

# People in Our Community

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Howard Votapka underwent open heart surgery on Thursday at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Enid, Okla. Cards will reach him at the home of his daughter, Lynda Mueller, 6309 W. Purdue Ave., Enid, Okla., 73703. His wife, Janette, can be reached on her cell phone at 475-7467.

Robert Corcoran and Anthony of Tarentum, Pa., left Monday after spending the weekend pheasant hunting and also visiting his brothers, Bernard, Paul and Angela Corcoran, and Ray Corcoran, and his sister, Frances Nothdurft.

The community is invited to come sing along as the Praise Team practices every Wednesday at the United Methodist Church at 8:30 p.m. Charles Haag is the worship chairman and Sandy Fair, the community outreach chair.

Lorri Wilson of Greeley, Colo., visited over the weekend with her parents, Everett and Nell Gerdes.

Dottie Holliday of Palestine, Texas, has been a houseguest of her sister-in-law, Nora Manning, while visiting relatives here. She accompanied her sons, Mike and Mitch Holliday, when they came for the opening of pheasant season, then she remained for a longer visit. She and Mrs. Manning joined Judy Epp of Colby and Patty Gore of Wichita for the Women of Faith Conference in Oklahoma City over the weekend. They were met by Mrs. Holliday's daughters, Martha Slate and Paula Fecteau of Palestine and she accompanied them home.

Lee and Judy Ploussard and Brett Jennings, Oberlin, and Rhonda Jennings, Wichita, went to Fort Lewis, Wash., where they spent four days with 2nd Lt. Brent Jennings before he deployed to Iraq for a year. He is with the 287th Battalion Unit in Wichita, but has spent the past two months at Fort Lewis.

Those from the Oberlin United Methodist Youth Group who accompanied their sponsor, Deanna Castle, to Denver over the weekend for the "Dare 2 Share" conference at the Pepsi Center included Darbi Rouse, Sam Wrinkle, Ashley Horton and Makenzie Nelson. Over 8,000 were in attendance and divided into groups. The Oberlin group went door-to-door in the Golden, Colo., area to collect canned food. Mrs. Castle said that 30,000 cans were collected in three hours by all the groups and it will go to the Denver Rescue Mission, which serves 600,000 meals a year.

Richard and Clara Russ and their daughter, Julie Cunningham, went to Springfield, Mo., on Nov. 8, to be with their daughter and sister, Della Phillips, who underwent surgery on Nov. 10. Mrs. Russ and Mrs. Cunningham returned home Nov. 11, but Mr. Russ remained for a longer stay. Della is a 1974 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Mail will reach her at 7821 W. Farm Road 144, Springfield, Mo., 65801.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Elden Haas, Bob Jones, Dorothy Moore, Ivis Hanson, Doris Gilbert and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Barb Solko, Neil Marshall, Ardis Roe, Floyd Edgett, Doris Fringer and Dorothy Moore. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Elden Haas and Neil Marshall. Winning highs at bridge were Marty Munson, Dorothy Cochran and Annette Miller. Open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Gary and Janelle Walter spent from Thursday to Sunday in Olathe visiting their daughter and family, Amy and Donald Kinkade, Ragan and Tyler, and made the acquaintance of their infant son, Mason August, who was born Thursday.

## Light parade set for next week

The annual Christmas Parade of Lights will be begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, during the downtown Christmas opening in Oberlin.

The theme, "Believe in the Spirit of Christmas," was selected from entries from the Oberlin Elementary School. The winning title came from the fourth grade class of Sherri Ruf.

"Maybe it would be fun to have a family entry this year," said Gary Walter, who is heading up the parade. "Anything that you can adorn with lights will work."

"Entries from the recent Decatur County Museum parade could be lighted and used. Everyone can enter, and there is no fee. Bring your family and friends down to watch the parade."

Santa will be downtown that evening, he added, arriving with the parade and going to the courthouse from 7 to 9 p.m. to talk with the kids.

Entries will line up at Decatur Co-op at 6 p.m., and the parade will start up Penn Avenue at 6:30.

## Greensburg needs help

The town of Greensburg, which lost almost everything to a tornado, needs help finishing houses for people who are living in government trailers. Jerry Bender said Tornado Recovery of Greensburg will provide lunch for anyone who comes to work.

Crews are working seven days a week, he said, and volunteers would be welcome to work a day, a week or whatever is convenient.

Call South Central Kansas Tornado Recovery of Greensburg at (620) 723-3155, or go to www.sekro.org.

## Investors must give report

Diane Barrett, county executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency, says that foreign investors who buy, sell or hold a direct or indirect interest in agricultural land in the United States are required under

the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act to report their holdings and transactions to the U.S. secretary of agriculture.

For details, stop by the county office at 408 S. Buffalo in Oberlin.

