



OPAL BRYAN selects gifts during the "Christmas Shopping Spree" at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. —Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Group enjoys annual dinner

Thirty-four members and guests of the Oberlin Royal Neighbors of America met at The Gateway on Saturday for the annual Christmas dinner.

Mike Milbauer of McCook sang and played Christmas songs for entertainment. Door prizes were won by Myrna Harper, Karen Scott, Beth Sebaugh, Floyd Edgett, Gladys Geis, Marilyn Milbauer, Rachelle Scott, James Jennings, Dorothy Woods and Bill Woods.

Watercolor workshop set

The sixth in a series of 12 basic watercolor and perspective workshops will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Oberlin Covenant Church.

The classes are taught by local artist Anna Seeber Shaw.

Each lesson is a "stand alone" lesson. There is a \$15 fee per student per class.

For details, call Mrs. Shaw at (785) 475-2707 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

Group gives to the needy

The Oberlin Royal Neighbors of America presented 15 turkeys for Thanksgiving to needy families in Oberlin.

They were delivered to the homes by President Lois Lamb and Raye's Grocery.

Mrs. Lamb said, "The donations stressed the group's motto, 'People Helping People.'"

Orchestra to perform

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will open the 2008-2009 season with "Celebrating the Season" at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Colby Community College Frahm Theatre.

The orchestra will be directed by Andrew Salvador, the Burlington High School band director.

Admission to the concert will be by Friends of the Orchestra membership or tickets available at the door. Christmas cookies will be served.

Club News

Group plans cookie party

Music opened the Dec. 3 meeting of the Oberlin United Methodist Women, which was held at Wheat Ridge Terrace with residents as guests.

Program leader Maxine Smith introduced Robert Rouse, who sang "Silent Night," "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" and "O Holy Night."

Devotions based on Christmas symbols and customs were given by Nadene Haag, who used illustrations and gave each person a Christmas tree ornament in the symbol of a bell. Mrs. Smith based her program on the new book, "The Purpose of Christmas," by Rick Warren in which he told of a trip to the mall where he did a survey of Christmas shoppers. He asked, "What Are You

Celebrating?" Most answers had nothing to do the real reason for the celebration of the Christian holiday. Tom Smith closed the meeting by telling the story, "The Other Wise Man."

The location for the cookie party to be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. has been changed to the Golden Age Center on Saturday, Dec. 20. Free coffee will be served and cookies will be sold by the pound. The cookies are to be brought to Golden Age Center by 9:30 a.m. or can be left at the fellowship hall of the church from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.

Refreshments were served by the executive committee. The Day of Prayer and Self-Denial will be observed at the Jan. 7 meeting.

Women exchange gifts

The Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the home of Angie Wilson for their Christmas meeting on Dec. 3.

Nadene Lafferty opened the meeting by presenting the program, "O Come, Let Us Adore Him," along with Christmas scripture and members joining in for songs and prayer.

President Cheryl Metcalf opened the meeting with prayer and roll call was answered by six members. Charissa Huff read a story from Guideposts about

Christmas followed by prayer for devotions. Members were encouraged to participate in the reading program. Information was distributed about the bakeless bake sale, which was to be mailed to those who were absent.

Mrs. Lafferty shared a story from *The Salina Journal* about Shirley (Van Vleet) McGee, who won a Marksmanship Award. She grew up in the Prairie Chapel community. Members enjoyed Christmas treats and a gift exchange from prayer sisters.

New Arrival

Gabe T. Juenemann

Wade, Brent, Troy, Jeff, Drew, Jenna, and Josh would like to welcome their new baby brother, Gabe Thomas. He was born at Community Hospital in McCook, Neb., on Nov. 13, 2008, at 8:57 p.m. He weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and was 17 1/4 inches long.

His parents are Gary and Jennifer

Juenemann, Oberlin.

His grandparents are John and Henrietta Juenemann, Oberlin; Keith and Cathy Madsen, Lawrence Harbor, N.J.; and Audie and Ella Chason, Captain Cook, Hawaii.

Great-grandparents are Josefa Chason, Topeka; Richard and Viola Madsen, Lenexa; and the



G. Juenemann

late Eunice Avery.

Good Sam residents enjoy shopping

Residents of the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center enjoyed a "Christmas Shopping Spree" in Town Square last week, thanks to the efforts of the Cindi Sauder, resource development director, and the Stop Along The Road (STAR) committee.

They enjoyed selecting gifts from items donated by various Oberlin individuals and businesses, which included R & M Service Cen-

ter, the Dresser, Rocking R, Judy Shirley, Stanley Hardware, Ray Jewelry, Ward Drug Store, Barbara Olson, Prairie Petals, LandMark Inn, Frontier Restaurant, A & W Restaurant, Dollar General, Shelli's Hair Design, Doris Sloan, and Shear Creations West.

Members of the committee, dressed in jingle-belled antlers, helped Ms. Sauder wrap the gifts in holiday paper for the residents.

Cheese and crackers and root beer floats concluded the day.

New member gives program

Tom Mullen, the newest member of the Oberlin Rotary Club, presented a "vocational" program at the Dec. 2 meeting at The Gateway.

He said he is a native of Washington state and his father was a Navy man stationed in the area. He was reared in the Tacoma area. After his son married a girl from Dresden, Tom said, he encouraged his parents to move there. However, after visiting Oberlin, he said, they loved it and decided to move here.


As a young man, he traveled in Europe and worked at the BMW motorcycle plant before joining the

navy. He served in Pearl Harbor, where he worked with computers.

His wife, Barbara, had five children when they married. Other business ventures have included a retail gift business. His job since he has moved here has been working in the county appraiser's office, and his wife has opened Coffee, Tea and Me. He thanked Herschel Betts for inviting him to become a Rotary member.

Kay Brown was a guest and junior Rotarians from Decatur Community High were Jordan Tally and Jay Wessel.

The family of
Edwin Black
is having an
Open House
for his
93rd Birthday!



Location: Assembly of God church basement from 2:30 p.m. on December 13th

Soup Supper

before Music Program
at the Community Center
in Selden, Monday,
December 15.
5-6:30 p.m.



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