

People in Our Community

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Richard Henzel and his fiancé, Pam Newby, St. Petersburg, Fla., visited his parents, Stuart and Mary Henzel, for a week during Thanksgiving.

The Haughty Hatters of Northwest Kansas met Sunday at the LandMark Inn to enjoy the Christmas Victorian Tea and all the goodies prepared by owner Gary Anderson. The beautiful snow from Saturday added to the start of the Christmas season. Enjoying the afternoon were Hank Juenemann and guest Karol Styles, Janet Rorick, Barbara Mullen, Marty Olson, Jeri Buchholz, Sherri Shuler, Karen Bruning, Ann Mines and Charlotte Meints.

Steve and Kathy Fraker of Fallon, Nev., spent from Thursday to Monday visiting his parents, Bob and Marian Fraker, and Steve got in some hunting.

Memorial services were held Thursday at Porter Funeral Home in Lenexa for Charlene Ann Barrett, 73, of Roeland Park, who died Nov. 27. She was a sister of Bob Ream of Oberlin.

Laurene Van Otterloo entertained guests to dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Ron Bryan, Rod and Kem Bryan, Brandon and Laura Bryan, Gus and Sage, Oberlin; Carolyn Miller, McCook; Erin and Eric Miller, Frisco, Colo.; Larry Van Otterloo, Norcatur; Rick Van Otterloo, Wilsonville, Neb.; and Leo Van Otterloo, Neil and Shannon Van Otterloo, and Cody Madison and Lucas, Stuart, Iowa.

—Celebrate the “Bank of Oberlin” buildings’ 125th Birthday Sat., Dec. 10, 2-4 p.m. Free cake. Register for prizes all day long.

Houseguests of Bob and Kay Gaskill for Thanksgiving were daughter Lori, her husband Ray, and their children, Max, Orion, Ferdinand and Ulysses, Lakewood, Colo. Joining them for dinner were their daughter Jody and Shad Metcalf, Bryson, Seanna and Jude, Colby, and Cynthia and Steve Haynes. Dave Gaskill of Mount Vernon, Colo., was a houseguest Sunday and Monday.

Richard and Linda Weber spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Gillette, Wyo., visiting their daughter, Brenda Eason and her fiancé, Doug Sheehan. They also visited their granddaughter, Megan Eason, great-granddaughter Kyra and grandson Devan Eason.

Elaine Bryan spent Thanksgiving with Kevin and Sue Renk and Shelby at Plainville. Additional Thursday dinner guests were Allison Jones, Aiden and Ashton, also of Plainville.

Marlin Bowen is in the hospital in Kearney, Neb., recuperating from heart surgery on Saturday. Mail will reach him at Good Samaritan Hospital, Box 1990, 10 E. 31st Street, Kearney, Neb., 68848.

Marcella Capps, Tulsa, and Loretta Story and Dessiree Bades, Catoosa, Okla., visited Margaret Vacura at the Good Samaritan Center for Thanksgiving weekend. Joining them for a carry-in supper on Saturday were Krystal Barratt and Tayler, McCook; Riley Larkins, Hays; and Reta Barratt, Rhonda Jennings and Pat Fringer, Oberlin.

Louise Pollnow is in the Decatur County Hospital after suffering a fall in her home.

Thanksgiving guests of Richard and Clara Russ were Starla and Ralf Miester, Garden City, and Julie Cunningham. Guests over the past weekend for deer hunting were Jane and Darren Dingus and Andrew, and “Red” Dingus, Holcomb. Andrew had just returned home from duty in Iraq.

Don and Gerry Neff accompanied their daughter Debbie and Mark Jennings of Wichita, to Houston, where they spent Thanksgiving with their granddaughter and daughter, Mallory Jennings.

—Swedish Buffet Sunday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Cecil Hess accompanied Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica of St. Francis to Overland Park on Wednesday, where they were Thanksgiving weekend guests of Steve and Chris Hess, Norah, Lola and Francie. Joining them were Dan Hess and Carter, Salina.

