

People in Our Community

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Julia Claire Stanley, daughter of Derek and Diana Stanley of Lenexa, was baptized on Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Shawnee. Officiating was Father John Riley. Godparents were Josh and Kari Williby of Oberlin. Those attending were her brother, Isaac Stanley; also Josh and Kari Williby and Gage, Bob and Alice Stanley, and Erica Fortin, Jacie, Jenna and Jori, Oberlin; and Diana Stanley's parents, Jim and Linda Laevenstein and Allison, Hoxie.

field, Bartley, Neb.; two sisters, Laura and Doug Callihan, Abilene, and Jeanne Rodarmel, McCook; a brother, Galen and Dorothea Warburton; and five grandchildren. Family inurnment will be held later.

—**Sunday Brunch Jan. 30, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., LandMark Inn, 475-2340.**

Martha Nemeth is recuperating after undergoing double knee joint replacement surgery last week. Mail will reach her at 2060 SW Regency Pkwy., Topeka, Kan., 66604.

Penny and Robert Fringer were honored on Saturday with a surprise potluck dinner at the Bohemian Hall in observance of their 30th wedding anniversary, which was Sunday. Hosts were their daughters, Ellen and Martin Osborne and Iris, Wichita; Becky Fringer and Tara, Colby; and Sarah and Brandon Wolf and Bailey, Colby; her sister, Tami Cook, Norcat, and her parents, Jim and Reva Marshall. Out-of-town guests were John and Keli Marshall, Eagle, Neb.; Andy Marshall and Cheryl Glang, Lincoln, Neb.; Sue Peyton, Aurora, Colo.; Ron and Dixie Snyder, Colby; and Bob and Helen Gaines, Brighton, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Antholz of McDonald were Friday morning guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus H. Wolters.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ivis Hanson, Kelva Dryden, Max Carman, Dewaine Stapp, Henry Edgett and Norma Anderson. Lows went to John Cedeberg, Henry Edgett, Neil Marshall, Norma Anderson and Doris Fringer. Pitch highs were won Dewaine Stapp and Kelva Dryden with lows going to Henry Edgett and John Cederberg. Bridge winners were Marie McKisson and Charlotte Meints. Nora Bell Manning and Kay Marcuson won at chickenfoot dominoes.

A memorial Mass was held Jan. 17 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood for William Cahoj, 86, of Atwood, who died Jan. 13 at his home in Atwood. Among his five surviving children is Larry Cahoj of Atwood. His wife is the former Suzanne Temple, daughter of Ron and Jerry Temple of Norcat.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Evangelical Free Church in McCook for Glenda Kay Critchfield, 54, of McCook, who died at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha from leukemia. She was the daughter of the late Walter "Pinky" and Thelma (Meissner) Warburton. She married Martin Critchfield in 1976. Survivors include a daughter, Stacy and Evan Baxter, Cheyenne, Wyo.; a son, Gabriel and Melissa Critch-



Justin and Jennifer Davis

Couple exchange vows in ceremony at Herndon

Jennifer Beims and Justin Davis were married Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon. Father Daniel Scheetz officiated.

Parents of the couple are Ron and Peach Beims, Herndon, and Jim Davis and Shelley Davis of Humboldt, Iowa.

Matrons of honor were Angie Good, Manhattan, and Jessica Finan, Shawnee. Megan Leitner, Dallas; Cara Lagatta, Mission; and Emily Willson, Kansas City, Mo., were bridesmaids. Lindsay Davis, Fort Dodge, Iowa, sister of the bridegroom, was the bride's personal attendant.

Berkley Beims, Holton, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. Caden Beims, Ulysses, nephew of the

bride, was ringbearer.

Andrew Hansen, Spirit Lake, Iowa, served as best man. Groomsmen were Kyle Lemberg, Des Moines; Joe Olson, Humboldt, Iowa; Landon Julius, Denver; and Andy Jensen, Colorado Springs. Ushers were Jeff Beims, St. Francis, and Mark Beims, Ulysses, brothers of the bride, and Tyler Davis and Jordan Davis, Humboldt, brothers of the bridegroom.

Payton and Reagan Beims of St. Francis, nephew and niece of the bride, were candlelighters.

The couple is living in Herndon, where the bride is an agent for Herndon Insurance Agency. Her husband is an inside sales representative for Surefire Ag of Atwood.

Decatur grad accepted into optometry school

Karli Fredrickson has been accepted to the Northeastern State University School of Optometry in Tahlequah.

