

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Norman and Lorraine Clouse of Ogallala, Neb., visited her sister, Lois Lamb, on Wednesday. They were on the way to Dallas to visit the women's brother, George and Sadie Jordan, and planned to go to Smoky Mountain, Tenn., to vacation and then visit their daughter in Atlanta.

Connie Grafel went to Yuma, Colo., on Friday afternoon to visit her sister, Carole Unger, and pick up her niece, Cindy Traphagen and son, Austin, who accompanied her to the Colorado University-K-State game in Boulder. Mary Groneweg, Denver, joined them for the weekend. On Sunday morning Connie Holt, Longmont, Colo., and her daughter Elizabeth, and granddaughter Ailene, who were visiting from San Diego came to Boulder to visit Connie Grafel before they returned home.

Paul and Dottie Holliday and their sons, Mitch Holliday, and Mike Holiday and Jake, Palestine, Texas, came Thursday to visit relatives for a week. They are houseguests of his sister, Nora Bell Manning.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson, and Gail and Kay Marcuson, Oberlin, and Sarah Marcuson, Pittsburg, spent Friday and Saturday with Rick, Sally and Grady Marcuson in Overland Park. Additional guests on Saturday were Leslie Marcuson and Ryan Nelson, Topeka. On Saturday, they attended the Pittsburg State-

Northwest Missouri State game in Arrowhead Stadium and watched Sarah perform with the "Pride of the Plains" Pittsburg State Marching Band. On Sunday, the Gail and Brad Marcusons had lunch with Leslie and Ryan in Topeka, then visited Raymond Linn in Manhattan, en route home.

Erin Rogers, senior, of Selden and Logan Glaze, sophomore, of Oberlin were among 15 students from the Department of Agriculture at Fort Hays State University who toured the Kansas City Board of Trade recently. Dr. Andrew Novotorov, assistant professor of agribusiness, accompanied them. The trip is required for students' degrees in agribusiness. They visited the corn house and learned the procedure for taking orders and the process of buying and selling in agriculture.

—Seafood Buffet 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, LandMark Inn. 475-2340 for reservations.

Dale and Eris Young and their daughter, Candy Dejmaj, spent Saturday, Oct. 29, in Manhattan with Dr. Gary and Nancy Young to help him celebrate his 60th birthday. They were joined there by Ryan and Christy Dejmaj and Evan of the Kansas City area.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Max Carman, Floyd Edgett,

Henry Edgett, Doris Fringer, Wilma May and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Wilma May, Doris Fringer, Elden Haas, Veanna Carman, Merle Shirley and Aleen Van Vleet. Pitch highs were won by Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet. Bridge winners were Cynthia Matson, Judy Shirley, Phyllis Lohofener and Annette Miller.

Kristi Smith of Oberlin and Peg Smith, and Shane and Deb Smith of McCook went to Grand Island, Neb., on Sunday to meet President George W. Bush, who was there on a campaign speaking engagement.

Capt. Tanner Woolsey, who is presently stationed at Warner Robins Air Force Base, Ga., is visiting his parents, Bob and Terri Woolsey. His wife, Kaori, is visiting her family in Japan.

Those who enjoyed supper on Sunday at the home of June Fortin were Dottie and Paul Holliday, Mitch Holliday, and Mike Holiday and Jake, Palestine, Texas; Joyce and David Juenemann and Lucas, Selden; Donnie and Brooke McCorkle, Caitlyn and Carrick, and Terry McCorkle and Danae, McCook; Daniel and Shannon McCorkle, Maywood, Neb.; Melissa Nelson, Stockton; Marla Kehler, Loveland, Colo.; and Jay and Shelli Fortin, Josh and Jacob, Jamie and Lisa Fortin, Lindsay, Lance, Lauren and Logan, Roger and Jane Carlisle and John, Jack and Donna Fortin and Angie, Kendal and Amy Carman, Isaac, Patience and Moriah, Mrs. Walt Fortin and Ryan, Channing Farr, and Jeb and Brady Fortin, all of Oberlin.

Oberlin man chosen to lead Honor Band

Neal Russell, retired Oberlin band teacher, directed the Northwest Kansas Music Educators Association Junior High Honor Band at Hays High School on Saturday.



Neal Russell

The association's Mini-Convention Concert also included junior high vocal and high school jazz band students.

Mr. Russell graduated from Lawrence High School, attended the University of Kansas and graduated from Fort Hays State University with bachelor's and master's degrees in music education. He also taught in a private school in Great Bend while at Fort Hays.

After graduating, he accepted a high school band position at Victoria, then two years later moved to Oberlin, where he was band director at both schools until retiring in 2000 after 35 years of teaching.

His junior and senior high bands consistently received top ratings at contests, along with many solos and ensembles, which often brought home top honors from the state music festivals.

In 1998, he was awarded the association's Honored Educator Award. In 2000, his high school band received the top trophy at a Worlds of Fun competition.

He instituted the light show for the Oberlin marching band which is now a tradition. Professionally, he is a member of the Kansas Music Educators Association, Kansas Band Association and Phi Beta Mu. He is a member of the Oberlin Rotary Club and directs the Oberlin United Methodist Church choir.

Since retiring, he has judged contests in Kansas and Nebraska and also has been a clinician at schools and guest conductor at band clinics in the area.

"Mentoring young, beginning band directors is something I also enjoy," Mr. Russell said.

He was the driving force behind formation of an adult concert band in Oberlin and is now director of the group.

"I am impressed by the musicality of this year's band students and their willingness to work and work hard to get the concert ready in such a short period of time," he said, adding that he enjoyed seeing some "grandband" kids, grandchildren of former students.

Pieces chosen for this concert included "Russian Folk Rhapsody" by Piato; "Two Hebrew Folk Songs" by Ward; "Strike Up the Band" by Balent; "1812 Excerpts from the Overture" by Jurrrens and "Revenge of the Dust Bunnies" by Adams.

"It was a demanding concert for the students, but they met the challenge and the concert was a real treat for the audience," he said.

Junior high band students in this district send in audition tapes and then the best are selected for the band experience.

Those from Oberlin included Amanda Marshall, flute; Jacob Helm, clarinet; Megan Wentz, alto saxophone; Samantha Anderson, French horn; Nolan Henningson and Kiah Blau, trumpet; Katie Glading, Jacob Larue, Bret Ashley, trombone; and Chad Williams and Tim Larson, percussion.

Teens to sponsor 'Edge'

Oberlin Teens for Christ will sponsor its monthly "Edge" session from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at The Gateway for the "2nd Ever TFC Dodgeball Tournament."

Leaders Doug and Jo Mason said the arena will be divided into three courts so they can play three games at a time. The Oberlin group will provide food as a fund raiser.

There will be a speaker at halftime and a Christian band, in which an Oberlin teen, Josiah Russ, is the drummer.

There is a \$10-per-team entry fee. Teams will have six or seven people. At least one has to be of the opposite sex. All members must be from the same school, with no more than two from each town. Team names need to be given to the group leader

by today. Volunteers are needed to help in the food booth, the Masons said, as are donations to help with the \$225 rent.

The lights, outlets, window and a new restroom have been completed at the Teens for Christ building, so the group has been meeting for fifth quarter parties following the football games.

Mike and Kelly Wasson invited the group to their farm for their annual wiener roast and hay ride recently, and the group went to a rally in Rexford. The program was given by a ministry team called "Kingdom Force" from Elim Bible Institute, the college where Eric and Cindy Scott, former Teens for Christ leaders in Oberlin, now work.

Watch for the holiday Christmas and New Year's special sections filled with greetings, letters to Santa and stories.



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