

People in Our Community

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Steve and Pat Ranz of Fertile, Minn., and son, Eric and Melissa Ranz and Arielle, of North Glenn, Colo., visited in the home of Dole and Phyllis Metcalf and Joe and Lolita Metcalf the past week. They were at the Dole Metcalf home on Friday night for a pre-Christmas supper. Additional guests were Brandon, Kori and Braden Metcalf of Danbury. The Dole Metcalfs especially enjoyed having their great-grandchildren, Arielle Ranz and Braden Metcalf visit for the first time.

for the concert band and jazz band. She was featured with a vocal solo in one of the jazz band pieces and played the piano in another.

Kaitlyn Stapp was among five students from the Department of Health and Human Performance at Fort Hays State University who recently staffed two fitness booths at the Norton School Health Fair. At one station they did fitness assessments for flexibility, aerobic fitness and body composition and the other station was a fitness station with Wii Fit activities. She is the daughter of Dave and Patti Stapp of Norcatour.

—Webkinz Christmas party for Kids. Webkinz Specials for parents, Sunday, Dec. 13, \$2/child, 1-3 p.m. Oberlin Mercantile Company 475-2340.

—Swedish Buffet Sat., Dec. 12, 11:30-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.

The Ahlberg family spent the weekend in Fort Collins, Colo., for the baptism of Dreyvn Andrew Ahlberg, son of Andy and Sherri Ahlberg, at the Methodist Church. Accompanying Grandpa Dick and Grandma Suzie were their son, Mason, and great-grandmothers, Marian Ahlberg and Alleene Lane. Meeting them there were their son, Erik Ahlberg and Mike and Christi (Ahlberg) Rice, Parker, Cole and Ella of Lincoln, Neb. Godparents were Ryan and Cindy Schmidt of Kansas City. Mrs. Schmidt is a sister of Sherri Ahlberg.

Winning highs in pinocle at the Golden Age Center this week were Doris Fringer, Kelva Dryden, Henry Edgett, Ivis Hanson and Max Carman. Taking lows were Neil Marshall, Max Carman, Veanna Carman, Doris Gilbert and Elden Haas. Bridge winners were Marie McKisson, Ila Ray, Annette Miller and Shirley Simpson.

Marjorie Law of Lakewood, Colo., has been visiting her mother, Fern Jording, who has been a patient at Decatur County Hospital.

Sarah Marcuson sang with the Colby Community College Sunflower Singers as they performed at the Colby United Methodist Church services on Sunday. Brad Marcuson attended.

Gail and Kay Marcuson, Brad and Elaine Marcuson and Ralph Marcuson attended the Colby Community College Trojan Band concert on Thursday to watch Sarah Marcuson perform. She plays the baritone sax

Couple observes 50th together

Bob and Yuki Berkheimer of Oberlin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 18. To celebrate the occasion, family members gathered at the Chances R Restaurant in York, Neb., on Nov. 22. Following dinner and fellowship, a beautiful three-tiered cake was served.



Bob and Yuki Berkheimer

Bob Berkheimer and Yukiko Segawa met and married in Naha, Okinawa. They moved to Oberlin in 1961 when he got a job at the television station, now KSNK, where he worked up to the general manager position before his retirement.

and Heather Berkheimer, Cate and Grace, York, Neb.; Glenola Kleckner, Kearney, Neb.; Bill Day, Loup City, Neb.; Don Day, Omaha, Neb.; and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Fox, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

They have raised their three children in Oberlin and have been involved in its community and church life.

Attending the celebration were Pat and Lance Dixon, Ben and Anna, Kingman; Tom and Melissa Berkheimer, Mia, Leah, Emily and Alyse, Des Moines, Iowa; Jim

Commissioners look at bill for new dispatch printer

The Decatur County commissioners discussed a bill for the dispatch office for a new printer and labor.

it was around \$20 an hour. He is a computer "guru" and also works as a part-time dispatcher.

At the meeting Tuesday, Nov. 24, Nora Urban, deputy county clerk, said they got a \$399 bill from Fred Anderson for the printer and labor.

In the future, said Commissioner Gene Gallentine, Mr. Anderson should break down the bill so they will know what was for labor and what was for the equipment.

The commissioners called dispatch to find out more about the bill. Chief Dispatcher Marilyn Mack said the new printer is a backup. It will be used with a laptop computer to print weather reports and kept in reserve in case the main printer goes done.

