



Brianna DeaAnn and Charles Wesley McMonagle

Couple exchange vows in San Diego ceremony

Brianna DeaAnn Decoteau and Charles Wesley "Wes" McMonagle of Turlock, Calif., were married Saturday, June 16, 2012, at the Hilton San Diego Resort.

The Rev. Jon Worsley of Pittsburgh officiated at the double-ring ceremony outdoors on Mission Bay. White hydrangeas lined the aisles leading to a flower-covered gazebo.

Parents of the couple are Jon and Karen Decoteau, San Jose, Calif., and Charles and Susan Betts McMonagle, Sisters, Ore. The bridegroom is a grandson of Herschel and Joan Betts, Oberlin.

Readings during the ceremony were by Colby Decoteau and Dominic Molinari, both of Napa, Calif.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length fit-and-flare gown fashioned with a sweetheart neckline which featured a ruched bodice and a train with balloon hem.

Maid of honor was Joelle Fusaro, Mission Viejo, Calif. Bridesmaids were Christine McMonagle, Portland, Ore., sister of the bridegroom; Alysia Harris, Visalia, Calif.; Amanda Calhoun, San Jose; Hollee Coburn, Turlock, Calif.; and April Montgomery, San Mateo, Calif. They wore royal blue strapless sheath dresses.

Flower girl Kiara Steele of Escondido, Calif., scattered rose petals down the aisle. She was followed by junior bridesmaid Nicole Johnson of Tujunga, Calif., pulling a white cart with the year-old flower girl, Noelle Johnson, also of Tujunga, and the 1-year-old ringbearer, Benjamin Calhoun of San Jose. The flower girls wore candlelight satin sashed

dresses. The cart was handcrafted for the occasion by the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Columbaro, of Banning, Calif.

Zac Petersen, Escondido, was best man. Groomsmen were Matt Decoteau, Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Omar Benavides, Houston; Edgar Segovia, Alton, Texas; Matt Collins, Mission Viejo; and Kurtis Stutsman, Visalia, Calif.

Andy Decoteau and Ben Molinari, both of Napa, Calif., were ushers.

The bride's mother wore a pale blue tiered tea-length gown accented with rhinestone detailing and a matching jacket.

The mother of the bridegroom wore a tea-length pale lavender tiered chiffon dress with beading.

The bride is a graduate of William Fremd High School in Palatine, Ill. She graduated from Cal State Stanislaus in Turlock, and received a master's degree in psychology in 2011. She is a clinician with Sierra Vista Child and Family Services in Modesto, Calif.

Her husband graduated from high school in Poway, Calif. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, then Cal State Stanislaus, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in business administration in 2012.

The couple honeymooned on the island of Kauai, Hawaii.

They will relocate to Sacramento, Calif., in September, where he will be an auditor with Crowe Horwath LLP, a national public accounting and consulting firm.

Guests attending the wedding from Oberlin were the Bettses and Mr. and Mrs. John Bremer.

People in Our Community

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Varlan Neal was honored on his 85th birthday with a dinner at his home on Sunday. Others present were his wife, Catherine Neal; Kevin Neal and friend John, Denver; Kayla Korte, Braden, Raleigh and Toby, Rexford; Kendal and Tammy Neal, Katrina and James, Alan Shields, Daren and Charlene Agan, Dennis and Darlene Agan and Ryan, Oberlin; Alex Boucher, Cambridge, Neb.; Lloyd and Clarice Shields and Zoey, Lee and Teresa Shields, Colin Crocker, McCook; Les and Dee Shields, Denton, Neb.; and Mary Karnes and Alan Neal, Hoxie.

Lynn Groneweg of Enid, Okla., spent from Thursday to Sunday with his mother, Peggy Groneweg, his brother, Robert and Judy Groneweg, of Oberlin and his sister, Joyce and Jim Jones of Cambridge, Neb. They all spent Saturday at the Groneweg farm sale.

Connie Cramer was honored by her family with a party Monday afternoon at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center for her 85th birthday. Residents and staff were also guests and birthday cake and ice cream were served. Relatives attending were Bill and Sally Cramer, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bridget Thalkovic and Calla, Zionsville, Ind.; Evan and Cathy Wenger, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wenger and family, Denton, Texas; Sally Hennington, Rod and Kem Bryan, Brandon and Laura Bryan, Gus and Sage, and Frank Bennett.

Lairy and Beth Goltl went to Wichita on July 29 and spent two days with Scott and Deb Goltl, Molly, Matthew and Nathan. From there they went to Keller, Texas, and spent three days with Jeff and Myra Goltl, Jeffery Paul and Jennifer. They returned home Friday.

Mary Anderson of Osborne was a Thursday visitor and overnight guest of Joy Votapka.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Stinemetz Fu-

neral Home in Hill City for Harry R. Clark, 91, who died on July 26, 2012, at the Graham County Hospital in Hill City. Burial was in Memorial Lawn Cemetery at Hill City. He was a great-uncle of Fred and Melanie Anderson of Oberlin and a brother of the late Amy Anderson.

