

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# People in Our Community

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Karla, John and Jerad Sullivan, and Dustin and Katrina Sullivan, Taly and Tage, of Colby, were Christmas dinner guests on Sunday of Jerald and Elaine Leitner. Jeremy and Karen Bryant, Jason and Ethan of Joplin, Mo., were supper guests.

Clifton and Annette Hartzog, McKenzie and Alexis of Wichita, spent the holidays with his parents, Bob and Joyce Hartzog, Cheryl and Kyle. Additional Christmas Eve guests were Esther Carlson and Dorothy Jackson.

Dale and Debbie Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe of Chetopa were Christmas guests of her parents, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson. Additional guests on Christmas Day were Jeff and Tama Unger and Jacob of rural Rexford.

Ward Wurm of Kansas City spent the holidays with his parents, Bus and Carolyn Wurm. He will be returning in January to Qatar, where he is working as an engineer for Burns & McDonnell of Kansas City, in the building of a new major international airport.

Christmas holiday guests of Richard and Clara Russ were Chuck and Linda Russ, Spencer and Christopher, Philadelphia, Pa.; Starla Russ and Jane Dingus, Holcomb; Andrew Dingus, Fort Hood, Texas; Ed and Vivian Russ and family, WaKeeney; and Julie Cunningham, Oberlin.

Christmas guests in the Loyd and Mary Waldo home were their daughter, Jana and Byron Oliver, Raleigh, N.C., and Jana's son, Buck Vernon, and Brady of Frederick, Colo.

Mary and Mike Dicke of Bailey, Colo., were Dec. 21 overnight guests to her grandmother, Ethel Railsback. They were en route to Kansas City to spend Christmas with their daughter, Emily and Paul Goddard. Marian Railsback of Fort Collins, Colo., came Sunday to visit her mother, Mrs. Railsback, and her

son, Jeff and Penny Railsback, Alex and Logan. They and Shirley Hayward were Sunday supper guests of the Jeff Hayward family.

Ken and Rita Erickson and Jordan of Los Banos, Calif., visited over the holidays with his father, Phil Erickson, and also with relatives in Gem.

**—After Christmas Sale 25-50% off items. Oberlin Mercantile Company.**

Joy Votapka and Dan Votapka visited Nancy Ellis in Topeka on Dec. 17 and Mrs. Votapka remained there until Wednesday, Dec. 23. Dan picked her and Tara Votapka up in Manhattan and they returned here. Christmas Day dinner guests of Dan and Lisa Votapka were Joy Votapka, Tara and Travis Votapka, Cheryl Votapka and Vicky Ray.

Christmas holiday guests of Bob and Deanna Castle were Thaniel and Jennifer Monaco, Madison and Lawson, Manhattan; Devan and Sarah Castle, Rebekah, Maiah and Dane, Hoxie, and Doris Fringer, Carolyn Shirley, Shelby Brown, Dayton and Dawson, J.D. Forbes, Shane Harris, Justice and Jude, Virginia Paul, Kolton and Dallas, Travis and Valisha Raile, Kariah, Alana, Trenton and Tripp, and Shirley Ward, Oberlin.

Lacy Haynes of Lawrence spent from Tuesday to Saturday visiting his parents, Steve and Cynthia Haynes.

Funeral Mass will be held at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Cloquet, Minn., on Saturday for Phyllis L. Louze, 74, who died Dec. 24, at Sunnyside Health Care in Cloquet. She was the daughter of Verl and Lucille (Ginther) Magner and a granddaughter of the late Roscoe and Lucille (Hackney) Ginther. The Ginther family formerly lived in the stone house, now owned by Bette Grout, located southwest of Oberlin in Rawlins County.

Rhonda and Brent Jennings, Topeka; Brendon Jennings, Hastings, Neb.; and Andrea and Morgan Workman, Wichita, were holiday guests of Rod and Pat Fringer.