The commissioners asked how much the printer cost, but Mrs. Mack didn't know since the bill was not broken out.

The dispatch office replaced the main printer in February, Mrs. Mack said.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved \$200 for door prizes and gifts during the county's annual Christmas dinner in January.
- Held a five-minute closed session for nonelected personnel with the commissioners, attorney and deputy clerk. There was no action taken.

The commissioners asked how much Mr. Anderson charges for labor, and Mrs. Mack said she thought

Rotarians hear about family trip

Program chair Ryan Unger told about a family vacation to Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo., at the Dec. 1 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club when members met for lunch at The Gateway.

He said they saw JEERK, a rhythm artist group. The Swedish supergroup includes five percussionists who drum, dance and crash in a super-stomping rhythm and dance show. The group was formed by the five men with experience in music, dance and entertainment.

Guests were Sarah Fredrickson and Junior Rotarians Daniel Jordan and Ashley Horton from Decatur Community High School.

Group plans gift-wrapping on Saturday

A "Gift-Wrap Day" benefit will be held by the Decatur County Helping Hands for Healthcare from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center.

Gather up your gifts and bring them in to be wrapped. The group will supply wrapping paper, bows, ribbons and name tags and have some boxes available. However, they said that bringing the gifts in boxes would help.

Donations will go to help area families that need help with medical expenses.

Council needs bids for wall

The Oberlin City Council decided Thursday to get bids to put a wall around the newest part of the cemetery, on the west side of Martin Avenue.

The council has talked about putting up a wall on that side before, said Mayor Joe Stanley, although there isn't a record of money set aside for the job.

The consensus was that the wall match the one on the east side of the street. The old section of the cemetery is sold out, and four people have been buried in the new section already.

The council approved giving Elizabeth Sprenkle a 10-day extension on her utility bill. She has made \$200 in payments, but still owes \$500, said Mayor Stanley.

The council talked about the drainage at 601 West Mill, near Mill and Elk, where Eugene Wurm owns a house. He dropped off a letter at the meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 21, about the issue.

Most of the problem is in the front yard, said Foreman Dan Castle, because it slopes towards the house. He said he did look at putting a storm sewer in that area, but he thought it would fill with silt. There would still be a problem, he said, adding that the city is still looking at some ideas.

In other business, the council:

- Appointed Bob Hartzog to the library board. He will replace Carolyn Burtis, who resigned from the board.
- Heard that someone from Colby has done some serious looking here at a new motel/hotel.
- Heard there was nothing to report on the airport, other than for people to vote.
- Didn't receive a calendar for events at The Gateway, but Kathy Brainard, Gateway director, said she's had a number of calls for events in December and will get them a calendar.
- Didn't discuss or take any action on a code of conduct, but will look at it at a future meeting.



MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS WREATHS will be placed this week on the graves of veterans at the Jennings, Big Timber, Dresden, Adell and Shibolet cemeteries.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Veterans to be honored with wreaths

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Veterans of all wars will be honored this week with memorial Christmas wreaths at the Jennings and Big Timber cemeteries in the second annual observance of the "Wreaths Across America" project.

with the death of William Carter, Roger Shimek and Bill Tacha, making a total 103 there, with 39 at Big Timber.

wants to place a family member's wreath is asked to call Mrs. Tacha at (785) 678-2470 or Lila Jennings at (785) 678-2299.

Sponsors are the Jennings American Legion and Legion Auxiliary and the Czech Museum. Three veterans have been added at the Jennings Cemetery during the past year

Veterans at three other cemeteries, Dresden, Adell and Shibolet, will have wreaths placed for the first time this year, said Neoma Tacha.

The official date for National Wreath Laying Day at national and state veterans cemeteries is Saturday, Mrs. Tacha said, so the Legion will honor these veterans with a short ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Jennings Cemetery, with honors at Big Timber about 10:30 a.m., weather permitting.

Wreaths will be placed at 10 a.m. Friday at Jennings, followed by placements at Big Timber. Anyone who would like to participate is asked to meet at the Jennings Cemetery at 10 a.m. Friday. Anyone who

Club News

Women entertain Wheat Ridge residents

Members of the Oberlin United Methodist Women met on Dec. 2 at Wheat Ridge Terrace with residents as invited guests. Roll call was answered by 19 persons who told of a favorite Christmas poem or song. Devotions, "I Believe" were given by Doris Sloan.

