

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

## People in Our Community

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Dorothy Machart spent two weeks during the holidays with her daughter and family, Marie and Bob Agne, Sheri and Carrie, in Lenexa.

Phyllis McKay spent the holidays at the home of her daughter, Cheryl and Dale Davison, of Tulsa, Okla. Other guests were her daughter, Jamie Brewster and Allison, Houston, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Jason Brewster and Sarah, Atlanta, Ga.; Kara Davison, Oklahoma City; Kendra Davison, Norman, Okla., and Keely Davison, Sawanee, Tenn.

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Casey Alstrom, son of Gary and Becky Alstrom of Oberlin, and Lindsey Bailey, daughter of Danny and Judy Elwood of Oberlin, were among area students who completed degree requirements in December at Colby Community College. Both received Associate Degrees in Science and will be eligible to participate in commencement exercises on May 12.

Phil Frickey of Oakland, Calif., and Bob and Michelle Scherzer, Rockport, Texas, spent the past week visiting their father, Carl Frickey, who is a patient at Decatur County Hospital, and their brother and wife, Chuck and Diane Frickey. Phil Frickey is teaching law at the University of California at Berkeley.

Edla Olson received word of the death of her cousin, Edla Marie (Nelson) Schroeder, of Concordia on Saturday. Funeral services will be held today in Concordia.

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Chuck and Joy Votapka went to Topeka on Christmas Day, where they visited their daughter, Nancy Ellis and Nicole. On Dec. 27, they and Nancy Ellis went to Ottawa to visit Bill and Joan (Cathcart) Fowler, who were being honored by their family in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Jessica Hubbard, Boulder, Colo., and Natalie Newcom, Denver, visited their grandparents, Gail and Kay Marcuson, from Jan. 7-10. Jessica is a junior at Colorado University and Natalie is a sophomore at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.

Winning highs at pinocle at Golden Age Center last week were Elsie Goodnight, Max Carman, Eva Marie Vacura and Kelva Swindler.

Lows went to Henry Edgett, Mrs. Swindler, Vada Shaw and Joanne Castle. Pitch highs were won by Kenneth Van Vleet, Elsie Goodnight and Vada Shaw with lows going to Mrs. Castle, Floyd Edgett, Eva Marie Vacura and Wilma May. Bridge highs were won by Carol Shirley, Phyllis Lohofener, Henry Edgett and Alice Shirley.

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Harold Demmer suffered a broken hip in a fall and underwent surgery at McCook Community Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 3 at the Hollinger Methodist Church in Holinger, Neb., for Wanda M. Farrand, of Beaver City, Neb. She died on Dec. 31 at the Harlan County Hospital in

Alma, Neb., and was the mother of Mrs. Bruce (Melba) Farr of Scott City, but formerly of Oberlin. The Rev. Gene Gee of Oberlin officiated and burial was in the Deaver Cemetery, rural Stamford

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Kimberly Duysen was among students recognized for high academic achievement during the fall semester at Chadron State College. She is the daughter of Karen Larson of Oberlin.

Edla Olson met her daughter-in-law, Lynne Olson, of McKinney, Texas, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Chase of Smith Center, for lunch on Monday in Norton. Galen Olson plans to come on Friday from Denver, where he was with his sister, Arian Arnold, when her husband, Steve, underwent a kidney transplant, and will visit his mother, then his wife will accompany him home.

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Chad and Susan Stanley, and Steve and Jamie Paris of the Denver area spent the weekend in Oberlin. The Stanleys celebrated a belated Christmas with their parents, John and Linda Stanley, and Chuck and Diane Frickey, and both couples enjoyed a post-Christmas with the Frickeys.

Those who honored Ken Rydquist with a surprise birthday dinner on Wednesday at Janey's Frontier Restaurant were Merlin and Bonnie Anderson, Gayle Anderson and her husband, Marvin May, Vickie Sowers and Goldie Raulston.

By MARY LOU OLSON  
"Praise God! I can't hardly contain myself," said Steve Arnold of rural Herndon, who underwent a successful kidney transplant at Porter Hospital in Denver on Friday.

Donor of the lifesaving kidney was his nephew, Pat Craig, of Keenesburg, Colo.

"I can't say it any better than what Dr. Vernon, the surgeon, said, "It's people like Pat Craig in this world that offset a lot of atrocities of mankind!"

