

THE OBERLIN HERALD - People in Our Community

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Virginia (Roedel) Dickinson underwent surgery at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka on Jan. 9. She is a 1951 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Mail will reach her at 11690 Ferguson Road, Osawatie, Kan., 66070.

Deanne Spanier, former band teacher in Oberlin, has returned to work as band instructor for the Goodland schools. She underwent surgery for a brain tumor in October and returned to work after Christmas. She said she can't smell anything or taste onions or cinnamon, and though she has some shaking of her hands, the doctors think that will improve. She has three sons, Justin and Lindsey Spanier, Macy and Liam, Garden City; Shane Spanier, Goodland; and Adam and Andrea (Marshall) Spanier, both Decatur Community High School graduates, of Lawrence.

Graveside services were held on Saturday afternoon at the Trenton Cemetery at Trenton, Neb., for Chloe Eva Steinke, 88, a former Oberlin resident, who died Jan. 12. She and her late husband, Delbert Steinke, lived in Oberlin from 1958 to 1977 when he worked as parts manager at Anderson and Son Hardware and Implement.

Mark Merriott of Oberlin, a freshman at Dodge City Community College, has been named to the President's Honor Roll, with a 4.0 grade point average. He is majoring in fire science and is the son of Jim and Nancy Merriott of Oberlin. His father is sports editor for *The Oberlin Herald*.

LaVerna Sallans, Aurora, Neb., and son, Dale Sallans and Nate, O'Neill, Neb., visited last Tuesday with her sister, Elaine Bryan. They were joined for lunch by another sister and her husband, Shirley and Bill Jones of Quinter. All visited John and Mildred Grafel at Herndon Tuesday afternoon.

—Seafood Buffet, Friday, Jan. 20, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Deanna Hanschild returned home

Sunday from 29 Palms, Calif., where she spent five weeks during the holidays with her husband, Jesse Hanschild, and daughter, Annette Hanschild and Alena. They also visited her son, David Wachendorfer, Nicholas, Garrett and Colin at Roseville. Her husband retired while she was there after working 33 years for the National Park Service.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Veanna Carman, Aleen Van Vleet, Henry Edgett, Merle Shirley and Barb Solko. Lows went to Floyd Edgett, Wilma May, Aleen Van Vleet, Doris Gilbert and Max Carman. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Barb Solko with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet. Bridge winners were Merle Shirley and Dorothy Cochran.

April Ann Wolters of Manhattan was a Friday dinner guest of her grandparents, Gus and Elsie Wolters.

Landon Richards was honored with a party on Saturday afternoon at the home of his parents, Cody and LaDonna Richards, in observance of his fifth birthday. Guests were Gary and Marsha Richards, Spring Diederich, Norma Richards, and Lynn Boyd, Oberlin; Marilyn Henke, Manhattan; and Elizabeth Boyd and Eric Groneweg, Kearney, Neb.

David Morris, a freshman at Hastings College in Hastings, Neb., will play percussion when the Hastings College Department of Theater Arts and Music presents George Kaufman's "Hollywood Pinafore," at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2, 3 and 4, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 5, in Scott Studio Theater. His parents are Ken and Christie Morris of Oberlin.

Carol Gethins of Haysville was a houseguest over the weekend of her mother, Laurene Van Otterloo.

Starla Russ of Columbia, Mo., came Saturday to visit her parents, Richard and Clara Russ, and other relatives.

Woman writes Christian book

A Hoxie woman, Twila Bainter, recently published her first book, "Carnal, Flaky and Unstable Christians" in which she relates her story of being molested by a Sunday School teacher when she was young.



T. Bainter

She said this experience led to years of rebellion against the Word of God, but finally she discovered God's mercy, patience and love and has become a Christian. She has been in the music ministry for 35 years and a Bible teacher of women's groups.

"Many of us struggle to become more Christ-like and faithful, but our lives often don't reflect the message of our religion," she said. "I know the temptations and sins that are faced each day, but I found salvation through prayer and revelation. In the book, I try to show the readers how their paths can also be turned around to find God's truth for their lives."

In the book, Mrs. Bainter focuses directly on real-life issues that cause failure in achieving happiness and fulfillment, using scripture to emphasize her points.

The author offers a spiritual recipe for finding the will of God and, in turn, achieving spiritual enlightenment. She said the writings in

the book about "carnal, flaky and unstable Christians" are part of her own autobiography.

She and her husband, Jim, were leaders and elders in the church for many years and also taught youth groups. She said that they have seen both sides: the genuine and the flaky.

"We have gained so much knowledge, wisdom and insight through our own mistakes and experiences, and also by witnessing the mistakes and failures of other Christians and leaders during this time," she said.

The couple lived on a farm in the Dresden area before moving to Hoxie. He is a mail carrier and sheriff's deputy for the Hoxie area and they have been married for 38 years. She teaches piano in her home.

