

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# People in Our Community

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Gregory and Stacie Marie Coyle

## Rossville couple married in Oberlin

Stacie Marie Gamblin and Gregory Wayne Coyle of Rossville were married Nov. 25 at the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oberlin, with the Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler officiating. Parents of the couple are Marilyn Gamblin, Oberlin, and William and Penny Coyle, Boone, Colo. Grandparents of the bride are Alvina Gamblin, Oberlin, and the late Richard Gamblin. Grandparents of the bridegroom are Norman and Peg Smith, Pueblo, Colo., and William and Mary Lou Coyle, New Mexico. Matrons of honor were Amy Erickson, Tecumseh, and Tammi

Engel, Colby, cousins of the bride. Best man was Rod Laizure, Independence, Mo., and groomsman was William Balderson, Wakefield. Emily and Rodney Coyle, daughter and son of the groom, served as flower girl and ring bearer. The bride was escorted to the altar by her mother. A reception was held at the Golden Age Center in Oberlin with Leon and Connie Miller, aunt and uncle of the bride, as hosts. The bride works at Family Service and Guidance Center in Topeka and the bridegroom works at Kolde Concrete, St. Marys. The couple will live in Rossville.

Christmas Eve supper guests of Diana and Sam Steinmetz were Kay and Andy Chambers and Gary Matheny, McCook, Neb., and Luetta Pollnow.

Dorothy Moore returned last Wednesday evening after spending Christmas with her son and family, Eric and Shelly Moore, Justin and Tylan, Manhattan, and her daughter and family, Deb and Mike Nickels, Emma and Mark, McLouth. She had lunch with Martha Nemeth in Topeka on Wednesday before returning to Oberlin.

Houseguests of Jackie Votapka during Christmas week were her daughters and their families, Barry and Janeil Baxter, Brock and Jordan Ann, Smith Center; Brett and Jodi White, Braden and Briley, Wichita; and Cade and Jill Winter, Jackson and Jaci, Clifton. Additional Christmas Day guests for dinner and gift exchange were Bob Wurm, Lynn

and Roberta Johnson, Jay and Shelli Fortin, Josh and Jacob, and Delphia Nowels, Oberlin.

Christmas week guests at the home of Gene and Marcella Leitner were Donna Wilson and Desiree, Wichita; Ashley and Britt Houser, Garden City; Patricia Tongish and Jarrett and John, Newton; and Keith and Candace Ketterl, Oberlin.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes drove to Lawrence on Saturday and attended the University of Kansas basketball game with their son, Lacy, and his roommate, Evan. The Jayhawks beat the Rhode Island Rams, 80-69. The Hayneses returned to Oberlin on Sunday.

Christmas Eve guests of Connie Grafel were Greg and Amanda Grafel, Kel and Reece, Jay Ketterl, Norma Grafel, Paula Steinmetz, and J.D. Sanderson. Dan and Melinda Grafel, Kade and Isabel observed

the Christmas holiday with their mother and grandmother the previous Friday evening. Kel and Reece Grafel were New Year's Eve overnight guests of their grandmother.

