

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# People in Our Community

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Deanne Spanier, a former band instructor at Decatur Community High School, and Al Langness, both of Goodland, were married Friday afternoon at the Herndon Covenant Church by Pastor Keith Reuther. The bridegroom is a brother of the Rev. Rick Langness of Oberlin. They will live in Goodland, where she is band instructor.

Oberlin Chapter of the Royal Neighbors of America prepared fruit plates to give for Christmas on Dec. 17. They were delivered to Elsie Goodnight, Mary Lemman, Carmie Wickham, Evelyn Olson, Paul Sass, Faye Miller, Ruby Wennihan, Lois Carlson, Fern Wenger, Helen Bruggeman, Dennis Brown, and Millie Lippelmann.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Sam and Diana Steinmetz were Kay Matheny, Andy Chambers, Samme Steinmetz, Jeanette Miller and Luetta Pollnow.

Christmas guests at the home of Glenn and Eunice Martin were Candy and Ken Rauhut, Garden City; Connie and Bill Robison, Littleton, Colo.; Randy and Sharon Olson, Oberlin; Mark and Tara Claussen and Caitlyn, Talon, McKenna, and Taylor, Wamego; Ross and Jami Rauhut and Savannah, Kansas City, Mo.; Matt and Kristy Ostmeyer, Jace and Tyler, Ellis; Kermie and Brent Olson and Nick Wahlmeier, Hays; and Rod and Glenna Copeland, Coldwater, Vt.

Claudia Bryant of Fort Myers, Fla.; Jerry Leitner of Hilton Head, S.C.; and Jerald and Elaine Leitner met Randy and Carolyn Tim in Atwood on Dec. 17 for a visit before Claudia and Jerry left the next day.

Leslie Marcuson and Ryan Nelson of Topeka spent from Thursday through Sunday with Brad, Elaine, Sarah and Jared Marcuson. Gail and Kay Marcuson were additional Thursday supper guests.

Windy Far is recuperating satisfactorily at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City, after undergoing heart surgery on Friday.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Bob and Deanna Castle were Devin and Sarah Castle, Rebekah, Maiah and Dane, Hoxie; and Travis and Valisha Raile, Kariah, Alana and Trenton, Curtis and Chris Walston, Carolyn Shirley, Shannon Harris, Shane Harris, Jude and Justice, Virginia Paul, Dalton, Colton and Dallas, and Doris Fringer, all of Oberlin.

Tyler Matthew Ostmeyer, infant son of Matt and Kristy Ostmeyer of Ellis, was baptized on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Lutheran Church in Ellis. Other relatives who attended were his brother, Jace, Ellis; Brent and Kerrie Olson, Hays; Eunice Olson, Randy and Sharon Olson, and Randy and Judy Ostmeyer, Oberlin; and Dorven and Rosemary Beckman, Grinnell.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Kelva Dryden, Barb Solko, Max Carman, Dorothy Moore, Veanna Carman and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Aleen Van Vleet, Henry Edgett, Wilma May, Barb Solko and Merle Shirley. There was no pitch or bridge last week. Commodity distribution will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Dinner guests of Gene and Helen Gee on Christmas Day were Sam and Esta Mack, and Eldon and Opal Huntley. They received calls from the Kenny Gee family, who spent the holidays with her relatives in Utah, and the Robert Keys family of Topeka. The Keys family came on Thursday to spend New Year's weekend with her parents, the Gene Gees.

Veda and Skip Fuchs of Oxford, Neb., and Carol Voss of Cambridge, Neb., spent Christmas Day afternoon with Jerald and Elaine Leitner, Jeremy Bryant, Jason and Ethan of Carl Junction, Mo., spent the weekend at the Leitner home.

Christmas dinner guests of Lee Martin on Sunday, Dec. 23, were Ron and Carol Martin, Lakewood, Colo.; Wyatt and Lindsay Wendelin, and Kris and Farah Wendelin, Lindsborg; Dr. Kenyon and Stacia Erickson, Gavin and Corbin, Roxie Erickson, and Drew Martin, Manhattan; Ona Cross, Lewis; Erica Martin, New York; and Bernice Martin, Oberlin.

Christmas guests of Dorothy Moore were Mike, Deb, Emma and Mark Nickels, McLouth; Eric, Shelly, Justine and Dylan Moore, Manhattan; and Brian Moore, Las Vegas.

The Rev. Rick and Kim Langness and family spent the holidays with relatives in Denver.

Steve and Kathy Fraker, Katie and Aaron of Fallon, Nev.; spent the holidays with Bob and Marian Fraker, and also Mrs. Fraker's relatives in Russell. Additional guests were Christopher and Melissa Mathews and Addison of Bennington, Neb.

