

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
People in
Our Community
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Barbara Dehlinger spent a week visiting relatives in Portland and Klamath Falls, Ore. She and her son, Dr. Ky Dehlinger, Joan Fondell and Jim Rondon of Portland, flew to Denver last Tuesday and they were her guests for Thanksgiving, then left on Saturday.

Eula Juenemann has returned home from Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., where she had undergone surgery. Her daughter, Irma Mottley, of Suffolk, Va., had been in Kearney with her since Nov. 2. Her sons, David and Joyce Juenemann, and Fred and Lisa Juenemann, Brewster, also spent time with her.

Neal and Joy Russell hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for the following guests: Brandon, Beth, A.J., Kara and Samantha Russell and Tate Lampe, and Neal's sister and husband, Joan and Marlin Breer, Wichita; Macy Rouse and Robert Beitz, Hays; Robert, Robyn, Darbi, and Dani Rouse, Oberlin; and Ty Zweygardt, St. Francis.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Charles and Donna Lincoln were Ken and Cheryl Gibson, Arcadia, Okla.; Griff and Cindy Lincoln, Tracy Lincoln and Sharon Brown, Oberlin.

Carol Barkley of Allen, Texas, left Saturday after spending a week visiting her sister, Marie McKisson.

Gail and Kay Marcuson accompanied Brad and Elaine Marcuson and Sarah to Denver, where they were Thanksgiving Day dinner and weekend guests of Chuck and Dianne Newcom. Others present were Elda Newcom, Garden City; Natalie and Toby Ralston, Boston; Chip Newcom, New York City; Julie and Mark Hubbard and Brandon, Lakewood, Colo., and Jessica Hubbard, Denver. Brad, Elaine and Sarah also visited Elaine's sister, Gary and Kathy Turner and Emily in Fort Collins, Colo.

Guests of Juanita Williby for Thanksgiving Day dinner were Rita and Troy Erdman and Brenna, McCook; Sharon and Rick Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; Jason Williby, Shawnee; Danielle and Michael Schiltz, Kain, Londyn and Kash, Selden; Gerry and Theresa Tally, Justin Williby and Audrey Bethel and Doug Williby, Oberlin. Joining them later were Josh and Kari Williby, Gage and Reagan, and Paul and Lacy Tally, Mason and Hudson, Oberlin; Heith Sauvage, Bodie, Colten and Bella, Selden; and Treger, Trevan and Tateum Dickinson, Hays.

Scott and Deb Goltl, Molly, Matthew and Nathan of Wichita, were holiday guests from Wednesday to Friday of his parents, Lairy and Beth Goltl.

Andy Dempewolf was recently awarded a Kansas Teacher of Promise in Wichita. He is a senior at Fort Hays State University and is a teacher in Victoria Elementary School. He is a 2008 graduate of Decatur Community High School. His parents are Mike Dempewolf, Oberlin, and LeAnna Schwab, McCook.

Blake, Garden City; and Jamie and Lisa Fortin, Lance and friend, Tonnie; Lindsay, Lauren and Logan, Oberlin.

Thanksgiving guests of Gene and Helen Gee were Kenny, Justin and Jacob Gee of Oberlin, and Robert, Beverly, Robbie, James, Katherine and Nathan Keys of Topeka. The Keys family came on Wednesday and returned home Saturday. Helen and Beverly took Thanksgiving dinner to Colleen Gee, who was working.

Mary Ann Amack returned home Saturday from Meeker, Colo., where she spent a week visiting her son and family, Kevin and Georgann Amack, Madeline and Annelise. She also attended the musical, "Seussical" in which Annelise had a leading role.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Laurene Van Otterloo were Christy Wesch, Topeka; Ron Bryan, Rod and Kem Bryan, and and Laura Bryan, Sage and Gus, Oberlin; Hunter and Christine Bryan and Caleb, Paxton, Neb.; Larry Van Otterloo, Norcat; Rick Van Otterloo, Wilsonville, Neb., and Neil Van Otterloo, Stewart, Iowa. Christy Wesch also visited her aunt, Dorothy Avery, in Norton, and other relatives in Oberlin.