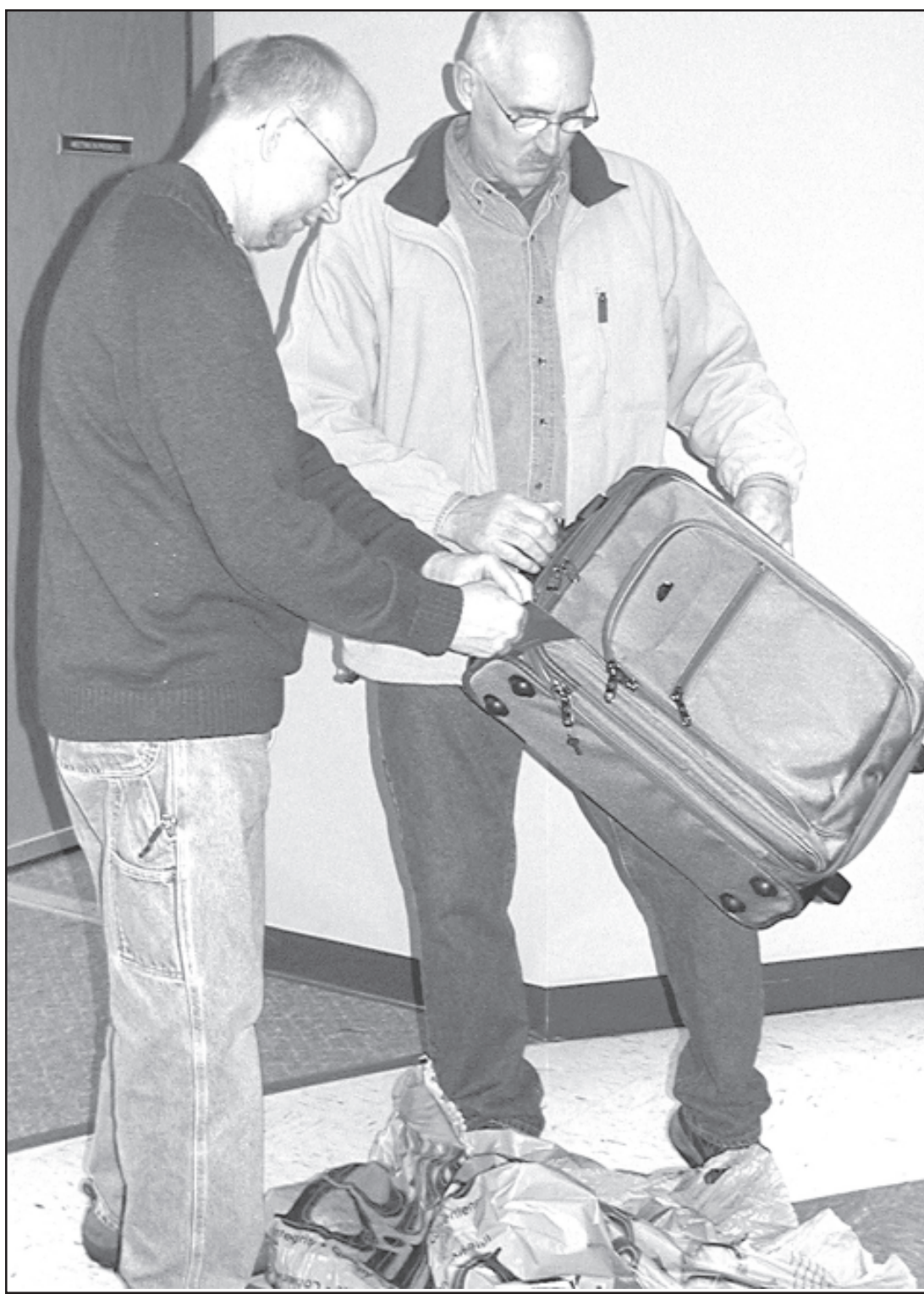
Timothy and Kimberly Davis traveled to Colorado last Wednesday where they stayed with family until New Year's Day. While in Aurora Kimberly had dinner with her grandparents, Martin and Betty Brandt, Aurora; Jeanette Brandt, Texas; Paul, Jennie and Tyler Brandt, Denver; and John, Janet and Sarah Brandt, Texas. The couple then traveled to Colorado Springs where they spent three days with Kimberly's parents, Marty and Nancy Brandt. They rang in the new year with Tim's parents, Tim and Brenda Davis of Oberlin, and Logan and Natalee Davis of Aurora.

Karen Metcalf and all of her family, except Sgt. 1st Class Randy McHugh who is serving in Iraq,

spent the Christmas holiday at the home of Doug and Kristy Richards in East Grand Forks, Minn. Present were Kay Richards, Columbia, Mo.; Cap Richards, Rochester, Minn.; Bryan Richards, Lawrence; Todd and Rachel Richards, Jacob and Caleb, Nederland, Texas; and Barry and Patti Richards, Curtis, Jonathon and Andrew, Kristen McHugh, Jordan, Conner and Tyler, all of Oberlin.

Guests over the Christmas holiday of Mike and Janeil Jensen and Mildred Holmdahl were Lori Ayers, Jordan and Caiden, Kearney, Neb., and Tracy Ayers, Meagan and Breanna, Salina.

Christmas weekend guests in the Loyd Waldo home were Michael and Susan Wright and Allison of Lawrence. Additional Sunday dinner guests were Don and Genola Claussen, Cathy Claussen, Myrtle Waldo and Ella Betts.



