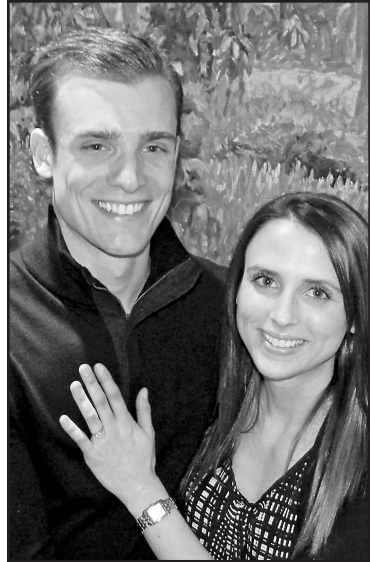


# Couple plans 2014 nuptials

The engagement of Christine McMonagle of Portland, Ore., and Adam Ohlson of London was announced on Good Friday, then celebrated that evening by a surprise engagement party at the home of Mr. Ohlson's grandmother, Marty Ohlson, in Lake Oswego, Ore.

The couple met at the University of Oregon in 2008. The bride-to-be plans to relocate to London later this month to join her fiancé.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMonagle, Sisters, Ore.; Nancy Zehr, West Linn, Ore.; and Mark Ohlson, Lake Oswego. Grandparents, in addition to



Christine McMonagle and Adam Ohlson

Mrs. Ohlson, are Herschel and Joan Betts, Oberlin, and Jeannine Alexander, Portland, Ore.

The couple plans a summer 2014 wedding.

# People in Our Community

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Beverly (Gee) Keys was awarded the secondary award that recognizes her for her excellence in teaching and promoting math and science at Cair Paravel Latin Christian School in Topeka, where she is a chemistry teacher. She was nominated by Kansas Society of Professional Engineers Topeka Chapters chairman, Cory Schoffelman. Mrs. Keys is the daughter of Gene and Helen Gee of Oberlin and a 1989 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Jim and Denise Abbey returned from a trip to Southern California where they spent the Easter holiday and the week before and after with their daughter and son-in-law, Kenzie and Garrick Reichert, and their grandchildren, Grace and Porter.

Virginia Almquist of Smith Center came Friday morning to spend the weekend with her sister, Cecilia Brown, to help her celebrate her birthday. Joining them that afternoon was Mrs. Brown's granddaughter, Melissa Hazell, of Hutchinson. On Saturday, Len and Alyce Marsh honored Mrs. Brown with a surprise birthday party with several other guests present.

Jerry and Marcia Lohofener have returned home after spending the winter in Gold Canyon, Ariz.

Larry Van Otterloo Jr., of Manhattan and Neil Van Otterloo, Stuart, Iowa, were weekend guests of Larry Van Otterloo, Sr., and also visited Laurene Van Otterloo.

Shelbi McKenna, daughter of Cindy and Patrick Shirley, and Richard McKenna, has been awarded a \$2,000 Career and Technical Education Scholarship from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation for the upcoming school year. She is a senior at Norton Community High School and plans to attend Colby Community College, where she will major in accounting.

Rod and Glenna Copeland left for their home in Colchester, Vt., on Tuesday after visiting a week with her father, Glenn Martin, a resident of Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, and his wife, Eunice Martin.

## Ms. Wheelchair Ks. crowned

Angel Shaver of WaKeeney was crowned 2013 Ms. Wheelchair Kansas during a recent weekend ceremony at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka.

She received her crown after participating in four judging sessions, as well as other activities, throughout the three-day event. The weekend concluded with a formal crowning, where she was named titleholder and fellow contestant Jessica Soderlund of Oakley, formerly of Oberlin, became the runner-up.

Shaver has been through many challenges, including nerve damage and a traumatic brain injury in

## Rotary hears speech students

Four Decatur Community High School speech students presented the program for the April 2 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway, introduced by Program Chair Gary Fredrickson.

