

People in Our Community

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Michael and Anne Schmidt

Couple exchange vows in Virginia ceremony

Anne Elizabeth Betts and Michael John Schmidt of Minneapolis, Minn., were married at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, at the King Family Vineyard in Charlottesville, Va.

The Rev. David Johnson officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Decorations included white and blue flowers combined with candlelight and lanterns, with wood branches and stumps providing a rustic interest.

Parents of the couple are Jan and Gene Betts, Austin, Texas; and Maryann and Paul Schmidt, Chesapeake, Va. The bride's maternal grandparents, Herschel and Joan Betts of Oberlin, and the bridegroom's grandfather, Ralph Engel, of Hays, also attended.

Scripture was read by the Marcia Kirke of Des Moines, Iowa, aunt of the bride.

A string trio, Plum Blossoms, of Charlottesville, played "Arioso," "Canon in D" and "Singfonia" during the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a strapless silk organza gown with lace applique.

Mary Kate Betts, Austin, was maid of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids Molly Brunjes, Chessy West, Cassandra Estep and Tiffany Danielle wore silk shantung gowns in

evening blue.

Ben Brunjes, Athens, Ga., served as best man. Groomsmen were David Schmidt, Charlotte, N.C.; Alex Gross, Los Angeles; Matt Steichen, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Michael Betts, San Francisco.

Mrs. Betts chose for her daughter's wedding a navy lace sheath dress. The bridegroom's mother wore a purple sheath dress.

Following the ceremony and cocktail hour, a reception was held at the vineyard. The wedding cake of almond sponge layers was filled with raspberry curd and iced with white chocolate butter cream.

Instead of a guest book, guests filled out post cards from their various states.

The bride is a graduate of Leewood High School and the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. She earned a Bachelor of Science in finance/accounting in 2005. She is a corporate strategist for Boston Scientific Corp.

The bridegroom graduated from high school in Chesapeake and earned a Bachelor of Science in business/marketing in 2005 from the University of Virginia. He is a brand strategist for Zeus Jones.

After a honeymoon to Costa Rica, they are living in Minneapolis.

Stan and Reva Porter of Cincinnati visited from Wednesday to Tuesday with her mother, Audra Duncan, a resident of Cedar Living Center, and her brother, Bill and Carol Duncan.

Alyce Avery returned home on Dec. 1 from Woodbridge, Va., where she spent two weeks visiting her daughter, Roz Fuller, and granddaughter, Autumn and Gus Onna, Isaiah, Amaya and Aidan. Roz, a 1967 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is a professor at Stratford University

— **Cinema and bowling gift certificates available for stocking stuffers at EDC office, 104 S. Penn.**

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ivis Hanson, Dewaine Stapp, Veanna Carman, Ardis Roe, Norma Anderson and Max Carman. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Veanna Carman, Ivis Hanson, Neil Marshall and Doris Fringer. Eleanor Boyle and Marjorie Olson were winners at Mexican Train dominoes. Pitch high winners were Henry Edgett and Pat Abbey with lows going to Doothy Moore and Neil Marshall. Bridge highs were won by Judy

Shirley, Ila Ray, Dewaine Stapp and Annette Miller.

Jeremy and Jessica Smith and Verlee of Denver were Saturday overnight guests of his grandparents, Tom and Maxine Smith.

— **Christmas Sunday Brunch Buffet Sunday, Dec. 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340.**

Delane and Crista Sauvage, Austin and Junior attended a Christmas dinner for the Witt family at the home of Ed and Melba Witt of Norton on Saturday. Others present were Tonya, Martin, Vianne and Tiego Arias, Concordia; Jason and Toni Witt, Lawrence; Kaylynn and Andrew Lantz and Calvin, Norton; Kylee Witt and her fiancé, Tim Koelzer, Manhattan; Abigail and Jacob Crandall, LaCrosse; and Flossie Mowry, Hoxie.

Weekend guests of Tim and Kimberly Davis and family were her parents, Marty and Nancy Brandt of Colorado Springs. Her father also enjoyed some pheasant hunting.

Regina Stanley is recuperating from a broken bone in her foot, which she suffered when she caught it in a bedspread at her home.

Christmas services planned

By **MARY LOU OLSON**
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Area churches will be holding Christmas Eve services in celebration of the birth of the Christ Child. This list was compiled with information which was correct so far as we can tell at press time.

LUND COVENANT
A candlelight service will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

OBERLIN COVENANT
A candlelight Christmas Eve service will begin at 7 p.m.

JENNINGS UNITED METHODIST
A Christmas Eve service will begin at 4 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
Christmas Eve services will begin at 8:30 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN
A Christmas Eve candlelight service with communion begins at 7:30 p.m.

OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST PRAIRIE CHAPEL
Christmas Eve Services begin at Oberlin at 6:30 p.m. and at Prairie Chapel at 8 p.m., with candle lighting and communion at both. Worshipers are asked to bring nonper-

ishable items for the Food Pantry. **OBERLIN UNITED CHURCH**
A Christmas Eve candlelight communion service will begin at 5 p.m.

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
A Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 5 p.m. at the home of Leon and Marita Portschy, followed by a light meal.

UNITED METHODIST NORCATUR, CLAYTON
A Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Clayton. There will be no service at Norcatur.

HERNDON COVENANT
A Christmas Eve candlelight service is planned for 11 p.m.

OBERLIN SACRED HEART IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SELDEN SACRED HEART
Christmas Eve Mass will begin at 9:30 p.m. at Oberlin and 7 p.m. at Leoville. Mass will be at 8 a.m. on Christmas Day in Selden.

