

# People in Our Community

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Karen Metcalf of Oberlin and Larry Thompson of Aurora, Colo., were married in a private ceremony on Dec. 4 in Henderson, Nev. They are making their home in Oberlin.

Ashley Hunziker, who works in Baghdad, Iraq, visited his grandmother, Amy Rehm on Sunday and Monday. He was an overnight guest of John and Connie Simonsson.

Karen and Larry Smith traveled to El Dorado on Friday, where they attended the Blue Stem High School Madrigal Dinner Theatre which was directed by their daughter, Theresa Smith. She is the junior/senior high vocal instructor at Blue Stem High School and is a graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Martha Fringer accompanied her daughters, Charlene Mowry of Park, and Lori Rogers and daughter, LaDonna Gilbert, Colby, to Scott City, where they attended funeral services on Friday for their son and brother, Ronald Cline, who died on Dec. 8.

**—Cookie party, Sat., Dec. 20, Golden Age Center, 10-2. Buy cookies by the pound; free coffee. Methodist Women.**

Chenaniah Langness was among members of the University of Kansas Naval/Marine Reserve Officers Training Corps members who took part in the traditional 24-hour Veterans Day vigils from 7 p.m., Nov. 7, through 7 p.m., Nov. 8, at the Korean and Vietnam war memorials and World War II Memorial Campanile, located along the university's Memorial Drive. He was at the Vietnam War Memorial. He is a 2008 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering. His parents are Richard and Kimberly Langness.

Leslie Nolette, Oberlin, and her children, Thomas Vilar, Clayton; and Danielle, Desirée and Samaria Vilar, Oberlin, went to Long Island, N.Y., last week, for funeral services for Barry Barron, a close friend of the family and godfather of the children. While there, they visited many friends and family. They returned to Oberlin Sunday and will go back in March to help relocate Leslie's mother, Sandra Nolette, to Oberlin.

Pat Tongish, Newton, spent the past week visiting her parents, Gene and Marcella Leitner.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes spent

Friday and Saturday in Lawrence visiting their son, Lacy, and daughter, Felicia Haynes of Augusta, Ga., who was in Topeka for a meeting. En route home they visited her mother, Emma Desilet, in Concordia, and had supper with her sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Rick Cairns, in Concordia.

Doris Fringer accompanied Bob and Deanna Castle to Olathe on Friday to visit James and Heather Shirley and Aaron. They helped Aaron celebrate his second birthday on Saturday. The Castles also attended a Reliv conference in Kansas City. On Sunday they drove to Manhattan to visit Thaniel and Jennifer Monaco and family and were overnight guests and attended the church Christmas program of Madison and Lawson Monoco.

David Morris, son of Ken and Christie Morris of Oberlin, has been selected for the men's choir by the Hastings College Department of Music. The choir will perform at concerts throughout the spring and fall semesters.

Word was received of the death of Kenneth V. Carlson, 81, of McCook on Sunday at Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook. He was a brother of Arlene Glad of Atwood and the late Hazel Guinn. Services are pending with Carpenter-Breland Funeral Home of McCook.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Ivis Hanson, Elden Haas, Bob Jones, Floyd Edgett, Kelva Dryden and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Floyd Edgett, Neil Marshall, Elden Haas, Ardis Roe and Doris Gilbert. Pitchhighs were won by Elden Haas and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Neil Marshall and Floyd Edgett. Winning highs at bridge were Annette Miller and Dewaine Stapp.

Gail and Kay Marcuson, and Brad, Elaine and Jared Marcuson spent the weekend in Topeka, visiting Leslie Marcuson and her fiancé, Ryan Nelson. They attended the graduation ceremonies at Baker University on Saturday, where Ryan received his Masters of Arts degree in education. They also had dinner with his grandparents, Hon. Judge Richard Rogers, Topeka, and Richard and Mary Ellen Nelson, Salina; his parents, Doug and Cappi Nelson, and his brother, Andrew Nelson, Topeka. They visited Gail's cousin, Myron and Donna Anderson and attended Sunday services at the Brookwood Covenant Church, where Pastor Heidi Wiebe serves.

## Manager speaks to Rotary

Jennifer Van Eaton, community manager for development for the American Cancer Society, spoke at the Dec. 9 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. She was introduced by Ralph Unger, program chair for the week.

She said her office is in Colby, but she represents counties from the Colorado line to Phillipsburg. She pointed out the importance of participating in the Relay for Life program.

Raising money for the society is important, she said, as 38 percent goes to research and support for

cancer patients, which includes prosthetics, transportation and lodging for patients and families.

With prevention and detection through education and advocacy, she said, the relative five-year cancer survival rate is 66 percent today.

