

People in Our Community

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KEEPING THE BALL AWAY from the Lady Plainsmen was top priority for Taylor Macfee during the girls basketball game in Oberlin on Friday. — Herald photo by Susan May

Girls fall 64-50 to Oakley women

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team started off the season with a 64-50 loss to the Oakley Lady Plainsmen on Friday in Oberlin.

The game went back and forth in the first half as Oakley took a 19-18 lead in the first quarter and Oberlin out shot them 14-11 in the second to take a 32-30 lead at the break.

In the second half, Oakley outplayed Oberlin 11-4 in the third quarter and 23-14 in the fourth for the victory.

The girls hit 15 out of 36 two-point shots, five out of 10 three-point tries and five out of six free throws.

Scoring were Jordan Dreher, 22 points including three threes and three out of three from the free-throw line; Miki Dorshorst, 14 point, including two out of three from the free throw line; Kiah Blau, 15 including a three; Alexis Hissong, a three pointer; and Darbi Rouse, Tiffany Anderson and Brianna Klima, 2 each.

Dreher was to top rebounder with five, followed by Macfee and Anderson, 2 each, and Rouse, Cassidy Shields, Blau, Dorshorst and Klima, one each.

Dreher also had two blocked shots and five steals, followed by Blau with two blocks and a steal; Klima, three blocks, Dorshorst, two steals; and Shields, a steal.

The Oakley junior varsity blew the Oberlin girls out of the water with a 42-14 win.

Oakley scored 3 points and Oberlin 2 in the first quarter. After that, the young Lady Plainsmen took

over, outscoring Oberlin 11-4 in the second quarter, 14-6 in the third and 14-2 in the fourth. The Oakley girls made 14 twos, three three pointers and three out of 10 free throws.

Oberlin had six field goals and hit two out of five free throws. Scoring for Oberlin were Hannah May, 4 points, and Ashley Witt, Hissong, Jamie Soderlund, Macfee and Serena Stacy, 2 each.

The C-teams played two quarters with Oakley, outscoring Oberlin 21-9. Oakley outscored Oberlin 11-4 in the first quarter and 8-5 in the second.

Oakley made eight field goals and three out of seven free throws. Oberlin made four field goals and one out of two free throws. Scoring for the Oberlin C-team were Soderlund 4 points, May 3 and Witt 2.

This week, the girls will be in McCook for the Cattle Trail Invitational Basketball Tournament. Oberlin will play Arapahoe, Neb., at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the junior high gym. If they win, they will take on the winner of the Maywood, Neb., and Dundy County, Neb., game at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the senior high gym. If they lose, they will play the loser of that game at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the junior high gym.

The championship will be played at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the senior high gym. Other teams in the tournament will be Hitchcock County, Medicine Valley, Southwest from Red Willow, and Hayes Center, all of Nebraska.

After that, the girls will be back at home at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday to play the Hill City Lady Ringnecks.

Seventh grade wins; eighth graders lose

The Oberlin seventh-grade boys basketball team beat Rawlins County 25-13 on Thursday while the eighth graders fell 38-31 to the boys from Atwood.

The win takes the seventh graders to 6-1 this season.

Oberlin's seventh graders took a narrow 4-3 lead over the young Buffaloes in the first quarter. Both teams scored 6 in the second quarter, so Oberlin led 10-9 at the half. In the second half, the Decatur Community Junior High boys exploded to outscore Atwood 7-2 in the third quarter and 8-2 in the fourth.

"Our timing on offense was a little out of synch, especially in the first half," Coach Tim Breth said. "The second half, we played much better. We shot the ball better in the second half, also."

Scoring for Oberlin were Noah Nelson with 9 points, Andrew Wade 8, Keagen Blau 6 and Justice Harris 2.

The eighth grade took its record to 5-2 with the loss.

Rawlins County took an 8-6 lead in the first quarter and increased it with a 10-9 second quarter to lead 18-15 at the half. Oberlin came

back in the third quarter to outscore Atwood 7-3 and take a 22-21 lead. In the fourth period, however, Atwood came alive and outscored the young Red Devils 17-9 for the 38-31 victory.

"Rawlins came out shooting really well," Coach Breth said. "We battled back to within three at the half. In the second half, we gave up too many offensive rebounds. That gave Rawlins extra opportunities to score."

Scoring were Kelden Breth with 12 points, Regent Erickson 9, Ganon Henningson 6 and Kaine Fredrickson and Troy Juenemann 2 each.

Oberlin's last regular games will be at home at 4:30 p.m. Thursday against St. Francis.

The Northwest Kansas League Tournament will start on Monday. If either of the Oberlin teams is seeded No. 1 or No. 2, they will not play that day. If either gets seeded No. 3, they will play in Oberlin, coach Breth said. Seeding will be done Friday after everyone has finished the regular season.