Center complex. Cookies will be sold by the pound and Christmas boxes and sacks will be available for those wishing to buy for gifts.

served by Judy Davis, Pat Abbey and Jody Betts with the assistance of Teresa Shaughnessey and each person received a gift.

Plans were announced for the United Methodist Women's church Cookie Party to be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 19, at the new Golden Age

The lesson was presented by the Rev. Barbara Patterson, who serves the Oberlin group as the Hays District connecting link. She told of the women who pioneered the mission movement in the 19th and 20th centuries in the United States, which spread worldwide. Holiday refreshments were

The Day of Prayer and Self-Denial will be observed at the Jan. 6 meeting to be held at noon at the fellowship hall. Soup will be furnished by Laurene Van Otterloo and the lesson will be given by Judy Davis.

Group honors woman at holiday meeting

Sara Hasty was presented with a special recognition pin during the Dec. 2 Christmas meeting of the Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women which was held at the LandMark Inn.

Mrs. Hasty, with an ornament exchange. A letter of thanks was read from Nadene Lafferty for thoughts and prayers since her knee surgery. The president read from the District Newsletter.

at the home of Pastor Doug and Sara Hasty, which is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m.

President Cheryl Metcalf opened the meeting and Angie Wilson gave devotions on Christmas, followed by prayer. Lucille Townsend read Prayer Calendar Moments. Roll call was answered by eight members and one guest,

The church soup supper, which was postponed, will be held in January. The church Christmas program, with Charissa Huff and Traci Uehlin in charge, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, following the open house

Christmas cards will be sent to those on the "To Remember List" by Mrs. Lafferty. Mrs. Huff presented the Christmas program, "Together at the Table," after which Prayer Partner gifts were exchanged and a Dutch Treat supper enjoyed.

Prairie Dog bait might not be available

The Decatur County noxious weed control director talked with commissioners about the most popular prairie dog bait becoming harder to use or possibly being taken off the market.

The only drawback to the bait, said Mr. Huntley, is that whatever eats the prairie dog after the bait is used may also be poisoned. He said he's only seen one dead prairie dog above the ground, however; mostly they die in their holes.

Mr. Huntley said the program is still growing, but not as steadily as it was when the county first hired Sarah Fredrickson. Mr. Huntley said Mrs. Fredrickson was good about talking to groups about the program.

At a recent district meeting, said Director Gaylen Huntley, they discussed Rozol, the most popular prairie dog bait. The bait, he said, is under review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Some groups want to see it taken off the market.

The other chemical is zinc phosphate, said Mr. Huntley. With zinc phosphate, the animals that eat the treated prairie dogs aren't poisoned.

• Heard that the green van is at the Decatur Co-op shop having the tie rods fixed and tires balanced. The commissioners ratified this purchase.

The agency is taking comments on the topic until Monday, said Mr. Huntley. People who have used the bait, he said, have been asked to comment on it.

Mr. Huntley said he plans to write a comment about Rozol. Mr. Unger said Mr. Huntley could write that on behalf of the commissioners.

• Heard that weed control employee Cliff Chambers will go take the test to do commercial herbicide applications on Monday, Dec. 14.

It's possible, said Mr. Huntley, that the bait could come off the market or come under stricter regulations.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that the county crew was loading the 12th truckload of recy-

was helping with the county float for the Parade of Lights.

VOTE NO

ON OBERLIN AIRPORT ORDINANCE.

Don't tie the city's hands for 10 years. Remember to mark your ballot "NO" and return it before December 15.

Paid for by Chuck and Diane Frickey

The family of **Billie Bryan** wishes to honor her on her **85th birthday, December 14th.**

Cards will reach her at:
402 N. Martin, Oberlin, Kansas 67749

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Happy 75th Birthday to our very own **Maxine aka Shirl,** on December 8th.

LOVE YOU! THE KIDS, GRAND AND GREAT-GRANDKIDS

Santa Day
at the Jennings Community Building
Saturday, December 12th

We will be serving soup from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Santa Arrives at 1:30

Visit with Santa. There will be a Community Drawing and an American Legion Drawing.

Sell your garage full of treasures in the Classifieds
475-2206