

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
People in
Our Community
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Retta (Bearley) Berger of McCook, who is recuperating from a recent stroke, is now living at the Colonial Villa Good Samaritan Center, 719 N. Brown Street, Alma, Neb., 68920-9229. She is a cousin of Elma Lee Erickson of rural Hemdon and the late John Bearley.

The Rev. Gene and Doris Shoemaker have returned to their home in Colby from Denver, where he received his first chemotherapy treatment. He will return to Denver on Aug. 5 for another treatment. He was hospitalized for two weeks in Colby before going to Denver. Mail will reach them at 1208 Court Place, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Jean Ann Confer of St. Francis, Dan and Julie Hess of Salina, and Cecil Hess spent the July 16 weekend with Steve and Chris Hess in Overland Park to help Cecil Hess celebrate her birthday.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner attended the wedding of their great-nephew, Phillip Eugene Runyan II, and Kimberly Meyer, at Farwell, Neb., on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Peña, Ian and Ella were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters.

Dale Soderlund is recuperating satisfactorily at home after undergoing a five-bypass heart surgery on July 11 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

Weekend guests of Ken and Jody Merrill and family were her sister and husband, Kathy and Richard Wolfe of Sterling, Colo. They had all spent last week vacationing together in Kansas City.

Dolores Koerperich, Dave and Jacob Koerperich, and Clem Koerperich spent the weekend in Topeka visiting Donna and Todd Reinert, Trevin and Taylor. They all attended the wedding of her nephew, Troy Reitchek, and Melinda Chaffin on Saturday.

Johnathan Burmaster was honored with a party in observance of his second birthday on Saturday afternoon at the home of his parents, Jeff and Andrea Burmaster. Guests were Lori Hannah, Westminster, Colo.; Krysta Hannah, Fort Collins, Colo.; Dora Auker, Norcatur; and Pat Cozad, Yvonne Burmaster, Aubrey Burmaster, Lisa Davies, Rhiannon, Megan and Cerys, Angie Ayers, Scott Carlton, Jordan Crow,

Norm Richards and Wanda Dickinson, Oberlin.

Rick and Deb Klima returned home Sunday from Saginaw, Texas, where they spent two weeks visiting their daughter and family, Gina and Eric Nelson and Elyssa, and making the acquaintance of their infant son, Kade Michael, who was born July 14.

Bill and Shirley Jones of Quinter came Saturday and her sister, Elaine Bryan, accompanied them to McCook, where they attended memorial services for their cousin, Harlan Grafel.

Bob Lund underwent surgery on Monday at Swedish Hospital in Denver. He is the son of Elmo and Margaret Lund.

—Volunteers needed to work games and rides at Decatur County Fair Aug. 9-13. Call 475-3351 or stop by Ray Jewelry. 29-31

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Aleen Van Vleet, Henry Edgett, Floyd Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Dorothy Wenger and Kelya Swindler. Lows went to Wilma May, Veanna Carman, Aleen Van Vleet, Doris Miller and Floyd Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Max Carman with lows going to Merle Shirley and Aleen Van Vleet. Bridge winners were Beth Sebaugh and Charlotte Meints. There will be open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Claude and Doris Runyan of Greeley, Colo., were Sunday afternoon visitors of his sister, Elaine and Jerald Leitner. They had come for the funeral of her brother, Donald Roe, on Monday. Jerad Sullivan of Colby came Monday and visited until today at the Leitner home.

Among area students who were named to the spring Dean's Honor Roll at Fort Hays State University for the spring semester were Melinda Fleckenstein, Dresden; Megan Rhodes, Norcatur; Kerrie Olson, Rodney Solko, Spring Diederich, Oberlin; Megan Ellis, Lenora; Misty Hartner, Todd Ketterl, Herndon; Jeremy Samson, Ludell; Ashley Stevenson, Christopher Broeckelman, Lori Truetken, Melinda Fleckenstein, Selden; Amber Yingling, Menlo; and Jennifer E. Higerd, Gem.

Rotary gets new president

Oberlin City Administrator Gary Shike took over as president of the Oberlin Rotary Club on July 1.



Gary Shike

He has been a member for the past five years and has served as vice president and treasurer. He and his wife, Jody, have a combined family, which includes a daughter, Hillary McShea, Lima, N. Y., and Mitchell Wittman, an eighth grader at Decatur Community Junior High School, and Matthew Wittman, a sixth grader at Oberlin Elementary School.

Other officers include Doyle Brown, vice president; Marilyn Noone, secretary; Jesse Carter, treasurer; and Ken Morris, assistant district governor.

The club meets every Tuesday at The Gateway for lunch and a meeting. On July 12, Teens for Christ director Doug Mason was guest speaker. He was introduced by Dr. Gary Fredrickson.

Mr. Mason said that he and his wife are eager to work with teenagers in the community. He is a former Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow at Russell. He expressed the need to get teens interested in the church and said that often the church is not geared for teens.

