



Nicole and Paul Berkey

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People in Our Community

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Christmas week houseguests of Cindi Sauder were Brad Sauder, The Colony, Texas, and Rocio Rojas, Arequipa, Peru. They were joined for Christmas Eve dinner by Dave Sauder, Lewisville, Texas; Shannon, Jaime and Aden Metcalf, Harlan Township; Tom, Leanna, Matt, Melissa and Jaylei Sloan, and Matt and Katy Malcom, Hoxie; P.T. and Cindy Shirley, Norcatur, and Hannes Geysler, Doris Sloan, Merle Shirley, and Dennis and Judy Shirley, Oberlin.

for the holidays were Nathan and Marti Haag, Brenna and Berklie, Rushville, Neb.; and Jody and Jeremy Joel, Keegan, Kyler and Kreyton, Nick Haag and Julie Haag, all of Lincoln, Neb.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Ila Ray were Marla Manning and Taryn, and Jay Boland, Littleton, Colo., and Vicky Ray.

Elaine Bryan spent Christmas weekend with Sue and Kevin Renk and Selby in Plainville. Other guests were Casey and Allison Jones, Aiden and Ashton, also of Plainville, and Matthew Renk, Kansas City.

Mary Ann Amack returned home Sunday night from Dallas, Texas, where she had spent Christmas visiting her daughter and family, Shelly and John Ahrens, Trevor and Peyton.

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Christmas Eve guests of Bob and Deanna Castle before church services were Carolyn Shirley, Shannon Harris and daughter, Sophia, Chris and Curtis Walston, Doris Fringer, Shelby Brown, Dayton and Dawson Kempt, and Dale Kempt, Oberlin. Christmas Day dinner guests were Travis and Valisha Raile and family, Doris Fringer, and Carolyn Shirley and granddaughter, Sophia.

Ella Betts met her daughter, Jan Ray, of Palm Springs, Calif., at the airport in Denver on Dec. 22 and they flew to Dulles Airport in Washington, where they spent Christmas with their daughter and sister, Jody Westby. They returned on Dec. 27.

Mary Jackson, Coleman, Clayton and Garrett of Cedar Point, came Dec. 23 to visit her parents, Roger and Angie Wilson. They joined Randy Wilson and Christian, Colby; Mike and Shelly Wilson, Kinsley; Scott and Joanne Wilson, Autumn and Ried, Gardner; and Sandra Nicholson for Christmas dinner on Saturday at the home of David and Pam Wilson and Matt.

Brad Marcuson spent from Monday to Friday with Leslie and Ryan Nelson in Topeka and helped them with some remodeling. En route home on Saturday, he had lunch with Sarah Marcuson in Hays.

—Register for the "Art of Marriage" conference at the Sunflower Cinema, Friday, Jan. 27, & Saturday, Jan. 28, at www.familylifetoday.com or call Amy Carman, 475-2732.

Houseguests of Bill and Carol Duncan over Christmas weekend were Kathleen and Greg Norris of Salina, and Greg, Tamara, Matthew and Andrew Duncan of Lubbock, Texas. Audra Duncan, of Cedar Living Center, was an additional guest on Christmas Day.

Kevin and Jackie Brown and his mother, Norma Brown, returned home last Tuesday after spending a week over the holidays with their son and grandson, Chris Brown, in Charleston, S.C. They were joined by their daughter and granddaughter, Natalie and Chris Barlett, of Ames, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernanda Peña and family of Wichita were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters. They stayed until Tuesday.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis for Bill K. Lampe, 75, who died Thursday. Survivors include his wife, Geraldine (Fleckenstein) Lampe, St. Francis; a son, Kelly, Bird City, and two grandchildren. His wife is a sister of Leonard Fleckenstein of Jennings.

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Christmas guests on Dec. 22 at the home of Bob and Deanna Castle were Thaniel, Jennifer, Madison and Lawson Monaco, Manhattan; Devan, Sarah, Rebekah, Maiah and Dane Castle, Hoxie; and Travis, Valisha, Kariah, Alana, Trenton and Tripp Raile and Doris Fringer, Oberlin.

Steve and Kathy Fraker and Aaron of Fallon, Nev., spent the holidays with Bob and Marian Fraker. They also visited her parents, Lloyd and Cathy Wade, in Russell.

