

People in Our Community

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Overnight guests on Saturday over Memorial Day weekend at the Dennis and Judy Shirley home were her cousin and family, Sharon and Don Karns, Doug Perkins, Hannah and Molly, Enid, Okla., and Debbie Alexander, Emma and Ty, Collinsville, Okla. They were joined for brunch on Sunday by her aunt, LaRaine Claar, Missoula, Mont.; cousins Jim Claar, Corvallis, Mont.; Camille Applegate, Littleton, Colo.; and Gwen Mallory, Golden, Colo. Patrick and Cindy Shirley and Shelby, Norcat; Merle Shirley, Doris Sloan, Cindi Sauder and Hannes Geysler, Oberlin, were also present. Visitors were cousins, Steve Sloan, Lawrence; and John and Suzanne Sloan, Goddard.

Russ, Columbus, Ohio, were with her for the surgery.

Bill and Marilyn Hoover of Oklahoma City, visited Jerald and Elaine Leitner, Wednesday morning.

Memorial Day weekend guests of Frances Vacura were Jeff and Gayle White, Amanda, Joshua and Megan of Goddard. The children also enjoyed riding horses at the farm home of Tom and Jo Vacura.

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

Pastor Heidi Wiebe has moved to Topeka, where she has accepted the pastorate of the Covenant Church. She has served the Evangelical Covenant Church in Oberlin for 10 years. Her address is 3208 SW Atwood, Topeka, Kan., 66614.

Pam Van Vleet, Ravyn and Alyssa have moved to Oberlin from Waverly, Mo., to make their home. She is the daughter of Eileene Grose and a sister of Cheryl Metcalf.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral services for Harold Demmer on Saturday at Pauls Funeral Home were J.R. and Carole Unger, and Dr. Pat and Cindy Traphagan, Austin, Jessica and Tara, Yuma, Colo.; Jeremiah Unger, Portland, Ore.; Sheila Marney, Rossville, Marcia Emig, Goodland; Marilyn Henke, Manhattan, and Ray and Sue Rome, Pratt.

Dorothy Sproul Stephens of Selma, Calif., and her sister, Lorene Sproul Anderson of Lakewood, Colo., met their cousins, Kay Woodyard, Neva Lee and Stephen Lee in Norton on Sunday, May 25, after being in Oberlin for the Alumni activities. Cousins who met for lunch at the home of Jack and Kay Woodyard were from Belleville, Norton, Assaria, Salina and Beloit; Brookings, S.D.; Selma, Calif., and Lakewood, Colo. Mrs. Stephens is leaving today for her home after spending 10 days with her sister in Lakewood.

Classmates of 1938 who enjoyed a luncheon on Saturday before the Alumni Banquet at the Sacred Heart Church basement included: Barbara Van Vleet Castor, Col. Delbert Townsend, Elwood Mines, Vern Kirkendall, Marian Pfrimmer Yates, Eunice Anderson Olson-Martin, Lorene Sproul Anderson, Cletis Gilbert Hammerschmidt, Olga Flaska Anderson, Dorothy Sproul Stephens, Elsie Pavlicek Goodnight and Erlene Orr Schroer.

Lacy Wolters of Minnesota, April Ann Wolters of Manhattan, and Ashley Wolters of Hays were last week visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters.

Clara Russ underwent four bypass heart surgery on Thursday at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. Her husband, Richard, and daughter, Julie Cunningham, Oberlin; Della Phillips, Springfield, Mo.; Ed Russ, Wakeney; Starla Russ, Garden City; Jane Dinges, Holcomb, and Chuck

Ethan and Jordyn Beckman of Grinnell came Tuesday to spend a week with their grandparents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy, while their parents, Brian and Dawn Beckman of Grinnell, were on vacation.

Shower honors bride-elect

Barbara Olson, Sarah and Mary entertained with a bridal shower Sunday afternoon at the Olson home honoring Tiffany Robinson. She will be married on Saturday, July 12, to Tyler Witt.