Jeff Klima, Olathe, and Gina Nelson, Elyssa and Kade, Fort Worth, Texas, were Thanksgiving guests of their parents, Rick and Deb Klima.

Elaine Bryan spent from Thursday to Sunday in Plainville with her daughter, Sue and Kevin Renk and Selby. Additional dinner guests on Saturday were Allison and Casey Jones, Aiden, Ashton and Archer, Plainville, Matthew Jones, Kansas City, and a friend of Selby Renk.

Thanksgiving guests of Richard and Clara Russ were Della Phillips and her fiancé, J.D. Province, Benton; Jane Dinges, Holcomb; Starla and Ralph Meister, Garden City; and James and Autumn AraSmith, Amarissa and Gracie, Colby, and Julie Cunningham.

Cecil Hess accompanied Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica of St. Francis to Overland Park, where they were guests of Steve and Chris Hess, Norah, Lola and Francie, from Wednesday to Saturday. Additional guests were Dan and Julie Hess and Carter of Salina.

— **Victorian Christmas Tea Sunday, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, 1-3:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. For reservations call 475-2340.**



Nicklaus and Naomi Ganje
Couple exchange vows in double-ring nuptials

Naomi Linda Wall and Nicklaus John Ganje of Fort Collins, Colo., were married Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, at Ptarmigan Country Club in Windsor, Colo.

The Rev. Kent Roberston officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Parents of the bride are Richard Frischknecht and the late Teresa Whitney-Frischknecht. Parents of the bridegroom are Larry and Janice Ganje, Oberlin.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Faith Johnson, and the best man was Ryan Auken, a friend of the bridegroom.

Ringbearer was the bride's son, Corey Ute, and flower girls were Uli and Ull Ganje, nieces of the bridegroom. Braden Wasson was an usher.

Past District Gov. Herschel Betts conducted the Nov. 20 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway and Ryan Unger was greeter. Guests were Norma Unger and Kay Brown and Junior Rotarians Ryan May and Samantha Meitl.

Program Chair Ralph Unger gave a program of the history of Thanksgiving in America. In November 1621, he said that the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. This was after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest, and Gov. William Bradford invited some fledging colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag Chief Massasoit.

For more than two centuries, days of Thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, however, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day each November.

Group meets at Norton

The Oberlin Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association met Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Rock Christian Youth Center in Norton with 14 members and guests.

Vice President Keith Van Skike conducted the business meeting. Pam Maxwell of Topeka, with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Kansas, gave a program about the federal employee health benefit plan.

Sherry Casper, administrative assistant of the Rock, told the group how the youth center started and is progressing. They also learned about "The Little Red Hen" project, an agriculture education project at Eisenhower Elementary School in Norton supported by the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation. It demonstrates how the food on family tables comes from the farmers' fields.

The next meeting will be held in Oberlin in January. Members of the Oberlin Chapter include active and retired federal employees from Norton, Decatur and Rawlins Counties.

New Arrival

Connor James Rippe
 Kevin and Megan Rippe of Ludell are the parents of a son, Connor James Rippe, born at 6:57 p.m. on Nov. 12, 2012, in Hastings, Neb. He weighed 5 pounds, half an ounce and was 18 1/2 inches long. He has four sisters, Lilly, Michaela, Allison and Kimberly. Grandparents are Richard and Theresa Rippe, Ludell, and Cheryl Steinert, Lyons, and the late James Steinert.



Connor

Look who's 90!

The family of W.A. (Bud) Rogers is having a card shower in his honor on Nov. 28. Bud is a lifetime cattle buyer and livestock dealer. Your kind words and memories would mean a lot to him.

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 Selden, KS 67757

Pauls Furniture Store sells to new owners

By MARY LOU OLSON
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Leroy and Renee Spresser of Selden have purchased Pauls Furniture Store from Dick and Betty Pauls.

The store at 105 N. Kansas in Selden was opened in 1925 by Dick Pauls' father, Peter Pauls, and had been in the family for 87 years.

