

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# People in Our Community

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Word was received from Betty Ellis of Garden City of the death of Margaret Ann "Suzy" (Stevenson) Powers of Sahuarita, Ariz., on Jan. 1. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Gladys (Colvin) Stevenson, and was born in Oberlin on Oct. 3, 1936.

She graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1954 and attended Kansas State University. She was a half-sister of the late Frank Ellis. Survivors include her husband, Charles Powers, and two sons, Steve and Christopher.

Services will be held in Sahuarita on Saturday. A memorial was established in her name to the Oberlin City Library, 104 East Oak, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Home for the holidays at the Dale Votapka farm were Beth and Chris Sluder, Matthew and Kelly, Texhoma, Okla.; Drs. Pam and Erick Huerter and Finnegan, Lawrence and Luanne and Jeremy Rupe and Joshua, Hays. The family spent Christmas Eve with Odene Koehler and then Mrs. Koehler joined the family at the Votapka home on Christmas Day.

Herschel and Jody Betts went to Kansas City on Dec. 26 to visit Gene and Jan Betts, Michael, Anne and Mary. En route home Saturday they visited the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in Abilene.

The annual Christmas Eve chili and oystersoup supper was held at the home of Iris Wurm. Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Witt and family, Danbury; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Howe and family, Wood River, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Junior Witt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Witt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Richardson and family, McCook; Johnny Miller and Satin, Imperial, Neb.;

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Richardson and Rebecca, Salina; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wurm and family, Staplehurst, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. James Witt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Diederich, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wurm and Mrs. Peggy Groneweg, Oberlin.

Norma Richards spent 10 days over the holidays with her grandson, David Wachendorfer, Nicole and Nicholas in Roseville, Calif. Her daughter, Deanna Hanschild, and husband, Jesse, Annette and Alena, of 29 Palms, Calif., joined them there.

Sherri Shaw of San Francisco, Calif., left Dec. 28, after spending 10 days with her aunt, Laurene Bryan.

Mike, Edith and Andrew Shaughnessy, McPherson, Pat Shaughnessy, Des Moines, Iowa, and Cathy and Steve Fosselman, Grand Island, Neb., were Christmas holiday weekend guests of Elva Shaughnessy and Teresa Shaughnessy. On Friday evening, they all attended the wedding of Erin Shaughnessy and Nathan Fisher in Hastings, Neb., and Pat Shaughnessy was the soloist.

—Open house for Steve and LaDonna Harrison's 40th anniversary, Jan. 7, 3-5 p.m., at Lebanon, Neb. American Legion.

Alice Bobbitt was a holiday guest of Carl and Charolette Neff of Norton from Saturday to Wednesday. Other

guests were the Neffs' son, Bob and Julie Neff and family, Norton, and their daughters, Sherri Neff, Kansas City, and Vicki and Ron Fisher and family, Norton.

Elsie Wolters said that an account for the lighted cross project has been set up at Farmers Bank and Trust.

Patrick Shirley and his grandmothers, Merle Shirley and Doris Sloan, spent Christmas with Cindi, Brad and Jaime Sauder in Flower Mound, Texas.

Vicki Gillette of Wisconsin visited her aunt, Eva Bryan, at her apartment at Wheat Ridge Terrace on Thursday. Mrs. Bryan was also visited by her granddddaughter, Elizabeth Fahrenholtz, Blake, Paige, and Reilly, of Hastings, Neb., on Saturday afternoon and evening. They all had supper together at the new A&W, then the Fahrenholtz family returned to their home that evening.

Dan and Dianne Waldo, Emily and Abbie of Overland Park, and John and Tammi Vavroch of Colby were Christmas Day dinner guests of Florence Vavroch. The Waldos spent a week visiting relatives and friends and returned home Thursday.

Everett and Jennifer Roberts, Bryce and Jack of Longmont, Colo., came to visit their brothers, David and Delain Roberts, and take them to Longmont for Christmas. They were all Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts. David and Delain also visited their grandmother, Helen Schwarz, who lives in Longmont.

Gene and Marcella Leitner spent the Christmas holidays with their daughters and families, Patricia and Dave Tongish, Ashley, Lesley, John and Jarrett, of Newton, and with Donna and Steve Wilson and Desiree of Wichita. The highlight of their trip was hearing their granddaughters, Ashley and Lesley Tongish, cantor the Christmas Eve Mass at the Our Lady of Guatalupe Catholic Church at Newton.

Elsie Wolters visited last week with Dorothy Wolters and Laura Mae Dechert at the Long Term Nursing Home in Hoxie.