Students demonstrated improvised duet acting, where they must perform a minimum of four minutes, creating a setting along with two characters. Ganon Henningson and Morgan Jansonius told a story of a chimney sweep meeting a fortune teller on the Titanic. Kaine

Weekend guests of Dan and Melinda Grafel, Kade and Isabel were Jerry and Barbara Boettcher of Manhattan. They came to attend the music contest on Saturday to see their grandson, Kade, participate. They all enjoyed the K-State Gathering Friday evening at The Gateway.

Dewaine Stapp and Charlotte Meints attended the wedding of Kylie Morel and Monte Honas on Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ellis. The bride is the daughter of Janelle and Patrick Morel of Norton and is a great-niece of Mr. Stapp. They had breakfast with three of his nephews, Rodney and Delores Stapp, Norton; Gary and Barbara Stapp, Ord, Neb., and Larry and Marcia Stapp, Garden City, before attending St. Mary's Catholic Church. There they met her granddaughter and family, Amber and Cory Werth, Dylan, Brooklyn and Hayden, then had dinner with them before returning home.

Dorothy Avery and her daughter, Cindy Boller of Norton, and Ella Betts honored Jody Betts with lunch on Friday at the LandMark Inn to help her celebrate her birthday.

Isaac Broeckelman of Selden has been selected to serve as a Fort Hays State University orientation assistant for 2013. He will help freshmen and transfer students and their parents and families become familiar with the campus and its resources. He is a junior studying health and human performance and is a son of Joe and Cathy Broeckelman.

Winning highs in pinocle at the Golden Age Center last week were Norma Anderson, Ivis Hanson, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Doris Fringer, Henry Edgett and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Neil Marshall, John Cederberg, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe and Ivis Hanson. Ann Mines, Gail Marcuson and Martha Fringer were Chicken Foot Domino winners. Pitch highs were won by Max Carman and Henry Edgett with lows going to John Cederberg and Pat Abbey. Taking highs at bridge were Judy Shirley, Cynthia Matson, Carol Shirley and Annette Miller.

2004. She is a wife, mother of two children and also is the secretary at the WaKeeney Church of God, a bookkeeper and piano teacher. She holds a masters in family therapy from Friends University and a bachelors in behavioral science and Bible/theology from Mid-America Bible College in Oklahoma. She will represent Kansas in the Ms. Wheelchair America competition in Houston this July, competing for the national title alongside 31 other women from other states. Follow Shaver's year by reading her blog at www.mwks13.blogspot.com.

## Ranch plans craft workshop

Cottonwood Ranch at Studley will hold a Donna Day crafts workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 20.

Classes will include crocheting by Jeannine Taylor with a \$10 registration fee; needle felting by Charlie Hein, \$10; and rug hooking by Mary Ewing, \$25. Classes are limited to 10.

For details or to register, call (785) 673-4651 or 675-8362. Lunch will be available.

"Let's Do Tea" at 12:30 p.m., open to the public and presented by Gloria Tirkhath of McCook. The workshop is sponsored by Donna Farber Mowry and the Friends of Cottonwood Ranch.

# May 25 wedding planned

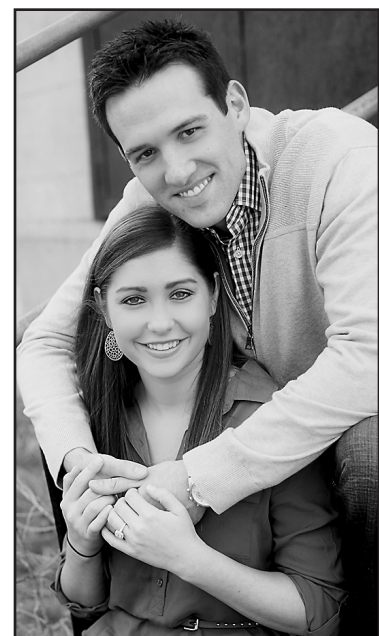
Lesley Tongish and Bryce Williams plan to marry Saturday, May 25, 2013, in Kansas City.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tongish, Newton, and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Williams, Cheney.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Gene and Marcella Leitner of Oberlin and the late Denis and Wilma Tongish of Herndon.