—Brunch Buffet Sunday, Aug. 12, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Susan Rynearson returned home Monday from Ennis, Mont., where she visited her son, Roy and Wanell Hill, Buck and Delray, for a week. She also spent a few days at the Mustang Motel in Townsend, Mont.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Kelva Dryden and Ardis Roe. Lows went to Neil Marshall, Ivis Hanson, John Cederberg, Ardythe Cederberg and Dewaine Stapp. Highs in pitch were won by John Cederberg and Henry Edgett with lows going to Dewaine Stapp and Pat Abbey. Bridge highs went to Carla Latimer and Annette Miller.

Justin Goss and three friends, Tyler, Joe and Darwin, of Englewood, Colo., were weekend guests of his father, Jim Goss.

Dan Hess and Carter of Salina came Friday and his mother, Cecil Hess, accompanied them to St. Francis, where they were weekend guests of Steve and Jean Ann Conder, Jenna and Jessica for the Cheyenne County Fair.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes met their daughter and son-in-law, Felicia and Nik Wilets of Augusta, Ga., in Monte Vista, Colo., for the Ski Hi Stampede Rodeo on Saturday, July 28. Felicia was there for her 20th class reunion at Monte Vista High School. The two couples also spent some time in Creede, Colo.

Come to the fair

DECATUR COUNTY FAIR

HOME OWNED CARNIVAL

Decatur County Fair

1st Tuesday of August

WELCOMING FAIRGOERS is the message on a new vinyl-coated sign at the north entrance of the Decatur County Fairground. Purchased by the county Fair Board and Amusement Authority, it was made by Mike Runion of Glade, who had also created other signs at the fair, including those at the livestock barn.

— Herald staff photo by Stephanie DeCamp

Arts and Humanities season tickets on sale

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission has begun ticket sales for the upcoming season, which includes dancers, theater, the Oberlin Area Concert Band, music from Branson, Mo., and more.

To purchase tickets, call Ella Betts at (785) 457-3557, Mary Henzel at 470-0218 or any commission member. Events will be at The Gateway in Oberlin, except at noted:

- Robin Marks Dance Studio, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2 p.m.
- Southwest Nebraska Community Theater, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m., McCook High School.
- Job, Peter and Chuck, '60s and '70s music, Saturday, Nov. 10.
- Oberlin Area Concert Band Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m., high school auditorium.
- Branson on the Road, Saturday, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m.
- Acoustic Eldolon dinner theater, dinner, 6:30 p.m.; program, 7:30 p.m.

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• Euphoria String Band, Saturday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.

• Organ/trumpet concert by Clarion, Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church.

Single tickets are \$75; family tickets, \$155; single parent families, \$80; patron (1 ticket) \$85; Benefactor (1 ticket) \$110; Corporate (includes 4 tickets) \$500. All season tickets include school-age youth and one dinner-theater. Single-event tickets available at the door.

Membership also supports the High Plains ArtFest, April 26-28, and the spring senior recital.

Other commission members are Tom Mullen, Janice Ganje, Judy Groneweg, Pam May, Eloise Smith, Rusty Addleman and Sarah Bricker.

Reunion held in Herndon

Descendants of Theodore and Elizabeth Barenberg met for a potluck dinner July 29 at the Herndon Senior Center.

Present were Ron and Dee McDougal and Mackezie, Mason and Madisen Urban, Eunice and Don Dillinger, Lawrence and Lynda Wendelin, Clemens and Rose Marie Kogl, DeAnn Brickner, John Kogl, Tim Kogl, Paul and Thelma Palic, Florian Brown, Beatrice Suppes, Natalie and Alexa Armbrister, Virjean Reeh,

Teresa and Terry Gotchall, Dan, Myra, Rose and Paul Stoney, Tony, Beth, Haley, Austin and Dalton Miller, Lewis and Sue Stoney, Roseanna Stoney, JoAnn Hoffman, Jesse Sis, Jaelynn and Juliann Sis, Mike and Bonnie Brown, Tony Brown, Tim Brown, Delpha Sis, Bernus Munsch, Lynette Wolfe and Cliff Davis. Afternoon visitors were Frank and Jean Huss.

The next reunion will be in 2014.

New Arrivals

Luke Asher Wilson

Chris and Keely Wilson of Minden, Neb., are the parents of a son, Luke Asher Wilson. He was born at 5:35 p.m. June 20, 2012, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. He has two sisters, Julie Beth and Harmony Ann, and two brothers, Derek Anthony and Christopher Noah. Grandparents are Charlie and Sandy Kincaid, Norton; James and Kimberly Witt, Oberlin; and the late Julie Witt. Great-grandparents are Eugene and Beverly Witt, Danbury; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; and Larry and Carolyn Schultz, St. Francis. Evelyn Wilson, Hays, and E.J. Query, Benkelman, Neb., are his great-great-grandparents.



