

**THE OBERLIN HERALD –
People in
Our Community**
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Stuart and Mary Henzel had as guests over the holidays their sons and family. They included: Jim, Connie and Jacob Henzel, Holdenville, Okla.; Brian Henzel, San Diego; and Richard Henzel and his friend, Sharon Goshorn, Pensacola, Fla.

Bill and Donna Goss spent the holidays in Denver with their children, Joan and Steve Class and Michael, Jim Goss and Justin, and Ronnie and Cody Goss.

Tammi Ritter of Oberlin has been named Home Health and Hospice Director at Community Hospital in McCook. She has worked at the hospital there for five years and was director of Cottonwood Home Care in Oberlin from 1994 to 1999. She and her husband, John, live in Oberlin. She has a son, Ryan Butler, 20, and a step-daughter, Shelley, 19.

Lee Martin, Steve Nelson, and Delbert and Roxie Erickson were among those who enjoyed the Chili Bowl, which is midget car racing, in Tulsa, Okla., from Wednesday to Saturday.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Kelva Swindler, Doris Miller, Elsie Goodnight, Veanna Orr, Donna Kent and Betty Jenik. Lows were won by Dorothy Moore, Vivian Bishop, Lawrence Moore, Aleen Van Vleet, Wilma May and Neva Townsend. Pitch highs were won by Neva Townsend and Veanna Orr with lows going to Merle Shirley and Floyd Edgett. Bridge winners were Charlotte Meints and Annette Miller. The senior potluck will be held at 12:15 p.m. Sunday.

Matt and Selby Renk of Plainville came to Oberlin on Dec. 24 and their grandmother, Elaine Bryan, accompanied them home to spend Christmas with them and their parents, Kevin and Sue Renk. The Renk family brought Elaine home on Christmas Day and were supper guests at

her home.

Richard and Clara Russ spent the holidays near Columbus, Ohio, with their son and family, Chuck and Linda Russ, Spencer and Christopher. They were joined by their daughter and family, Ruth and Jeff Longhenry, Kylie and Jeffrey Jr., of Broken Arrow, Okla. En route home, the Russes visited his sisters at the home of Christine Goscha in Urbana, Ill. The other sisters are Helen Kisinger of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Kathy Wright of Chicago.

Holiday guests of Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo were Marie Vacura, Pueblo, Colo.; and Monte Vacura, Chester, N.Y.

Marj Law of Lakewood, Colo., came Monday to visit her parents, Alvin and Fern Jording, for a few days.

Connie Hogg of Hays spent the weekend with her mother, Elaine Thomas. Barb Castor joined them for dinner on Saturday.

Supper guests of Floyd and Dale Marie Bryan, Bethany and Bayley for a post-Christmas celebration on Saturday, Jan. 3, were Blayne and Shellee Bryan, Victoria; Ben Bryan, Manhattan; and Elaine Bryan.

Pat Buffum, Omaha, and Nancy Nichols and friend Rick Corder, Elm Creek, Neb., visited over the weekend for the occasion of the 75th birthday open house held Saturday for their father, Eugene Wurm of Herndon.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes went to Denver on Wednesday, where they attended the convention committee meeting for the National Newspaper Association.

Larry Van Otterloo spent the holidays with his son, Neil Van Otterloo and family, at Stuart, Iowa, and his son, Larry Jr., and Mary Van Otterloo, in Manhattan.

Goodland man to run for 40th district seat

Republican Dan Rasure of Goodland is running for the Kansas State Senate seat for the 40th District, which is up for election in November, according to a story in *The Goodland News*.

He is the son of Kevin and Christie (Neff) Rasure of Goodland and a grandson of Don and Gerry Neff of Oberlin; Bill and Millie Wright of Kanorado and Richard and Sidney Rasure of Goodland.

He said he will focus on economic development, education and infrastructure.

"The current legislature continues to put counties, cities and schools in tough financial positions, instead of addressing state spending," he said.

