

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Esther Ready of New York City spent from Friday to Sunday with her parents, John and Muriel Ready. She flew to Denver, then to McCook. They all enjoyed the performance of Mollie Marcuson, harpist, on Sunday at The Gateway.

April Ann Wolters was a dinner guest on Jan. 8 of her grandmother, Elsie Wolters, and a Jan. 10 dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters. Lacy Wolters and Brent Pfannenstiel of Hays were Jan. 9 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters.

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Millie Fisher has opened an art studio in downtown Atwood. She and her husband, the Rev. Gary Fisher, formerly lived in Oberlin when he was pastor of the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Chris Walston took her mother, Doris Fringer, to McCook, where she underwent othrosopic surgery on Monday at Community Hospital.

Cynthia Haynes went to Denver on Sunday to meet her husband, Steve, who was returning from Tunisia, where he spent a week touring with other publishers.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Barb Solko, Kelva Swindler, Elden Haas, Myrtle Waldo and Lawrence Wenger.

Lows were won by Neva Townsend, Donna Kent, Lawrence Wenger, Kenneth Van Vleet and Aleen Van Vleet. Pitch highs were won by Veanna Orr, Merle Shirley, Henry Edgett and Elsie Goodnight with lows going to Aleen Van Vleet, Floyd Edgett and Neva Townsend. Bridge winners were Dorothy Cochran and Marie McKisson. Open bridge will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29.

—**Chinese Buffet, Tuesday, Jan. 27, 6-8 p.m., LandMark Inn. 475-2340.**

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the United Methodist Church in Atwood for Joan Easterday, 79, who died Thursday at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. Her husband, Dr. Harold G. "Doc" Easterday, has been a veterinarian in Atwood for many years. Other survivors include a son; four daughters; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Private inurnment will be held at Atwood Fairview Cemetery at a later date.

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Doris Sloan and her daughter, Cindi Sauder, of Flower Mound, Texas, accompanied Dan Wasson to Oberlin on Jan. 10. Mrs. Sloan had spent nine weeks with her daughter, who is recuperating from recent back surgery, and she will spend some time here with her mother while recuperating.

Man to be ordained

Jim Plotts of Norcat will be ordained as an evangelist during the 10:40 a.m. morning services on Sunday at the Norton Christian Church. Elders of the church along with minister, Jeff Nielsen and youth minister, Mike Sander, will officiate.



Jim Plotts

Mr. Plotts graduated in 1966 from Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas. He spent the next five years in Norton as the minister of the Church of Christ. In 1972, left full-time ministry and moved to Colorado, where he worked as a carpenter. He returned to northwest Kansas in 1986 and formed Plotts Construction.

Mr. Plotts became an active member of the Norton Christian Church and in 1999 began a ministry at Norton Correctional Facility. He conducts a Friday night Bible study

and a Sunday afternoon chapel service. He is also a volunteer for Casas por Cristo, a ministry in El Paso, Texas, that provides housing for Mexican families in Juarez, Mexico. He serves that ministry as a building advisor to volunteer teams.

He has also filled the pulpit from time to time at the Arapahoe, Neb., Church of Christ; the Lenora Church of God; the Presbyterian Church in Danbury, Neb.; the Oberlin Church of Christ; the United Church of Oberlin; and the United Methodist churches at Lyle, Norcat and Clayton.

Mr. Plotts and his wife, Carolyn, have five children, Halley Roberson, Washington; James D. Plotts, Tacoma, Wash.; Jennifer Auxier, Oberlin; Becky Sparks, San Antonio, Texas; Kara Bravo, Dallas, Texas; and six grandchildren.

New business to open Monday

Amy Lamb will open Split End, a new beauty shop in Oberlin on Monday, which will include a nails technician and tanning, at 211 N. Penn. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and some evenings by appointment.

