

Selden student chosen for maintenance team

Landon Truetken of Selden is one of 12 Kansas State University at Salina students selected to support mission control and aircraft ground operations for the Virgin Atlantic Global Flyer world record attempt.



L. Truetken

A freshman in aviation maintenance, Mr. Truetken will be on the maintenance team. His parents are Lad and Lori Truetken of Selden. Don and Lillian Sulzman of Dresden, and Liz Rall of Rexford are his grandparents. Blanche Skubal of Plano, Texas, formerly of Oberlin, is a great-grandmother.

The project, coordinated by Virgin Atlantic Airways, will attempt a solo, non-stop flight around the world this month. The plane is scheduled to launch and land in Salina, and mission control opera-

tions will be housed on the K-State campus there.

"One of the most exciting things for K-State is the opportunity to involve our students," said Dean Dennis Kuhlman. "(Pilot) Steve Fossett has requested that our students be involved, and I'm so excited that they will get such a unique hands-on experience at an international event."

Two flight students and two alternates were selected to participate at mission control, including aircraft tracking, weather reporting and air traffic control communications. Six aviation maintenance students and two alternates were selected to do ground work with the aircraft before the mission.

For details, go to <http://www.globalflyer.com>.

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Ken Rydquist was honored with a dinner at the Frontier Restaurant on his 80th birthday on Jan. 3. Others present were Greg and Emily Griffin, Conner and Gracie, Colby; Merlin and Bonnie Anderson, Dresden; and Gayle Anderson, Clay and Kendra, and Goldie Raulston, Oberlin; Jenny Swart, Herndon; and Brett McKenna, Jennings.

Visiting Stuart and Mary Henzel, between Christmas and New Year's, were their son, Jim Henzel, and grandson, Jake, of Holdenville, Okla.

Lloyd and Ruth Moody have moved to a nursing home in St. Joseph, Mo. Both suffered recent falls and Mrs. Moody is recuperating from a broken hip. He had no broken bones, but has been having breathing difficulties and has congestive heart failure. Both are former Oberlin teachers. Mail will reach them at Sexton Woods, 3002 N. 18th Street, Cedaridge, #504, St. Joseph, Mo., 64505.

Blanche Skubal accompanied her grandson, Mike Sulzman of Kansas City, to Dresden before Christmas and she spent the holidays with her daughter, Lillian and Don Sulzman and family. She and her grandson, Lad Truetken, of Selden, left on Friday to take her to her home in Plano, Texas.

The Rev. George Kochuvellikkakam and Cynthia Haynes attended funeral services for Monsignor Armand Girard at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Catholic Church in Salina on Monday morning. He died on Jan. 5 at Manhattan. He was a second cousin of Mrs. Haynes and Father George was among 40 priests of the diocese who attended. En route home, Mrs. Haynes visited her mother, Emma Desilet, in Concordia.

Opal Huntley was honored on Thursday by her friends of the Oberlin Community Fellowship Church Women with lunch and a card shower at the Frontier Restaurant on her recent retirement from Decatur County Hospital. Others present were Billie Cornelius, Helen Gee, and Mabel Bailey, Oberlin, and Roxy Roth and Colletta Parsons, McCook.

Leo and Carrie Zodrow and family attended funeral services on Friday at Harrison Chapel in Colby for her mother, Karren R. (Griggs) Donaldson, 61, of Colby, who died in a one-vehicle accident north of Levant on Jan. 4.

April Ann Wolters of Hays was a Saturday dinner guest of her grandmother, Elsie Wolters. Evening luncheon guests at the Gus Wolters home were Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Peña and Ian of Colby. Mr. and Mrs. Wolters visited on Sunday with

Dorothy Wolters at the hospital in Atwood.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Dorothy Moore, Doris Miller, Kelve Swindler, Max Carman and Veanna Orr. Lows were won by Floyd Edgett, Lawrence Wenger, Dorothy Moore, Aleen Van Vleet and Wilma May. Due to the snow, the center was closed on the days of pitch and bridge. Senior potluck will be held at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Sharon Mockry returned home Friday from Omaha, where she had spent the holidays with her daughter, Ronda and Jeremy Pinkerman, and their infant daughter, Abby Lee, who was born Nov. 25.

Adeline Diehl was honored by her entire family on her 80th birthday on Dec. 30 at the Monument, Colo., home of her son and family, Lee and Cynthia Diehl, Ashley and Brooks. Present were her husband, Rex Diehl, Denver; son, Stephen Case, Honolulu; daughters, Bonnie and Paul Morris, Tucson; and Martha and Tim Mauser, Elizabeth and Angus, Ipswich, Maine; granddaughters, Carrie and Orlando Pobre, San Pedro, Calif.; and Katie and Derrick Youngquist, Kaya and Teagan, Mount Vernon, Wash. Oberlin relatives attending were Fern Moore, Monte and Kelly Moore, Allie and Gabe; and Mirla and Mike Coleman, Matt and Molly.

Fern and Jodie Wenger enjoyed Christmas weekend with Evan and Cathy Wenger and family in Denton, Texas. They also helped Evan celebrate his birthday on Dec. 24.

