

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

People in Our Community

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Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Jerry Reith, 52, oldest son of Fred and Connie (Sanders) Reith of Chico, Calif., who died Friday at South San Francisco, Calif. His parents are former residents and teachers in Oberlin. Fred is a brother of Evelyn May and Dorothy Moore. Among other survivors are his wife, Sunia, and three brothers and their families.

Kelly Wasson was honored with a western theme baby shower at the home of Sandy Fair on Saturday, Feb. 10. Co-hostesses were Bonnie Anderson and Kay Moon. The little buckaroo is due around the first of March, gender unknown. Approximately 25 guests attended including Kelly's mother, Kimmi Lewis of La Junta, Colo., and a friend, Lucinda Schlessener of North Platte, Neb., who also braved the weather to attend.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner and their daughter, Karla Sullivan of Colby, attended funeral services on Friday in Greeley, Colo., for Mrs. Leitner's brother, Claude E. Runyan, who died on Feb. 13.

—Sweet Prairie Fire Dinner concert w/Amy Carman and Angie Fortin. \$20/ticket includes dinner, dessert and concert, Sunday, Feb. 25, 6 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Gene Lindemann of Littleton, Colo., visited a few days last week with his mother, Vera Lindemann.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Doris Miller, Dorothy Moore, Barb Solko, Aleen Van Vleet, Veanna Carman and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Max Carman, Veanna Carman, Floyd Edgett,

Henry Edgett and Donna Kent. There will be open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday.

—Scholarship pancake and sausage feed Tuesday, March 13, 5:30 p.m. American Legion. Free-will offering. 07-09

Katrina Neal was honored with a supper and party on Saturday evening at the home of her parents, Kendal and Tammy Neal, to celebrate her first birthday. Guests were Jack and Mary Gutchewsky and Dale Allacher, Herndon; Varlan and Catherine Neal, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky and Gavin, Kearney, Neb.; Joel and Sarah Uerling and Addyson, McCook, and Tony and Kayla Korte and family, Rexford.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Peña, Ian and Ella were Friday to Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters. A belated Christmas was celebrated.

Kerrie Olson, a 2004 Decatur Community High School graduate and a senior at Fort Hays State University, has accepted a \$100 Marie R. and James V. Burchett Scholarship for the spring 2007 semester. She is majoring in elementary education. Her parents are Randy and Sharon Olson.

—French Buffet Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Evangelist John L. Paulson, a Missionary Service Corps missionary, is doing a church plant in Selden. Services will be held at 3 p.m. every Sunday at the Selden Community Building.

Residents celebrate with party



ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR Teresa Shaughnessy helped resident Elsie Goodnight select a snack treat from a table full of goodies at the Cedar Living Center Valentine's Day party last Wednesday. — Photo by Othelia Vacura

Eighth grader chosen for trip to Deep South

Joseph Hirsch, 14, an eighth grader at Decatur Community Junior High School, has been accepted to join the Young Continentals on a trip through the deep south, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas, June 5 through Aug. 14.



Joey Hirsch

Joe, the son of Steve and Anita Hirsch of Oberlin, said he loves history, singing, being with people, having fun and learning about God. The Young Continentals, he said, travel the world reaching people for Christ through song and drama.

"I believe this is a wonderful opportunity and I would really like to go, based on all the interests I have," he said.

Mr. Hirsch said the whole trip would include singing. He said he received a I rating at the Northwest Kansas Music Contest in Colby, and he wants to share God's gift with others. Since he loves history, he said, he is looking forward to learning more about Martin Luther King

Jr., the Civil War battles and other history of the southern states.

"I love being with people," he said. "I spend a lot of time at the Good Samaritan Center just visiting. This trip would be really fun. Besides performing, we even get a day at Disney World."

Mr. Hirsch said he needs to raise \$3,500 for the trip by April 1. Anyone interested in helping may send a gift or sponsor

him for one day or more of the tour at a cost of \$75 per day. He said donors may pick their day and he will let them know what took place on their day. His family is also helping with fund raisers, he said.

"I am definitely ready for God to use me in His ministry," he said. "I also would appreciate prayer."

All gifts, he said, are tax deductible if sent to the Young Continentals, c/o Danielle Jones, Box 6972, Ventura, Calif., 93006-6972, or Joe Hirsch, Route 2, Box 185, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Student earns award

Kira Meitl of Dresden has been recognized by the United States Achievement Academy as a United States National Honor Student Award winner.



Kira Meitl

A Decatur Community High School student, she will appear in the academy's official yearbook. "Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens,

founder of the academy. "Certainly, academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

Her parents are Gary and Tina Meitl of rural Dresden. Grandparents are Donna Guinn, and Walter and Rosella Meitl, all of Oberlin.

Student gives program on trip

Andy Gilliam presented a program about a trip he won to Washington in June at the Feb. 13 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. He was introduced by his father, Lee Gilliam, program chairman.

Andy said he won the trip for an essay he entered as part of the "Government in Action Youth Tour." The group met in Topeka and toured the Kansas Capitol and the Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant and attended a Kansas City Royals game.

The group flew to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, then stayed in Crystal City, Va. They visited Ford's Theater, the National

Theater, enjoyed a bus ride through Embassy Row, and toured the Kennedy Center, National Archives and the Smithsonian Institution. They visited Congressman Jerry Moran and Sen. Pat Roberts, saw a performance by the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle team, and saw Fort Henry in Baltimore, where "The Star-Spangled Banner" was written by Francis Scott Key. Other attractions included a tour of the White House and Arlington National Cemetery.