Her fiancé is the grandson of Donovan and Dianne Williams of Vassar and the late Alvin and Thelma Hillman of Cheney.

She is a 2003 graduate of Newton High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She graduated in 2012 from the University of Kansas with a master's degree in nurse anesthesia and now is a Certified registered nurse anesthetist at the University of Kansas



Lesley Tongish and Bryce Williams

Medical Center in Kansas City.

Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Cheney High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Kansas with majors in accounting and finance. He is controller for Physician Referral Network in Overland Park.

## Tech College gets \$40,000

The Kansas Board of Regents has awarded the Kansas Institute of Diesel Technology at Northwest Kansas Technical College a \$40,000 grant to expand biodiesel education.

The board makes competitive Excellence in Technical Education awards to programs that demonstrate exceptional strategies in technical education. Applications were judged based on five criteria: business and industry, student, alumni, faculty and program.

Greg Unger, one of the teachers in the program, is the son of Evan and Sheryl Unger of Oberlin. He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1988. Other teachers include Ron Kaus, Oura Garrett and Lester Cress.

The program is one of the largest at Northwest Tech, with about 50 students. Demand for graduates exceeds the graduating class each

year, resulting in strong placement rates and good salaries.

The department recently earned accreditation. Businesses support the program in various ways, including curriculum development, instructional support, student scholarships and internships, equipment and money donations and grants. Industry donations over the past two years exceed \$250,000.

Faculty initiated the biodiesel component of the program using generator donations from Murfin Drilling and Pioneer Inc. The program used the value of the generators as a match for a grant to buy a 40-gallon biodiesel maker. With the assistance of the electrical department and industry expertise, it now can power its building using biodiesel created from used vegetable oil. This grant will allow the program to expand to power additional buildings on campus.

## Club News

### Chapter meets in Hoxie

The John Athey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met March 27 at J.D.'s Restaurant in Hoxie.

The meeting was called to order by Regent Sharon Maurath with seven members and a guest present. The death of long-time Hoxie member Irene Cressler was reported. Four new members have been welcomed into the chapter and a fifth verified.

Reports were given by Kay Weber, Indian Minute; Gayle Bremenkamp, Constitution Minute; Fran Mann; American History, President General's message and schools. Judy Watkins; Women's Issues and National Defense, Cheryl Goetz; and Chap-

ter Achievement process, Mrs. Maurath.

Gayle Bremenkamp gave a program on the proper way of folding the American Flag, according to the American Legion.

Election of officers was held for the 2013-2016 term, with Mrs. Maurath, Oakley, re-elected as regent; Mrs. Bremenkamp, Colby, vice regent; Kay Weber, Hoxie, recording secretary; Gladys Rowley, Oakley, treasurer; Judy Watkins, Hoxie, registrar; Mrs. Goetz, Park, historian; and Delphyn Biggs, Oberlin, librarian.

The April meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, April 24, at the Oakley Public Library.

### First graders give program

The Oberlin-Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women entertained residents of the Good Samaritan Center on Wednesday afternoon. Tables were covered with assorted cupcakes and Easter arrangements.

Hostesses Linda Hollowell, Pat Abbey and Phyllis Metcalf served punch, coffee and iced tea. Music was by first graders from Oberlin Elementary School directed by Jenny Tally.

Violet Shaw conducted the business meeting and devotions were given by Joy Russell on keeping a certain amount of

frivolity in our lives. A Spiritual Growth Retreat will be held Friday and Saturday at Camp Lakeside. Thank-you notes were read from students who received gift certificates from the group on Valentine's Day. Dorcas Circle will sponsor a fund raiser for "No More Malaria" at City Park the evening of Wednesday, May 8.

