

# People in Our Community

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Weekend guests of Max and Veanna Carman were Tami and Roger Baker, Port Bolivar, Texas; Lynn and Jim Hurbic and Jeremy, Salina; Jessica Hurbic, Salina, and her fiancé, Nathan Simshauser, Leoti; and Mark and Cathy Carman and Ashley, McCook.

Bob and Terri Woolsey returned home last Tuesday from Minot, N.D., where they visited their daughter-in-law, Kaori Woolsey, Joana and Nami, over Christmas. Other visitors were Randy and Jane Streifel, Powers Lake, N.D., and Tyler and Rebeca Woolsey, Mary Jane and Eriann, Hays. Major Tanner Woolsey is deployed to Kandahar in Afghanistan, where he is piloting the MC12.

Holiday guests at the home of Gene and Marcella Leitner were Pat Tongish, Newton; Ashley Houser, Roswell, N. M.; Steve and Donna Wilson, Wichita, and Danny Jo Leitner, Herndon.

Eileene Grose celebrated her 94th birthday with a dinner at the Coppermill in McCook. All of her children, Gary, Cheryl, Pam and Kim were present. Others present were their spouses: Deanna Grose, Sid Metcalf and Mark McConville; four of her nine grandchildren: Todd Grose, Shannon Metcalf and wife Jaime, Brooke Nelms and Brittany McConville, and two of her 10 great-grandchildren, Alyssa VanVleet and Atleigh Nelms. Eileene also has one great-great-granddaughter.

Bruce and Carmelita Olson, Lindsay and Sam, Fountain, Colo., and Ward and Jan Olson, Chloe, Mariah and Cianna, Colorado Springs, visited over the holidays with their mother, Marjorie Olson, and other relatives in the area.

**— The Dresser will be closed through Thursday for redecorating.**

Among K-State fans who were in Dallas for the Cotton Bowl game were Brian and Pam Simonsson, Breck and Nathan, Connie Grafel, Dan and Melinda Grafel, Kade and Isabel, Alan and Judy Marietta, Bret Marietta, Angela Viglielmo, Jeanie Martin, Drew Martin, John Nelson and Noah, Bob and Deanna Castle, Jim and Diane Barrett, Karli Fredrickson, Warren and Carol Weibert, Manhattan; Mary Groneweg, Lakewood, Colo.; Connie Holt, Longmont, Colo.; Dr. Jo Beaty, Bozeman, Mont.; Loni and Jeremy Jensen and Alaxis, Newton; Leah and Travis Carreno, Colorado Springs; Shad and Jody Metcalf, Colby; Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary, and Spencer Rose, Hoxie; Jacob Unger, Rexford; and Dave and Patty Stapp, Norcatur.

Eldon Smith returned home Saturday from Traverse City, Mich., where he visited his sister, Gladys Schichtel, for three weeks over the holidays.

Holiday guests of Juanita Williby

## Women's retreat coming up

Lisa Harper will speak at a Women's Winter Retreat set for Saturday, Jan. 28, in McCook. The theme will be, "Busyness is So Not a Spiritual Gift."

The retreat, sponsored by the McCook Evangelical Free Church, will be held at the McCook City Auditorium at West Fifth and C streets. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the event to begin at 9 a.m.

Ms. Harper was director of Focus on the Family's national women's ministry for six years. She speaks at Women of Faith events and hundreds of church retreats all over the world each year.

were Rita Erdman and Brenna, McCook; Patty and John Guy, Sarah Cathcart, Haley and Kohen, and friend, Adam, Kearney, Neb.; Sharon and Rick Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; Adam and Angie Kleinsorge, Chayden and Kensey, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Adrian and Shawn Walker, Elle and Will, Lincoln, Neb.; Laura and Todd Vaughn, Brighton, Colo.; Hannah Vaughn, Evans, Colo.; Megan Vaughn, New York City; Jason and Jess Williby, Shawnee; Dani and Michael Schiltz, Kain, Londyn and Kash, and Heith Sauvage, Bodie, Colton and Bella, Selden; Jennifer Kasson, Mike, Raye and Dru, Norcatur; and Theresa and Gerry Tally, Doug and Shayla Williby, Justin Williby, Josh and Kari Williby and Gage, Paul and Lacy Tally and Mason, and Jebb Tally and Lacey Ream, Oberlin.

Frances Vacura spent the holidays in Goddard with her daughter and family, Jeff and Gayle White, Amanda, Josh and Megan. They were Christmas Day dinner guests of his mother, Joan White, in Waverly.