She will be entering with a class of 28 students in August. This is a regional university where all students are residents of nine Midwestern states, she said. She graduated from Decatur



Fredrickson

Free coats to be offered

The Golden Age Senior Center, Bargain Box Plus and the Dream-Makers are networking in a joint effort to offer free winter coats to Oberlin families for two weeks at the southeast room of the senior center in downtown Oberlin.

Coats in sizes from infant to adult will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday from Monday, through Friday, Feb. 11.

A limit of two coats per person is suggested.

Any donations will go to the senior center.

Make money by selling it in the classifieds

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Dennis & Judy Shirley

Celebrate 50 Years

Dennis and Judy Shirley were married in Norton on January 29th, 1961. They have three children, Vicki Waldron of Bangor, PA; Patrick and Cindy Shirley, Norcat; Becky and Cash Barlow, Jacksonville Beach, FL. Their grandchildren are Lauren Waldron and Kasey Waldron, Bangor, PA; Shelby Barlow, Jacksonville Beach, FL; and step-granddaughter Shelbi McKenna, Norcat.

There will be an Open House for them August 6, 2011, 3-5 p.m., at The Gateway, Oberlin.

Republican River group honors Oberlin lawyer

Oberlin lawyer Steve Hirsch was honored Wednesday by the Republican River Riparian and Restoration Partners for his contribution in establishing the legal status of the organization in the state of Kansas.

He was presented with a pen and pencil set by Secretary-Treasurer Bob Martin and Chairman Ted Tietjen.

"Steve came to our organization and said he believed in what we were trying to accomplish," said Mr. Tietjen. "He donated his time and prepared our articles of incorporation, as well as our bylaws. It is now a Kansas organization because of Mr. Hirsch and his input."

Mr. Hirsch is county attorney and city attorney as well as being secretary of the Kansas State Association of Fire Fighters.

Mr. Martin explained the group's

mission: "The (Partners) formed in 2007 to help Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado work together to achieve long-term benefits. Our mission statement is to provide leadership in bringing federal, state and local entities together in planning and coordination of sound conservation practices in the Republican River Basin."

He said that much progress has been made to date. Below the Harlan County Dam, he said, dead trees and sand bars have been removed, allowing water to flow freely in the channel today. Invasive tree species have been removed along the river in Nebraska and within the river valley in Colorado. This was accomplished by local weed management districts.



S. Hirsch

City to get power info

With the city's power-supply contract with Sunflower Electric up this year, the Oberlin City Council signed up for services through the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency to help the city get the best price possible on power.

The energy agency will be doing studies on energy supply and prices, said City Administrator Karen Larson. The city can sign the agreement with the agency for \$2,500 which means information on power options for Oberlin.

If the city chooses not to do this, said Mayor Joe Stanley, in October when Sunflower offers the city a contract, they'll probably have to take it because there won't be any options.

Signing the agreement, he said, will allow the city to get information from the studies about electricity. The city can choose to sign with Sunflower Electric or with another supplier, he said.

The council approved the agreement for \$2,500.

Mrs. Larson said she received a bridge-inspection report from Penco Engineering for bridges inside the city limits. For years, she said, the city has paid for the bridge over Sappa Creek on South Penn Avenue to be inspected.

The bridge's retaining wall is falling apart. Mrs. Larson said she called county Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman to see if there was any money from the state to fix the problem. A representative with the state Department of Transportation said that structure had never been considered a city bridge.

Basically, she said, that means fixing the bridge will be done at the city's expense, since it's inside city limits.

The county has Husker Steel coming in to do some bridges, said Mrs. Larson. The city could have that company give it some options. She added that they could also ask Oberlin Concrete to look at it.

In other business, the council:

- Heard that Mrs. Larson had brought forms for anyone who is interested in filing for council or the mayor's seat in city elections this spring. There are two council slots up for election along with the mayor's job.
- Approved a standard lease for anyone wanting to rent land at the airport, including for the hangars. It's good to have something consistent, something clear and with the same charges for everyone, said Councilwoman Rhonda May.



AN OBERLIN LANDMARK, located on U.S. Highway 36, was demolished by crews on Monday. It is on the property of the Oberlin Inn and had been used in the past as a cafe and service station and later a liquor store.

—Photo by Kimberly Davis



Branson on the Road Oberlin Gateway Center

Saturday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m.
Oberlin Arts & Humanities season ticket event
or \$10/adults, \$5/students grades 1-12

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