The former Amy Lohoefer, she attended Oberlin schools and is a graduate of McCook Beauty Academy. She and her family moved to Oberlin from Winona and she had

been working in Colby. She is the daughter of Jerry and Marcia Lohoefer of Oberlin and has three daughters, Ashley, a junior, and Nichole, a freshman, at Decatur Community High School, and Kirstin, a first-grader. They are making their home in an apartment at the same location as the new beauty shop.

Phone number for the new business is (785) 475-3106.

Cookie orders to start

Oberlin Girl Scouts will be taking orders from Jan. 23 through Feb. 6 for Girl Scout cookies. Delivery dates will be from Feb. 24 through March 12. No money is collected until delivery is made.

Selections available include: thin mints, peanut butter sandwiches, animal treasures, caramel delites, lemon pastry cremes, peanut butter patties, shortbread and pinatas.

Proceeds are distributed as follows: 23% stays with the local

troops; 23% underwrites year-round activities for all program levels; 18% goes for equipment; 6% for cookie dough coupons for individual girls; 17% provides additional financial assistance through a Grants for Girls fund; 8% buys summer camping equipment and supplies at Dane Hansen Scout Reservation on Lake Kirwin; and 5% supports the council endowment fund.

For details, call Barbara Olson at 475-3602.

Artist to teach class at Hansen Museum

Barbara Schaffner of Wheatland, Wyo., will be at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan from Thursday through Sunday with a four-day workshop for intermediate to advanced artists.

Ms. Schaffner has an honors student at West Texas State University, majoring in fine art and art education. Her western scenes and wild-life paintings have hung in galleries in six western states and Canada. Her most recent honor was as Wyoming Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year.

workshop should contact Lee Favre at the Dane G. Hansen Museum, 110

Judge Tacha to speak at Kansas Day program

The Honorable Deanell Reece Tacha will be guest speaker at the 2004 Kansas Day celebration to be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Jennings Senior Center.

She is among the outstanding women in the United States judicial system. She served as professor of law at the University of Kansas, became chancellor of academic affairs there and in 1985 was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit as a federal appellate judge. In January 2001, she became chief judge of the Tenth Circuit.

A graduate of Scandia High School and the University of Kansas, she holds a law degree from the University of Michigan. She serves on the board for the St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City and is past member of the board of Baker University. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lawrence and is active in a number of professional and civic organizations.

She lives in Lawrence with her husband John, a native of Jennings, and they have two daughters and two sons. She is the daughter-in-law of Mildred Tacha of Jennings.

The Kansas Day celebration is sponsored by the Heritage Associates of Jennings and the Czech Memorial Museum. It is held in conjunction with the Heritage annual meeting progress report.

Local students will show their Kansas Day displays and other activities are also planned, which will be followed by refreshments. The public is invited and the Czech Museum will be open after the program.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Heritage Associates may do so at this time. Election of Heritage officers and directors will be held at the next regular Museum meeting at 2 p.m. on Feb. 5.

For details, contact President Neoma Tacha, (785) 678-2470 or Lila Jennings, (785) 678-2299.

Retirement dinner honors 25-year agency employee

Ramona Shaw of Jennings, a 25-year employee of the Farm Service Agency in Oberlin, was honored at a retirement dinner on Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Teller Room of the LandMark Inn.



R. Shaw

She retired on Jan. 2, 2004, after working as Program Technician for the Administration and Conservation programs.

County Executive Director Diane Barrett introduced the guests and thanked Mrs. Shaw for her dedicated and faithful years of service. Mrs. Shaw was presented with a decorative yard bench and bird feeder in appreciation.

A Selden native, Mrs. Shaw is the daughter of the late Walter and Thesia Porsch. She graduated from Selden High School in 1958 and married Stanley Shaw on Aug. 13, 1960. They lived in Selden before moving to Jennings in 1969, where their five children graduated from high school. Her husband, who is also retired, was a longtime employee and manager of Garvey Elevators.

The couple enjoys the outdoors, gardening, fishing, traveling and especially the family, which includes 11 grandchildren. Mrs. Shaw had previously worked at the Selden schools; Decatur County Good Samaritan Center and Koerperich Book Bindery in Selden.