The final games of the tournament will be played Thursday, Dec. 16, in Quinter.

Couple observes 60th year

Charles and Donna Lincoln were honored with a family dinner, followed by an open house on Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Golden Age Center, for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Hosts were their children, Cheryl and Ken Gibson, Denver; Griff and Cindy Lincoln, Tracy Lincoln and Sherri Brown, Oberlin; and Judith and Harlan Call, Colby, and their families. Other relatives and friends were guests.

Donna Griffin and Charles Lincoln were married Nov. 18, 1950, at the home of her parents, Tobe and Emma Griffin, at Kanona by the Rev. Donald Hobbs. His parents were George and Sadie Lincoln.

The open house also honored the couple's granddaughter, Nikki Lincoln, on her graduation from the University of Kansas.

Group has gift exchange

The Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the LandMark Inn on Dec. 1, for lunch, a meeting and a gift exchange with Prayer Partners.

President Cheryl Metcalf gave the dinner prayer.

Devotions were given by Lucille Townsend on Advent using a lighted candle. She also gave the Prayer Calendar Moments.

Roll call was answered by six members. Coleen Rippe reported that she had taken two bags of food to the Food Pantry which was purchased with part of the thank offering.

Thank you notes were read from the families of Eleanor Walters and Mary Uehlin Kolsky for memorials in their name. Mrs. Metcalf gave the program on Advent.

The Prairie Chapel Church program will be presented at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 19. Members are to bring a dessert.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 5, with the time and place to be decided later.

Musician speaks at Rotary

Kay Brown of Jennings spoke about her love for all music and the joy that it brings when she presented the program at the Oberlin Rotary Club meeting on Nov. 30, at The Gateway.

She was introduced by her husband, Doyle Brown, program chair.

She began playing the piano at the age of 4 and was giving piano lessons at the age of 14.

She spoke about everyone being born with rhythm and that it is used in walking, dancing, playing sports, etc.

All creatures are connected to music in some way and it helps to form the structures of the brain.

She feels that music is a combination of science and math and removing music from a school's curriculum cuts out a very important part of an individual's education.

Kay stated that there are six types of music that help to form our brain and added that all kinds of music help to make us a better person.

Guests were Sara Kyte and Jacob Larue, junior Rotarians, Jody Betts and Mrs. Brown.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Michael and Cheryl Sauvage were Aaron and Kayla Woods, Kamby and Kenna, Nathan and Nikki DeWitt, Ethan and Macy, all of Inman; Lyle and Amanda Davidson, Spencer and Shelby, Delphos; Trudy Stockham, Norton; Mike and Joan McKenna, Jennings; Brett McKenna, Claffin; Michael and Danielle Schiltz, Londyn, Kash and Kain, Heith Sauvage, Bodie, Colton and Bella, John and Donna Sauvage, Selden; Tyler Sauvage, Hays; and Bill Sauvage and Maxine Sauvage, Oberlin.

Shirley Ward and Bobby Fossum were also Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of Justin Williby.

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Thanksgiving Day guests of Shannon Metcalf, Jaime Sauder and Cindi Sauder at the Metcalf farm home were Eileene Grose, Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Pam VanVleet, Ravyn and Alyssa of Oberlin, Shad, Jody, Bryson, Seanna and Jude Metcalf of Colby; Chris Metcalf and friend Nina Holder and her daughter, Maddie of Austin, Texas; Mark and Kim McConville and Dylan and his friend, Shelby Mallick of Indianola, Neb.; Ben Koziol and Brooke Nelms and Atleigh of Omaha; Brittany McConville of Kearney, Neb.; Todd Grose and Morgan of Longmont, Colo., and

Premature twins come home

Britton and Amber Scott brought their two bundles of joy, Claire and Mariah, to their home in Oberlin just in time for Thanksgiving. They had been hospitalized since their birth on Sept. 30 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Mrs. Scott said that she and her husband were flown by air from Decatur County Hospital after her labor pains started early. When the twins were born, Claire tipped the scales at 2 pounds, 14 ounces, and her sister, Mariah, weighed in at 2 pounds, 4 ounces. On the day they were dismissed, Claire weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces and Mariah, 5 pounds, 1 ounce. They are not identical.

The couple stayed at the Ronald McDonald House across from the hospital after she was dismissed and were able to hold the little girls once

Heidi Sidwell of Atwood.

— **Check out the hot bargains at The Dresser - 35% off select items.**

Guests of Jerry and Sharon Schuetz on Nov. 26, all of their family were home to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They included: Janet Scuetz, Hays; Kathy and Steve Campbell and Josh, Aurora, Colo.; and Lisa and Rick Johnson, Ian, Nash and Levi, Salina. Thanksgiving dinner too.