Christmas Eve guests of Dale and Eris Young were Robert and Trena Miller and Madelynn, Elm Creek, Neb.; Capt. Tanner Woolsey, Del Rio, Texas; Joe and Candy Dejmaj, and Bob and Terri Woolsey. The same group also had Christmas Day dinner at the Young home, with the exception of the Miller family.

Don Meints is recuperating at the Decatur County Hospital, where he was transferred after undergoing hip surgery at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., following a fall last week at his home. Mail will reach him at the hospital, Box 268, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Kenneth and Jody Merrill, Ethan and Emma attended funeral services in Holyoke, Neb., on Friday for Mrs. Merrill's mother, Mildred Saylor, who died Dec. 22.

Walt and Donna Fortin of Oberlin and Jeremy Nelson of Iowa, spent the holidays in Alliance, Neb., with on arrival.

Elaine Bryan spent Christmas in Plainville with Kevin and Sue Renk. Others present were Allison and Casey Jones, Aiden and Ashton, Plainville, and Matt and Selby Renk, Topeka.

The planning committee includes Denny and Betty Campbell, Oro Valley; Dwayne and Betty Jones, Green Valley; Rex and Bill Morton, Sahuarita; and Duane and Marilyn Waldo, Saddlebrooke.

## Arizona get-together is Feb. 8

The annual Decatur County Arizona gathering will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 8, at the Green Valley Community Church Fellowship Hall.

Those planning to attend are asked to contact the Mortons at (520) 625-0130, or e-mail rbmorton01@hotmail.com by Friday, Feb. 1. Their address is 1223 W. Calle Macillo, Sahuarita, Ariz., 85629.

Betty (West) Campbell said Green Valley is 21 miles south of Tucson and those going from Tucson can drive south on Interstate 19 to Esperanza Blvd., Exit 65, in Green Valley, then at the light turn right and go one block west.

A catered lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. for \$11, with payment

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Justin Nelson. Other guests were Dan and Melissa Nelson and Jenny of Stockton.

Ella Betts returned home Friday from Washington, D.C., where she spent Christmas with her daughter, Jody Westby. Other guests were Gerry Westby and daughter, Olivia, Tulsa, Okla., and also his daughter, Mackenzie, Dallas. While there, they all enjoyed the musical, "My Fair Lady."

Christmas Day dinner guests of Bill Sauvage and Pat Chard at the Sappa Valley Manor were Keith and Maxine Sauvage, Michael and Cheryl Sauvage and Tyler, Oberlin; Michael and Danielle Schmaltz, Akin, Londyn and Kash, John and Donna Sauvage, Selden; Mike and Joan McKenna, Jennings; Trudy Stockham, Norton; Nathan and Nikole DeWitt, Ethan and Macy, Inman; Lyle and Amanda Davidson, Spencer and Shelby, Delphos; Aaron and Kayla Woods and Kambrey, Inman; Brock and Becky Peterson, Will and Henry, DeMotte, Ind.; Amy McKenna, Kansas City, Mo.; and Brett McKenna and Tracy Weber, Manhattan.

Bayley Bryan of Springfield, Mo., and Ben Bryan of Overland Park were weekend guests of their grandmother, Elaine Bryan, and attended the wedding of Rebekah Hasty and Ben Hitzfield on Saturday afternoon at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Gary and Sarah Fredrickson, Karli and Kaine spent Christmas Day with her mother, Marcia Woods, in Blue Hill, Neb.

Christmas week guests at the home of Gene and Marcella Leitner were Barbara Leitner, Farmington, N.M.; Patricia Tongish, Newton; Leslie Tongish, Overland Park; John and Jarrett Tongish, Lawrence; and Donna Wilson and Desiree, Wichita. Afternoon visitors on Christmas Day were Keith and Candice Ketterl, and Kevin Ketterl, Oberlin. Britt and Ashley Houser of Garden City were weekend guests.

Supper guests on Sunday, Dec. 23, of Frank and Margaret McEvoy were Brian and Dawn Beckman, Ethan and Jordan, Grinnell; Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Ryan and Shane, Stan McEvoy, and Joan Evans, Kristy and Chad. Frank and Margaret McEvoy spent Christmas Day with the Jay Richardson family in Stratton, Neb.

Weekend visitors of Joe and Candy Dejmaj were Brett and Karen Woolsey of Tyler, Texas, and Kristy and Kipp Smith of Houston.