They have a son, Gary, and his wife, Stefanie; a daughter, Brenda, and her husband, Richard, as well as two grandchildren.

"My main purpose for writing the book is to help others avoid the consequences of sin by sharing my testimony," Mrs. Bainter said.

The book sells for \$14.95. Call Mrs. Bainter at (785) 675-2211, or e-mail her at jimtwila@ruraltel.net.

Comedian to perform

Oberlin Arts and Humanities will sponsor Sam Griesbaum, a stand-up comedian, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Morgan Theater of The Gateway.

Mr. Griesbaum is not new to the stand-up arena; he has performed at colleges and clubs across the country with great response for over 20 years.

He describes his style as laid-back and down-home. A country boy dealing with the hazards of modern life, he offers a common-sense approach to problems and strange situations. He draws on real life for most of his humor, discussing family, farming, hunting, fishing, politics, kids, married life and all points in between.

The comedian has shared the stage with country acts including the Oakridge Boys, Brooks and Dunn,

Louise Mandrel, Patty Lovelace, Reba McIntire, the Sons of the Desert, Toby Keith, Marty Stewart, Tracy Lawrence, Aaron Tippin, Tim McGraw, John Michael Montgomery, REO Speedwagon, Pride, Collin Raye, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Lone Star and Black Hawk Charlie.

He has appeared on Showtime's National Lampoon comedy special, A&E's "An Evening at the Improv," Comedy Central, TNN's Statler Brothers Show, TNN's "Comedy Round-up," TNN's "Music City Tonight with Crook and Chase," and TNN's "Prime Time Country."

This is a season ticket event, or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students grades 1-12 at the door. For details, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel, (785) 475-3329.

Christian women plan breakfast

JoAnn Lantzer of Imperial, Neb., will tell her experience of finding her birth family at the McCook Christian Women's Club continental breakfast from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday at the Best Western Poolside Motel, 612 West B Street

in McCook.

Terry Peterson will present "All That Sparkles" as the feature.

Make reservations today by calling Dollie at (308) 345-4011 or Lavonne at 345-1749.

Club News

Auxiliary sends goodies

Oberlin American Legion Post Auxiliary met on Jan. 11 at the Legion. Four officers and four members were present and packed goodies to be sent to the platoon in Iraq, along with Valentine greetings for each of the 16 members. This is an ongoing project of the unit and more will be sent later.

It was noted that there are now 111 auxiliary members, not 145,

as reported earlier. District letters were read and made available.

The next meeting will be a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 8. Junior girls who are interested in going to Girls State will speak. Members are encouraged to attend as delegates will be chosen. Family members of the girls are also welcome to attend. Mary Lohofener will be in charge of the program.

Women hear of missions

Ethel Railsback presented the program on prayer and self-denial when Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the LandMark Inn on Jan. 5. Members read about different missions around the world, including our own community, which are sponsored by the church and United Methodist Women. Co-hostesses were Rowena Cathcart and Carolyn Hackney.

Lucille Townsend conducted

the meeting and five members answered roll call with a favorite president. Devotions were given by Phyllis Metcalf who read from the book "Prairie Wisdom," as well as a New Year's poem and prayer.

A one-time Bible study was planned at Prairie Chapel Church with the Oberlin United Church at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15.

There will be no meeting in February.

Members elect new officers

Zeta Nu Club met at the home of Mary Waldo for its annual meeting and election of officers on Thursday with 13 members present.

Officers elected include: Janice Winters, president; Mary Henzel, vice president; Florence Vavroch, secretary; and Lois Fredrickson, treasurer.

Mrs. Waldo gave a book review and shared several amusing stories from "Help Lord, I'm Having

A Senior Moment" by Karen O'Connor.

Following the meeting, members went to the home of Erlene Schoer for refreshments. President Eloise Smith won the hostess gift.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Marian Fraker followed by a tour of Creative Dimensions. The club will entertain residents with birthdays in March at Cedar Living Center.

Club enjoys family stories

"Little Blue Angel" was the devotional read by Joan Evans when Pi Alpha Club met at her home on Jan. 9. Her daughter, Kristy Evans, was co-hostess.

The 14 members present enjoyed a "Show and Tell" program with a wide variety of family sto-

ries, pictures and exhibits. Marty Olson won the hostess gift.

Joyce Ploussard, assisted by Ila Ray, will host the Jan. 23 meeting at the Golden Age Center with a quilt theme. Members may bring a quilt of special interest to them if they wish.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends enjoyed breakfast together on Jan. 11 at the Frontier Restaurant. Eula Juenemann read "New Year's Prayer."

