

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

People in Our Community

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Howard and Sharon Kessinger, former owners and publishers of *The Oberlin Herald*, were named "Leaders of the Year" for outstanding community journalism by the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development during a presentation last month in Manhattan. The annual award salutes rural Kansans who make a difference on a grassroots level in their communities. They are publishers of *The Marysville Advocate*.

Bob and Helen Gaines of Brighton, Colo., visited over the weekend with Jim and Beverly Gaines, and Dennis and Luella Sloan.

James and Gertrude Miller, former Oberlin residents, moved to an adult home care facility in Denver last week. Their address is: 2640 Jersey Street., Denver, Colo., 80222.

Jason T. Wenger, grandson of Fern Wenger of Oberlin, has been promoted to manager at 84 Lumber Company, at the Kokomo, Ind., location. He is a native of Dayton, Tenn., and graduated from Bryan High School in 1994. His parents are Ron and Linda Wenger of Dayton and he and his fiancée, Sallie Ellison, both live in Kokomo.

—D.A.T.A. Benefit Potato and Dessert Bar, Sat., March 10, 5-7 p.m., at United Church. Freewill donation.

Joan Grafel of Herndon will undergo back surgery today at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., according to her mother, Thelma Spiers, of Oberlin. Mail will reach her at the hospital, 31st and Central, Kearney, Neb., 68847.

Dr. Douglas Fair attended a post-graduate Chiropractic Plus Kinesiology seminar from Feb. 23-25 in Dallas. Main topics of the seminar were treating children and adults with learning disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorder, hyperactivity and dyslexia.

Elsie Wolters was a Thursday afternoon visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gallentine of Norton.

Hildred G. DeManette, 88, died Jan. 29, at a care home in Tualatin, Ore. She was the former Hildred Macy and was born Sept. 1, 1912, at Cedar Bluffs. She is survived by a son, Tom of Lake Oswego, Ore., four sisters-in-law; a brother-in-law and three grandchildren. Private burial was in the Lebanon, Ore. IOOF Cemetery.

—Praise Celebration, 7:30 p.m. tonight at Oberlin Covenant Church. Everyone welcome.

Ken Rydquist spent Friday in Colby, where he made the acquaintance of his first great-grandchild, Konner Eugene Griffin, son of Greg and Emily Griffin, who was born on Feb. 24. He also visited his son, Rick Rydquist, who was there from Arlington, Texas, and Angie and Jeff Rydquist.

Winning highs at pinocle at Golden Age Center last week were Kenneth Van Vleet, Henry Edgett, Vada Shaw, De-waine Stapp, and Elsie Goodnight. Lows went to Hildegard Euhus, Alvina Unger, Donna Kent, Aleen Van Vleet, Mrs. Shaw and Henry Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Mr. Stapp and Eva Marie Vacura with lows going to Ivah Alexander, Myrtle Carman and Veanna Orr.

—Benefit pancake supper for girls scholarships, 5 p.m., Thursday at Legion by auxiliary.

Dennis and Judy Shirley returned recently from a tour of Australia. While in Sidney, they toured the Olympic Complex, the harbor and attended a concert in the concert hall of the Opera House. They joined a bus tour through the center of the country on the Stuart

highway visiting Coover Pedy, Ayres Rock, Alice Springs, national parks and several roadhouses in the Outback. There were people from 11 countries on the tour. Christmas was spent at a Sheep Station east of Port Augustas.

They visited Darwin, Cairns, Fraser Island, Noosa, and Brisbane and snorkeled at the Great Barrier Reef. They rented a car and visited a farm at Moree, the old gold mining town of Gulgong, the Blue Mountains and drove across Harbor Bridge in Sydney. They checked out the surf up the coast and spent several days near Cessnock in the Hunter Valley visiting vineyards. They saw kangaroo, camel, emus, snakes, crocodile, koala, a rain forest, lava tubes and other interesting things.