Among those from Oberlin who attended the wedding of Skyler Tacchini and Courtney Scott in Baraboo, Wis., last Wednesday were Barbara Dehlinger, Karen Bennett, Jim and Laurie Wasson, Gary Anderson and Barbara and Sarah Olson, Tara Votapka, Brenda Ploussard, Aaron Ploussard, Lindsey Euhus, Brent Olson, Rusty Grafel, Curtis Richards, Nathan Gaumer, Bobby Fossum, Ryan Butler, and Jonathan Counter.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Wray, Colo., for Phyllis (Kotschwar) Traphagan, 66, who died Jan. 4 at the Yuma Life Care Center in Yuma, Colo. She was a sister-in-law of Cecelia (Hickert) Kotschwar of McCook, but formerly of Jennings. Dr. Pat Traphagan, of Eckley, Colo., is a surviving son and his wife, Cindy, is a granddaughter of Harold and Eleanore Demmer, Oberlin, and a niece of Connie Grafel, also of Oberlin.

Oberlin woman's story in children's magazine

Dale-Marie Bryan of Oberlin has had a story entitled, "An Earful," published in the January issue of *Highlights for Children*.



Dale Bryan

The story tells about Jacob, who doesn't think he can complete his homework assignment to collect "an earful" of sounds because he lives on a farm rather than in the noisy city.

"The teacher in this story, Mrs. Olson, is named for the first-grade teacher of three of my four children," Mrs. Bryan said.

Now in its 59th year, *Highlights*, edited for children from 2 to 12, goes to more than two million homes, schools, libraries, and professional offices, and has the largest circulation of any children's periodical in

the country. Mrs. Bryan holds a Bachelor of Science in education from Fort Hays State University. She was an elementary school teacher for 14 years and currently helps her husband, Floyd, on their farm and writes full time.

She has previously been published in *Pack-O-Fun*, *Crafting Traditions*, *World of Romance*, *ByLine Magazine*, and an anthology titled *Rural Voices*. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

She said that in her free time, she enjoys writing, making crafts, gardening, and helping keep the cows, chickens, cats, and her husband fed.

Bishop to visit Oberlin Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Gerald Mansholt, bishop of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be in Oberlin on Sunday and Monday for his annual visit to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America congregations in the far northwest corner of Kansas, known as Area Ministry One.

Bishop Mansholt's visit is being hosted by Faith Lutheran Church. On Sunday at 9:30 a.m. he will preach and preside at the Service of Holy Communion at Faith, which will be followed by a time of discussion and dialog with the bishop. A noon potluck meal will be shared. At 3 p.m., Faith will host the Area

Ministry gathering of pastors and lay leaders along with the bishop's staff. The pastors will meet with the bishop and his staff at 9 a.m. on Monday morning at Faith.

The Central States Synod covers the geographic area of Kansas and Missouri. In northwest Kansas Area Ministry One there are nine congregations. The bishop's office is located in Kansas City, Mo. On Sunday morning, he and his staff will attend worship and preach at the nine churches.

For details, contact Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler at (785) 475-3055, at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Oberlin grad buys newspaper

Stewart Braden, 35, a 1988 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has purchased *The Yates Center News* from his sister and her husband, Catherine and Chris Faimon.

Their parents are Randall Braden of Hays and the late Rozanne Braden, former owners of *The Oberlin Herald*.

He attended Kansas State University for one year then enrolled in professional pilot training in Tennessee. He graduated from Bolivar International School of Aviation in

1990 and was later employed by North American Biologicals, Inc., in Lawrence.

He moved to Burlington in April 2003 and joined the family business at *The Coffey County Republican*. For the past two years he has also operated a home-based website business. He has purchased the Faimon home in Yates Center and the Faimons are relocating to Burlington, where they will continue to publish *The Coffey County Republican* newspaper.

Group receives tax credits

The Kansas Department of Commerce has awarded \$2.5 million in tax credits to seven regional foundations, including the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission covering this area.

The group, based at Hill City, will receive \$357,143 worth of credits from the Kansas Economic Growth Act passed by the Legislature last spring.

The program is designed to help regional groups use tax credits to help rural towns create and retain jobs, provide business support services, develop leadership and make technology improvements that enhance entrepreneurship and small business creation in the state's seven economic development regions.

Individuals or businesses making

contributions of \$250 or more to regional foundations will get a 50 percent credit on their Kansas income taxes. These contributions will generate capital investment that regions can use to build economic prosperity.

"These seven foundations are strong partners with the state of Kansas in addressing rural development," said Commerce Secretary Howard Fricke. "The \$2.5 million in awarded tax credits will generate \$5 million in new capital investments in the rural communities of Kansas, resulting in more jobs, new or expanded businesses, enhanced business counseling, and collaborative regional leadership that addresses priorities unique to each region."

Ventriloquist to perform

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will sponsor ventriloquist Ian Varella in a performance at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, in the Morgan Theater at The Gateway.

Mr. Varella has been on Good Morning America and has performed with Charlie Daniels, the Oak Ridge Boys, Chubby Checker, the Statler Brothers and many oth-

ers. He has been the primary entertainer on several cruise liners. He has the rare skill to bring to life each of his wise-cracking characters.

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New Arrival

Abby Lee Pinkerman

Jeremy and Ronda Pinkerman of Omaha are the parents of a daughter, Abby Lee Pinkerman, born Nov. 25, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Sharon Mockry, Oberlin, and the late Lee Mockry; and Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Pinkerman, Stromsburg, Neb. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Black, and Lee Ora Mockry, Oberlin, and the late Marion Mockry; Mr. and Mrs. Vance Anderson, Butte, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Pinkerman, O'Neill, Neb.



A. Pinkerman

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