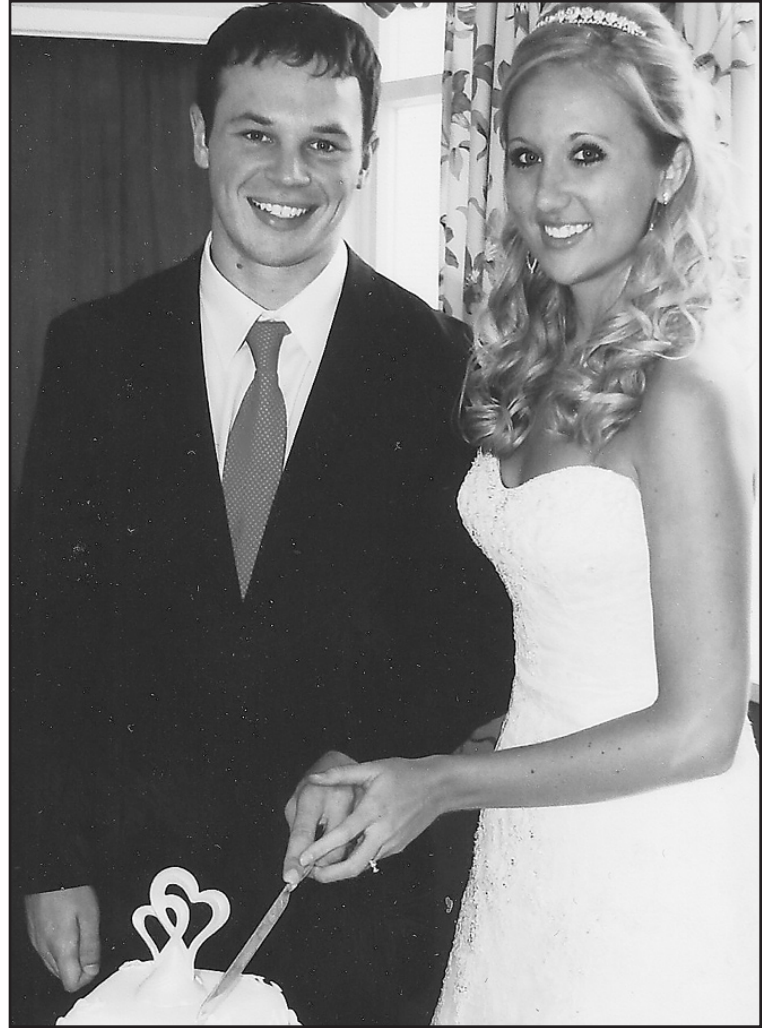
**— Register for the "Art of Marriage" conference at the Sunflower Cinema, Friday, Jan. 27, & Saturday, Jan. 28, at www.familylifetoday.com or call Amy Carman, 475-2732.**

After spending the Christmas weekend in Denver with Jim Hollowell's 97-year-old mother, Vera Matthews, and his brother, Joe, and sister, Sherri, Jim and Linda Hollowell returned home to Oberlin, accompanied by Linda's mother, Mrs. Vernice Bradshaw of Pueblo, Colo., daughter, Holli Coburn and sons, Jordan and Jackson of Aurora, Colo. Arriving for New Year's Eve was Holli's husband, Christopher.

Charlene Mowrey of Park spent Monday with her mother, Martha Fringer. They went out for dinner at the Frontier Cafe to honor Mrs. Mowrey on her birthday.

Winning highs in pinocle at the Golden Age Center last week were Doris Fringer, Kelva Dryden, Ardis Roe, Ivis Hanson and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Willa Urban, Dorothy Moore, Neil Marshall and Dewaine Stapp. Kay Marcuson and Martha Fringer were Chicken Foot domino winners. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Veanna Carman with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Pat Abbey. Cynthia Matson and Shirley Simpson had highs in bridge. Senior potluck, 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Juanita Williby and Doug Williby, Oberlin, and Rita Erdman of McCook attended funeral services on Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Colby for JoAnn (Garrett) Vaughn, 78, who died on Wednesday at the hospital in Colby. She and Mrs. Williby were classmates at Rexford High School.



Theodore and Megan Chancellor

## Vows exchanged in Florida town

Theodore E. Chancellor and Megan E. Gonshor were married Saturday, April 2, 2011, in St. Augustine, Fla., then later made their Christian vows in Grimbsy, England, with the Rev. Rod Church, England, former pastor of the First Congregational Church in McCook, officiating.

Parents of the couple are Ken and Rose Chancellor, McCook, and Marty and Teresa Gonshor, Oxford, Neb.

Grandmother of the bridegroom is Mary Lewis, Grand Island, Neb. The bride's grandmothers are Evelyn Meitl, Oberlin, and Darlene

Chancellor, McCook. The bride graduated from White Plains High School in Alabama in 2007 and attended Gadsden State University. She works for Align Networks in Jacksonville, Fla.

The bridegroom is a 2005 graduate of McCook High School. After serving five years in the U.S. Navy, he is in the active reserve while pursuing a degree in aviation management and operations at Jacksonville University.

They couple lives in Jacksonville.

## Cutoff date for grass Jan. 25

The cutoff date for applications for the Grassland Reserve program will be Wednesday, Jan. 25, according to the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Eric B. Banks, state conservationist for the service for Kansas, said the voluntary program offers landowners help to protect, restore and enhance grasslands through permanent easements and rental contracts for 10, 15 or 20 years. For current fiscal year, priority is being given to easements, he said.

