

# People in Our Community

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Relatives who attended funeral services for Marjorie Nitsch on Monday morning at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home in Manhattan were Janice and Jerry Lawson, Centennial, Colo.; Eric Lawson, Englewood, Colo.; Shelley and Tom Kupetis, Kevin, Julia and Katrina, Geneva, Ill.; Carol and Warren Weibert, Manhattan; Chris and Sarah Weibert, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Julie Weibert, Chicago. Mrs. Nitsch died on Thursday.

Mark Joseph Shobe of Oberlin was among 300 students who graduated during commencement exercises on Dec. 18 from Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Neb., campus, at the Activities Center on the Lincoln Campus. He earned a diploma in motorcycle, all-terrain vehicles and personal watercraft technology. Chris Beutler, mayor of Lincoln, was the featured speaker. Mark is the son of Ken and Janice Shobe of Oberlin.

**—Friday, Jan. 23 Seafood Buffet, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Dorothy Vacura of Jennings returned home Wednesday from Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., and is recuperating at home from heart surgery. She is in charge of the Jennings Clinic and takes blood pressures from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays. During her absence, Marj Hartzog will be there during those hours on Monday.

**Sunday, Jan. 25, Brunch Buffet 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Eva Bryan is a patient in Hays Medical Center, where she underwent surgery after suffering a broken hip on Friday. Mail will reach her at the hospital, 2220 Canterbury Drive, Hays, Kan., 67601.

Jim and Linda Hollowell spent Christmas Day in Denver at the home of Yondell and Tracy Moore. Other dinner guests were Janica, Jalen, Jami and Jada Moore; great-grandmother Vernice Bradshaw, Pueblo, Colo.; Christopher, Holli, Jordan and Jackson Coburn, Au-

ra, Colo.; Gaylene, Sam and Jolene Bradshaw, Bennie Ship, great-grandmother Micki Smith and Tony Wilbon, Denver. Late dinner guests at the home of Mr. Hollowell's mother, Vera Matthews, were Floyd and Shirley Hudson, Joe Hollowell, Steve, Sherri, and Bria and Brendon Hudson. Saturday, Dec. 27, they helped Mrs. Hollowell celebrate her 60th birthday and the Jim Holloways' 40th wedding anniversary with several relatives and friends. Their daughter, Holli Coburn, and grandsons, Jackson and Jordan Coburn, spent five days at the Hollowell farm at Oberlin.

**—Chinese Buffet Tuesday, Jan. 27, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Barb Solko, Floyd Edgett, Doris Fringer, Henry Edgett and Ardis Roe. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Henry Edgett, Neil Marshall, Floyd Edgett, Doris Fringer and Elden Haas. Pitch highs were won by Floyd Edgett and Henry Edgett with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Neil Marshall. Winning highs at bridge were Charlotte Meints, Beth Sebaugh, Merle Shirley, Dewaine Stapp and Annette Miller.

**—Up to 70% off Christmas Decor. Oberlin Mercantile Co.**

Judge Deanell Reece Tacha of Lawrence is one of 18 individuals chosen as search committee members to select a new chancellor at the University of Kansas to replace Robert Hemenway, who, after 14 years of service, will step down at the end of this academic year.

Mrs. Tacha is judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, former chair of the KU Alumni Association's National Board of Directors, former Associate Dean in the KU School of Law and former Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Her husband, John, is a brother of Kay Brown of Jennings.

Cynthia Haynes attended a payroll seminar at the Hampton Inn in Colorado Springs last Wednesday.

## Management training set for small businesses

Two management training events will be offered for small businesses next Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center at 104 S. Penn in Oberlin.

The Oberlin-Decatur Area Economic Development Corp. is partnering with the Kansas Small Business Development Center at Fort Hays State University to provide these workshops.

"Marketing: Developing a Workable Plan" will be offered from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Connie Grafel, director of the Oberlin-Decatur Area Economic Development Corp., said, "Do you have a workable marketing plan for your business or have you been using a 'popcorn' approach to marketing?"

She said that this specially de-

signed class will help small businesses develop a marketing plan.

"The 75-minute presentation will challenge what you are doing and provide support for developing a workable marketing plan for your business," she added.

"Building a Framework for Small Business Success" will follow from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. "This workshop will assist you in the development of your business concept," Ms. Grafel said. "The presentation will challenge what you are doing and provide support for developing your business."

There is no charge. The cost is being paid by Economic Development Corp. Space is limited, however, so advanced reservations are required. Call Ms. Grafel at (785) 475-2901 or e-mail o-daedc@eaglecom.net.

## Group plans soup supper

Supporting Our Schools will be having a fund-raising soup supper from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria, during the Oberlin Invitational basketball tournament.

Money raised will be used for family activity nights, helping to colorize the student memory books and an upcoming health program in February.

## Helping a friend



**LORA ARNOLD WENT OVER** the list with Keith Anthony of friends, neighbors and family who attended a potluck benefit supper held for him. More than 120 people gathered Sunday, Jan. 11, at the event, organized by Jerry Wecott of the Cardinal Bar and Grill in Norcat. It raised nearly \$2,000 to help offset some of Mr. Anthony's recent medical expenses. Entertainment was provided by a group of singers from the Oberlin area.

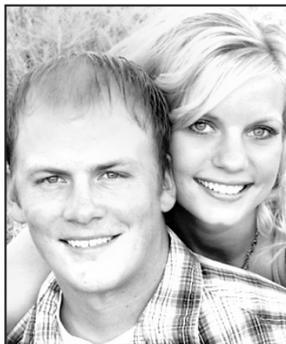
— Herald photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Couple plans May wedding

Kerry Beth Olson and Nicholas Jon Wahlmeier plan to be married on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville, with a reception to follow at The Gateway civic center in Oberlin.