Carolyn Schultz, St. Francis; Sally Olson, Atwood; Megan Barrett, Lawrence; Justine Tuttle, El Dorado; Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney, Cecil Hess, Marianna Bendon, Karla Jones, Connie Grafel, Melinda Grafel and Isabel, Amanda Grafel, Chelsey Zodrow and Natasha Weishapl, all of Oberlin.

Invited guests included: Nancy Robinson, Lodgepole, Neb.; Keely Wilson, Julie and Harmony, Kearney, Neb.; Mary Lou Olson, Hemdon; Beverly Witt, Danbury;

is a one-time charge of \$20 for the first class. Call Mrs. Shaw at (785) 475-2707 if you plan to attend so she can order supplies.

Drawing workshops planned

The last of three basic drawing workshops by Oberlin artist Anna Seeber Shaw will begin at 1 p.m. at the Oberlin Covenant Church on Saturday, June 7, 14 and 21.

Mrs. Shaw plans to teach a series of beginning watercolor workshops next. Watch for information.

The classes will cover drawing hands and feet, drawing scenery and pen and ink technique. There

Club members tour garden

Ten members of the Garden Lovers Garden Club met at the Land-Mark Inn for lunch on May 27.

There were several plantings of ground coverings as well as many hostas and shrubs. Many bird feeders let one know that our feathered friends were most welcome. Karen Larson had arranged the tour of the garden. Members thanked the Walters for letting us visit their impressive back yard.

After lunch and discussion the group went to the lovely country garden of Gary and Janelle Walter. A light drizzle only enhanced the charm of their extensive back yard. The pond with its trickling effect would be a wonderful place to relax

Group sets open house

Living Independently in Northwest Kansas (LINK) plans to hold its annual open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Wednesday in conjunction with the Picnic in the Park at Fike Park in Colby.

They will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, chips and drinks, along with entertainment. The group has helped meet the needs of the disabled community for 25 years.

The children and grandchildren of **Herb and Shirley Seeman** are requesting a card shower in honor of the couple's 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 9. Cards will reach them at: 426 N. Grand, Oberlin, K8 67749. Children of the couple are Terry and Naomi Seeman, Grand Island, Ne and Tenna and Kent Ashley, Selden, K8.



Dean and Carrie Franke

Couple exchange vows at church in Missouri

Carrie Ann Romans and Dean David Franke were married on Saturday, May 17, 2008, at the Durham Baptist Church in Durham, Mo. The Rev. William Romans, father of the bride, performed the ceremony.

ring bearer.

Parents of the couple are William and Sharon Romans, Durham, and David and Bonnie Franke, Herndon.

Brenda Van Horn, sister of the bridegroom, was soloist. Stephanie Romans, sister of the bride, played her trumpet during the lighting of the unity candle. Evelyn Scifres was pianist and Nila Catron rang the hand bells.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a white satin gown with a long flowing train. It was fashioned with a scooped neckline and short sleeves.

Candaesa Van Horn, niece of the bridegroom, handed out the programs. Michele Romans, sister of the bride, was seated at the guest book. Carissa Ash was in charge of the wedding cupcakes. A reception followed the wedding.

Tracey Cunningham was maid of honor. She wore a hot pink skirt and white blouse. Sheri Anderson was bridesmaid and she wore a bright blue skirt and white blouse.

The bridegroom wore a black tuxedo with a purple vest and tie. David Stevenson served as best man and Brian Franke, brother of the bridegroom, was groomsmen. They wore black tuxedos with hot pink and bright blue vests, respectively. Ushers were David McEuen and Kevin Crosby.

Ellen Franke, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl. Nicholas McIntire, nephew of the bride, was

The bride graduated from high school at Glasgow, Mo., and received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia. She is a high school math teacher.

After a honeymoon in Oahu, Hawaii, they are living in Jefferson City, Mo.