Guests of Charlie and Betsy Haag

Real estate firm adds two agents

Metcalf Real Estate not only has a new location but two new agents, Nicole Sauvage in Oberlin and Abby Rice in Norton.

Mrs. Sauvage has been working for Metcalf and Randel Appraisal for almost a year under the supervision of Kris Randel, owner and broker, and in November, she became a licensed real estate salesperson.

Mrs. Sauvage, a 1999 graduate of Decatur Community High School, graduated in 2001 from the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland with an associate's degree as a medical assistant. She later worked at the Oberlin Clinic. She and her husband Justin have two boys, Breckin, 7, and Talan, 4.

The newest member of the staff is Mrs. Rice, who will work in Norton. She graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in finance. She and her husband Chase, both originally from Smith Center, have lived in Norton for three years. They are buying Moffet Drug, where Chase has been the pharmacist for three years. Their son, Hady, will be 2 in March.

"Metcalf Real Estate is proud to have these two new agents as a part of the team," said Mrs. Randel.

The Oberlin office is at 201 N. Penn Ave. and the Norton location at 108 1/2 W. Main St.

To contact the firm, call 475-2111 or (785) 877-4774.

Two-vehicle wreck sends girl to hospital

A car and a semitrailer rig collided Friday just west of Jennings on K-383, sending a Norton teen to the hospital.

Deputy Jay Tate of the Decatur County sheriff's office said the wreck occurred about 1:55 p.m. just past the entrance to the county road shop west of Jennings. Both drivers were headed out of town.

Mr. Tate said the car, a 1989 Pontiac Bonneville, was driven by Kylee Kindall, 17, Norton. It was damaged on the driver's side and

rear and was not drivable. The truck, a maroon 2002 Freightliner, was driven by Jose Rivera, 44, Deerfield. It had damage to the right front.

The deputy said he hadn't had time to interview both drivers at the scene, so wasn't sure yet exactly what had happened. Decatur County dispatch sent ambulances from Oberlin and Jennings. One took Ms. Kindall to the Norton County Hospital for treatment of apparently minor injuries.

City to help with bills for theater, museum

The Oberlin City Council agreed to continue helping pay the electric bills for the town's nonprofit movie theater and museum.

At the meeting Thursday, Dec. 15, Mayor Bill Riedel said the theater gets \$100 a month, or \$1,200 a year, and the museum gets \$291 a month or \$3,500 a year.

While the two have been receiving city help for some time, said Mayor Riedel, the agreement has to be renewed every year.

The council also approved yearly renewal of beer licenses for the ReLoad, the Sunflower Recreation Bowling Alley, Crossroads Express,

Raye's Grocery and Colorado Retail Venture Service for the Eagle Convenience Store.

Councilman Jim Miesner said they are working to get approval from landowners to drill test wells for the city's water search.

Mayor Riedel said the airport advisory committee met. Members talked about land acquisition for the new runway, and he explained that the city needs to figure out how to pay for the second phase of the project. He added that he doesn't want to see the city borrow \$500,000 and then end up paying out \$1 million.

No-till conference coming

For the latest on no-till farming, plan to attend the Cover Your Acres winter conference this month in Oberlin.

The conference starts with registration at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 17 and 18, at The Gateway, presented by Kansas State University Research and Extension and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance.

Early-bird registrations are due Tuesday. The price is \$30 for Tuesday and \$25 for Wednesday, or \$45

for both. After Jan. 10, the fee will be \$50 a day.

To register, go to www.northwest.ksu.edu/coveryouracres or fill out the form in today's issue of The Oberlin Herald. Send your name, address, phone number, e-mail address and fee to Kansas State University, Northwest Area Extension Office, attention Jeanne Falk, Box 786, Colby, Kan. 67701.

For questions or information, call (785) 462-6281 or go to the website. No refunds will be given.

Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

It's the start of a new year, and those of us at Decatur Health Systems are eager to meet and explore the opportunities in 2012.

We begin January by welcoming a new nurse practitioner, Lynnetta Ward, who comes to us with 26 years of experience, told us that she wants to work with the whole range of health care needs, from infants to the elderly, and we are sure that Oberlin will be able to provide that for her. She was fortunate enough to find a new home in town quickly, so she will be able to join us soon.