Guests were Andy's mother, Jane Gilliam, and Christie Morris.

Ash Wednesday services planned

Area churches will observe Ash Wednesday, the traditional beginning of Lent, today.

There will be Ash Wednesday Mass at 8 a.m. at the Selden Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville and 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Oberlin. Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon.

Services will begin at 7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church and at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church.

Ash Wednesday will be observed tonight at the Oberlin Covenant Church with a supper at 6 p.m., followed by services at 7 p.m.

The United Church of Oberlin will have Ash Wednesday services, along with communion, at the 11 a.m. services on Sunday.

Farmers can get loans

Farmers in Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties, who suffered crop or livestock losses due to the winter storm Dec. 28 to 31 may apply for U.S. Farm Service Agency emergency loans.

Farm Loan Manager John C. Vogt of Norton said applications will be accepted by the agency until Sept. 24.

"Loan covering physical and/or production losses may be made at a 3.75 percent interest rate and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay," he said.

Loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes) lost through this disaster, he said. Loans covering production losses may be used to

buy feed, seed, fertilizer or livestock or to make payments on real estate and equipment debts.

"Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses," Mr. Vogt said.

To be eligible, an applicant must be operating a family-size farm or ranch, unable to get credit elsewhere and must have suffered loss from the disaster.

Farmers who suffered at least a 30 percent reduction to at least one crop enterprise may have a qualifying production loss, he said. Emergency loans cover 100 percent of qualifying losses up to \$500,000, less the outstanding principal balance of prior emergency loans.

Farmers may file an application at the Farm Service Agency office in 11640 Pineview Drive, Norton.

Man completes training



Pvt. Bishop

Pvt. Canaan G. Bishop will complete Army basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., on Friday, March 23.

He will then start Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., followed by Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga.

Pvt. Bishop, a 2005 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is the son of Terese and Greg Vontz.

World Day of Prayer March 2

The Oberlin Covenant Church will host a community World Day of Prayer observance from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, March 2.

Doors will open at 6 a.m. to all who wish to pray for community, national and world needs.

"Extended prayer is a need for our

world at this time," said Pastor Heidi Wiebe.

Participants should come when they have the time and stay as long as they want, she said.

Prayer material will be available at the church, along with coffee and refreshments.

Education workshop set

An education advocate workshop, sponsored by Families Together Inc., is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, March 5, at Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth, in Colby.

The training is designed to outline and explain the special education process and the education advocate or parent's role.

Education advocates volunteer to represent children with disabilities in the school decision-making process by becoming acquainted with the child's school history and advising on development of the child's Individualized Education Program, reviewing special education pro-

grams and acting as the child's advocate.

There is no charge for the workshop and continuing education credits are available to social workers. To register, call (785) 233-4777 or (800) 264-6343.

New Arrival



M. Erme

Mitchell Lynn Erme III

Jenifer Kump and Mitchell Erme II are the parents of a son, Mitchell Lynn Erme III, born Sept. 7, 2006, at 2:31 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 3.6 ounces and was 19 inches long. He has two sisters, Kayla, 8, and Lexie, 11 months. Grandparents are Ron and Judy Kump, Wichita; and Mitch Sr. and Leslie Erme, Cape Fair, Md. Great-grandparents are George and Cecilia Brown, Oberlin, and the late Jack Kump, and Dick and Geneva Hull, Wichita.

Art classes scheduled at Logan

An art class will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Hansen Museum in Logan.

T.R. Mathews and Sandy Seamone of Arriba, Colo., will teach, step by step, how easy it is to paint the Bob Ross way. No experience is necessary and anyone can participate.

On Saturday, the class will be painting the "Little Cowboy" and on Sunday, the "Zebra." The class is sponsored by the Hansen Museum Continuing Education Program and offered at reduced rates to the public.

For details, call (785) 689-4846 or go to www.hansenmuseum.org.

Club chooses new shirts

By HANNAHMAY

The Stick-To-It 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Feb. 11 at the Oberlin Elementary School cafeteria. Roll call was answered by naming a fact about George Washington or Abraham Lincoln.

Club members formed a committee to look into buying new T-shirts. Members will vote on T-shirt colors and designs at the March meeting. The 4-H'ers also

signed up to participate in County 4-H Day.

Christian Rittmann told about a technology camp he attended. Ryan May told about his photography project.

The Anderson, Soderlund and Wittman families brought refreshments.

Following the meeting, club members practiced their 4-H Day skit, "If You Take a Kid to 4-H."

Group has Valentine's party

Royal Neighbors of America entertained with a valentine's party at the Golden Age Center on Saturday.

Myrna Jones played piano

background music for the social gathering. Cake, valentine candy and nuts were served. A drawing for door prizes closed the afternoon.

Honor Roll

Welcome and thanks to these recent subscribers to *The Oberlin Herald*:

Mercedan Bagley, Mount Vernon, Wash.; Linda Floch, Asotin, Wash.; Keith Shaw, Tallahassee, Fla.; Julie Wurster, New Albany, Okla.; Margaret Waldo, Roswell, N.

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Colorado: John Schieferecke, Westminster.

Nebraska: Donnie and Marsha Nichols, Danbury.

Kansas: Ben Richardson, Doreen Course, Salina; and Delpha Whale, Hutchinson.

Come have a fund-raising time at

"Winter Carnival"

Bohemian Hall in the Museum
Monday, February 26th
6-8 p.m.

Food, fun and prizes for kids of all ages.

Come have a frozen Blast!

(This is to help support a Summer Mission Trip for Joseph Hirsch.)

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