Contributions to the society provide national research, programs, activities, prevention and detection through education and advocacy and patient services, which support cancer patients and their families from the time of diagnosis on.

## Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met at the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church on Dec. 10 for their Christmas potluck dinner.

The Decatur Community High School quartet, Joe Hirsch, Jordan Tally, Ethan Merrill and Jacob Larue, sang Christmas songs for the program.

Those present were Millie Lippelmann, Eileene Grose, Dorothy

Jackson, Esther Carlson, Doris Fringer, Eleanor Boyle, Eula Juenemann, Virginia Sprattling, Joy Votapka, Nadean Stoney, Phyllis Screen, Norma Richards, Mildred Holmdahl, Elaine Bryan, and Mary Ann Amack.

The group will meet at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14, for breakfast at the Frontier Restaurant.



Adam and Jennifer Lohoefer

## Couple exchange vows at depot in Kansas City

Jennifer Lee Streb and Adam Gregory Lohoefer, both of Olathe, were married on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, in the Sprint Festival Plaza at Union Station in Kansas City, Mo. The Rev. Dennis Hawk officiated at the 7 p.m. ceremony in the marbled grandeur of the restored 1914 landmark.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Sharon Streb, Olathe. The bridegroom is the son of Gregory and Mary Jo Lohoefer, Oberlin. Grandparents of the bride are Myrna Saunders, Olathe, and the late William Saunders, and the late Charles and Virginia Streb. Grandparents of the bridegroom are Duane and Carol Witt, Great Bend; Phyllis Lohoefer, Oberlin, and the late Ray Lohoefer.

Sound engineer Travis Tickemyer, Kansas City, provided selected music for the ceremony which included: "Music of the Night" for the seating of the family; "Practical Magic" for the candle lighting; "The Prayer" for the wedding party; "All I Want Is You" for the bridal procession; "By My Side" during the lighting of the unity candle; and "This is Us" for the recessional.

Pages were Cole Decker, Paola; and Noah Yeamans, Gardner, cousins of the bride. They wore black tuxedos, bordeaux vests and ties.

Hannah Decker, Paola, cousin of the bride, and Laura Witt, Great Bend, cousin of bridegroom, were candlelighters. They wore long ivory dresses with an overlay of embroidered chiffon.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a Pronovias slimline halter gown in ivory. Intricate beadwork and crystals adorned the delicate floor-length lace gown. She wore a cathedral veil tipped with tiny crystals and carried a bouquet of silk burgundy calla lilies.

Emily Blankenship, Olathe, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Leigh Ann Johnson, Wichita, sister of the bridegroom; Laura Yeamans, Gardner; and Stacie Blanchard, and Kaytlyn Streb, Sedalia, Mo., cousins of the bride. They wore

satin bordeaux floor-length A-line gowns designed with a V-neck and draped back and carried a single, long-stemmed, ivory calla lily.

Personal attendants were Janet Blankenship and Lisa Claudel, Olathe. The wedding hostess was Shari Ann Decker, Paola, cousin of the bride.

The bridegroom wore a classic black tuxedo with a white vest and white tie. Serving as best man was Scott Wilson, Gardner. Grooms-men were Neil Rieger, Tonganoxie; Adam Bundy, Gardner; and Scott Aligo and Brett Becker, Tonganoxie. They wore classic black tuxedos with bordeaux vests and ties and boutonnieres of a miniature calla lily.

Ushers were Chris Blanchard, Sedalia, Mo., cousin of the bride; Clint Johnson, Wichita, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; Todd Streb, Sedalia, Mo., cousin of the bride; Aaron Taylor, Prairie Village; and Ryan Taylor, Junction City, cousins of the bridegroom.

Ringbearer was Seth Yeamans, Gardner, cousin of the bride, who wore a black tuxedo, white vest and white tie.

The flower girl was Maycie Streb, Sedalia, Mo., cousin of the bride, who wore an ankle-length ivory dress with a chiffon overlay.

Following the ceremony a seated dinner was served to guests at the Bistro at Union Station. Tables were decorated with individual wedding cakes adorned with a miniature bride and bridegroom. The bride's cake was a five-tier ivory wedding cake banded in bordeaux and topped with a silver jewel-studded monogrammed "L". The bridegroom's cake was a tiered chocolate truffle tree. A dance followed in the Sprint Festival Plaza.

Following a honeymoon to Maui, the bride, a doctoral student and research assistant in computer science at the University of Kansas, and the bridegroom, a design engineer at Garmin International, Inc., live at 16330 W. Briarwood Court, Olathe, Kan., 66061.