The May 1 meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. with devotions by Marian Framer and a program by Phyllis Metcalf and Lucille Townsend. Coleen Rippe will be hostess.

## K-State backers gather

Former K-State place kicker Josh Cherry spoke at Oberlin's second annual K-State alumni and fan gathering Friday night at The Gateway.

Mr. Cherry said he was a diehard Nebraska fan before attending a summer football camp at K-State at the suggestion of his McCook High School coach. His experience with the coaches, followed by a tour of the campus, helped to change his opinion of the Wildcats.

Later, he said, he was recruited by Coach Ron Prince, but he told the crowd of nearly 70 Catbackers, he was ecstatic when he heard that Bill Snyder would return to coach the team in 2009. Mr. Cherry graduated in 2011 and has returned to McCook, where he is involved in agribusiness.

Ben Jimenez, a 1999 graduate of K-State and principal at Decatur Community High School, talked about a successful football career at K-State that earned him two bowl rings.

Attending the event from Manhattan and representing the University were Nate Warren and Joe Rush. Mr. Warren discussed the financial position of the athletic department in comparison with other Big 12

schools and updated fans on the progress of the new multi-million dollar addition to Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The west side renovation is to be completed by Aug. 30 for the first home game of the 2013 season, he said.

Ivis Hanson received a K-State cap for being the oldest graduate present, having received his degree in 1953. Door prizes were won by Jordan Brown, Estes Park, Colo.; Regan Bartels, Phillipsburg; and Roland May, Greg Grafel and Bob Castle.

A football signed by Cherry was auctioned off to Paul Nauer, Jennings. A basketball signed by Big 12 Coach of the Year Bruce Weber was purchased by Willie Wilfong of Norton. Ralph Unger served as auctioneer.

The Gateway staff provided a tailgate-type meal with purple cake and white frosting. The university staff promised there would be a new KSU Alumni promotional sign available to locate along U.S. 36 near Oberlin within a few months.

Hosts for the event were Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings, and Connie Grafel, Traer.

## Ag conference set at Norton

The second annual Women in Ag Conference will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Norton.

The event will focus on passing on the family farm, featuring Stacey Seibel as the keynote speaker. There will be several other topics for women in agriculture, including a session

About 27 million acres are enrolled nationwide, with 2.4 million acres in Kansas. Diane Barrett, county executive director for the agency, said contracts on an estimated 3.3 million acres will expire Sept. 30, with 212,541 of those in Kansas.

Operators whose land is accepted can receive cost-share payments for cover plantings and an annual rental payment for 10-15 years. Landowners are encouraged to look into enrollment opportunities offered year around. Dates will be announced later.

For information on this and other programs, stop by the Farm Service county office on U.S. 83, call 475-3131 or go to www.fsa.usda.gov/ks.

with the Farm Service Agency about programs and services available.

Committee members come from the Norton County Farm Bureau, K-State Research and Extension in Oberlin and Norton, and the Norton County Farm Bureau agency. For details, call (785) 475-8121 or 877-5755.

## Farmer deadline extended

The deadline for Hispanic and woman farmers and ranchers who feel they suffered discrimination at the hands of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been extended to Wednesday, May 1.

The process offers a voluntary alternative to lawsuits involving actions from 1981 to 2000, making available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief, plus up to

\$160 million in farm debt relief.

Call (888) 508-4429 to register for a claims package or go to the website www.farmerclaims.gov.

Independent companies will administer the claims process and decide the claims. Although there are no filing fees and a lawyer is not required, anyone seeking legal advice is free to contact a lawyer.

women from 12 towns in central Nebraska.

The Prairie Statesmen chorus will make a cameo performance.

For advance tickets, call (308) 236-2083. Tickets are also available at the door. For details, go to www.nepridechorus.com.

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