HERNDON ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
Christmas Mass is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Schools extend contracts

By **KIMBERLY DAVIS**
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After two five-minute closed sessions last Monday, the Oberlin School Board extended contracts for the district's two administrators.

The board extended Superintendent Duane Dorshorst's contract until June 2014. His is a yearly contract.

Principal Ben Jimenez's contract is for two years; it was extended to July 31, 2015.

The board met earlier than normal at the Decatur Community High School library to allow people to attend the winter concert for fourth through sixth grades.

Board member Dan Wasson said he had gone to a Northwest Kansas Technical College board meeting recently. They had a report on the the cosmetology facility remodel. Mr Wasson said it's now the most modern facility in the state.

Last year, he said, the program had 3,600 clients come to the school. The college is looking into teaching a barber class, he said.

In other business, the board:

- Approved buying meat and veg-

etable trays to be put in the teacher lounges before Christmas break.

• Heard from board member Dan Nedland, who commended band teacher Sarah Bricker on getting the Oberlin Area Concert Band and the high school band on the same stage. It was great for the community, he said.

Someone mentioned that two exercise classes use the schools, including a Mommy and Me class from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Monday at the grade school, and a Boot Camp from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday and at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the high school.

• Talked to Mrs. Bricker about the upcoming band trip to Kansas State University. The annual trip will be from Friday, Jan. 25, through Sunday, Jan. 27. Mrs. Bricker said she's taking 17 kids and needs a bus and driver to take them there and back. The band fund, she said, pays for the driver.

Board president Monte Moore said the board had already OK'd the trip at the beginning of the year when Mrs. Bricker submitted the request. He thanked her for coming in.



OBERLIN CEMETERY SEXTON Jeremy Tally explained how the new computerized cemetery directory works to Marie McKisson, activities director of the Oberlin Modern Woodmen. The chapter raised more than \$2,000 for the project.

— Herald staff photo by Stephanie DeCamp

Chapter gives help to cemetery directory

With the help of the Modern Woodmen of America's Matching Fund program, members of the Oberlin chapter and the Oberlin community raised more than \$2,000 to help pay for a new digital directory at the Oberlin Cemetery.

Through a raffle held recently, the Oberlin chapter raised \$1,004, which was matched by the home office. The check was presented to cemetery Sexton Jeremy Tally at the chapter's Christmas party by Marie McKisson, activities director. Raffle winners were Jim Ferguson, \$100; Curtis Walston, \$50; and

Marilyn Black, \$25. Modern Woodmen members here are part of a nationwide network that helps communities through social, educational and volunteer activities.

"With the Matching Fund program, we carry out Modern Woodmen's mission to improve quality of life for members and their communities," said Mrs. McKisson, "and thanks to the hard work of members nationwide, Modern Woodmen makes donations totaling more than \$6.5 million a year."

Vocal concert is Thursday

High school vocal students will give a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Decatur Community High School auditorium.

It will feature songs of the season both new and old, including several

songs that view Christ's birth from Mary's point of view.

"We hope the folks in Oberlin will come out and support our students and share in the Christmas spirit," said vocal teacher Susan Nelson.

Riders plan western dance

The Tripple Creek Riders plan to sponsor a family western dance from 7 to 10 p.m. New Year's Eve at the Old Bohemian Hall at the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin.

Everyone is invited to enjoy family fun, free food and drinks, music and raffle items. No alcohol or tobacco will be allowed.

Admission will be \$3 for singles and \$10 per family.

Club News

Singers present program

The sound of Christmas music entertained members of Monday Evening Club as they arrived for the Dec. 10 meeting at the LandMark Inn in downtown Oberlin.

The DCHS Singers in sparkling holiday attire, directed by Susan Nelson, presented both traditional and contemporary selections, some with choreography, and closing with "Baby, It's Cold Outside," which it was.

Hostesses Ann Anderson and Ann Williams furnished table favors of red carnations and members chose from a selection of holiday pies for refreshments.

President Nanette Zander announced that the Monday, Jan. 14, meeting will be held at the home of Joan Betts with Judy Shirley as co-hostess. A program entitled "Diamonds and Gold" will be given by Laurie Milnes Smith.

Members enjoy tasting tea

The annual Christmas Tasting Tea of Pi Alpha Club was held Dec. 10 in the parlor of the Decatur County Museum with Joy Russell as hostess and Joan and Kristy Evans as co-hostesses.

Eleven members were present, including Pat Wright of Oakley, to enjoy the holiday fare brought by all and the social evening which concluded with a Christmas gift exchange.

The new year will open Monday, Jan 14, at Sappa Valley Manor with Elaine Bryan as hostess and Cecil Hess as co-hostess. Election of officers will be held.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met last Wednesday for a 10 a.m. Christmas brunch at Coffee, Tea and Me with 17 present.

Others present were Karen Bruning, Doris Fringer, Eleanor Boyles, Cecil Hess, Nadean Stoney, Eileene Grose, Elaine Bryan, Phyllis Screen, Joy Votapka, Joan Ward, Jeanette Miller, Millie Lippelmann, Ardis Roe, Laurene Van Otterloo, Delores Koerperich and Charlotte Meints.

Plans for the Jan. 9 meeting will be announced.

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Dennis and Judy Shirley invite friends and family to an **Open House December 28, 4-6 at The Gateway** honoring their daughter and husband **Vicki and Steve Ruggiero**, on their marriage August 14.

The couple asks there be no gifts.

Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Open on New Year's Eve until 5 p.m. and closed New Year's Day.

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