Luke Wilson

Tessa Dawn Witt

Tyler and Tiffany Witt of Oberlin are the parents of a daughter, Tessa Dawn Witt, born at 1:40 p.m. July 2, 2012, at Community Hospital in McCook. She weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 1/4 inches long. She has a brother, Trevor James, 2. Grandparents are James and Kimberly Witt, Oberlin, and the late Julie Witt, and Roger and Nancy Robinson, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Eugene and Beverly Witt, Danbury; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; and Larry and Carolyn Schultz, St. Francis. Her great-great-grandparents are Chet Bair, San Jacinto, Calif., and E.J. Query, Benkelman, Neb.



Tessa Witt

Carter Michael Nelson

Chris and Sharon Nelson, pastors of the Oberlin Covenant Church, are the parents of a son, Carter Micheal Nelson, born July 17, 2012. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. He is the first grandchild for Rick and Pat Nelson of Paxton, Ill., and Warren and Judy McCarty of Belmont, Calif. He is also the first great-grandchild of Stan and Alice Nelson of Elliot, Ill.



Carter

Making meals stretch

Eating better on a budget: here are 10 tips to help stretch your food dollars.

1. Plan, plan, plan! Before you head to the grocery store, plan your meals for the week. Include meals like stews, casseroles, or stir-fries, which "stretch" expensive items into more portions. Check to see what foods you already have and make a list for what you need.

2. Get the best price. Check the local newspaper and at the store for sales and coupons. Ask about a loyalty card at larger stores for extra savings at stores where you shop. Look for specials or sales on meat and seafood which are often the most expensive items on your list.

3. Compare and contrast. Locate the "Unit Price" on the shelf directly below the product. Use it to compare different brands and different sizes of the same brand to determine which is more economical.

4. Buy in bulk. It is almost always cheaper to buy foods in bulk. Smart choices are family packs of chicken, steak, or fish and larger bags of potatoes and frozen vegetables. Before you shop, remember to check if you have enough freezer space.

5. Buy in season. Buying fruits and vegetables in season can lower the cost and add to the freshness! If you are not going to use them all right away, buy some that still need time to ripen.

6. Convenience costs...go back to the basics. Convenience foods like

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frozen dinners, pre-cut vegetables, and instant rice, oatmeal, or grits will cost you more than if you were to make them from scratch. Take the time to prepare your own — and save!

7. Easy on your wallet. Certain foods are typically low-cost options all year round. Try beans for a less expensive protein food. For vegetables, buy carrots, greens, or potatoes. As for fruits, apples and bananas are good choices.

8. Cook once...eat all week! Prepare a large batch of favorite recipes on your day off (double or triple the recipe). Freeze in individual containers. Use them throughout the week and you won't have to spend money on take-out meals.

9. Get your creative juices flowing. Spice up your leftovers — use them in new ways. For example, try leftover chicken in a stir-fry, over a garden salad, or to make chicken chili. Remember, throwing away food is throwing away money!

10. Eating out. Restaurants can be expensive. Save money by getting the early bird special, going out for lunch instead of dinner, or looking for "2 for 1" deals. Stick to water instead of ordering other beverages, which add to the bill.

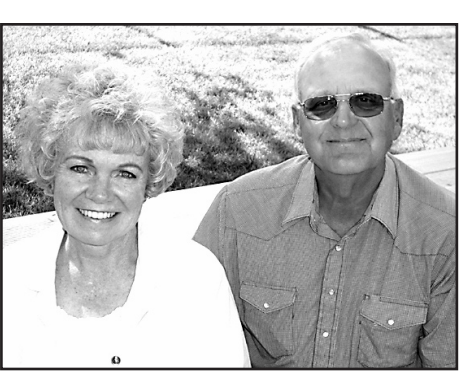
Happy Birthday Mildred

Mildred Black will be 95 on August 11th. The children are honoring her with a card shower. Cards will reach her at 213 S. Cass, Oberlin, KS 67749.

Happy 45th Anniversary Lawrence and Carol Carter

August 5, 1967

Love,
Your kids
and grandkids



65th Wedding Anniversary
Open House
for
Martin and Evelyn (Reith) May
Saturday, August 11, 2012 2-4 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church

No Gifts Please

Lairy and Beth Goltl
Happy 50th

50th Anniversary Card Shower for Beth and Lairy Goltl.

"Way to go, Mom and Dad!"
From Jeff and Scott

Send congratulations to:
111 N. Wilson
Oberlin, KS 67749

70th Wedding Anniversary
Weldon and Merrice Brooks, Norton,
wish to invite their family and friends to join them in celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. The Open House will be held at the Norton American Legion on Sunday, August 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Their children are Bill and Gail Brooks of Clayton, Kansas and Don and Barbara Kelly of Lawrence, Kansas, and the late Bart Brooks. They have also been blessed with 5 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Your presence will be their gift.