

# People in Our Community

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Edwin Black was honored on Sunday, Dec. 13, with a party at the Assembly of God Church to honor him on his 94th birthday, which was Dec. 11. Hosts were his son, Lyle Black, Beverly Hills, Calif., and his daughter and her husband, Sharon and Leroy Stevenson, Cedar Bluffs. He has moved to Willow Ridge Retirement Center, 1500 E. 11th, Apt. 110, McCook, Neb., 69001.

—Oberlin Country Club annual meeting Jan. 13, 2010, American Legion, 6 p.m. 51&01

Doris Fringer returned home Saturday after visiting since Dec. 4 with her son and family, James and Heather Shirley, Megan, Breanna, Ellen, Abbey and Aaron in Olathe. She also visited her brother, Dwayne and Twila Scott, and her niece, Lori and John Naegele, Lexi and Callie, all of Gardner.

Winning highs in pinocle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Max Carman, Jack O'Toole, Dorothy Moore and Dewaine Stapp. Taking lows were Elden Haas, Veanna Carman, Neil

Marshall, Norma Anderson and Henry Edgett. Taking highs in pitch were Max Carman and Elden Haas with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Jack O'Toole. Bridge winners were Carol Shirley, Merle Shirley and Dewaine Stapp.

Steve and Kathy Fraker and Aaron of Falun, Nev., and Katie Fraker of Reno, Nev., are holiday guests of Bob and Marian Fraker. They will also visit Mrs. Fraker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wade, at Russell.

Jake and Allie Lohrmeyer of Overland Park, and Gabe Moore of Lindsborg, are spending Christmas with their parents, Monte and Kelly Moore.

Gina Nelson, Elyssa and Kade of Saginaw, Texas, and Jeff Klima of Olathe are spending the holidays with their parents, Rick and Deb Klima.

Ruth Crawford, formerly of Oberlin, fell last week, breaking her hip. Mail will reach her at Route 3, Box 200, Kansas, Okla., 64347.

## Ladies' night out



ENJOYING A BREAK during the Ladies Night Out after the basketball game in Oberlin Friday at Ward Drug Store were (from left) Becky Vollertsen, Sherry Bergling, Judy Groneweg and Kurt Vollertsen. The event was held from 9:30 to 11 p.m.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Firm gets accreditation

Kelly's Home Medical in Oberlin, operated by Kelly Moore, has been awarded accreditation from the Healthcare Quality Association on Accreditation, based in Waterloo, Iowa.



Kelly Moore

This award is given only when home medical equipment companies demonstrate a high level of quality practices in business operations and patient-care techniques, the association says.

The company earned the three-year accreditation after completing a comprehensive application that focuses on patient care, financial stability and a commitment to quality practices and procedures. Accreditation assures Medicare and other payers that the highest levels of quality are practiced within all areas of the company.

"I sought accreditation ... to demonstrate that my company is committed to providing excellent patient care and safety in a financially solvent environment," said Mrs. Moore, a registered nurse. "This award also reinforces that my commitment to quality is ongoing."

Established in December 2007, Kelly's provides home medical equipment supplies and services in the Oberlin area. Services include stationary and portable oxygen sys-

tems, supplies and 24-hour support, sleep-therapy devices and supplies, and sales and rental of hospital beds and related equipment. The firm also has mobility products such as manual and power wheelchairs, walkers and canes, recliner lift chairs, bath safety equipment and more. Mrs. Moore said she provides free in-home consultation and delivery.

"As a member of the nursing profession for the past 28 years, I feel that I can apply the knowledge and experience I have gained to help people meet the needs they may encounter to remain safely in their own homes," she said. "We are fortunate to have high-quality health-care professionals. I enjoy an ongoing working relationship with them and many of the patients and their families that I have encountered over the years."

The business is in the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center at 104 S. Penn in downtown Oberlin. Mrs. Moore is the daughter of Evan and Judy Goltl of Hill City and is married to Monte Moore. They have a daughter, Allie, Overland Park, who is in medical school in Kansas City and is married to Jake Lohrmeyer, and a son, Gabe, a student at Bethany College.

## Area churches plan Christmas services

By MARY LOU OLSON  
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Several area churches will be holding Christmas Eve services and masses.

**LUND COVENANT**  
A "singspiration," along with music and a skit by Pastor Doug Mason and Noah Hanson, who is with Teens for Christ in Norton, will be at 11 a.m. Sunday. A candlelight service will begin at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

**OBERLIN COVENANT**  
A candlelight Christmas Eve service will begin at 7 p.m. with lessons and carols. It will revolve around the reading of the Biblical story of Jesus' birth interspersed with familiar music.

**JENNINGS, DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST**  
A Christmas Eve service will be held at 6 p.m. at the Dresden church.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN**  
Christmas Eve services will begin at 5:30 p.m.

**FAITH LUTHERAN**  
A Christmas Eve candlelight service with communion begins at 7:30 p.m.

**OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST PRAIRIE CHAPEL**  
Christmas Eve candlelight and communion services will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Oberlin and at 8 p.m. at Prairie Chapel.

**OBERLIN UNITED CHURCH**  
A Christmas Eve candlelight communion service will begin at 5 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST NORCATUR, CLAYTON**  
A Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 4 p.m. in Norcatour, with a candlelight service in Clayton at 6:30 p.m.

**HERNDON COVENANT**  
A Christmas Eve candlelight service is planned for 11 p.m.

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SELDEN SACRED HEART**  
Christmas Eve Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Oberlin and 8 p.m. at Leoville. Mass will be at 9 a.m. on Christmas Day in Selden.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC**  
Christmas Mass is scheduled for 11 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24, in Herndon.