Another new beginning we'll be seeing in January is the installation of a digital mammography unit. Work should begin next Wednesday, it should be ready to go and the staff trained by the first few days of

February. A digital mammography unit offers clearer images than a traditional machine. Practitioners prefer them, and the radiology staff has long had buying one as a goal. We are proud their goal will be realized.

Later on, we will also be obtaining a new CT scan machine. We do not have a date yet, but the paperwork has begun, and that's usually the time-consuming part.

With new members of our team and new equipment to use, we are poised to meet the challenges of the coming year. We will continue interviewing doctor candidates in the hopes of finding a good fit for our community, and we intend for all of us in Oberlin to have a safe, healthy and prosperous 2012.

Couple says vows at Colorado center

Nicole Svendsen and Paul Berkey were married on Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, at Noah's Event Center in Broomfield, Colo. Travis Cusack performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Brenda Sale of Littleton, Colo., and the bridegroom is the son of Karen and Gayle Berkey of Denver. He is a grandson of Ila Ray of Oberlin.

The bride walked down the aisle with her father to "Here Comes the Sun" by the Beatles. She wore a full-length strapless ivory satin gown by Maggie Sottero.

Marlana Sale, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and bridesmaids included Kayla Berkey, sister of the bridegroom, Tanya Loeres and Viktorya Jones.

The bridesmaids wore full-length strapless maroon satin gowns and the maid of honor the same style

in violet. Jason Walker served as best man, and Neil Metter, Chuck Williams and Bryan McCartney were groomsmen. Austin Bell and Reed Warner were ushers.

The bridegroom wore a black tuxedo with a white vest; groomsmen wore the same style with maroon vests.

A reception with a Mexican food buffet and dance followed the ceremony.

The bridegroom danced with his grandmother, Mrs. Ray, to the song, "Always," which had been played at her wedding to Miles Ray.

Guests from Oberlin also included Mrs. Ray's sister, Jean Earlywine, and two aunts, Vicky Ray and Marla Manning.

The newlyweds plan to live in Denver.

Woman gives program on gas-drilling process

Rhonda May spoke about exploration, location, economics and how natural gas is retrieved from shale deep below the ground at the Dec. 27 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

She told about the process of horizontal drilling to locate gas, which may be very deep in the ground and noted that the United States has large shale gas resources.

"A lot of recoverable natural gas basins have been discovered in the United States," she said, "and

there is an increase in natural gas resources worldwide"

Prices of natural gas have fallen, especially versus crude oil, she said, and gas now is more economical for many uses. Natural gas is the cleanest burning conventional fuel, which produces lower levels of greenhouse gas emissions than coal or oil, she said. Natural gas also has been one of the most economical energy sources.

Rotary welcomed Holli Coburn and Cameron Nedland as guests.

Reunion planned in Arizona

The 22nd Decatur County reunion in Arizona will be begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the home of Marlene and Max Miller, 11124 Sugar Creek Drive in Gold Canyon, Ariz.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.; the cost is \$10 per person, due on arrival. Make reservations by Tuesday, Feb. 14, by contacting Billie Morton at (520) 625-0130,

rbmorton2@gmail.com or 1223 W. Calle Macillo, Sahuartia, Ariz. 85629.

Committee members include Denny and Betty Campbell, Oro Valley; Dwayne and Betty Jones, Green Valley; Rex and Billie Morton, Sahuarita; and Duane and Marilyn Waldo, Saddlebrook, Ariz., all former Oberlin residents.

Club News

New member joins club

Eula Juenemann was welcomed as a new member when Zeta Nu Club met Dec. 8 at the LandMark Inn for the annual Christmas meeting. Eleven mem-

bers attended the lunch. The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 12, with Mary Ann Amack as hostess and Norma Anderson as co-hostess.

City hires new police officer

The Oberlin City Council heard that the police chief had hired a new officer.

At the meeting Thursday, Dec. 15, Chief Wade Lockhart said the new man will start at the beginning of January. He said the new officer isn't certified in Kansas, but he

said he will check into schooling for him.

Chief Lockhart said he doesn't anticipate Officer Scott Zeigler being back to work for some time because of his injuries. It's possible he could get cleared to come back soon, the chief said, but not likely.

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