Mary Ann Amack spent Thanksgiving with Kevin and Georgann Amack, Madeline and Annelise, in Meeker, Colo. She returned home Monday.

Winning pinochle highs at the Golden Age Center last week were Dorothy Moore, Henry Edgett, Kelva Dryden, Ardis Roe, Marie McKisson, Norma Anderson and Max Carman. Lows went to Dewaine Stapp, Veanna Carman, Ivis Hanson, John Cederberg, Doris Fringer, Mrs. Moore and Neil Marshall. Pitch highs were won by Mrs. Moore and John Cederberg with lows going to Mr. Edgett and Mr. Marshall. Bridge highs were won by Cynthia Matson, Marty Olson, Dorothy Cochran and Marie McKisson.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson and Sarah Marcuson of Hays spent the weekend with Ryan and Leslie Nelson in Topeka.

Jennings to hold wreath ceremonies

A “Wreaths Across America” program at the Jennings Cemetery will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, weather permitting.

Those attending will then proceed to the Big Timber Cemetery for a short program. The Jennings American Legion will be in charge of both.

Volunteers are asked to meet

at 1 p.m. Friday at the Shimmick building in Jennings to pick up the wreaths, then go to the Jennings Cemetery at 1:15 p.m. to place the wreaths on all veterans’ graves, after which everyone will go to Big Timber.

For details, call Bob and Neoma Tacha at (785) 678-2470.

Happy 90th Birthday, Mildred

Janeil, Jean Ann, and Janet; daughters of Mildred Holmdahl invite you to Mildred’s 90th Birthday celebration. The party will take place Saturday, Dec. 17, from 2-4 p.m. at the Golden Age Center.

Your presence is the only gift needed.



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DICK CARMAN (right) checked out a silk Christmas arrangement with owner Judy Ploussard at York Street Market, in the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center.

— Herald staff photo by Carolyn Kelley-Plotts

Retired businesswoman opens shop downtown

Businesswoman Judy Ploussard has come out of retirement to do what she loves, selling antiques and creating silk flower designs.

“Oberlin has been very good to us,” she said, referring to the years she and her husband Lee operated Flowers by Lee.

Her husband has taken ill, Mrs. Ploussard said, and she found she needed a creative outlet. On Nov. 1, she opened her new business, York Street Market.

She has been doing professional quilting at her home under the name of York Street Studio. She said the new shop, specializing in antiques and silk arrangements, is an extension of that.

It’s in the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center, owned by the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., one of several start-up businesses in the facility.

“This is a wonderful building,” Mrs. Ploussard said.

Her plans include selling antiques on consignment, she said. “I will always do silks because that’s my love,” she added.

Mrs. Ploussard said if a customer has a favorite vase at home, they can bring it in to her and she will create an arrangement for it.

Besides antiques and silks, she carries Cabin Cream Soap products. These are handmade goat-milk soaps and lotions made by her daughter, Tammy Musgrave of Ong, Neb.

Mrs. Ploussard also has three sons: Brent Jennings and his wife Rhonda, Brett Jennings and Brian Jennings, all living in the Oberlin area.

The market is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday or by appointment at 470-1711.

Teens to collect food

Oberlin Teens for Christ plans to hold its seventh annual Porch Light Food Drive to help support the Decatur County Food Pantry on Sunday, Dec. 18.

The teens will be driving around town looking for food packages on porches with porch lights on between 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., said sponsor Doug Mason. They will stay within the city limits.

The pantry’s real need right now is for baking materials—flour, sugar, salt, brown sugar, and the like—and toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, laundry supplies, shampoo and deodorant. Canned goods are in good supply right now,

he said, except for canned meats. Baby formula and diapers and all types of juice are needed.

If you would like to donate, but your location or the date do not work for you, he said you may drop them off at the Mason home, 806 E. Jackson in Oberlin. Please note that this is a new address since last year’s drive.

Also, he said that in years past, the teens have added their collection to the food in the window at Stanley Hardware. This year, he said the pantry asked them to bring it right over to the basement of the United Church, because the need is great.

Art group to present show

The Western Plains Arts Association will present the Ozark Jubilee and Doofus Christmas Show from Branson, Mo., at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Colby High School Auditorium.

