

New roofing company opens office in Oberlin

By MARY LOU OLSON
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Aqua Shield Roofing and Construction has opened a shop and office at 202 W. Commercial in the former Reliance Body Shop building.

It is owned by Michael Perry, an Oberlin native, and his partner, (Luis) Angel Guzman of Rolla. Mr. Perry said the business specializes in residential and commercial roofing, including wood shakes, tile, metal and asphalt, as well as steel and vinyl siding. The business is fully insured, offers free estimates and has references available, he said.

Glen Stragey has been hired as sales manager, he said. Business hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call (785) 475-2533 anytime. Mr. Perry said he has been in the roofing business for four years, but his

partner has been with the company for 20 years. They also have offices in Hugoton and Ulysses.

Mr. Perry, a 1992 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is the son of Peggy and Vince Carswell of Oberlin. He and his wife Liz have two daughters, Audra, 5, and Aurie, 8 months. They live in Hugoton and he commutes at this time.

Mr. Perry said the firm has done roofing jobs in Oberlin, Selden, Jennings and Norcatour so far. Anyone needing a roof replaced or siding work may call the office or check with any homeowners who have had work done by them, he said.

The firm has purchased the home of Patty McIntire on South East Avenue, he said, and their six crew members will be living there. Mrs. McIntire is moving to Wichita.



Michael Perry

Woman joins realty firm

Kristin McHugh has joined broker Gary Richards at Home Range Real Estate, with offices at 601 W. Frontier Parkway in Oberlin.

She has completed training and received her sales license from the Kansas Real Estate Commission.

A 1986 graduate of Decatur Community High School, she received a Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University.

Her husband, Randy McHugh, is Decatur County undersheriff. They have three children, Jordan, a senior, and Conner, a freshman at Decatur Community High School, and Tyler, a second grader at Oberlin Elementary School.

Mrs. McHugh is the daughter of Norm Richards and Karen Metcalf.

Cook named at sale barn

Carolyn Force has been hired as the head cook at the Stockman's Cafe at the Oberlin Livestock Auction, said Jerry and Jolene Fortin, owners. She replaces L'Marie Robertson, who retired last month.

Ms. Force will begin work on Monday when sales resume following the harvest break.

She said she has been a cook for

over 40 years, including work at the Cardinal Cafe in Norcatour and Oberlin Country Club, and also works part-time at the Frontier Restaurant.

She will be assisted by her husband, Richard Kimble, and Janet Myers. Hours on Monday will be from 7 a.m. until the sale is over, she said.

Theater group to perform

The Decatur Area Community Theater Association (DATA) is considering putting on a melodrama on Saturday, Oct. 4, during Mini Sappa Day and the 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum.

The group has been inactive for several years and needs new members to continue. Any production takes a commitment of sev-

eral months from participants, said member Penny Arnoldy.

Anyone interested in helping as a performer, costume or set designer, director, or prop manager is invited to attend a meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Ms. Arnoldy's home, 605 S. Broadway in Oberlin, on Sunday.

For details call Ms. Arnoldy at (785) 475-2592, Jan Bainter, Rob McFee or any other member.

Rodeo set at Phillipsburg

The Phillipsburg Rodeo will be begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 31, Aug. 1 and 2, at the rodeo grounds north of Phillipsburg on U.S. 183.

Kansas' Biggest Rodeo usually draws reigning and past world champions. Last year, over 500 riders competed for \$94,700 in prize money. Prize money has increased nearly 50 percent in four years.

The rodeo now ranks second only to Dodge City's in the amount of money paid out to contestants. Chairman Rod Innes said the increase has been one of the rodeo

committee's goals.

"With the increase in fuel costs, it takes more money to entice a cowboy to enter your rodeo," he said. "We want to get the best cowboys and cowgirls to compete in Phillipsburg, and more prize money helps."

A free barbecue for ticket holders will start at 6 p.m. Thursday. The band Slingshot will play following the rodeo on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are available by calling (785) 543-2448 or go to www.kansasbiggestrodeo.com.