## Oncologist at McCook clinic

Dr. Maria Editha de Villa, a specialist in medical oncology and hematology, or treatment of cancer and diseases of the blood, from North Platte, began seeing patients at Community Hospital in McCook recently.

Dr. de Villa will see patients in

McCook the second and last Tuesdays of each month. She practices at the Callahan Cancer Center at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte.

To make an appointment, call Central Scheduling at Community Hospital at (308) 344-8285.



**CHECKING OUT A CHRISTMAS GIFT** for a granddaughter, Candy Dejmaj (above) looked at a frilly princess hat during the Business-to-Business Tour on Sunday afternoon at Ward Drug Store.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Job fair set at Gateway

Juniors and seniors from area schools are encouraged to take advantage of the "Careers for Tomorrow" job fair from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at The Gateway in Oberlin.

The event will bring together representatives of employers, educational institutions and service organizations to offer a look at career opportunities today and in the future. Drawings will be held with prizes for students.

A panel of employers from Kansas and Nebraska will discuss with students and the public the best way to prepare for an interview, dressing for success, training opportunities, summer internships and seasonal jobs.

Educational institutions and service providers will discuss career exploration. Among those planning to attend are Colby Community Col-

lege, McCook Community College, the Kansas Army National Guard, Mapes and Miller Certified Public Accountants, RAS Cabinetry, Fort Hays State University Virtual College, Barton County Community College, LINK Inc., Natoma Corp., the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, the Northwest Kansas Technical College and the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

The KANSASWORKS Mobile Center will be available to assist with on-line registration, applications, resume writing and more.

"This is an opportunity for area residents to explore educational and professional opportunities," said Connie Grafel, director of the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp.

The fair is free and open to the public. For information, contact Ms. Grafel at (785) 475-2901.

## Holiday homes tour Dec. 7

The Decatur Business Women's annual Holiday Homes Tour will take off from the Last Indian Raid Museum at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, this year.

On the tour, participants go to visit four area homes decorated for the holidays. It normally leaves from the United Church. This year, however, the business women are working with the museum to mesh with a benefit luncheon and its annual Christmas tree parade. The lunch will start at 11 a.m. at the museum, with tree viewing at 1 p.m. The homes tour will start from there.

Bad weather forced the tour to be canceled at the last minute last year.

This year, organizer Marilyn Horn said she is still working to line up homes but that for sure participants will be visit the Good Samaritan Center and Tom and Barbara Mullen's home on North Penn Avenue.

After the tour, participants will meet in the fellowship hall of the United Church for dessert.

Tickets are \$10 for the tour and dessert. That does not include the museum lunch or Christmas Tree Parade, which are supported by donations. Money from the homes tour goes to the business women's scholarships.

Tickets for the tour are available at the Chamber of Commerce, the Dresser and *The Oberlin Herald*.

## Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met Nov. 12 at the LandMark Inn for an afternoon dessert and social. Mary Ann Amack read, "Thanksgiving Gratuities" for devotions.

Laurene Van Otterloo led a discussion about plans for the Dec. 10 meeting and it was decided that a noon potluck Christmas dinner will be held in Fellowship Hall at the United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend and each is asked to bring their own

table service. Mildred Holmdahl and Elaine Bryan will be in charge of the decorations and Mrs. Van Otterloo, the coffee.

Others present besides those listed above were Joan Larue, Phyllis Screen, Ardis Roe, Judy Davis, Mabel Zimmerman, Eileene Grose, Dorothy Jackson, Esther Carlson, Eula Juennemann, Bertha Schwisow, Nadean Stoney, Doris Fringer and Ina Marie Goodnight.

## Band performs on Saturday

The Highway 385 Band from Colorado will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at The Gateway in Oberlin. The concert, which will not include a dance, is an Oberlin

Arts and Humanities season ticket event or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at the door. For details, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

## Club News

### New member joins club

The Decatur Professional Women met at noon on Nov. 10 at Coffee, Tea and Me with 11 members present. Guests were Deb Klima, and high school students Emma Merrill, Alisha Jones and Tamara Ketterl.

Sharon Addleman is a new member of the club, but was unable to attend. Cynthia Haynes said that the Fall Basket is being filled and tickets to sell are available at the Herald office. The winner will be drawn at the Light Parade on Friday, Nov. 28.

Connie Grafel reminded members of the Job Fair to be held Nov. 19 at The Gateway and members were encouraged to attend between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. when the panel will be talking to area high school juniors and seniors.

Members are collecting cans of food for the Food Pantry and they may be brought to the next meeting or taken to the Farm Service Agency office on South Buffalo. A monetary gift also may

be given. Members plan to walk and carry a banner and wear flashing pins for the Light Parade at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28. They will line up at 6 p.m.