**CHECKING IT OUT,** Oberlin City Administrator Gary Shike (left) helped Bob Shuler examine his new luggage, a present from his co-workers. Mr. Shuler retired Friday after 28 years on the city street department. At his retirement party, the cake (to the left) had a road grader on it. —Staff photos by Steve Haynes

## Good Samaritan offers free Alzheimer seminars

Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin will hold an Alzheimer Seminar at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, and Feb. 10. Dr. Michael Breiner will be available to help families understand the facts about Alzheimer's and related diseases. More than 50 percent of those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities have some form of demen-

tia, said Good Samaritan Activities Director Lisa Stacey. This percentage is expected to increase in the coming years because people are living longer. Good Samaritan will be opening a new Alzheimer's Activity Room in March. There is no cost for the seminars and anyone with a loved one with dementia will benefit from them.

## Sternberg Museum to feature straw artists

The Sternberg Museum is featuring a traveling exhibit titled, "Amber Weaves of Grain" sponsored by the Kansas Association of Straw Artists. The exhibit displays detailed and intricate pieces of art created from wheat. The pieces feature items specific to Kansas, such as the Great Seal of Kansas, woven using the technique called marquetry, which combines color with the wheat. Other items include a combine, houses, a classic hat and an American Eagle. One of the temporary exhibits,

Museum Memories, holds a diversity of items ranging from a Japanese newspaper to a World War I German machine gun. One item that has caught eyes for decades is the shrunken head from South America. Sternberg Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and youth and \$3 for Fort Hays State University students with Tiger Cards. Admission is free for museum members and children 3 years old and under.

## County vehicle to move people to open house

The Decatur County meal site van will be circling Jennings on Saturday, picking up people who want to attend the BCI plant's open house. If people just stand outside, Big Blue will pick them up starting at 1:30 p.m., said County Commissioner Doyle Brown. Since

Jennings isn't that big, it shouldn't be necessary for people to gather in any one spot, he said. The van will keep moving people to allow out-of-town visitors access to the bus company's parking area, throughout the entire open house, which runs from 2 to 5 p.m.

## Friends, family honor retiree

About 30 friends, relatives and co-workers honored Bob Shuler on his retirement from the Oberlin city crew Friday night at The Gateway. Despite snow and ice, the party, which had been canceled a week previously because of the weather, went on with cake, tea, coffee and presents. Bob's wife Jo Ann, who works for Bank of the West in Larned and Kinsley, drove home in the snow to be at the party.

Co-workers got Mr. Shuler a suitcase for his going-away present. Mrs. Shuler said that would be great, since the couple will be attending a bank meeting in Las Vegas next month. A white-and-chocolate cake, made by Donna Fortin, was decorated in green and brown with a toy road grader on top. By the end of the party, only the grader remained.

## Rotarians take lesson in stamping

Colleen Rittmann gave an educational/vocation program for the Oberlin Rotary Club last Tuesday on a home business called Stamping Up. The business is the brainchild of two sisters who wanted to produce cards and other material with decorative stamped messages. Mrs. Rittmann handed out samples and had the Rotarians construct their own birthday cards. Mrs. Rittmann said that she has been holding house parties, similar to Tupperware parties, since 1997 to demonstrate the products. Dick Graner was visiting Rotarian from Bethany, Mo. Other visitors were Doug Clausen, Sarah Fredrickson, Norma Unger, Darci Unger, Kaine Fredrickson, Christian Rittmann and Lacy Haynes. The club sang "R-O-T-A-R-Y" and "Annie Laurie" and Joe Stanley won the weekly Roto-Lotto jackpot. Sergeant of Arms Ralph Unger fined all members \$1 for anything they did in 2006, for which they needed fining. A sign-up sheet was sent around for e-mail addresses for the district governor's monthly newsletter and another for members to sign up to volunteer at the Sunflower Theater the second weekend of January.

## Arizona group to meet at new place

The 17th annual gathering of Decatur County residents in Arizona will be Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Rancho Resort in Sahuarita, Ariz. Max and Marlene Miller, Gold Canyon, Ariz., "retired" this year after holding the event at their home for the past 10 years. Members of the new planning committee are Denny and Betty Campbell, Oro Valley; Dwayne and Betty Jones, Green Valley; Rex and Billie Morton, Sahuarita; and Duane and Marilyn Waldo, Saddlebrook. The resort, where the Mortons live, is south on I-19 to exit 75, about 19 miles south of Tucson. The event will begin in the recreation hall at 11 a.m., with a catered lunch at 12:30 p.m. Cost of the meal will be \$10 per person, payable then. Anyone planning to attend should contact the Mortons by Feb. 1 by phone at (520) 625-0130 by Feb. 1, by mail at 1330 W. Calle Macillo, Sahuarita, Ariz., 85629, or by e-mail at rbmorton01@hotmail.com.

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