The bridegroom graduated from Herndon High School and received his Bachelor's Degree from Kansas State University in Manhattan. He is a civil engineer in bridge design for the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Couple plans July wedding

Ramsey Meitl of Galveston, Texas, and Charles Thompson of League City, Texas, plan to marry at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Galveston.



C. Thompson and R. Meitl

Parents of the couple are Gary and Tina Meitl, Dresden, and David and Lynn Marie Thompson, League City.

of environmental toxicology at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

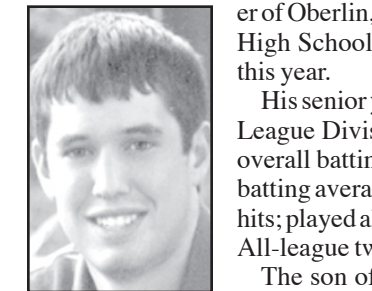
The bride is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marine biology from Texas A&M University. She is a research associate in the division

Her fiancé earned a Bachelor of Science in maritime administration from Texas A&M. He is a project engineer for Pride International in Houston, now working in Brazil.

Student named All-League

Ben Dixon, grandson of Bob and Yuki Berkheimer of Oberlin, won All-League Honors at Kingman High School in football, basketball and baseball this year. His senior year in baseball, he was named as All-League Division IV Utility Player. He had a .308 overall batting average, and a league leading .462 batting average this year; led the team in extra base hits; played all nine positions; and was back to back All-league two years as a utility player.

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The son of Lance and Pat Dixon of Kingman, he earned a scholarship to play football this fall at Dordt College in South Sioux Center, Iowa.

Many alumni gather for Jennings banquet

The Jennings High School Alumni Banquet was held Saturday, May 24, at the Jennings Senior Center.

1951: Ethel Johnson Taylor, Merold and Shirley Tice, Loyd (Bob) and Lila Keenan, Eula Follis For-gione, Loren and Phyllis Harris.

President Carl Wahlmeier conducted the meeting and the invocation was given by Louis Wahlmeier. A memorial was given for alumni who died in 2008, as well as for Arch Harman.

1952: Martin and Darlene Hartzog LaRue, Kenneth Krizek, Galen Wahlmeier, Jane Wahlmeier Cassidy.

Mary Votapka announced her retirement from working on the Alumni Directory and she will be replaced by Bobbi Brooks Barton next year. Mrs. Votapka and Norine Bailey have spent many years working on the directory.

1953: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Kap-pers.

All officers were re-elected: Mr. Wahlmeier, president; Louis Wahlmeier, vice president; Mrs. Barton, secretary; and Linda Stackhouse Wahlmeier, treasurer.

1954: John and Francia Wahlmeier, Richard and Helen Rhodes.

Dan Wahlmeier sang for the entertainment. He also has a band, "Wahly and the Bass Bones." Julie Ward Carter led the alumni with the school song, accompanied by Kay Tacha Brown.

1955: Doyle Brown.

Door prizes were donated by BCI of Jennings, the Bank of Jennings, Jennings Decatur Co-op elevator, Gail Brandyberry, Jennings postmaster, and Brooks Manufacturing of Clayton. The meal was prepared by Leanna Sloan of Hoxie.

1956: Daryl and Marjorie Shimmick Hartzog, Kay Tacha Brown, Mary Ann Shimek Amack.

Following the gathering, there was karaoke by Tom Vacura and a street dance in front of the Jennings City Hall.

1958: Dorothy Shimmick Vacura, Louis Wahlmeier.

Alumni and guests who attended, by classes, included:

1959: Karl and Betty Gaumer Fitzgerald.

1934: William Carter.

1960: Carl Wahlmeier, Ron and Ann Wahlmeier Roehm.

1938: Harwood Kolsky.

1961: Linda Stackhouse Wahlmeier, Michelle Wahlmeier Pier-son.

1939: Harold (Bob) Tacha.

1964: Jim Gaumer.

1941: Rachel Carlton Carter.

1965: Dick and Ann Carter Gra-ner, Rex Rowh.

1942: Lewis and Edith Linden.