## Oberlin man's mare produces national champion winners

Pat Diamond Kansas, also known as Whistle, owned by Joel Shaw of Oberlin, has produced several nice Quarter Horses, says J.R. Ginther of Ginther Stables near Achilles.

The last two, sired by Premium Buck, owned by Mr. Ginther, have been national champions in the Foundation Quarter Horse Registry.

Rhondo Skip was national champion 2-year-old stallion at Salina in 2008. He also won first place

in the 3-year-old reining futurity at Broken Bow, Neb., in June and won grand champion gelding at the National Show at Lincoln, Neb., in September.

Pats LTL Diamond won the Yearling Stallion Futurity at Broken Bow in June and was the National Champion Yearling Stallion at Lincoln, Neb., in September.

Rhonda Skip is owned by Mr. Ginther and Pats LTL Diamond by Dr. Dan Naiman of Hutchinson.

## Girls, women can still join Heartland scouting program

It is not too late to join Girl Scouts, says Ellen Rochau, community development manager for the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland.

"I ask parents to encourage their daughters to be a part of something amazing," she said. "It's fun and life-changing. Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland is waiting for you to join the adventure."

Girls 5 to 17 can become a Girl Scout by joining a troop, participating in occasional events or trips, going to summer camp or doing it all, she said.

"Join now, before our Cookie Kickoff, and learn to set and reach your goals and earn fun prizes, too," she said. "Annual membership dues are only \$12. Financial assistance is available."

For women 18 or older, there are opportunities for adults who want to ensure that girls grow into determined and confident young women, Ms. Rochau added.

For more information, go to www.kansasgirlscouts.org or call Becky Ayers at (785) 259-6743.

## Cottonwood Ranch could reopen soon

The Kansas State Historical Society and the Friends of Cottonwood Ranch are working on an agreement to open the Cottonwood Ranch State Historic Site to the public in early spring.

The site will be open for the tourist season, but continue to be open for self-guided tours of the grounds year-around. Exterior signs will tell the history of the ranch and will be installed soon. The Historical Society will continue to be involved in the long-term preservation and maintenance, while the Friends will operate the site.

"We appreciate the enthusiasm of the Friends group and their interest in reopening this site," said

Jennie Chinn, executive director of the society. We look forward to finalizing our agreement and know that Kansans will be grateful for the opportunity to once again be able to tour the ranch house."

The site is a relatively unchanged rural ranch near the South Fork of the Solomon River. It was constructed from 1885 to 1896 by John Fenton Pratt and incorporates architectural elements from his English homeland. There the Pratt family flourished and John Fenton became a successful sheep rancher and businessman.

The site is 15 miles east of Hoxie on U.S. 24. For details, got to kshs.org.

## Rotarians hear of feed yard

Program chair Warren Weibert spoke about the Decatur County Feed Yard for the program at the Dec. 15 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

He said that the idea of the feed yard began in 1971 when community backers joined to get it started. He gave a brief history and told of the many improvements, construction, new technology and progress made since 1990. He talked about

the ups and downs of the cattle feeding business, but he said his goal is to keep the business going forward for a long time.

The yard employs 25 to 35 workers, depending on the number of cattle being fed, he said, and is equipped to feed 40,000 head.

Guests were Goodland Rotarian Marty Melia, Carol Weibert, Kay Brown and Savannah Gilley.

## Three play in Hays concert

Robyn Rouse and daughter Darbi and Robyn's mother, Joy Russell, played in a Double Reed Christmas Carol Concert on Sunday in Hays.

Mrs. Rouse and Mrs. Russell play the bassoon and Darbi Rouse the oboe.

The Double Reed Choir rehearsed at the home of director Kay Werth, and after a light lunch, they played Christmas carols at the Hays Mall. This is an annual event for the choir, but was the first time the Oberlin players had participated.

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## Club News

### Club has gift exchange

The Calico Gals Club met Dec. 16 at the LandMark Inn with Delta Anderson and Bette Grout as hostesses.

Others present were Marylu Brown, Donna Kelley, Millie Lippelmann, Margaret McEvoy, Shirley Shields, Phyllis Screen and Jan Hackney. The club collect and flag salute were given.

Mrs. Screen reported that a red carnation will be presented to seven members who are at the nursing home during Christmas week. Birthday cards were signed for Earl Brown and Lora Zwickle. Mrs. Zwickle's daughter, Phyllis Nicholson, of Salina stopped by

to greet everyone.

The club donated \$50 as an Angel Tree gift and FFA fruit and theater tickets were given instead of shopping. Margaret McEvoy won the hostess gift. After a Christmas gift exchange, Christmas pie and other treats were served and pictures were taken of the group. It was noted that the step at the museum is dangerous.

The next meeting will be at 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20, with lunch at the Pizza Hut, followed by a meeting at the home of Mary Waldo. Roll call will be a winter event you remember.

### Group meets at parlor

The Dec. 14 meeting of the Pi Alpha Club was held at the country parlor of the Decatur County Museum with Joy Russell as hostess. Her devotions were titled, "The Last Minute Miracle."

President Gerry Neff conducted the business meeting with 17 members, including Pat Wright of Oakley, answering roll call by naming their favorite Christmas song. Eris Young received the hostess gift.

For the program, members toured the museum to view the Christmas trees decorated by various clubs in Oberlin.

Refreshments for the tasting tea were furnished by the second half of the club roster, after which a miscellaneous gift exchange was held.

The Jan. 11 meeting will be at the Sappa Valley Manor with Cecil Hess as hostess and Elaine Bryan, co-hostess.

## Happy 40th Anniversary



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