## Club News

### Club hears holiday music

The sound of Christmas music greeted 15 members of Monday Evening Club when they arrived on Dec. 8 at the home of Peggy Pratt.

The DCHS Singers, under the direction of Susan Nelson, provided an assortment of traditional and contemporary Christmas songs, along with a number by the male quartet of Jordan Tally, Joe Hirsch, Jacob Larue and Ethan Merrill.

Gifts were collected for the House of Hope Orphanage, which will be taken to Haiti by Nanette Zander in the coming months.

The club is scheduled to operate Sunflower Cinema during February.

Members were reminded to visit the museum prior to its closing on Thursday, Dec. 18, to view the club Christmas tree which has as its theme, the club's history.

Refreshments were served by Shirley Shields and Jody Betts.

The Jan. 12 meeting will be at the home of Kay Gaskill with Diane Frickey, Judith LaBash and Judy Ladehoff as co-hostesses.

Greg Lohoefer will give an update on the Senior Center project.

### Women meet for lunch

Decatur Professional Women met for lunch on Dec. 10 at Coffee, Tea and Me.

President Judy Scott conducted the meeting and members present were Deanna Castle, Connie Grafel, Cynthia Haynes, Marilyn Horn, Rhonda May, Cheryl Metcalf, Carol Morford, Doris Pauls, Julia Ray, Judy Scott, Janice Shobe, Regina Stanley, Nora Urban and also a visitor, Peggy Gassmann.

Mrs. Pauls was thanked by the group for her work on the club's Light Parade entry, which includ-

ed Cheryl Metcalf, Diane Barrett and Jody Votapka. It was reported that nearly 30 people visited the homes of Tom and Barbara Mullen, and Anita Ketterl, as well as the Good Samaritan Center on the home tour, sponsored by the club.

Mrs. Scott gave a program on domestic violence, after which the meeting closed with the collect.

The next meeting will be at Coffee, Tea and Me on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

### Pi Alpha enjoys tasting tea

Joy Russell was hostess for the Dec. 8 meeting of Pi Alpha Club when they met for their tasting tea. Co-hostess was Pat Wright. Mrs. Russell read "A Shepherd," for devotions.

Eleven members answered roll call with a favorite Christmas carol and a scrambled Christmas carol game was played. Good reports were given on Howard Vo-

tapka and Lola Hess. It was voted to give \$50 to Dennis Brown for his Forget-Me-Not program.

The tasting tea, served by the first half of the club roster, and a gift exchange followed.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12, at Sappa Manor with Cecil Hess and Elaine as hostesses.

### Club holds bowling party

By SAMANTHA ANDERSON

The Stick-To-It 4-H club had their Christmas party in the Atwood Bowl on Sunday, Dec. 14.

The club decided to meet at 1:30 p.m. and end the party at 4 p.m. Instead of giving gifts, we had a candy exchange.

An optional thing that we also

did was a book and VCR movie exchange. Books and movies not taken will be donated to the library.

Many people had fun bowling and watching the football games. Everybody reading this, please hold on to your seat tightly because — Sue May was there with her camera! Merry Christmas!

## Oberlin graduate receives coveted marksmanship prize

Shirley (Van Vleet) McGee, a native of Decatur County, has attained the most coveted prize of civilian high-power shooting, the Civilian Marksmanship Program's Distinguished Rifleman Badge.

"It's the Holy Grail," said her husband, Steve, who earned his badge some years ago, said.

Mrs. McGee is the daughter of the late Kenneth and Henrietta Van Vleet of Oberlin. The couple lives in Brookville.

She shoots the AR-15, the civilian version of the military M-16, and started competing in 1987 after cheering on her husband.

She said she watched her husband shoot for 10 years, then went to the nationals and saw other women

shooting. She hunts deer and waterfowl, so it wasn't a big stretch for her to go from spectator to participant.

In a recent match in Raton, N.M., she scored the necessary cumulative 30 points to earn the Distinguished Rifleman Badge. She is the only woman in Kansas to earn the award.

The McGees are retired teachers from the Salina School District. They moved to the country, where they have their own rifle range.

Mrs. McGee, 62, said she can still compete and earn gold, silver or bronze medals, but the Distinguished Rifleman's Badge is a one-time honor. She is a 1964 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

# Thank You

Words can't express our sincere appreciation to everyone for all the meals, babysitting, wood cutting donations, and especially the prayers since our son Gabe was born.

We are overwhelmed by all the love that people have shown us.

The support our kids have received from all the teachers and the students has been awesome and reminds us how lucky and thankful we are to live in Oberlin with so many caring people.

*Gary and Jennifer Juenemann and Family*

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