1966: Sue Votapka Long, John Keenan.

1943: Neoma Kusy Tacha.

1967: Allan and Sherry Carter, Ann Votapka Rowh.

1945: Royal and Aneta McLeod McKay; Aleta McLeod Phelps, Eugene and Dona Wiley Mrstik, Galen and Meme Carper, Larry and Alice Mizer, Herbert and Jean Leiber.

1968: Pat McKenna.

1946: Mary Johnson Votapka.

1969: Kenneth and Julie Ward Carter.

1948: Keith and Helen Heilman Muirhead, Myron and Margaret Elaine Johnson McKinley, Delmar Follis.

1970: Paul R. Nauer.

1949: Robert and Cathrine Wahlmeier.

1973: Rhonda Zimmerman Wil-deman, Tom Votapka, Terri Hanke, Shelley Ward McKenna, David Ritter.

1950: Dean Vacura.

1974: Debby Wahlmeier, Agnes Wahlmeier.

Johnsons meet for reunion

A Johnson family reunion was held on Sunday, May 25, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

1982: Craig Wahlmeier, Steve Hartzog.

Those attending included Arris and Virginia Johnson, Ethel Taylor, Brad, Trish, Rachel and Tracy Taylor, Pam McGowne, Jeff McGowne, Hays; Chris McGowne, Denver; Myron and Elaine McKinley, Tulsa; Judy Nelson, John, Susan, Cortney and Andrew Nelson, Monroe, Neb.; Doyle and Kay Brown, Mary Votapka, Tom Votapka, Sue Long, Jennings; Darren, Mary and Sara Johnson, Benton, Ark.; Beverly McLinden, Adel, Iowa; Liz and Gib Dean, Knoxville, Iowa; Judy Windisch, Tempe, Ariz.; Sue Polt-

1984: Curt, Becky and Taylor Wahlmeier.

1987: Cary and Tessa Wahlmeier, John Cassidy, Stacy and Joslyn Hartzog.

1989: Dan and Shelly Wahlmeier.

1991: Bobbi Brooks Barton.

1994: Jesse and Megan Carter.

1998: Sarah McKenna, Amy McKenna, Doug Osborn.

2002: Chris McKenna, Ann Carter DuBois.

2007: Marcus McKenna.

era, Hutchinson; Eldon and Cindy Johnson, Newport, Tenn.;

Alvin Johnson, Oberlin; Ron and Sue McVey, Columbia, Mo.; Doug and Hannah McVey, Geneva, Ill.;

John, Stephanie, Melissa, David and Sara Peck, Olathe; Matt, Cooper and Luke Bushey, Bolivar, Mo.; Ed-die, Liam, Veda and Mateo Bushey, Kansas City, Mo.;

Nancy and D. T. Slayton, Lenexa; Nancy Larson, Hiawatha; Jodi, Samantha, Meagan and Christopher Inguanza, Kalvesta; Rex and Ann Rowh, Cimarron;

Becki Taylor, Dodge City; Diannah McKinley, Oklahoma City; and Kurt, Millicent and Dashiell Brown, Quinter.

New Arrival

Joana Kaolyn Woolsey
Capt. Tanner and Kaori Woolsey of Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, La., are the parents of a daughter, Joana "Joa" Kaolyn Woolsey, born May 14, 2008. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Bob and Terri Woolsey, Oberlin, and Iso and Kimiko Saso, Saitama, Japan. Paternal great-grandparents are Dale and Eris Young, Oberlin, and Helen Woolsey, Sidney, Neb., but formerly of Oberlin.

J. Woolsey

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Please come to a Supper Fundraiser for **Charlie & Judy Easton** of Quinter. They lost their farm during a tornado on May 22. It will be at the Norcatour School Sunday, June 15th 5 p.m. (Judy is the daughter of Toots Magers)

Happy 65th Anniversary **William and Rachel Carter** Married June 6, 1943
Cards and greetings may reach the couple at: Box 126 Jennings, Kansas 67643