Coffee hour planned Friday

The Oberlin-Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a coffee hour from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Friday at Kelly's Home Medi-

cal, in the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center at 104 S. Penn Ave.

Coach speaks to Rotary club

Dick Ahlberg spoke about his love for the game of golf and showed slides of a recent trip to Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego to watch the U.S. Open tournament with his wife Suzanne and son Mason.

He also told of his love for Oberlin and his career as a teacher and coach, along with his experiences with former high school Principal Herschel Betts, a senior Rotarian, who hired him. Mr. Ahlberg is a Fort Hays State University graduate and has been in Oberlin since 1975.

Marilyn Noone got thanks for her year as president and her leadership to the club. She is moving to Sharon Springs with her family, transferring from First National Bank in Oberlin to the main office in Goodland.

The club donated \$250 to the Chapman Rotarians for tornado relief.

Guests were Ann Anderson, Megan Carter, Vickie Bailey, Norma Unger and Norm Tilton, a retired Air Force pilot.

People in Our Community

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Paulina (Frietsch) Rossi and Elli, Kirkkonummi, Finland, have spent the past week visiting at the home of Cheryl Votapka. Mrs. Rossi lived with the Dale Votapka family during the 1982-83 school year as a foreign exchange student. Mrs. Votapka took them to Lawrence to visit her host sisters, Beth Sluder, Pam Huerter and Luanne Rupe. They also plan to spend a few days sightseeing in New York City before returning to Finland.

Dave Morris, son of Ken and Christie Morris of Oberlin, was among Hastings College students who were selected to serve as Student Association officers during the 2008-2009 academic year. He is on the board of trustee liaison/faculty affairs.

Tom Smith is serving as the interim pastor at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Oberlin since Pastor Heidi Wiebe moved to Topeka.

Warren and Jan Bainter returned home last Tuesday after visiting a week with their son and his wife, Ben and Rachel Bainter, in Milwaukee, Wis.

Joy Votapka spent the weekend of the fourth at Tuttle Creek Lake where she was met by Nancy Ellis. They hosted a "Cream Can Supper" for Navy friends who had come to Manhattan to attend the 50th Anniversary of Eldon and Bev Sundgren of Leonardville, who are also Navy friends.

Chris and Keely Wilson, Julie and Harmony of Kearney, Neb., were weekend guests of James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney. They came to attend the wedding of her brother, Tyler Witt,

and Tiffany Robinson on Saturday at the McCook Christian Church.

Elsie Wolters enjoyed lunch with Anita Koch in McCook on Thursday.

Mabel McLaughlin of Sturgeon, Mo., is a houseguest at the homes of Laurene Van Otterloo and Frank and Margaret McEvoy while visiting Lucy Schissler and other relatives and friends.

Word was received of the death of Marie Wiebe of Newton on Friday. She was the mother of Pastor Heidi Wiebe, former pastor of the Oberlin Evangelical Covenant Church. Mail will reach Pastor Heidi at 3208 SW Atwood St., Topeka, Kan., 66614.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Dewaine Stapp, Kelva Dryden, Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Doris Gilbert, Barb Solko, Doris Fringer and Aleen Van Vleet. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Barb Solko with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Dorothy Moore. Winning highs at bridge were Judy Shirley, Cynthia Matson, Janette Votapka and Annette Miller. Open bridge will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday and senior potluck will be at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Guests of Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Sarah and Jared Sunday evening for a barbecue and fireworks were the congregation of the Lund Covenant Church and friends.

Cecil Hess spent Sunday and Monday with Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica in St. Francis to celebrate her birthday.