Renee Wilson and Kristi Fortin, Oberlin; Alice Gassmann, Clayton; Cindy Bruning, Herndon, and Amanda Juenemann, Gem, were among 60 Colby Community College students who were initiated into the Rho Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa national honor fraternity recently. It is the official honorary scholastic fraternity for America's two-year colleges and membership is by invitation. To be considered, candidates must be full-time students and have a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

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Josephine Kinser recently accompanied Lois Scott to Denver, where they visited Mrs. Kinser's cousin, Dorothy Covington, at the Bee Hive Nursing Home in Hugo, Colo. In Denver, Mrs. Scott visited her cousin's wife, Lorraine Lacey. Mrs. Kinser visited her longtime friend, Margaret Mellor Erickson. One evening, Mrs. Kinser's grandchildren, Chad and Suzi Stanley, and Susan Reed and friend, Christian, took her and Mrs. Erickson out for dinner and later visited her home in Lakewood.

Rick and Lynn Doeden attended the K-State-KU basketball game in Manhattan last week as guests of their daughter, Erin, a student at Kansas State University.

Sandy Meilink returned home Sunday from Rapid City, S.D., where she attended the wedding of her daughter, Kathryn Kromholz, and Bart Nilson on

Feb. 24. She is a typesetter and proof reader at *The Oberlin Herald*.

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After spending most of the winter months in their apartment in Oberlin to be near her mother, Ella Peterson, and his sister, Eva Bryan, Duane and Phyllis Berry returned on Friday to their home in Grand Junction, Colo.

Alan and Judy Marietta, Leah, Bret and Lora of Oberlin, Loni Marietta of Manhattan, and John and Pam Marietta, Ray and Sara of Canon City, Colo., were in Russell on Feb. 24, where they helped the men's parents, Wayne and Odetta Marietta, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary early. Their anniversary was on March 2.

Louise Pollnow has returned to her home from Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, where she had been a resident while recuperating from a recent broken ankle.

A baby shower for Hunter Michael Kreigh, infant son of Reid and Chaylene (Stanley) Kriegh, was given by friends in St. Francis on Sunday. Grandmothers and great-grandmothers on both sides were present as well as other relatives and friends. Among those attending were Linda Stanley, Josephine Kinser, Regina Stanley and Alice Stanley; also Kay Reedy of Hoxie.

Margery Adams of Olathe writes that her husband, Ray, is doing well in the nursing home where they keep residents busy with activities. They are former Oberlin residents and send greetings to area friends and relatives. Her address is 1425 E. College Way, Apt. 801, Olathe, Kan., 66062-4104.

Chuck and Joy Votapka returned home Sunday night from Topeka, where they had visited their daughter and granddaughter, Nancy Ellis and Nicole since Monday. On Friday, the Votapkas visited Louise Torluemke in Topeka. En route home they joined Vera and Merrill Durr of Hutchinson, Virgil and Rowena Cathcart of Oberlin, Patty and Tom Purvis and grandsons, Blake and Bryce McClung of Goodland, and Al Cathcart of Topeka for lunch in Hays.

Ag specialist to give talk at Gateway

Farmers and others who want to know what's happening with agricultural policy, the 2002 Farm Bill and what direction it will take are invited to a meeting at noon Tuesday at The Gateway in Oberlin.



Flinchbaugh

Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh, K-State Research and Extension ag economics state leader and professor, one of the most informed ag policy leaders in Kansas, will speak.

He will give an update on agricultural policy and analyze the economics and policy of agriculture as the debate begins on the 2002 farm bill.

Dr. Flinchbaugh is known nationwide for his analysis and commentary. He has been involved in the last five farm bills and chairs the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture, created in the 1996 farm bill, which is charged with advising Congress and the administration on the role of government in production agriculture.

The meeting is open to the public. A \$10 fee will be charged for lunch.

This discussion is one topic in the educational speaker series provided by the Decatur/Norton Ag Risk Management Club. Anyone who wants to join should call the Decatur or Norton County Extension offices at (785) 475-8121 or (785) 877-5755.

Meeting set

The board and the advisory council of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, at the Q-Inn Restaurant in Quinter.

For details, call 1-800-432-7422 or (785) 628-8205.

Prom Extravaganza

Saturday, March 10th

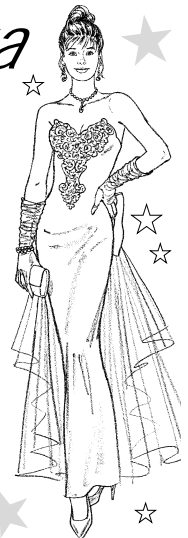
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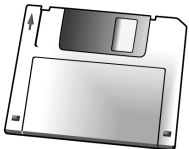


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