Holiday guests of Rick and Deb

Klima were Eric and Gina Nelson of Fort Worth, Texas, and Jeff Klima and friend, Alisha, of Hays.

Ruby Wennihan went to Kansas City and joined Wally and Regina Henrickson and Jamie. They all flew to Charlotte, S.C., and spent the holidays with Mike and Jen Henrickson and family. Mrs. Wennihan returned home Saturday.

Kirk Kelley of Davenport, Iowa, visited his step-grandmother, Eva Bryan, on Monday at her apartment.

Holiday guests of Walt and Rosella Meitl were Carl Meitl, Fremont, Calif., and Stephanie Livingood, Mountain View, Calif.; Charles Meitl and Mandy, Hartner; Gary and Tina Meitl and family, Dresden; Dale Meitl, Cedar Bluffs; Phil and Joyce Morel and family, Norton; and Shawn and Karen Dooley and family, Garden City.

Lunch guests of Eva Bryan at her Wheat Ridge Apartment on Sunday were her brother and wife, Don and Shirley Berry, Albuquerque, N.M.; her nephew, Jim Berry, Timmy and Andy, Mesa, Ariz., and her niece, Shawna Smith and Austin, Sandia Park, N.M. The group had attended the funeral of Shirley Berry's mother, Wilma Relp, at Stratton, Neb., on Saturday and were en route to their respective homes.

Winning highs at pinochle at Golden Age Center last week were Max Carman, Kenneth Van Vleet, Aleen Van Vleet and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Elsie Goodnight, Barb Solko and Geneva Persinger. Pitch highs were won by Floyd Edgett and Henry Edgett with lows going to Eva Marie Vacura and Joanne Castle.

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**Stop by our office for a wedding form.**

# Catering business opens in Oberlin

Steve and Lisa Stacy and daughters, Janna Stef and Serena Stacy, of Oberlin recently started a new business, Arty Party Catering, and will also be doing the cooking for the Oberlin American Legion from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday evenings. They also own and operate Stacy's Painting.

The family moved to Oberlin 2 1/2 years ago. Mr. Stacy said that they wanted to move out of Denver to a smaller place, and after his wife spent three months visiting towns in a 500-mile radius of Denver, including Kansas, eastern Colorado and Wyoming, they chose Oberlin because of its close-knit family values and faith-based activities.

Both are from Colorado and their business is a family affair. Mr. Stacy worked for eight years in restaurants and also in the painting business in the Denver area.

As chef at the Legion, Mr. Stacy said he would also be available for special parties and said they will be doing their catering work from the Legion kitchen. They recently catered a Thanksgiving



Steve Stacy

meal for an Oberlin business, where they served 170 guests.

He said, "I consider my most relaxing and satisfying times have been with good food and good friends and I would like the people of this community to have the opportunity to have those same kinds of times with little effort on their part."

The menu at the American Legion

will include food that is not offered in most other area eating establishments, including grilled salmon fillet, chicken cordon bleu, baked stuffed shrimp, twin lobster tails, filet mignon, petite filet mignon and sea and sandwich, which is a choice of shrimp, salmon or lobster tail served with a petite filet mignon.

Their daughter, Jana, is a sophomore at Decatur Community High School and her sister, Serena, is home schooled. The girls also enjoy doing volunteer work at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, Mr. Stacy said.

He is a member of the International Food Service Executive Association and Colorado Restaurant Association. He attended college at San Jose State College, DeAnza College, and Nebraska Western College and worked in several capacities in restaurants in the Denver area before moving to Oberlin.

Mr. Stacy said his father is a Korean veteran and he has a good feeling about being associated with the veterans through the American Legion.

# Crews help restore electrical power in Oklahoma

Six employees of Norton-based Prairie Land Electric Cooperative have been dispatched to Oklahoma to help restore electric service that was interrupted by winter storms last week.

The employees left Thursday morning and took one digger truck and two small bucket trucks.

Prairie Land Electric is one of 10 rural electric cooperatives in Kansas to

provide assistance to co-ops in Oklahoma. That assistance includes a total of 40 linemen, 15-bucket trucks and seven digger trucks, according to Earl Hansen, line superintendent.

# Public Notices

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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The USDA Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Oberlin, KS. The proposed project consists of constructing and/or replacing water transmission lines, renovating one well and redrilling one well to include building a well house.

Rural Development has assessed the environmental impacts of this proposed project and determined that a portion of the project will be completed within a 100 year flood plain. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoiding this impact. The basis of this determination is that the present water system already lies within the 100 year flood plain and the present system is needed as located.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Development has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has determined that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis of this determination is that no changes in land use as a result of the project is expected.