Family members attending included: Carol Shaw, Selden; Stanley Shaw, Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, Jennings; Tom Neff and Chris Gillespie, Marion; Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, Glade; and Danny and Cindy Black, Katie, Logan and Bowen, Colby.

Other guests were Jim and Diane Barrett, Dick and Donna Kelley, Martin and Evelyn May, Cecil Hess, Brian and Terry Keahey, Tom Garrett, Diana Solko, Lee and Lisa Copeland, Oberlin; Gary and Vicki Hunziker, Selden; Gary and Clara Gillum, Jennings; Elden and Marilou Long, Norcat; Dave and Janet Meitl, Dresden; and Mike and Bernita Gawith, Stockton.

Mrs. Shaw was also honored with an open house at the local office on Dec. 18.

Townsend scholarships available

Application material for the Col. Delbert Townsend scholarship is available starting this week for seniors at Decatur Community High School.

The information was handed out on Tuesday and has to be back to the school by Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Students who want to apply for the scholarship, which will pay for four years at Kansas State University, will receive two evaluation forms to be given to people in the community, and two will be done at the school.

Students also need to submit a transcript, an activities resume and a photo.

Once the information is turned in, a screening committee meets to look at the applications. They are then passed on to the university where final decisions are made.

The packet will include all the specifications for the scholarship, including criteria, the dollar amount and how the money is provided.

Club News

Territorial year observed

The 150th anniversary of the Kansas Territory was observed at the Jan. 12 meeting of Monday Evening Club of Oberlin held at the home of Kay Gaskill. Maria Sanden was co-hostess.

The history of Kansas through territorial days, early statehood and pioneer days was shared in a roll call program attended by 23 members, many of whom were attired in clothing in keeping with their assignments. In addition, information was presented on the state symbols and on three recent additions to Kansas, Rolling Hill Refuge near Salina; the Kansas Speedway near Kansas City, and the Bob Dole Center at Lawrence. An arrangement of sunflowers,

the state flower of Kansas, served as a table centerpiece and each member was given a flower as the evening ended.

Plans were made to entertain at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28, for residents of Good Samaritan Center who are celebrating birthdays during the month of January. It was announced that beginning with the weekend of Jan. 31-Feb. 1 Monday Evening Club members will assist in the operation of Sunflower Cinema for a month.

The Feb. 9 meeting will be at the home of Sharon Addleman with Sue May as co-hostess. Selected piano students of Cheryl Metcalf will present a recital.

Club enjoys quilt shop

Zeta Nu Club members met Jan. 8 at Country Quilting and Keepsakes in Oberlin for their Jan. 8 meeting. Janice Winters was hostess and Joy Votapka, co-hostess, for the 14 members in attendance. The hostess gift was won by Florence Vavroch.

Club members enjoyed a tour of the quilt shop, which is located at 310 West Commercial. It was followed by a program by owner Norma Carman, who showed a number of quilted items made by her classes, as well as several of

her own personal favorite quilts and other items she had made.

Club officers elected for the next year were: Kay Marcuson, president; Eloise Smith, vice president; Janice Winters, secretary; and Mary Henzel, treasurer. A thank you was read from the Jaycee Angel Tree coordinators for the club's participation at Christmas time.

The Feb. 12 meeting at the home of Enid Anderson will be a Valentine gift exchange. Co-hostess will be Dorothy Cochran.

Students present program

Ila Ray was hostess to 19 members of Pi Alpha Club on Jan. 12 and read "My Get-up and Go Has Got Up and Went," for devotions.

Program guests were Susan Nelson, vocal director at Decatur Community High School, and two vocal students, Andrea and Anthony Marshall. Anthony sang "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire" and Andrea's solo was "A Little Damselle." They

also sang a duet entitled, "Who Am I?"

For roll call, members shared their Christmas activities. Joan Evans received the hostess prize and a \$10 donation was made to the high school music department.

The Jan. 26 meeting will be at Sappa Valley Manor with Cecil Hess and Gerry Neff as hostesses.

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