

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Dorothy and Eldon Dyer, of Manhattan, were weekend guests of her son and family, Randy and Kristin McHugh.

Greg Marney of Rossville suffered a heart attack on Thursday morning. His wife is the former Sheila Grafel, daughter of Norma Grafel of Herndon and the late Harlan Grafel. Mail will reach him at his home at 7113 NW Arn Road, Rossville, Kan., 66533.

Among those from out-of-town who attended funeral services on Saturday for Marlene Johnson at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin were Holly and Aspen Gallentine, Amarillo, Texas; Sam and Tiffani O'Toole, Peyton and Parker, McCook; Kerry Louderback, Imperial, Neb.; Alex Louderback, Kearney, Neb.; and Evan and Judy Goltz, Hill City. She was a sister of Ardith Louderback of Oberlin.

Dave and Patricia Tongish of Newton spent Monday and Tuesday at the home of her parents, Gene and Marcella Leitner, and his father, Denis Tongish of Herndon.

Dennis Shirley was transferred to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., on Saturday from Decatur County Hospital and is in the intensive care unit. Mail will reach him at the hospital, 31st and Central, Kearney, Neb., 68847.

**—Are your parents growing older in a city? Wheat Ridge Terrace Retirement Apartments could be your answer. Come visit and meet the family. 785-475-1000. 50-51**

Weekend guests of Thaniel and Jennifer Monaco and family were her parents, Lynn and Wanda Pierce of Stafford. They came to see their grandchildren perform in their church and school programs.

Guests of Luetta Pollnow for pizza on Sunday were Amanda and Shane Johnson, Dodge City; Sam and Diana Steinmetz, Gary Matheny, and Kay and Andy Chambers. The Johnsons were also overnight guests. Other callers during the week were Cecil and Annette Bailey of Leoti, and Dennis and Peggy Kennedy of Culbertson.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner attended the wedding of their grandson, Dustin Sullivan, to Katrina Jones at

Plainville on Nov. 26. He is the son of John and Karla Sullivan of Colby and Katrina is the daughter of Terry and Darla Jones of Plainville.

Kathy Brainard and Joann Neidenthal were Thursday supper guests of Ruby Wennihan.

Visiting Stuart and Mary Henzel for an extended Thanksgiving holiday were their children, Jim, Connie and Jake Henzel, Holdenville, Okla.; Richard Henzel and Sharon Goshorn, Pensacola, Fla.; and Brian Henzel, San Diego, Calif.

Saturday guests of Doris Fringer for supper and cards were Janice Kurth, Imperial, Neb.; Dwayne and Twila Scott, Wathena; Dick and Linda Weber, and Judy Scott. The Dwayne Scotts came especially to attend the 90th birthday open house for Edwin Black.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Floyd Edgett, Veanna Carman and Max Carman. Lows went to Floyd Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet, Wilma May, Max Carman, Marie McKisson and Henry Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Wilma May and Floyd Edgett. Bridge winners were Charlotte Meints and Merle Shirley. A senior citizens Christmas potluck will be held at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center with ham furnished.

Marjorie Law left Saturday for her home in Lakewood, Colo., after visiting 10 days with her mother, Fern Jording. Mrs. Jording had spent two weeks earlier with Phil and Marjorie Law.

Cecil Hess spent the weekend with Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica in St. Francis to help Jessica celebrate her fifth birthday.

Funeral services were held for Agnes A. Mindrup, 92, formerly of New Almelo, on Dec. 7 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in McCook. She was born March 31, 1913, in rural Norton County, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Silke) Mindrup, and died Dec. 2, 2005. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery in New Almelo. A sister-in-law, Anna Mindrup, Salina, survives.

## Tacos offered before game

Supporting Our Schools will sponsor a taco-bar fund raiser from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday before the St. Francis-Oberlin basketball game in the Decatur Community High School cafeteria. They will

offer tacos with all the fixings, along with desserts and beverages.

Proceeds will go to pay for "Fun Night" events sponsored by the group throughout the year. The next Fun Night will be in February.

## Area band to perform Sunday

The Oberlin Area Concert Band will give its winter concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Morgan Theater in The Gateway.

The concert will include a xylophone duet by Gary Anderson and Mary Jo Lohofener, "Serenade for a Picket Fence." Joan Glading will be featured on her alto saxophone when the band plays "The Saxophone Rag."

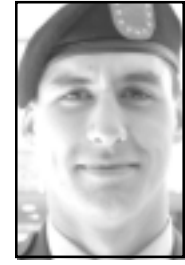
Other numbers include "West Highlands Sojourn," "With Quiet Courage," "Trail of Tears," "Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz," "Jamaican Rumba," "The Christmas Suite" and "Christmas Music for Winds."