Oberlin Chapter of the Royal Neighbors of America enjoyed a Christmas dinner at the Gateway on Saturday, Dec. 22. Door prizes were won by Stuart Henzel, Gladys Geis, Michael Milbauer, Eleanor Zumalt, Janice Peters, Neil Marshall, Myrna Jones, Delores and James Jennings, Nadean Stoney, Walt Pennell, Larry Screen and Phyllis Screen.

Marlin and Dana Marintzer were Christmas Day dinner guests of Sharon Ecker of Herndon. Other guests were Bart, Troy and Brandi Ecker, Hays, and Carla Marintzer, Herndon

# Woman joins real estate agency

Melissa Chambers has joined Metcalf Real Estate of Oberlin as a salesperson after completing the 30-hour license course and passing the two-part state exam required for real estate sales in Kansas.

She is married to 1st Sgt. Jerry Chambers, unit administrator for the 1013 Quartermaster Company of the U.S. Army Reserves in McCook, and first sergeant for the unit, based in North Platte and McCook.



M. Chambers

The couple has three sons, Clifton, who is studying law enforcement at Colby Community College; Derek, a student at Decatur Community High School, who is taking classes at Colby to pursue an

engineering degree; and Adrian, a third-grader at Oberlin Elementary School.

"Adrian thinks a career in video game design would be awesome," his mother said.

Carolyn Burtis, owner/broker of the firm, said she sold the Chambers family their home.

"I began looking for a home while Jerry was overseas in Iraq," Mrs. Chambers said. "Carolyn was extremely patient and understanding of our situation. I really made her work for that sale; I think I looked at just about every listing she had available. I know I looked at the home we purchased at least six times.

"I had a great time home shopping with Carolyn; she was extremely resourceful. Buying or selling a home can be stressful, but working with a well-informed agent can help alleviate a lot of it. We had a positive experience buying our home... and one day last summer Carolyn asked me how I felt about selling real estate. Without hesitation, I replied, 'I'd love to!'"

"Both Carolyn and Herb Shirley (also a licensed salesperson with the firm) were very helpful while I was taking my class and preparing for the state exams. I think they're an excellent team and I'm both excited and honored to become a part of Metcalf Real Estate."

Mrs. Chambers said she plans to be in the office three to five days a week.

# Cencast cancels plans for Herndon

Cencast, an Oregon medical supply company which bought the former Herndon School building, has scrapped plans for a Rawlins County factory, the *Rawlins County Square Deal* reports.

They don't want to put anymore money into it."

The company put \$20,000 down on the building and since July, has made five payments of \$1,750 each, the superintendent said.

The Rawlins County School Board received the news last week, the paper reported.

The superintendent said Ken Hall Sr. and Tim Hall of Cencast called and asked him what the board would like to do.

"The bottom line is that they're no longer planning to come to Herndon," Superintendent Mark Wolters told the board.

Board members expressed a desire to regain ownership of the building so the district would have control over any future sale.

The company has been looking for a product they could manufacture in Herndon, he said.

"We'll be able to sell it better than (Cencast) would," said Brad Leitner, a board member.

"And they just don't see anything that looked like it would work out here," Mr. Wolters said. "Basically,

Board member Scott Beims suggested the district file a quit-claim

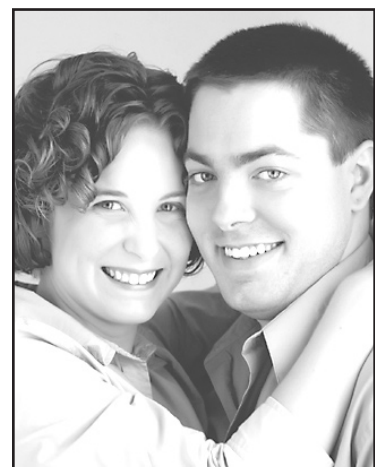
deed to regain ownership and the board directed administrators to proceed.

The superintendent said board member Chris Sramek, who also serves as county economic development director, will be investigating possible uses for the building. He said he is optimistic about the value of the school to the district and community.

"I think that within a reasonable amount of time, we will benefit to use it as a community asset," he said.

The board set winterization and keeping utility costs at a minimum as immediate priorities for dealing with the building.

# Vows set for June by couple



C. Barlett and N. Brown

Natalie Brown of Manhattan and Christopher Barlett of Ames, Iowa, plan to marry on Saturday, June 21, in Manhattan.

Her fiancé graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 2004 and a Master of Science in experimental psychology in 2007 from K-State. He is working on a doctorate in social psychology at Iowa State University.

Parents of the couple are Kevin and Jackie Brown, Oberlin, and Dr. Paul and Peggy Barlett, Overland Park.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Kansas Wesleyan University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree. She earned a Master of Science degree in experimental psychology in 2007 and is working on her doctorate in social psychology at Kansas State University.

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