Relatives attend services

Among relatives who attended funeral services for Paul Holliday, 75, on Monday, July 9, in Palestine, Texas, were Virginia and Herb Bucklinger, Daniel Parker and Suzana Parker, Springfield, Mo.; Peggy and Kenny Heidlege, Granby, Mo.; Connie, Vernon and John Houck, Wentworth, Mo.; Jess and Carol Fortin, Fred Fortin, Rick Fortin, Pierce City, Mo.; Susan and Jerry Ward and Sarah, Palestine; Nora Bell Manning, Linda Manning, Tyson Garrison, Walt and Donna Fortin, Jay and Shelli Fortin, Jamie Fortin, Lindsay Fortin, Jerry Fortin, Jack and Donna Fortin, Jason Fortin, Jane Carlisle, June Fortin, Oberlin; Judy and Don Macha, Plainview, Texas; Joyce Juenemann, Selden; Jill and Terry

McCorkle, McCook; Michelle Gesh, Redman, Wash.;

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lambert, Robbie Lambert, Stockton; Mr. and Ms. Ken Allison, Larned; Michelle Schmidt and daughter, Kinsley; Patsy Bane, Haven; Mr. and Ms. Otis Gaines, Antlers, Okla.; Sandy Gaines, Oklahoma City; Scott Gaines, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Glover, Dardnell, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Glover, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Rich Epp, Colby; Ronnie Holliday, Wichita Falls, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Weaver, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Debbie Weaver, Kearney, Neb.; and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Purcell, Milton, Fla.

Mr. Holliday, who died July 3, was a brother of Nora Bell Manning of Oberlin.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met on Wednesday afternoon for dessert at the LandMark Inn.

Those present included Mabel Zimmerman, Mildred Holmdahl, Phyllis McCartney, Nadean Stoney, Nadeane Haag, Elaine Bryan, Ro-

wena Cathcart, Esther Carlson, Dorothy Jackson, Virginia Sprattling, Phyllis Screen, Eileene Grose and Doris Sloan.

The group will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Coffee, Tea and Me in downtown Oberlin.

New manager named at bank in Oberlin

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Marilyn Noone, branch manager here for First National Bank,

view to audit and compliance. She is a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate Schools of Banking in Dallas. She began working in Oberlin in June 2001, when First National purchased the Commercial Federal branch here.



M. Burton



M. Noone

transferring this week to the Goodland office, where she will serve as a loan review officer.

Martin Burton will be taking her place as branch manager and consumer loan officer. He has worked for First National and its predecessor the past 30 years in Bird City. His wife is the counselor for the Cheylin School District. He said he will be spending weekdays in Oberlin and returning to Bird City on weekends.

He is a native of Damar and his wife, the former Anita Klapper, is from McDonald. He said he has two daughters, four step-children and 10 grandchildren.

Tyler Breeden of Quinter will be taking over the agricultural loans at the Oberlin office. He and his wife will remain in Quinter at this time, but he will be in the Oberlin office every Thursday or by appointment.

Mrs. Noone said in her 16 years, she has worked in all areas of the bank, from operations to credit re-

view to audit and compliance. She is a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate Schools of Banking in Dallas. She began working in Oberlin in June 2001, when First National purchased the Commercial Federal branch here.

Since moving to Decatur County, Mrs. Noone has been a part of the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce board; an active member of the Oberlin Rotary Club, where she just finished a term as president; served on the Decatur County Hospital Board for one year; and taught Sunday School at the Jennings United Methodist Church. Her husband, Bill, has been a member of the Jennings Volunteer Fire Department for more than 10 years and is a certified emergency medical technician.

She said she and her husband will be living in Sharon Springs, where he is a combine specialist for Witzel and Rhea Implement. She said he will become a "weekend farmer," as they intend to continue working his family's place south of Jennings. The Noones have two children, Stephani and Andrew.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Back into History: *The Oberlin Herald* July 17, 1958.

"Another feature planned for the museum is a library of stories of early day settlers, churches, and ministers in this area.

Leaflets with information on the Indian Raid and the history of the county are being printed and will be distributed to visitors when the museum opens.

A history of the county is being compiled by Ira Laidig in book form to be copyrighted, and will be sold throughout the museum.

A number of display cases must be built and moved into the museum for the upcoming souvenir stock, and for several historical items now without display space.

Among recent donations is an 18th century spinning wheel, which came to the museum via Anderson Hardware, and can still be operated.