Other band members include Christi Morris and Rhonda May, flute; Kim Langness, Cheryl Metcalf, and Pam May, clarinet; Robyn Rouse, bassoon; Ken Morris, trombone; Joy Russell, percussion; Lonnie Weyeneth, Kelly Shields, Joanne Wendelin, Chenaniah Langness, Kathy Almquist and Jodi Votapka, French horn; Leslie Jones, baritone; and Robert Rouse, tuba.

This program, which was originally scheduled on Nov. 28, was put off due to the blizzard. Any instrumentalist is welcome to join the band, said director Neal Russell.

## Man completes training

Brett K. Keck, a graduate of Decatur Community High School, graduated from the Army's 14-week basic and advance infantry training in Fort Benning, Ga., on Dec. 2.



Brett Keck

His father, Brad Erickson, Rexford and grandmother, Jane Keck, Colby, attended his Turning Blue ceremony and graduation. He accompanied them home and is on leave visiting at the home of Brad and Angie Erickson, Regent, Tabor and new sister, Rayne Dawnelle, born Dec. 3.

His first tour of duty will be a year at Camp Casey in South Korea.

## Couple helps men in storm

Don and Goldie Stapp said they heard sounds around 4 a.m. on Thursday morning during the recent snowstorm.

Mr. Stapp said when he got up and looked out the window, he discovered a pickup with two elderly men from South Dakota stuck in a drift in front of their home on North Martin. The road had been cleared, but the winds had drifted it nearly shut.



**CEDARLIVING CENTER RESIDENT** Lowell Sebaugh (left) enjoyed a Christmas cookie party at a cookie decorating party on Saturday, Dec. 3, along with a visit from Kristin O'Hare and son Parker Rylan "Santa" Stragey. Dr. Elizabeth Sliter was joined by a group of elves to help residents decorate the cookies.

—Photo by Rose Eskew

## Churches plan Christmas services

The birth of the Christ Child will be celebrated in churches throughout the area in message, Masses, programs and music. Here is a list of services reported to us, compiled by *The Herald* staff:

**OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**  
A Christmas candlelight communion service will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

**LUND COVENANT**  
The children's program and a candlelight service will be presented at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day services will begin at 10:30 a.m.

**OBERLIN COVENANT**  
Christmas Day services will begin at 8 a.m.

**JENNINGS, DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST**  
A Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 4 p.m. at Jennings and at 6:30 p.m. at the Dresden church. There will be no services on Sunday.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN**  
The children will present their Christmas program at 7 p.m. on Sunday. Christmas Eve services begin at 7 p.m. and services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day. New Year's Eve services are scheduled at 7 p.m.

**FAITH LUTHERAN**  
The children will present a Christmas program during morning wor-

ship at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. There will be a Christmas Eve candlelight service of carols and Holy Communion at 7 p.m. On Christmas Day and New Year's Day services will be held at 9:30 a.m.

**UNITED METHODIST PRAIRIE CHAPEL**

Oberlin United Methodist Church Christmas program was held on Sunday evening. The Doug Hasty family will host an open house at the parsonage for the Oberlin and Prairie Chapel congregations from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The children's program, "A Wonderful Gift," will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday at Prairie Chapel. A Christmas Eve candlelight service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve at the Oberlin church.

**UNITED CHURCH**  
A Christmas Eve communion service will begin at 5:30 p.m. No services are planned on Christmas Day.

**HERNDON COVENANT**  
The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented at 7 p.m. on Sunday. A Christmas Eve service is planned at 11 p.m.

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART LEOVILLE SELDEN SACRED HEART**  
A Christmas Mass will begin at

5:30 p.m. at Oberlin Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and at 8 p.m. at Leoville on Christmas Eve, and at 8 a.m. in Selden on Christmas Day. New Year's Eve Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Selden. New Year's Day Masses on Sunday begin at 8 a.m. in Oberlin and at 10:30 a.m. at Leoville.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC**  
Christmas Mass is scheduled on Sunday morning in Herndon.

**UNITED METHODIST NORCATUR, CLAYTON**  
Christmas Eve services and the children's Christmas program will be presented at 5 p.m. at the Norcatour United Methodist Church with Christmas Day services at 10 a.m. Christmas Eve services at Clayton will begin at 7 p.m. and Christmas Day services at 11 a.m.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
A Christmas program will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday. The Christmas Eve candlelight service is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. with Christmas Day services at 11 a.m.

**Graduation Open House**  
for  
**Spring Diederich**  
8 p.m. to Midnight  
Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005 at 312 N. York  
*Come help Spring celebrate her accomplishments!*

## Women's club to meet

McCook Christian Women's Club will meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday at the Best Western Poolside in McCook.

Speaker will Susan Biskup of Orleans, Neb. Featured will be Central Connection Youth, who will be performing Christmas songs. Director is Edie Caldwell.

Reservations are due today by calling Dollie at (308) 345-4011 or LaVonne at (308) 345-1749.