He has already registered his campaign committee with the Kansas secretary of state's office. Ron Vignery of Goodland is campaign chairman with Cliff Leach of Bird City, treasurer, and Royal Reid, Goodland, financial committee chairman. Campaign leadership for each of the 17 counties will be chosen in the near future.

The 40th District includes: Chey-

enne, Decatur, Gove, Graham, Greeley, Lane, Logan, Ness, Norton, Rawlins, Rooks, Scott, Sherman, Thomas, Trego, Wallace and Wichita counties.

"We need a strong voice in Topeka and we feel that Dan is the right person for the job," said Mr. Vignery.

Mr. Vignery said he is new to politics but he is excited about the upcoming campaign. He said he accepted the job with the campaign about a month ago, two weeks after Mr. Rasure offered it.

"It's time for change," Mr. Vignery said. "We're in dire need for economic development in north-west Kansas."

Mr. Rasure graduated from Goodland High School in 2001 and received his bachelor of science in business management from McPherson College in December.

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The children of Dorothy Kleinsorge announce a card shower for their mother on the occasion of her 90th Birthday, January 16, 2004.

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Couple plans March wedding

Sarah May and Brian Shaw plan to be married on Saturday, March 6, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Wichita.

Parents of the couple are Marvin May, Oberlin, and the late Candace May; and Robert and Julie Shaw, Wichita.

The bride-to-be is a contract manager for Excel Corporation in Wichita.



Sarah May, Brian Shaw

Hospital employees honored

Decatur Health Systems hosted their annual employee recognition dinner on Saturday evening at The Gateway.

The invocation was given by Jan Bainter and entertainment was by the DCHS Singers, under the direction of Susan Nelson. Dr. Elizabeth Sliter was speaker. Greg Lohofener was honored for 14 years of service on the hospital board.

Administrator Lynn Doeden and Amanda Farr presented awards to the following:

- 30 years:** Mary Lohofener.
- 25 years:** Jody Robertson.

Disaster loan deadline near

Final date for filing applications for federal Emergency Disaster loans by farmers and ranchers in Decatur, Rawlins, Norton and Phillips counties is today.

John C. Vogt, farm loan manager for the federal Farm Service Agency, said that farmers needing credit as a result of heat and drought should make their applications to the area office, 113 N. Norton, in Norton.

"Loans covering physical and production losses may be made at 3.75 percent interest rate, and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible," he said.

Loans for physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes) lost through the disaster.

Cut off date set for program

March 12 has been set as a cutoff date for those interested in applying for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), said Harold L. Klage, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The program is a valuable tool which helps the state's agricultural producers meet the significant environmental regulations they face while continuing to be good stewards of the land. It also helps them implement conservation practices that improve and protect our natural resources, he said. These applications will be considered for the fiscal year 2004 funding allocation for Kansas.

One of the largest programs in the 2002 Farm Bill, it is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state, and federal regulations.

In Kansas, the funds will help farmers and ranchers install conservation practices that improve and protect Kansas' priority natural resource concerns, including air quality; soil erosion; sedimentation of federal reservoirs; grazing lands health; water quality; suspended sediment and turbidity in surface water, and water quantity.

For details, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Oberlin at (785) 475-3131 or information is available on the Web site www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs.

Blood drive set for Jan. 21

The blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 21, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Volunteers are urged to call (800) GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment to give blood. Walk-ins are also welcome. The nation is in a blood shortage situation and all blood types are needed, especially O-negative and O-positive.

The procedure takes about an hour with the actual donation lasting only seven minutes. One donation can help three different hospital patients.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Most medications are not cause for deferral. Donors are reminded to drink plenty of water prior to their donation. Visit www.redcross.org for details.

Club News

Day of prayer observed

Oberlin United Methodist Women met at noon on Jan. 7 at the church for a sack lunch meal, followed by a program in observance of the annual Day of Prayer and Self-Denial. Sixteen women were present.