His nephew went into surgery around 9:45 a.m. and Mr. Arnold's surgery began an hour later.

"The new kidney began working immediately," said Mr. Arnold.

The transplant came after months of waiting. Surgery had to be postponed several times after originally being scheduled in September and Mr. Arnold has remained in Colorado while undergoing dialysis.

Mr. Arnold's long-failing kidneys were removed last spring and he lay for weeks in the intensive care after developing a serious infection. And throughout that time, his nephew, Pat, came every day to his bedside.

Doctors told Mr. Arnold he would need a transplant and that it would be best if it could come from a younger person. However, Mr. Arnold did not know at the time that his nephew had planned all along to donate a kidney to him.

Mr. Arnold said when he learned of his nephew's plan, "What he's doing is wonderful. I think it is a miracle!"

Mr. Craig and his wife, Shelley, have run the Rocky Mountain Wildlife Conservation Center in Keenesburg, a state-licensed center that houses 19 felines and a bear, for 20 years. He said earlier that he looked at the transplant as no more dangerous than climbing every day into a cage with a lion or tiger.

Mr. Craig's father died when he was 16 and since that time he has looked up to his uncles, Steve and Don Arnold. Don Arnold died from injuries received

in a motorcycle accident while Steve was undergoing dialysis, which was another blow to him and the family.

Pat said, "I know I need to help Steve. I'll make the best of what comes later. There's not much you can take with you when you die. I am donating the kidney because 'I love my uncle.'"

In response, Mr. Arnold said in an earlier interview, "What do I think of it? He's saving my life. He said he'd do it for anyone in the family. He's a marvelous kid."

So now the two men are rejoicing together after the surgery and both have been walking around the hospital.

"We both expect to be released on Tuesday," Mr. Arnold said in a telephone conversation on Monday night. "Pat will be going home, but I will be going to what they call an "in-room" at the hospital, where I will be sharing an attractive and homey room with my wife, Arian, for another three weeks or so."

Mrs. Arnold was not alone during her husband's surgery. Besides Mr. Arnold's sisters and their families, relatives of Mrs. Arnold, who stood by while they waited were her sister and husband, Nione and Mike Rhodin, Loveland, Colo.; her brother, Galen Olson, McKinney, Texas; and a nephew, Lee Munsell, Lee's Summit, Mo. Mr. Arnold is a son-in-law of Edla Olson of Oberlin.

"We especially want to thank all of our friends and relatives for all the love and support throughout the past months, which were pretty rough at times," Mr. Arnold said. "I am looking forward to getting back home to Kansas."

He and his wife own and operate Times Past, an antique store in downtown Oberlin, and Mr. Arnold spends much of his time repairing and refinishing furniture.

They can be reached at the hospital, 303-778-1955, extension 3312. Their address is Porter Memorial Hospital, 2525 South Downing, Denver, Colo., 80210.



Steve Arnold

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## New band teacher starts off new year

A new face, Quentin Breese, has joined the faculty at Decatur Community High School. He is a December graduate of Bethany College at Lindsborg and is the new band director.



Mr. Breese

Mr. Breese started his new position on Jan. 2 after a successful interview in the fall. He said that during the interview he liked the people that he met and got a feeling of community here. He said he went to college to pursue a major in trumpet performance, but then decided that performing wasn't a family oriented job. He then decided that he would like to have a home and be able to raise a family some day.

Although he had his first degree he decided to pursue a teaching career and needed to get his certificate so that he could teach in Kansas. He is qualified to teach kindergarten through grade 12, both instrumental and vocal music. He took the classes and did his student

teaching at Smoky Valley High School in Lindsborg in the fall.

At age 23, this is his first job out of college and he said that so far it is going great. He is still trying to get to know each of the students and pick up where Carl Philo, who taught band at the school the first semester, left off.

The biggest challenge will be building the band numbers back up, said Mr. Breese. He said he would like to see them in the 50-to-60 range instead of 20, where it is now.

As a child in Quinter he became interested in music because his dad played in a country rock band. At age 4 he started to play the drums and moved on to the trumpet in the fourth grade. By high school he said he had picked up the guitar and started to write music. He played in several types of bands in college and still plays the drums in "Ekklessai," a Christian Rock group in Lindsborg.

"I am still a performer," said Mr.

Breese, "but I think that teaching will be my lifelong career."

The new director kept the student band going at the basketball game on Friday night, and even played the drums during one of the songs.

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