Public comments regarding the above may be received for a 15 day period beginning from the date this notice was first published and should be sent to USDA Rural Development Area Office, 2615 Farm Bureau Rd., Manhattan, KS 66502.

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**Notice of School Election USD 294-Decatur County**

Notice is hereby given that a regular school election to elect three (3) board members will be conducted for USD 294 on the 3rd day of April, 2001. Since this district has the district election plan, there will be one board member elected from each board member district numbered 4, 5 and 6 respectively. Board members shall be elected for a term of four (4) years beginning on the 1st day of July, 2001.

Each board member shall be qualified elector

of the member district for which he files as a candidate. Candidates shall file in the Decatur County Clerk's Office before noon on Tuesday, the 23rd of January, 2001. Each such filing shall be done by a filing fee of Five Dollars (\$5) or by petition signed by 50 registered voters from the respective district. No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw his or her candidacy after the filing deadline of the 23rd day of January, 2001 at noon.

Notice is further given that if more than two (2) candidates file for any one position on the board, there will be a Primary Election on Tuesday the 27th of February, 2001 for the member district or districts having more than two (2) candidates for one position. The names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each position at the Primary Election, if one is held, shall be placed on the ballot in the board member district for which they are candidates for the regular school election on April 3, 2001.

Signed this 2nd day of January, 2001.  
Marilyn Horn  
Decatur County Election Officer

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**Notice of School Election USD 295 Decatur County**

Notice is hereby given that a regular school election to elect three (3) board members will be conducted for USD 295 on the 3rd day of April, 2001. Since this district has the total election-at-large plan, there will be three board members elected by the total registered voters of that district for numbered positions 4, 5 and 6 respectively. Board members shall be elected for a term of four (4) years beginning on the 1st day of July, 2001.

Each board member candidate shall be a qualified registered voter of the USD 295 school district. Candidates shall file in the Decatur County Clerk's Office before noon on Tuesday, the 23rd of January, 2001. Each such filing shall be done by a filing fee of Five Dollars (\$5) or by petition signed by 50 registered voters from the USD 295 School District's respective district. No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw his or her candidacy after the filing deadline of the 23rd day of

January, 2001 at noon.

Notice is further given that if more than six (6) candidates file for the USD 295 election-at-large school plan, there will be a Primary Election on Tuesday the 27th of February, 2001 for the candidates of USD 295. The names of the six candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the Primary Election, if one is held, shall be placed on the ballot for the regular USD 295 school election on April 3, 2001.

Signed this 2nd day of January, 2001.  
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**Notice of City Elections for Decatur County**

Notice is hereby given that regular city elections for council members and/or mayors will be conducted for Oberlin, Norcatuar, Jennings and Dresden on the 3rd day of April, 2001. Each candidate for city elections shall be a qualified registered voter of the city for which he files as a candidate. candidates shall file in the Decatur County Clerk's Office before noon on Tuesday, the 23rd day of January, 2001. Each such filing shall be done by a filing fee of Five Dollars (\$5) or by petition signed by 25 registered voters from the respective city.

No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw his or her candidacy after the filing deadline of the 23rd day of January, 2001 at noon.

Notice is further given that if more than a double set of candidates file for city council or more than two (2) file for mayor, there will be a Primary Election on Tuesday the 27th of February, 2001 for the respective city. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each council position or the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for mayor at the Primary Election, if one is held, shall be placed on the ballot for the respective city for which they are candidates for the regular city election on April 3, 2001.

Signed this 2nd day of January, 2001.  
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# Property Tax Report

By **RURAL TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY, INC.**

At Rural Telephone, we aim to be good corporate citizens of the region. We understand the need for property taxes to help support our schools and other public resources. For the year 2000, Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc., and our subsidiary Nex-Tech paid OVER 1.2-MILLION DOLLARS in property taxes in the following counties:

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Cheyenne .....	\$599	Norton .....	\$312,766	Scott .....	\$1,609
Decatur .....	\$18,896	Osborne .....	\$54,526	Shawnee .....	\$44
Ellis .....	\$71,797	Phillips .....	\$75,341	Sheridan .....	\$22,459
Ford .....	\$394	Rawlins .....	\$2,412	Smith .....	\$47,823
Gove .....	\$78,561	Rooks .....	\$103,380	Thomas .....	\$8,432
Graham .....	\$253,269	Rush .....	\$537	Trego .....	\$161,355
Grant .....	\$331	Russell .....	\$2,410	<b>TOTAL ...</b>	<b>\$1,233,747</b>

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