— **Scandinavian Buffet Sunday, Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn.**

Steve and Pat Franz of Fertile, Minn., left Friday after visiting a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dole Metcalf, and the Joe Metcalf family and also enjoying some hunting.

— **Webkinz 2 for \$20 Special Thursday-Sunday. Purchase any 2 regular Webkinz for \$20; regular \$13.95 each. Oberlin Mercantile Co.**

LeRoy and Sharon Stevenson spent Thanksgiving with Jeremy and Ronda Pinkerman, Abby, Mia Rae and Sidney in Dakota Dunes, S.D.

Steve Fraker and his daughter, Rayanne Sorensen and Jocelyn, 8 months, of Falun, Nev., visited from Friday to Tuesday with Bob and Marian Fraker.

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Kaylene Thomas received word on Monday of the death of her father, Donald Mann, of Norton.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Dewaine Stapp, Doris Fringer, Norma Anderson, Dorothy Moore and Max Carman. Lows went to Elden Haas, Neil Marshall, Max Carman and Ardis Roe. Pitch highs were won by Dorothy Moore and Dewaine Stapp with lows going to Max Carman and Elden Haas. Bridge winners were Annette Miller, Shirley Simpson and Dorothy Cochran.

— **Oberlin Mercantile Co. Holiday Shopping Spree: Register w/ purchase for a \$250 Shopping Spree now thru Dec. 24. 48-50**

Gail and Kay Marcuson accompanied Brad and Elaine Marcuson to Colby on Thursday night, where they attended the band and jazz band concert, in which Sarah Marcuson played saxophone. On Saturday they all went to Great Bend to hear the Jingle Bells Swing concert. Jared Marcuson participated with the Hilltop Singers in the fundraiser. The two couples attended the performance of the Sunflower Singers and vocal concert at Colby on Tuesday evening, where Sarah performed with both.



Claire

a day while they were in isolettes.

Since arriving home, Melanie Scott and Tammy Tousley, grandmothers of the twins, have been assisting with their care. The babies must be fed every four hours. Each baby has its own monitor and if one goes off, they must check to see if their heart rate goes below 80 beats per minute and also if they are breathing continuously for 20 seconds. If they aren't, the babies start to turn blue, then it is necessary



Mariah

to rub their chest to get them back to breathing normally.

Proud grandparents of the twins are Lee Don and Melanie Scott, and Tammy and Rick Tousley, Oberlin, and Rick and Lynette Ritter, Colby. Great-grandparents are Alene Scott, Oberlin; Don and Donna Sis, McCook; Bob and Lila Keenan, Oberlin; and Vincent and Mary Ritter, Topeka. Anita Focke, Colby, is their great-great-step-grandmother.

Women enjoy Christmas tea

Oberlin United Methodist Women entertained with a Christmas tea on Wednesday afternoon at Wheat Ridge Terrace with residents as guests.

Hostesses were the executive board: Judy Davis, Violet Shaw, Pat Abbey and Marian Fraker, assisted by Teresa Shaughnessy. Roll call was answered with Bible verses from Luke by the 25 women present.

Plans were made for the annual church Cookie Party to be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 18, at the southeast room of the Golden Age Center. Cookies will be sold by the pound and free coffee will be served. Proceeds will go to mission projects for women and children around the world and to Bridges to the Future. Laurene Van Otterloo reported that more than 20 boxes had been packed for orphanages in Haiti.

A program on the history of music boxes was given by Joy Russell,

who displayed her collection and told of the origin of each.

The Day of Prayer and Self-Denial will be observed at noon on Jan. 5 with soup furnished by Mrs.

Van Otterloo. Lesson leader will be Judy Davis. The five new books for the 2011 reading group will be on display.

Military families sought

The Oberlin American Legion Post would like to help families of active duty service members in Decatur County who may be in need of assistance for Christmas.

Contact Commander Rollie Avery or Walt Pennell, membership chairman, to discuss the circumstances. Call Mr. Pennell at (785) 475-1055 for details.

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for your overwhelming support for the House of Hope. This is a generous and caring community. In a country that has had a very tumultuous year, you have given a gift of hope and light.

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Let The Shopping Begin!

We're having our biggest giveaway ever this Holiday season!

With every purchase over \$10.00 at the Oberlin Mercantile Company you'll be eligible to register for a \$250.00 shopping spree at the Oberlin Mercantile. Register between now and Christmas for our gigantic giveaway!!

COMING EVENTS

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Scandinavian Lunch Buffet  
Sunday, Dec. 12, 11:30 - 1:30

Webkins Christmas Party  
Sunday, Dec. 12, 3 - 4 pm

Ladies Shopping Night Out  
Thursday, Dec. 16, 9 - 11 pm

Christmas Brunch Buffet  
Sunday, Dec. 19, 11 - 2 pm

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