Mr. Spresser is a native of Selden and owns Spresser Excavation, which serves the area with digging, hauling, grain loading, sewer systems and more. He and his wife, Renee, have been married for 10 years. She is from Goodland and their combined family includes his four grown children, Danielle, Dusty, Darcie and Devin, and her two children, Camron, a senior at Golden Plains High School, and Caitlin, a junior, who Mr. Spresser has adopted.

Mrs. Spresser had been an insurance agent for 12 years with Farm Bureau and later Bridges Group.

"I enjoyed insurance, but was tired of driving to Norton for the first eight years and then Hill City for the last two," Mrs. Spresser said. "I was looking for something else, and the furniture store had crossed my mind a few times, but I dismissed it. I knew I would really enjoy selling something that the client was excited about buying. Insurance was always something they had to buy, but weren't that excited about it."

"As I was driving back and forth to my job, I kept having all of these ideas for the store and kept thinking about the potential. Also, I just felt that it would be so great to be home every day. I could be close to the kids, have lunch with my husband and then get off work and drive for a minute and be home."

"I spoke to Betty and Dick about it, and they were really excited at the prospect of us buying it. They are close to Leroy and felt that if it couldn't go to a close relative, that we would be the next best thing. Essentially, everything just fell into place. It really seems as though this was meant to be."

Mrs. Spresser said they agreed to take over on Nov. 1 and get in on the busy months to help give them a good start. She started working at the store the last week in October. Mrs. Pauls has been recuperating from a fall, she said, so they have been ironing out the final details as they go.

"Leroy is running his business and I am running the store with the help of Boyd Wilson and Barry Walker," she said. "Boyd is planning on semi-retiring in March but will stay on for as long as he wants part-time. Barry is a salesman and does deliveries. My son Camron is graduating this year and then will be coming to work full time."

"I really love this job and feel like this is exactly what I should be doing. Working with customers on improving their homes is so much fun, and I get just as excited as they do about their new items. I had a group in the other day, several siblings shopping with their 92-year-old mom for a recliner. We had so much fun laughing and joking and we even took pictures of them shopping together. That is what it is all about. Pauls Furniture has a tradition of making people feel at home, and I don't want that to change."

The store will retain the Pauls name and they plan to continue with the quality furniture which the store has been known for, including heirloom pieces, carpeting and linoleum, she said. They also plan to start carrying a line of children's furniture and add a "bargain basement" for items on clearance.

Student signs letter

Northeast Oklahoma A & M College coach Eric Iverson and his assistants were at Carthage High School recently to sign Tiger standout, and Oberlin native, Emily Goeken to play volleyball.

Emily, born in Oberlin, is the daughter of Annette and Vic Goeken. She attended Golden Plains Schools before the family moved to Missouri. She plans to concentrate on criminal justice or education at the college in Miami, Okla. Her mother worked at the Oberlin Clinic with Drs. Allen Hooper, Peter Bundgard and Wendy Vogel.

"Emily has the ability to come in and immediately contribute," Iverson said. "We're picking up a great volleyball player and a better person. We wanted to get this done before the national tournament."

Goeken, a 5-foot-11 middle hitter, had 70 blocks, 85 digs, 164 kills and 27 aces as a senior for Carthage. She is the all-team leading blocker and was selected for the All-District First Team and All-Conference Team.

"Emily started on varsity as a sophomore and made a major impact for a team that won 28 matches," said Carthage coach Cheryl Sharples. "Her coming back as a senior, after missing her junior campaign from an injury and surgery, solidified what we were trying to do on both offense and defense."

"It's exciting that she's continuing her career. She's a great kid and has been involved in a lot of positive activities such as president of the Key Club, class officer, Student Council, band and color guard."

Emily earned All State Academic honors as well as becoming a member of the National Honor Society, Sharples said. She's a four-year letterman in basketball and track (a state qualifier in discus).

Happy 75th Birthday Marian!

Help Marian Dempewolf celebrate her birthday on Dec. 4. Cards may be sent to: 721 West 14th, McCook, NE 69001.

Happy Birthday, Leslie!

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The family of Leanna Bryan requests a card shower for her 65th Birthday. Cards will reach her at:

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