The program emphasizes the preservation of native and natural grasslands and shrub lands, support

for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity and protection of grassland which might be converted to other land uses.

Land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program with a contract that expires in the next 12 months is eligible for enrollment in this program for permanent easements or 20-year rental.

For details, stop by the service's county office at 408 S. Buffalo in Oberlin, or call 475-3131. The county office can help with applications and provides technical assistance for the program.

## Group plans benefit supper

There will be a benefit soup supper from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Decatur Community High School cafeteria for the Supporting Our Schools, a group of parents, teach-

ers and others who support Oberlin schools.

The supper precedes basketball games with Quinter, beginning with the girls at 6:30 p.m.

## Oberlin couple marries



**MINNESOTA WEDDING:** Rachelle Elizabeth Lytle and Brian David Hileman of Oberlin were married Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, in Minneapolis with the Rev. Andrew Bakken officiating. They are living in Oberlin.

## County farm wife writes book of fiction

Mary Lou Plotts, a Decatur County farm wife, recently completed her first fiction book, "The Heavenly Name," which explores the divine and Godly essence of love.

Mrs. Plotts, who lives with her husband Gene on a farm northeast of Oberlin, said that after she hurt her back and was unable to work, she decided to try writing a book at home.

The book follows a Christian family that undergoes a trial by fire when a young daughter is involved in a horrible accident. Daniel and Kathy Shields are very close to the Lord, and they have always wanted a child. Despite a doctor's initial diagnosis that she will be unable to have a baby, a miracle child comes along. They name her Marcella. However, one day an accident takes Marcella. The girl receives a new, heavenly name,

but her parents' lives are inextricably changed.



M. L. Plotts

Readers will discover the answer to the family's problems in a story that explores the powerful and unwavering essence of God's love, according to the publishers.

Mrs. Plotts said that she is a coal miner's daughter, reared in Groundhog Hollow in the coal fields of West Virginia. The daughter of Preacher Joe Crockett Hagerman and

Joye Leatrice Payne, she has four brothers and two sisters.

She said she met her husband through Christian Singles and they have a son and two daughters.

For information, contact the publisher, Xlibris, at (888) 795-4274 or at www.Xlibris.com. The book is available in both paperback and hardback.

## Club News

### Group holds Day of Prayer

Members of the Oberlin United Methodist Women and guests observed the annual Day of Prayer and Self-Denial by meeting at noon last Wednesday at the fellowship hall for a simple meal of soup and crackers and hors d'oeuvres.

Hostess was Laurene Van Otterloo, who was assisted by Violet Shaw.

Group singing followed the meal with Mary Ann Amack as leader and Beth Sebaugh as pianist. Reading Chairman Elaine Bryan displayed the books selected for the 2012 year and President Violet Shaw showed the new *Response* magazine. The project of sending Care boxes to college

and technical school students was discussed.

A program about the Brooks-Howell Home at Asheville, N.C., for retired missionaries and deaconesses, was presented by Joan Betts. Excerpts from life stories in the book, "Prayers and Ponderings," written by residents of the facility, were read and it was noted that these people had served on five continents.

The Oberlin members will be guests of the Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women for a 9:30 a.m. coffee on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Oberlin church. The speaker will be a representative of Youthville.

### Methodist women meet

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the home of Coleen Rippe on Jan. 4 for their first meeting of the year.

President Cheryl Metcalf opened the meeting with the group singing, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," followed by prayer.

Roll call was answered by five members and Pastor Linda Willey by telling a memory of serving at sales. All five members reported that they had participated in the reading program, and this

number will be sent to the district. New program books were distributed.

Plans were made for the Feb. 1 meeting, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Oberlin United Methodist Church with the Oberlin women as guests. Matt Johnson will speak about Youthville. Everyone is to bring a valentine for the youths. Phyllis Metcalf presented the program, "Write Words of Love," about technology in today's world.

### Knights to sponsor shower

The Oberlin Knights of Columbus are holding their annual "pro-life" baby shower this month. They are accepting money, which may be given to Walt Meitl, or baby items. All proceeds will be given to area emergency pregnancy centers.

Baby items may be left in a bassinet placed in the vestibule of the Sacred Heart Church in Oberlin. Among items needed are Murphy's Oil Baby Soap, sanitizing wipes, dishwasher detergent (powder), cleansers for sinks and showers, baby oil, paper towels, toilet paper, liquid hand soap, laundry detergent, infant car seats (new), sleepers, onesies, outfits up to 6 months, diapers size newborn, 1 or 2, baby wipes, Similac, formula (powder), 4 ounce

bottles and bottle brushes.

### Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Darlene

**Darlene (Petrasek) Robben Saturday, Jan. 14**

Open house from 2-4 Bowen Scout House in Hoxie

No gifts but cards welcome Box 991, Hoxie, KS 67740



*Brian and Rachelle Hileman Reception*  
 Sunday, Jan. 15, 4-7 p.m. Bohemian Hall (Museum)  
 Please join us in celebrating our marriage.  
 Cake and refreshments will be served.  
 Our present will be your presence!

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