The Christmas Home Tour should include five or six homes, as well as the Good Samaritan Center. It will start at the Last Indian Raid Museum at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, and finish at the United Church for a dessert bar. Members were urged to also attend the fund raiser planned from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bohemian Hall, sponsored by the museum. Tickets are \$10 each and proceeds help fund the club's scholarship program.

Respiratory Therapist Deb Klima presented the program and encouraged members to exercise at the hospital. The meeting closed with the club collect.

The next meeting will be at noon at Coffee, Tea and Me on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

### Veteran gives program

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary met at the post on Nov. 12. President Angela Corcoran opened the meeting and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Carol Morford introduced John Stanley, who spoke on Americanism, using 10 points that made it special to him and should be for others. They include: the way you handle your everyday life; how you deal with others; what you do with your responsibilities; how you honor your duties; reacting to disappointment; volunteering, being there for others; promoting your town, state and country; honoring those who selflessly serve, and honoring those who have made the supreme sacrifice.

Refreshments were served from a table decorated in fall

colors by Lois Lamb and Phyllis McCartney.

The Preamble was recited to open the business meeting. Phyllis Metcalf read the minutes and Dolores Koerperich, the treasurer's report.

Membership Chairman Carol Allen reported 96 paid-up members. Pamphlets were distributed on various programs for children and youth and Deanna Castle will check on them.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the post for a soup supper with officers bringing soup and members providing something to go with it.

It will be followed by white elephant bingo. All members are welcome.

### Pi Alpha to decorate tree

The Nov. 10 meeting of the Pi Alpha Club was held at the home of Gerry Neff with Virginia Spratling as co-hostess. "Service with a Smile" was read by Mrs. Neff for devotions.

Eleven members were present and each told their favorite kind of Thanksgiving dressing for roll call. Donations were taken for the Christmas Angel Tree and the hostess prize was won by Eunice Martin.

The club yearbook theme is "Rainbows," and President Marty Olson chose that to be used in decorating a Christmas tree as a club participant in the Decatur County

Museum's annual Christmas tree project. A fun evening was enjoyed as members sat around the table stringing icicles and rainbow-colored beads, along with making bows of rainbow-colored ribbons, keeping in mind that "The work will wait, while you show the child a rainbow, but the rainbow won't wait while you do the work."

The annual Christmas Tasting Tea, furnished by the first half of the club alphabet, will be held Monday, Dec. 8, at the Joy Russel home with Pat Wright assisting. A \$5 limit gift exchange also will be held.

### Club holds birthday party

Monday Evening Club members met on Nov. 10 at Cedar Living Center to celebrate the November birthdays of two residents, Donna Kent and Dale Butler.

Musical entertainment was furnished by Michael Milbauer of McCook and ice cream sundaes with assorted toppings were served. Hostesses were Carol Morford, Marcia Lohoefer, Nanette Zander, Arian Arnold and

Ann Anderson.

During the business meeting, Cindi Sauder was installed as a new member. Gifts for the "House of Hope" are to be brought to the Christmas meeting on Dec. 8 at the home of Peggy Pratt. A list of suggested items will be sent to members by e-mail by Mrs. Zander. Shirley Shields and Jody Betts will be assistant hostesses. Musical entertainment will be given by the DCHS Singers.

### Group plans guest night

Fourteen members of Zeta Nu Club met on Thursday at the home of Angie Wilson.

Mary Henzel gave a review of the new guidelines as presented to the club at the previous meeting. It was voted to accept them and they will take effect at the end of this club year. The club voted to give money to the Angel Tree to be used by the Angel Tree committee at their discretion for the children as needed.

Lisa Stacy, activities director at the Good Samaritan Center, gave an interesting talk on Alzheimer's and other dementia and the new approach to treatment.

The next meeting will be guest night at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the LandMark Inn. Mrs. Henzel and Judy Davis will be hostesses.

Each member is to bring an ornament for themselves and their guest for an exchange.

## New Arrival



M. Kinkade

### Mason August Kinkade

Mason August Kinkade was born Nov. 13, 2008. He weighed 7 pounds, 7.5 ounces and was 19 inches long. His parents are Donald and Amy Kinkade, Olathe. He has a sister, Ragan, and a brother, Tyler, to welcome him home. Grandparents are Gary and Janelle Walter, Oberlin, and Liz Kinkade, Wichita. Great-grandmother is Marian Miller, St. Francis.

## The family of Carol Shaw

would like to honor her with a card shower for her 90th Birthday November 27, 2008.

Cards will reach her at:  
HC1 Box 22  
Selden, KS 67757

Grace Tice, formerly of Hoxie, will celebrate her 90th Birthday on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008 with an open house from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Colonial Steakhouse, Oakley.

Cards can be sent to her at:  
605 Madison,  
Mankato, KS 66956



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