Those present were Alice Shirley, Doris Sloan, Phyllis Screen, Eula Juenemann, Mary Ann Amack, Nadean Stoney, Millie Lippelmann, Bertha

Schwisow, Cecil Hess, Norma Richards, Elaine Thomas, Barbara Castor, Doris Fringer, Martha Fringer, Mildred Holmdahl, Eileene Grose, Dorothy Jackson, Esther Carlson and Delphyn Biggs.

The Feb. 8 meeting will be a Valentine treat at 3 p.m. at the LandMark Inn.

Rotary hears Boys Stater

Denton Bailey shared his experiences from Boys State at the Jan. 3 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. He was introduced by Rusty Adleman.

Mr. Bailey said daily projects were assigned to participants and he was appointed as a judge to hear various cases. He said there were patriotic activities, team sports, and some influential speakers.

He said he has been nominated by U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran to attend the military academy at West Point. He said he felt honored to be nominated and has always wanted to attend a service academy.

Mr. Adleman said he wanted to clarify a story in *The Oberlin Herald* about the undefeated 1955 football team. He said there was an undefeated football team at Decatur Community High School in 1930 and maybe one before that. He thanked Superintendent Kelly Glodt and Principal Charles Haag for recognizing the 1955 team.

Guests were Janice Shobe and Kay Brown, along with Junior Rotarians Danica May and Scott

Miller.

During the Jan. 10 meeting, Decatur Community High School students who attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy near Great Bend in July gave the program. They were introduced by Gary Anderson.

Karli Fredrickson, Andy Gilliam and Kyle Glodt spoke of the value of experiences at the camp, as well as the physical activities they performed, along with writing a paper for college credit.

Speakers included Judge Tom Webb, who talked about how you can make a difference, academy founder Odetta Marietta, and Father Mike Scully, who talked about how important teens are.

Tentative date for Rotary Radio Day is Sunday, March 12. The Rotary Club's third-grade dictionary presentation was scheduled on Monday at Oberlin Elementary School.

Guests were Rosemary Gaede, sister of Joe Stanley, and Sue Glodt. Junior Rotarians were Gabe Moore and Tika Hall.

Student named to council

Kim Wessel, a junior at Decatur Community High School, has been named the new representative for the west vicariate of the Catholic Youth Organization.



Kim Wessel

She is a member of the Immaculate Conception Church at Leoville and plays volleyball, basketball and track, and is also involved in speech, Drama Club, plays, D-Club, FFA, Kayettes, and journalism, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

She said, "I am very excited to be on the Youth Council this year because my sister, Amy Wessel, and three of my cousins, Kami, Mark

and Matt Pianalto, from Goodland, have said how much fun it is. I also have lots of ideas for this year.

"One of the most important things I would like to see happen is everyone talking about their faith more. God is awesome and I think we should be able to express the way we feel about God by actions and words with our peers....

Remember, the Lord is always with you, so don't be afraid."

Wessel is president of the Catholic Youth Organization in Leoville. Her parents are William and Carol Wessel of Dresden.

Diabetic group to meet

The diabetic support group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the multipurpose room at Community Hospital in McCook.

Darcie Johnson, a registered nurse at the hospital, will talk on fall prevention and how this relates to the diabetic patient. Monica Wacker, certified diabetic instructor,

will conduct the meeting.

The group is open to diabetics, those with pre-diabetes, or anyone interested in learning more about diabetes. There is no charge to attend.

Pre-registration is not necessary. Call Ms. Wacker at (308) 345-8539 for details.

Band concert next Tuesday

The Decatur Community High School band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday in the au-

ditorium. Band director is Christie Morris. The public is invited.

New Arrivals

Hailey Elizabeth Allen

James and Carrie Allen of Lake-wood, Calif., are the parents of their first child, Hailey Elizabeth, born at 4:41 p.m. on Jan. 9, 2006, in Fountain Valley, Calif. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her grandparents are Gary and Toni Whitney, Huntington Beach, Calif., and Jim and Sandy Allen, Littleton, Colo. Great-grandparents are Mike and Diane Leone, Laguna Woods, Calif., and Nora Bearley, Oberlin, and the late John R. Bearley.



Hailey Allen

Dara May Kinion

Brian and Elizabeth Kinion of Salina are the parents of a daughter, Dara May, born Dec. 5, 2005. Grandparents are Ben and Shannon Richardson, and Debbie Grasser, all of Salina, and Richard and Carol Kinion, Douglass. Great-grandparents are Opal Kinion and Walter Bernhardt, Salina; Jeanette and Vernon Diederich, Oberlin; and Karen Kramp, Ellinwood.

Bradley Joseph Neff

Darin and Amy Neff are the parents of a son, Bradley Joseph, born Jan. 9, 2006, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln, Neb. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Jack and Bev Pedersen, Manhattan, and Ron and Lois Neff, Selden.

A Reminder ...
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