The replica of a pioneer sod house is going up on the Deca-

tur County Museum grounds in Oberlin. Oberlin businessmen are donating labor for the house, which measures 18 feet by 26 feet, and will be furnished, as nearly as possible with authentic furniture. Some of the people working include Curtis Higgins, Art Peterson, Bill DeK-night, Ray Lohofener, and Steve Cathcart."

Back to July 2008: We are still collecting stories of early day settlers and information on the Indian Raid. Just this week we had a visit from a great - great - great grandson of Marcellus Felt, one of the victims of the Indian Raid, and one that we did not have much information on. He promised to send some pictures and genealogy on the Felt family.

We also have, besides the 18th century spinning wheel, several other spinning wheels still in working order and are looking for someone who would show us how to spin. If you are a spinner or know someone that is, please call the museum.

Selden News

By Jacque Boullinghouse

At the Selden Public Library, new books that were shelved on July 5 include: "Rogue," by Danielle Steel; "The Hollow," by Nora Roberts; and "Trouble in High Heels," by Christina Dodd.

The Selden Public Library encourages all patrons to return any overdue materials, including books, videos, and DVDs to the library during the month of July. The library is open from 9 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Saturdays and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening as volunteers are available.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens,

Betty James won high, Carol Shaw took second and Leone Porsch got low. Other members present included: Lola Cook, Helen Karls, Edna Schiltz, Jeanie Spresser, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers and Paulie Neff.

Birthdays and anniversaries: July 17 - Cheyenne Carpenter, Edna Schiltz, Vicki Bainter. July 18 - Jeff Shaw, Mark and Lori Miller. July 20 - Jean Bruggeman, Dan Wilson, Sumner Schlenk. July 22 - Alvin Juenemann. July 23 - Matt Schrock, Karl Wessel, Danielle Schiltz.

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Bill and Mary Jo Bock of South Gates, Calif., spent a few days visiting Julie and Bob Hafner, Janice Sattler of Atwood and their aunt, Edie Pettera of Oberlin.

The Hafners spent the Fourth of July in Parker, Colo., visiting the Foxhoven families and Dan Foxhoven of Cherry Hills, Colo. Guests of the Hafners were Cate and Emilie Foxhoven of Parker, Colo.

The Hafners, Foxhovens and Clem Hutflers Jr. enjoyed a brunch at the home of Marlene and Tom Cook of Parker on Saturday afternoon.

Don Grafel and Bob Bobinmyer attended the Herndon Alumni Banquet for the 65th anniversary of the 1943 class. Those attending their 10th anniversary were Alicia Baumfalk, Jim Riener and Brenda Rippe Schilde.

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

The Oberlin Red Cross Blood Drive will stop at The Gateway from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 23. Call (800) GIVE LIFE to schedule an appointment.

Race to the blood drive and receive a limited edition NASCAR lanyard, then visit redcrossracing.com and exchange points for racing merchandise and a trip to the Checker Auto Parts 500 at Phoenix International Speedway on Nov. 9.

Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper Bill Poland presented a workshop, "Identifying Impairment of Drug

Abuse," on Thursday at The Gateway. Five Kansas and Nebraska communities were represented by over 20 health workers at the workshop, sponsored by the University of Kansas Medical Center-Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center in Hays.

Preparations are underway for the 2008 Golf Tournament Benefit on Saturday, Aug. 16. This year, the money earned will go for doctor procurement. Tickets for the 7 p.m. prime rib dinner at The Gateway are on sale for \$30 each.

New Arrival

Hayden Robert Uerling

Joel and Sarah Uerling of McCook are the parents of a son, Hayden Robert, born June 16, 2008, at the McCook Community Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 4.6 ounces and was 21 inches long. He has a sister, Addyson, 4. Grandparents are Jack and Mary Gutchewsky, Herndon, and Mark and Sherri Uerling, McCook. Great-grandparents are Robert and Claire Uerling, Indianola.



H. Uerling

In honor of the
50th Wedding Anniversary
of
Darrell and Kay Jones
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