norcatour.

The bride is a graduate of Mulvane High School and Washburn University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She is a registered nurse in the oncology department at KU Medical Center in Kansas City.



J. Riedinger and S. Wilson

September date set on calendar

Lori Hill and Justin Marintzer plan to be married in September.

Parents of the couple are Sandra and William Rutschow of Ettrick, Wis., and Gregory and Rita Marintzer of Herndon.

The bride-elect is a graduate of University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point and works as a hydrologic technician with the U.S. Geological Survey in Hays.

Her fiance is a graduate of Fort

Her fiance graduated from Decatur Community High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in cellular biology at the University of Kansas and is employed as a cellular biologist with SAFC Biosciences in Lenexa.



J. Marintzer and L. Hill

Hays State University in Hays and is employed by Sappa Valley Construction of Oberlin.

New pastor serves area

Pastor Ray Gilstrap has been appointed to serve the Almaena, Clayton and Norcatour United Methodist churches, replacing Pastor Kathy Aeillo.

Mrs. Aeillo is now serving at Scandia and Courtland, where Mr. Gilstrap has been the past five years.

Pastor Gilstrap said he grew up in Arkansas City and attended Emporia State College, where he completed a Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1964. His wife, Jeanne, is a native of Clyde and the couple met at Emporia, where she also earned a music education degree. They were married in 1962.

After graduation, they returned to Arkansas City, where he worked in a family-owned music store and other jobs for two years. In the fall of 1966, he accepted a position as band director at Cedar Vale and he continued teaching through the spring of 1982. He taught in Madison; Pawnee City, Neb.; Arkansas City; Fairfax, Mo.; and Neodesha, taking graduate work at Emporia State, Wichita State and Northwest Missouri State in Maryville.

He said he left teaching in the

summer of 1982 and entered Central

Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, where he completed a Master of Divinity degree, graduating in May 1985. While in seminary, he served as associate pastor of First Pilgrim Congregational Church in Kansas City, then began full-time ministry in July 1983 when he became associate pastor

and minister of music at First Baptist Church in Augusta. He was ordained by the American Baptist churches in 1985 and served that denomination for 4 1/2 years.

He was pastor of Lansing First Baptist Church for eight years and at the Beloit-Simpson Parish, an American Baptist/United Methodist federated parish, from 1997 to 2001.

The couple's family includes three married children, Mrs. Scott (Sherri) Stannard of Mission, a Montessori teacher; Jack, a pastor at the First Baptist Church in Abilene; and Don, director of the library at Southwest Oklahoma State in Weatherford.

The couple will live at 508 Washington in Almaena.



Ray Gilstrap

Rotary gets new officers

Doyle Brown of Jennings took over as the president of the Oberlin Rotary Club on July 1, replacing Gary Shike.

Other officers are Marilyn Noone, vice president; Jesse Carter, secretary; and Rhonda May, treasurer.

Mr. Brown, a life-long resident of Decatur County, graduated from Jennings High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in education at Kansas State University. He returned to Decatur County to farm and began a teaching and coaching career at Clayton in the fall of 1960.

In 1968 he accepted a teaching position in Herndon, where he taught junior high and coached junior and senior high athletic teams. He began teaching and coaching in Jennings in the fall of 1977, retiring in 1989. He returned to teaching

from 1999 to 2003.

He was elected county commissioner to represent the 3rd District in 1992 and joined the Rotary Club at that time. He continues to farm, with the entire farm organically certified. He is a member and lay leader of the Jennings United Methodist Church, a member of the Jennings Lions Club and president of the Kansas Chapter of Organic Producers.

Mr. Brown served as a first responder for 15 years with the Jennings ambulance service and serves on local and regional boards and committees.

He and Kay Tacha were married in 1958 and are the parents of four children, Kent, Kara, Kurt and Keli. They have six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.



D. Brown

New Arrivals

Braden Lee Sorenson

Gavin and Rayanne Sorenson of Falun, Nev., are the parents of a son,

Braden Lee, born July 19, 2006. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces. Grandparents are Brett and Teri Sorenson, and Steve and Kathy Fraker, all of Falun. Great-grandparents are Bob and Marian Fraker, Oberlin, and Lloyd and Catherine Wade, Russell.



B. Sorensen

Pamela Ballinger, Norton; and Larry and Deb Stoney, Herndon.

His mother is the former Michelle Stoney, a 1996 graduate of Decatur Community High School.



Ryan Prewo

Madison Rose Urban

Bill and Nora Urban of Oberlin are the parents of a daughter, Madison Rose, born April 19, 2006. She has a sister, Mackenzie, 3, and a brother, Mason, 1.

Grandparents Ron and Dee McDougal, and Willa Urban, all of Oberlin.



M. Urban

Woman honored on 90th

Lora Zwickle was honored with an open house on Sunday, July 23, at Wheat Ridge Terrace in observance of her 90th birthday. Hosts were her daughter, Phyllis Nicholson, Salina, and son, Wayne Zwickle, Oberlin, and their families.

Those present included: Dan and Traci Zwickle and Britny, Lakewood, Colo.; Phyllis Nicholson, Ricky and Rachel Nicholson, Salina; Ron and Gloria Zwickle, Norton; Jeff Reinert, Debbie Fanders, Atwood; Dianna Meissner, Culbertson, Neb.; Tom and Connie Zwickle, Golda Zwickle, McCook; Jeanne Britton, Northglenn, Colo.; Judi Stricker, Hill City; Maxine Walker, Phillipsburg; Viola Castens, Ludell; Perk Barnett, Peoria, Ariz.; and Cliff and Linda Mills, Denver;

Wayne and Phyllis Zwickle and Amy, Myrtle Waldo, Verna Mae Anderson, Juanita Eckhart, Doris Gilbert, Ivis Hanson, Merle Shirley, Robin Edgett, Nancy Vath, Max and

Veanna Carman, Don and Charlotte Meints, Vic and Opal Bryan, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Melanie Anderson, Dolores Koerperich, Erlene Schroer, Ronda Schroer, Lee and Estella Waldo, Myrna Jones, Elden and Delta Anderson, Bette Grout, Norman and Julie Gallentine, Dante Robertson, Gary and Annette Miller, Bernice Martin, Louise Pollnow, Marcia Lohofener, and Eunice Avery, Oberlin.

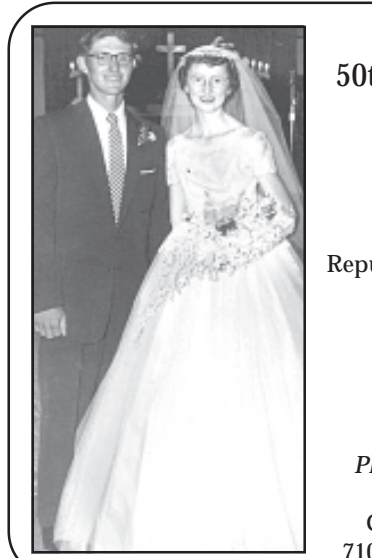
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Open House 50th Wedding Anniversary
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