

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Thelma Walker was transferred to Hays Medical Center last Tuesday from Decatur County Hospital. Her husband, Marvin, and daughter, Sherri, have been with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gerdes met their daughter, Lorri Wilson of Greeley, Colo., in Wray, Colo., on Saturday to spend the day together.

Floyd and Dale Marie Bryan entertained with a supper on Saturday to honor the family February birthdays, which include Blaine and Shellee Bryan and Grant, and Floyd and Dale Marie Bryan. Guests were Blaine and Shellee Bryan and Grant, Goodland; Elaine Bryan, Oberlin; Ben Bryan, Manhattan, and Bayley Bryan, McCook. Grant Bryan was honored with a birthday cake for his first birthday.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy spent from Thursday to Saturday in Wichita, then were weekend guests of Brian and Dawn Beckman and Ethan in Grinnell. On Sunday, they all attended the basketball shoot-out in Quinter, in which Shane McEvoy was a participant. Mary McEvoy also attended.

Herschel and Jody Betts returned home last week from San Diego, Calif., where they visited their daughter and husband, Susan and Charles McMonagle and son, Wes, in Poway, and their son and family, Rod Betts and Lisa Kay and daughter, Casey, of LaJolla.

Kristi Reneberg of Kensington visited on Sunday with her father, Phil Erickson. She and her sister and family, Mary and Greg Long and Jenna, attended services at the Oberlin United Methodist Church with him. Mrs. Reneberg also visited her grandmother, Genevieve Erickson.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral services for Judy Ockerman were Floyd and Phoebe Wilson, and Wilson and Betty Ockerman and family, Mesa, Ariz.; Evan and Phyllis Wilson, Wichita; Bobby and Trechie Ockerman and family, Farmington, N.M.; the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Hooton, Jeremiah and Becky Meixner and family, Carolyn Sines, Orville and Donna Mockry and

Mary Sue, and Karen Anderson, McCook; Curtis and Connie Meixner and family, Arkansas City; Lloyd Meixner, Ward, Colo.; Glenda Macy, Garden City; and Chris Cook, Smith Center.

Kay and Andy Chambers and Luetta Pollnow were Sunday dinner guests of Shane and Amanda Johnson in Dodge City. Shane is sales manager at Magouirk Chevrolet and Amanda is a graphic designer at the *High Plains Journal*.

Lucy Schissler accompanied Mabel McLaughlin and Margaret McEvoy to Oberlin from Denver last week and she is now a resident of Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Her address is 108 East Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749. She is a former resident of Atwood.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Kelva Swindler, Wilma May, Dewaine Stapp, Veanna Orr, Floyd

Edgett and Vivian Bishop. Lows were won by Max Carman, Veanna Orr, Aleen Van Vleet, Floyd Edgett, Merle Shirley, Doris Miller and Dewaine Stapp. Winning highs in pitch were Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet. Phyllis Lohoefer and Charlotte Meints had highs in bridge. Open bridge is Thursday, Feb. 24, starting at 1 p.m.

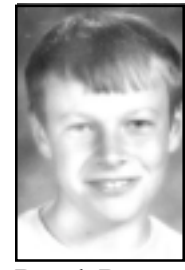
Those who met at the Herndon Senior Center on Saturday evening were Eugene Wurm, Herndon; Betty Bean, McCook; Judy Jordan, Sean and Daniel, Oberlin; Brad and Shanna Long and Miranda, Norcat; Travis Nichols and Ryan Nichols, Danbury, Neb.; and Rebecca Nichols, Lexington, Neb. Ryan was to report for National Guard boot camp in Fort Jackson, S.C., on Tuesday. This is the same boot camp "Grandpa Gene" went to when he joined the army in 1951, shortly before the Korean Police Action.

## Student wins spelling bee

Brock Baxter, a sixth grader at Smith Center Elementary School, won the Smith County Spelling Bee last week for the second consecutive time, making him eligible for the second year in a row to represent the county at state competition in Topeka.

He is the son of Barry and Janeil Baxter of Smith Center and the grandson of Jackie Votapka of Oberlin.

He will go to Topeka on March 26 for state competition at the Garvey Fine Arts Center at Washburn University.



Brock Baxter

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## Student goes to Washington

Nelson Reinhardt of Otis spent last week in Washington after being selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy.



A student at Hoisington High School, he is the son of Pat (Lindemann) Reinhardt of Otis, formerly of Oberlin. Vera Lindemann of Oberlin is his grandmother.

He was selected because of his grades and interest in a career related to national security to join 400 high school juniors and seniors from across the United States.

The curriculum is based on actual world events, allowing participants to learn from the examples of previous leaders. Throughout the week, students examined how the U.S. plans for peace and prepares for crisis. They met with leaders from key agencies and institutions.

"Imagine being 16 or 17 years old," said Donna Snyder, executive director of the program, "and the responsibility of securing the United States at home and abroad rests on your shoulders. Through specialized simulations, the forum put students in the driver's seat of building a strategy that will uphold our national security. The combination of interacting with professionals and with other students in this setting ensures that leaders are being developed so the future of our country will remain very bright."

The group is a nonprofit, educational organization committed to helping young people to make informed career choices.