Laurene Van Otterloo was lesson leader and her topic was "Health in a Changing World." She was assisted by Elaine Bryan in telling of the United Methodist Women-sponsored health clinics and medical support for needy women and children in the United States and around the world.

Retiring secretary Vivian Bishop was presented with a corsage in appreciation of her many years of service, after which dessert was served.

Yearbooks for 2004 were distributed. The program for the Feb. 4 meeting will be given by Rebekah Hasty and Justine Miller on their Mission Education Tour last summer. Devotions will be given by Elaine Bryan and hostesses will be Marian Fraker and Mary Ann Amack.

Scouts work on badges

The Brownie Girl Scouts met after school on Jan. 8 at Faith Lutheran Church.

After the girls sang grace, they enjoyed their snacks, then began working on the badge called, "My Body."

The first activity was brain power where the girls observed each other on how fast the eye sends messages to the brain, which tells the hands to respond to catch an object. They discussed dreams, which shows that the brain works even while they sleep. Their favorite activity was when they played volleyball with a balloon which demonstrates muscle coordination.

The girls tested each other's muscle reaction in an activity where one girl attempted to raise her arm in place at her side. The group took each other's pulse and learned that a pulse is felt in the wrist when the blood leaves the heart in the arteries. They talked about how exercise increases the pulse rate and when you exercise you feel good and full of energy.

Harpist to perform Sunday

Harpist Mollie Marcuson will perform in concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

She began playing the harp at the age of 8. She studied both the harp and piano through high school, primarily on the harp with Deborah Wells-Clark, principal harpist for the Kansas City Symphony. At the age of 10, she played in her first wedding, beginning a freelance career in the Kansas City area, which ranged from weddings to community orchestras to private parties.

In 1995, she performed at an IBM conference in Vienna, Austria. Beginning in 1998, she spent her summers in Camden, Maine studying with Alice Chalifoux, former principal harpist for the Cleveland Orchestra and harp professor at the Cleveland Institute of Music and Oberlin Conservatory.

She received a Bachelor of Music in Harp Performance from the University of Minnesota in 2003, where she studied with Kathy Kienzle, principal harpist for the Minnesota Orchestra. While at the university, she served as principal harpist for the symphony orchestra, the wind ensemble, and the symphonic band. She also played in numerous community orchestras and freelanced as a soloist for private and corporate engagements.

Currently she lives in Kansas City, where she is primarily doing freelance solo work and studying with Deborah Wells-Clark in preparation for graduate school in the fall.

She is the daughter of Rick and Sally Marcuson of Overland Park. She plans to be married on June 5 to Ryan McDermott, also of Overland Park. Her grandparents are Gail and Kay Marcuson, Oberlin, and Paul and Jane Broadwater, Harmony, Minn.

The program is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. A reception will follow. Admission to the performance is by season ticket or \$10/adults and \$5/students at the door. For details, contact Mary Henzel at 475-3329, or Ella Betts at 475-3557.



M. Marcuson

Crock pot lesson Thursday

"Cooking in a Crock" will be presented at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, by Karen Shepard, Graham County Extension Family and Consumer Science agent, at the Gateway Community Room.

The lesson will include using the crock pot, not only during the cold winter months, but also in the summer to avoid introducing heat from a hot oven. The program will cover how to manage a slow cooker, and food safety, as well as enjoying a sample from the crock pot.

The public is invited. Those planning to attend are asked to contact the Extension office at 475-8121 by Jan. 14.

New Arrival

Uriah Blaze Hollowell

Derrick and Kristy Bates-Hollowell of Petrolia, Texas, are the parents of a son, Uriah Blaze Bates-Hollowell, born Jan. 9, 2004, at 8:52 p.m. at a hospital in Wichita Falls, Texas. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Jim and Linda Hollowell, Oberlin; and Chuck and Linda Bates, Petrolia, Texas. Great-grandmothers are Vernice Bradshaw, Pueblo, Colo., and Vera Matthews, Denver.

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