Jeanne Isbell and her children have returned home after going to Glendora, Calif., to be with her mother, Judith Marie Miller, 84, before her death on Dec. 20. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7, at her home in Long Beach, Calif.

Steven Sheaffer, Equipment Operator Senior, was recently recognized for 10 years of service with the Kansas Department of Transportation. He works on the Sub-Area Crew in Oberlin.

Berneice "Arleene" (Keck) Touselee, 91, of Colby died Dec. 17. She was the mother of Rick Touselee of Oberlin and a former resident of St. Francis. Other survivors include a son, Terry, St. Francis; and two daughters, Carol Ross, St. Francis, and Judy Reynolds, Platteville, Colo. Funeral services were held Dec. 21 at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis.

Frederick and Shellie Farr and Daxton of Berlin, Ohio, came Wednesday to spend a week visiting his mother, Janet Anthony, and his sister and family, Windy and Chris Kuhlman, Jack, Tony and Dillon. Daxton was born Sept. 10.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner received word of the death of Roy

"Skip" Fuchs, 64, of Oxford, Neb., on Dec. 22, following a heart transplant on Dec. 19, in Omaha. He had received a mechanical heart in September. His wife is the former Rita Runyan, a niece of Mrs. Leitner. Funeral services were held on Monday in Oxford.

**—New Year's Eve Surf and Turf Buffet with Crab Legs, \$25.95/person. LandMark Inn, 475-2340.**

Funeral Mass was held Tuesday morning at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Hoxie for Father John E. Walsh, 80, of Hoxie, who died Thursday at the Sheridan County Health Complex in Hoxie. A native of Ireland, he had served many Catholic churches, including those at Hoxie, Park, Grainfield, Norton, New Almelo and Chapman. He is survived by a sister-in-law, Bridget Walsh, of Boycloonagle Charlestown, Ireland. Burial was in the St. Frances Catholic Cemetery at Hoxie.

Pam McGowne of Hays, but formerly of Oberlin, was featured with her many Christmas trees and ornaments in a recent story in the *Hays Daily News*. The daughter of Arris and Virginia Johnson, also of Hays, she has collected Christmas ornaments from all over the world from her travels, which she places on five Christmas trees in her home. She has been to Europe several times, the Caribbean and to every state in the United States except Alaska.

## Tiny Miss Kansas named

Katie Marie Linenberger of Hays, granddaughter of Mike and Judy Fordham of Oberlin, has been awarded the title of Tiny Miss Kansas by USA Productions Inc.

The daughter of Todd and Cassie Linenberger of Hays, she will enjoy a year of making appearances, securing sponsors and performing community service. She also won the opportunity to advance to the national competition for contestants up to 4 in St. Louis. There she will vie for awards, titles, cash and prizes, with a guaranteed \$15,000 Savings Bond for her future. Dream Girls USA is now in its



Katie Marie Linenberger

15th year, showcasing the accomplishments of youth and young adults across the United States. They have a one-hour special featured on the Discovery Channel.

## Rotarians hear singers

The DCHS Singers presented the program for members of the Oberlin Rotary Club on Dec. 22 at The Gateway.

Program chair Rusty Addleman introduced director Susan Nelson and pianist Mary Jo Lohofener, and the group. The students sang many Christmas favorites, along with some new musical numbers which were presented at a perfor-

mance recently at the high school auditorium.

Rotary members had their fifth annual dictionary distribution for the third graders at Oberlin Elementary School.

Guests were Junior Rotarians Ashli Samson and Wade Juemann from Decatur Community High, as well as Jody Betts, Norma Unger and Cameron Nedland.

## Blood drive set at Gateway

The Red Cross plans an Oberlin Community Blood Drive from noon to 6 p.m. next Wednesday at The Gateway.

Donors are needed. Call (800)

448-3543 to schedule an appointment. Give the gift of life by becoming a blood donor, the organization says.

## Happy 90th Birthday



Let's celebrate Edna Colson's Birthday with a card shower!!

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Goodland, KS 67735

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