Parents of the couple are Randy and Sharon Olson of Oberlin, and Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier of Clayton. Grandparents are Ruben and Darlene Feikert, St. Francis; Eunice and Glenn Martin, Oberlin, and the late Lowell Olson; and Stan and Ramona Shaw and Agnes Wahlmeier, Jennings, and the late Lawrence Wahlmeier.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a 2008 graduate of Fort Hays



Nicholas Wahlmeier and Kerry Olson

State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. She is a first-grade teacher at Washington Grade School in Ellis.

Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Jennings High School and a December graduate of Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture business. He farms in the Jennings area.

## Comedian to perform at Gateway Saturday

Comedian Sam Griesbaum will have a return performance at The Gateway in Oberlin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. He last appeared in Oberlin in 2006.

Mr. Griesbaum is a professional entertainer, billed as a likable, funny man with immense talent. He says his act is "clean, funny and in demand."

He is said to "combine the sarcasm of George Carlin with the rubber faced antics of Jonathan Winters, throw in a dash of Bill Cosby for good measure and you have Sam Griesbaum." His common-sense approach to problems and strange situations is sure to please. He draws

heavily on real life for most of his humor, discussing family, farming, hunting, fishing, politics, kids, married life and all points in between.

He has shared the stage with greats such as the Oakridge Boys, Brooks and Dunn, Louise Mandrel, Patty Lovelace, Reba McEntire, Aaron Tippin, Toby Keith, Tim McGraw, Charlie Pride and others. He has appeared on TNN's *Statler Brothers Show* and "Comedy Round-up and Prime Time Country." He has also appeared on Showtime's "National Lampoon's Comedy Special."

This is a season ticket event or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at the door. For details, call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

## Rotary Club enjoys music

The Decatur Community High School music department presented the program at the Jan. 13 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club.

Susan Nelson, director, and the group Chanté, were introduced by Tom Mullin, program chair for the week. Chanté sang several Christmas selections, then Samantha Anderson and Amanda Marshall sang a duet.

Following the program, President Jesse Carter presented a \$500 check to the music department from the club.

Guests were Janice Shobe of the Atwood Rotary Club; Sarah Fre-

drickson; Austin Gilley, new city administrator; and Junior Rotarians Desirae Shields and Cindy Murray from the high school.

## Club News

### Pi Alpha elects officers

Pi Alpha Club members met at Sappa Manor on Jan. 12, with Elaine Bryan and Ila Ray as hostesses.

Mrs. Bryan gave devotions entitled, "Potato Chips" and New Year thoughts. Thirteen members answered roll call with a New Year's resolution from the past. Marty Olson reported on the Angel Tree and other business that occurred while Estella Waldo was in Arizona.

Historian Doris Sloan is presently a resident of Cedar Living

Center. The club will entertain in February for the birthday party at Good Samaritan Center. Members showed pictures and told stories of Christmas with their families for the program.

New officers elected include Gerry Neff, president; Joy Russell, vice president; Joan Evans, secretary; and Estella Waldo, treasurer.

The next meeting will be with Ila Ray. Gisela Fisher will be the guest speaker and members are encouraged to bring a guest.

### Women enjoy devotions

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met on Jan. 7 at Coffee, Tea and Me for a meeting, coffee and treats. Roll call, "A resolution I didn't keep," was answered by nine members.

President Cheryl Metcalf opened the meeting by the group singing, "Amazing Grace." Devotions, entitled "Snow," were given by Lucille Townsend, followed by prayer. Program books were distributed and the programs explained.

New this year, along with

prayer partners, will be a prayer chain call with each prayer partner calling her partner with items of interest in the church or community. A list of books for the reading program at the church, as well as at the Oberlin church, were handed out.

The president will be starting a Bible study at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church entitled, "Friendship with Women." Recipes from the no-bake sale were sold and added to the treasury.

### Auxiliary plans potluck

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary met on Jan. 14 at the post home, with five officers and two members present. Carol Morford was hostess.

President Angela Corcoran opened the meeting and Chaplain Lois Lamb led a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and preamble. Four memberships

were renewed, making a total of 112 members. The midwinter meeting will be held from Feb. 6 to 8 in Hays.

The next meeting will be a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11. Junior girls interested in going to Girls State will be invited and chosen. All members are urged to attend.

### Widows and Friends meet

Eula Juenemann opened the Jan. 14 meeting of Widows and Friends with a reading, "Old Age," followed by "Recipe for a Happy New Year," by Mary Ann Amack, when they met for breakfast at the Frontier Restaurant on Jan. 14. Those present were Dorothy Jackson, Phyllis Screen,

Elaine Bryan, Ardis Roe, Laurene Van Otterloo, Norma Richards, Mildred Holmdahl, Eula Juenemann, Martha Fringer, Eleanor Boyle, Doris Fringer, Charlotte Meints and Mary Ann Amack.

The next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Pizza Hut.

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## New Arrival

### Spencer Clay Beckman

Brian and Dawn Beckman of Grinnell are the parents of a son, Spencer Clay Beckman, born Jan. 5, 2009, at the Gove County Medical Center in Quinter. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces and was 19 inches long. He has a brother, Ethan, and a sister, Jordyn. Grandparents are Dorvan and Rosie Beckman, Grinnell, and Frank and Margaret McEvoy, Oberlin.



S. Beckman

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