He emphasized that today's teens need something or someone, positive and constructive, to look up to. He has worked with teens for over 25 years and formerly lived in Russell and Bird City. He also praised Eric and Cindy Scott for the work they did in starting Teens for Christ in Oberlin.

He said that there are many things Teens For Christ need, including operating funds, furniture, painting, adult volunteers, and a lap top computer. He may be contacted at 475-2599.

Program chairperson Lynn Doeden presented information on the upcoming golf benefit, sponsored by Decatur Health Systems at the July 19 meeting.

The benefit will begin at 9 a.m. at the Oberlin Country Club on Saturday, Aug. 20. She said that interested teams may contact her to register. The event is open to the public.

She said that a dinner will follow at 6 p.m. at The Gateway with an auction of outstanding prizes planned. Funds raised from the benefit will go toward the purchase of a multiple function geriatric lift for the hospital.



Country Singer DANNI O'NEILL will be performing



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Concert

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on Main Street

in front of

The Corner Pocket
Friday, July 29 at 8 p.m.

Boomer Castleman will be back by popular demand to perform also!



Phillipsburg rodeo will be Aug. 4-6

Kansas' Biggest Rodeo will be held Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 4-6, right next door in Phillipsburg.

This year they will throw the chute gate open for one of the latest things to come along in rodeo — miniature bull riding.

The bulls average 44 inches tall at the shoulder and weigh between 400-1,000 pounds. They are owned

by Kevin Dessel and Bert Davis.

These pint-sized bulls, with names like Kool Dog and Moose, will be ridden by kids each night of the rodeo. Riders must be between 8 and 13, and must weigh no more than 135 pounds. Helmets and safety vests are provided. Each youth must provide their own bull rope and spurs.

The young bull riders will try to ride for six seconds instead of the regulation eight. There is a \$20 entry fee, which will be used to pay the winning riders. To enter, call (785) 543-5006.

Tickets for the rodeo are available at Tri-County Insurance, Phillipsburg, or call (785) 543-2448.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of OBERLIN

will meet on the 18th day of August, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gateway Civic Center for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at the City Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2006 Expenditures and Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2006 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

| Fund | 2004 | | 2005 | | Proposed Budget 2006 | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| | Prior Year Actual Expenditures | Actual Tax Rate* | Current Year Est. of Expenditures | Actual Tax Rate* | Expenditures | Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax | Est. Tax Rate* |
| General | 588,348 | 42.090 | 606,550 | 40.485 | 559,250 | 192,226 | 27.814 |
| Employee Benefits | 105,966 | 12.515 | 110,300 | 9.765 | 118,650 | 96,461 | 13.957 |
| Library | 39,000 | 3.504 | 39,000 | 3.476 | 39,000 | 24,162 | 3.496 |
| Special Liability | 17,716 | | | | | | |
| Bond & Interest | 187,381 | 9.787 | 196,081 | 13.404 | 323,295 | 195,106 | 28.231 |
| Special Street | 40,180 | | 48,000 | | 129,200 | | |
| Special Parks & Recreation | 11,213 | | 4,000 | | 5,590 | | |
| Gateway Civic Center | 197,811 | | 218,900 | | 181,820 | | |
| Tourism and Convention | 4,015 | | 4,600 | | 4,600 | | |
| Sewer & Disposal | 104,829 | | 360,310 | | 509,503 | | |
| Electric Fund | 1,224,710 | | 2,012,319 | | 1,559,856 | | |
| Water Fund | 287,260 | | 399,408 | | 381,815 | | |
| Sappa Valley Youth Ranch | 67,729 | | 73,000 | | 81,000 | | |
| Community Growth Fund | 846 | | 50,000 | | 50,000 | | |
| Risk Management Fund | 430 | | | | | | |
| Equipment Fund | 12,321 | | | | | | |
| Totals | 2,889,755 | 67.896 | 4,122,468 | 67.130 | 3,943,579 | 507,955 | 73.498 |
| Less: Transfers | 313,60 | | 317,60 | | 341,600 | | |
| Net Expenditure | 2,576,155 | | 3,804,868 | | 3,601,979 | | |
| Total Tax Levied | 470,361 | | 466,362 | | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | | |
| Assessed Valuation | 6,927,716 | | 6,955,094 | | 6,911,055 | | |
| Outstanding Indebtedness, | | | | | | | |
| January 1, | 2003 | | 2004 | | 2005 | | |
| G.O. Bonds | 1,031,333 | | 1,989,133 | | 1,882,244 | | |
| Revenue Bonds | 220,000 | | 190,000 | | 155,000 | | |
| Other | 1,245,000 | | 200,000 | | 200,000 | | |
| Lease Purchase Principal | 63,451 | | 46,657 | | 19,507 | | |
| Total | 2,559,784 | | 2,425,790 | | 2,256,751 | | |

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Deanna M. Castle
 City Clerk

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