## Club News

### Neighbors hold dinner

Thirty-seven members and guests met at The Gateway for the annual Royal Neighbors Christmas dinner on Saturday. Guests included several from the McCook and Norcatour Camps.

building the homes, most of which are two- or three-bedroom houses. They also told of the poverty and living conditions of the people and their appreciation for what is being done for them.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts presented an interesting program about their work for Casas por Christo (houses for Christ). They explained the procedure used in

Lyman Crawly and Dorothy Woods drew the door prizes.

The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Dec. 16 in at Golden Age Center.

### Club has Christmas party

Zeta Nu Club met at the home of Mary Waldo for its Christmas party and December meeting.

won a Christmas bowl as a hostess gift.

White Elephant gifts were exchanged and hand-made crafts were shared. Charlotte Meints

The January meeting will be at the home of Florence Vavroch and will include the annual meeting and election of officers.

## Club hears inspiring speaker

Charles Haag presented a video, "If you can't stand up, stand out!!!" by motivational speaker Mike Schlappi when the Oberlin Rotary Club met on Nov. 29.

Mr. Schlappi was involved in a gun accident as a teenager which, he said, put an end to all of his dreams and athletic goals. He later fulfilled a goal to participate in the Olympics as a handicapped basketball player.

Guests were Rotarian Dennis

Riggs of Phillipsburg, Sara Hasty, Bradley Blake and Lindsay Haynes. Junior Rotarians were Kegan Macfee and Nikki Lincoln.

Ryan Unger spoke at the Dec. 6 meeting and shared information about a trip he and his family took recently to the plantations of Williamsburg and Harrisonburg, Va.

Junior Rotarians were Sarah Marcuson and Bret Marietta.

## New Arrival

### Rayne Dawnelle Erickson

Brad and Angie Erickson of Rexford are the parents of a daughter, Rayne Dawnelle, born Dec. 3, 2005, at Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, and was 19 1/2 inches long. She has three brothers, Brett, Regent and Tabor. Grandparents are Jane Keck and Phil Keck, Colby; and Ron and Marlene Erickson, Rexford. Eva Keck, Colby, is a great-grandmother.



R. Erickson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRUCE!  
You are very precious and special to us!

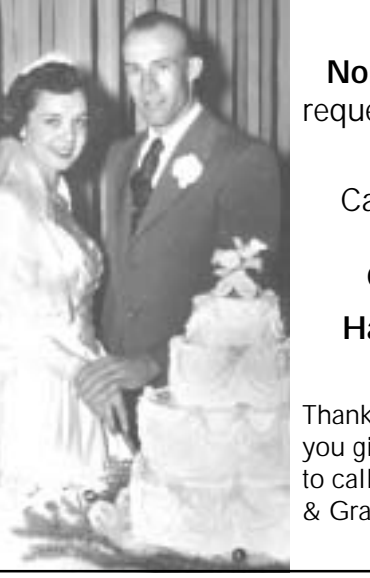
NOTE TO THE COMMUNITY: December 17th is a special birthday for Bruce!

Please make his day an extraordinary one by personally congratulating him or by sending your well-wishes to Bruce at 105 S. Griffith, Oberlin.

BRUCE, THANKS FOR BEING SUCH AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR LIVES!



Bruce G. Guinn, Jr.



The family of **Norman & Julie Gallentine** request a card shower for their 55th Anniversary.

Cards will reach them at: RR2, Box 167, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

**Happy 55th Anniversary**  
December 27, 1950

Thank you for the love and prayers you give our family. We are blessed to call you Dad & Mom; Granddad & Grandme —  
— With love from all of us.

ON JANUARY 29, 1961 JUDITH SLOAN AND DENNIS SHIRLEY WERE UNITED IN MARRIAGE. THE CHILDREN OF THIS UNION, VICKI WALDRON, PATRICK SHIRLEY, AND BECKY BARLOW, ENCOURAGE THEIR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS TO CONGRATULATE THEM IN THIS MILESTONE OF 45 YEARS OF MARRIAGE BY PARTICIPATING IN A CARD SHOWER BY US MAIL OR EMAIL. PLEASE SEND ANY STORIES, ANECDOTES, PICTURES, EXPERIENCES THAT YOU HAVE HAD WITH OUR PARENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:  
JUDY & DENNIS SHIRLEY  
106 N. ANTELOPE  
OBERLIN, KS 67749  
OR EMAIL:  
JUDYDENNISANNI@YAHOO.COM  
THANKS FOR YOUR KIND WORDS AND LOVE.  
Vicki, Patrick, and Becky



*The children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Dale and Eris Young want to honor them with a card shower on their 60th Wedding Anniversary December 28, 2005. Cards may be sent to: Dale and Eris Young 310 North Beaver, Oberlin, KS 67749*