The event will include a Country

Christmas Show headlined by comedian and world-class violinist Randy Newman, (a.k.a. Doofus Doolittle). Admission is by season ticket or at the door, adults \$20 and students \$10.

Area Concert Band plans performance at McCook theater

The Oberlin Area Concert Band will present a Christmas-season concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Fox Theater in McCook, asking a donation for admission.

The concert will feature traditional Christmas music and the band’s regular repertoire, plus trumpet soloist Chris Nelson and the brass section.

Numbers will include “A Gospel Christmas,” “Of Kings and Christmas,” “Christmas Fantasia” and “And the Mountains Echoed: Gloria!”

The band, formed in 2004, includes more than two dozen musicians from northwest Kansas and

southwest Nebraska. It gives several concerts a year in Oberlin, and also makes appearances at events in Kansas and Nebraska, including Heritage Days and Hot Summer Nights in McCook and the Fourth of July Celebration in Atwood.

Neal Russell is director; the members represent a wide variety of interests, including students, teachers, housewives, farmers, ministers, business owners and retirees.

The performance is a special presentation of the Fox Theater Operations and Events Committee. Any donations left after expenses will go to the theater’s renovation campaign.

Methodist women gather to plan holiday festivities

Dorcas Circle met Nov. 21 at the United Methodist Church fellowship hall. The purpose was read by the group and Deanna Castle read devotions and opened with prayer.

Roll call was answered by eight members: Montine Alstrom, Joan Evans, Kristy Evans, Sam Gotchall, Pat Fringer, Deanna Castle, Doris Fringer and Janeil Jensen.

A thank you was read by Joan Evans from her son, Chad, for the gift boxes sent from the church to him and his friends aboard their ship. Gift certificates will be given to new parents of the church to the

Pizza Hut. The new prayer calendar is available for anyone wishing to participate. A new book was purchased for the church library.

Dorcas circle will be in charge of the United Methodist Women’s cookie sale to be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Golden Age Center. Cookies from members will be appreciated.

Mrs. Castle gave the program, “Radical Hospitality.”

The next meeting will be held today at Wheat Ridge Terrace with United Methodist Women for the Christmas party.

Rotarian speaks about Recreation Commission

Rotarian Rusty Adleman spoke about the upcoming recreation commission vote for the program at the Nov. 29 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. He was introduced by Greg Lohofener, program chair.

Mr. Adleman said voters in the Oberlin School District will decide by mail ballot if the proposed Decatur Recreation Commission should be able to collect up to 1 mill of property tax for its programs. If the measure gets a positive vote, however, the money would not be available until 2013.

He said this would enable the commission to take over existing sports programs like football and baseball and start new ones for children and adults. Money collected would go for equipment and to pay a director. Voters received mail ballots which must be postmarked by Tuesday to be counted. He encourages everyone to vote.

Club President Chuck Haag and Jim Hollowell said they, along with other volunteers, will be repairing the playground equipment at the ball park.

New Arrivals

Liliana Jean Ketterl

Dustin and Bailey Ketterl are the parents of a daughter, Liliana Jean Ketterl, born Sept. 5, 2011, at Irwin Army Community Hospital at Fort Riley. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 inches. Grandparents are Brent and Leann Evans, Gove, and Kevin and Lynetta Ketterl and the late Nancy Jean Ketterl, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Larry and Bonnie Evans, Gove; Edna Cooksey, Park; and Royce and Caroline Rehtus, Ayr, Neb.



Liliana

Bo Walker Ruf

A son, Bo Walker, was born to Ryan and Jamie Ruf of Quinter at the Gove County Medical Center at 7:53 a.m. on Nov. 1, 2011. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long. He has one brother Jax, 16 months. Grandparents are Bob and Sherri Ruf, Oberlin, and Calvin and Vicki Zimmerman, Alta Vista. Great-grandparents are Ed and Ruth Ruf, Wilsonville, Neb.; Hazel Zimmerman, Alta Vista; and Doris Herpich, Council Grove.



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