

People in Our Community

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Maxine Sauvage spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of her daughter, Trudy Stockham, Norton. Additional dinner guests were Nathan and Nikole DeWitt, Ethan and Macy, Inman; Lyle and Amanda Davidson, Spencer and Shelby, Delphos; Mike and Joan McKenna, Jennings; Amy McKenna, Manhattan; Bill Sauvage, Oberlin; and John Sauvage, and Heith Sauvage, Bodie, Colten and Bella, Selden.

Delbert and Karen Bruning were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of his sister and her husband, Shirley and Larry Shepard, at Lenora.

Marie McKisson visited her sister, Janie and Kent Law, in Abilene over the weekend. They were joined for supper at the Longford Cafe by the women's brother, Earl Wells and daughter, Sheila Haley, of Clay Center. On Sunday they enjoyed the Christmas home tour and the city band concert at Eisenhower Visitors Center in Abilene. Mrs. McKisson was a Friday overnight guest of Truman and Leona Woellhof at Oak Hill. The women served as bridesmaids for each other's weddings.

Guests on Thanksgiving Day of Joyce and Steve Carlton were Brad Carlton, Lincoln, Neb.; Scott, Misty, Samantha and Kramer Carlton and Kietra Klima, Melissa Carlton, Dave Vick and Hayden Vick, Oberlin; Gloria McKenna, Shirley Wheelbarger and Bill McK-

enna, McCook; Larry and Lea McKenna, Osborn, Neb.; Jason and Samantha Shepard, Colby; Dustin, Cami, Hunter and Colton Koetter, Michelle and Micha McKenna, McCook; Louise, Bailey and Courtney Keith, Hill City, and Tom and Patti Skubal, Carolyn Force and Kyle Mines, Oberlin.

Andrea Burmaster, John and Kira visited over the weekend with her mother, Lori Hannah, of Westminster, Colo., and her sister Krysta and Michael Gerstner and Colton of Parker, Colo., and made the acquaintance of their infant son, Josh. They also enjoyed the Parade of Lights in Denver.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Norma Anderson, Dewaine Stapp, Max Carman, Ardis Roe, Dorothy Moore and Veanna Carman. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett, Dewaine Stapp, Max Carman and Kelva Dryden. Martha Fringer and Kay Marcuson were winners of Mexican Train dominoes. Pitch highs were won by Pat Abbey and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Henry Edgett and Max Carman. Bridge highs were won by Carol Shirley, Marty Olson and Cynthia Matson.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes were weekend guests of their son, Lacy Haynes, in Lawrence.

Extension service to hold open house

The Twin Creeks Extension District plans to hold an open house for the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Tuesday at the Decatur County Courthouse.

The district includes Decatur, Norton and Sheridan Counties. The merger has resulted in allowing new agents to join the team and for agents to specialize. It now has a team of five agents working to provide educational programming and connect its community with K-State resources.

The newest member is Patsy Maddy of Norton, 4-H/Youth Development Agent for the district, who joined the team in October. Julianne Shoup, Family and Consumer Science Agent, also came on board in June. Tranda Watts, Multi-county Extension Specialist

has programming responsibilities in Food, Nutrition, Health and Safety. She has worked in these three counties for 10 years.

Byron Hale joined the Oberlin extension staff in 1989 and since that time his extension work has closely centered around 4-H youth, wheat, wheat disease and horticulture. In the district, he serves as administrative director.

Keith Van Skike, Ag and Natural Resources Agent, began his extension career in 1982 in Wallace County and has been in Norton since 1984. He focuses from crops and livestock to water quality and resource issues. He also provides a range of diagnostics with plant disease, insect identification, soil testing and water quality.

Student collects tabs

Stephen Harrison of Wilsonville, Neb., is working to collect aluminum pop tabs to span just a little more than a mile. His goal is to reach 1.75 miles for Ronald McDonald Charities of Omaha by the time he graduates from high school in 2017.

An eighth grader at Southwest Junior High, Stephen, 13, is the son of Doug and Deanna (Persinger) Harrison, formerly of Oberlin. His grandparents, Doug and LaDonna Harrison, formerly owned the Dairy Inn in Oberlin.

Ronald McDonald Charities recycles the tabs to help pay the cost for families that come to Omaha

seeking medical help for sick children. While there, they call the Ronald McDonald House their home.

He and his grandmother are counting the tabs — each and every one of them. His first ice cream bucket contains 14,096 tabs and now he's on his 15th one. He has family and friends collecting pop tabs for him in Lebanon, Wilsonville, Kearney, McCook, Oberlin, Cambridge, Benkelman and Trenton.

Anyone who wants to help him reach his goal may leave them at the home of Marie McKisson, 805 E. Parkway Ave., in Oberlin or call Stephen at (308) 375-4360 and leave a message.

Barn improvements planned

Museum Director Sue Taylor is asking for donations for restoration and improvements for the huge old Cooper Barn, located at the Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby.

To kick off the Barn Aid campaign, she said that the family of Helen Frahm has offered a \$20,000 matching fund gift to challenge and encourage others to contribute. A total of \$47,000 is needed.

The largest barn in Kansas, what is now known as the Cooper Barn, was built for the former Foster Farms in Breton, just west of Rexford.

In 1965, it was sold to George, Charles, Wilf, John and Gene Ostermeyer; Willard and Gary Cooper; Leo and Les Keller; and Bridge Krust. Willard Cooper retained the barn after the partnership dissolved.

After Cooper's death in 1980, it was donated to the museum and in 1992, the 6-foot-wide, 114-foot-long, 48-foot-high barn was moved 16 miles to the museum in Colby.

For details about the campaign or museum attractions, call Taylor at (785) 460-4590 or go to www.prairiemuseum.org

Penn Avenue Boutique

Penn Avenue Boutique, 101 S. Penn Ave, Oberlin, KS, will not be accepting items for credit or cash in December because of the holidays. Gift certificates available, they make great stocking stuffers! (785) 475-5861.



Tenor to sing carols

George Dyer, known as one of the world's great tenors, will present his Branson Christmas show at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Colby High School auditorium.

Joined by his wife Charisse and daughter Kendra, plus a backup group of keyboard, piano and drums, Mr. Dyer will present a program of familiar Christmas carols and pop tunes, including such favorites as "White Christmas," "O Holy Night," "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "Silent Night."

Mr. Dyer appeared on the operatic scene in 1996 as Ralph Rackstraw in "H.M.S. Pinafore" at the New York City Opera. He has performed in prestigious halls around the globe and entertained audiences with solo performances that include many Broadway favorites. His wife and daughter join him in duets and trios.

The show is part of the Western Plains Arts Association series. Admission is by season ticket or at the door, adults \$20 and students \$10.

Rotary has program on park

Warren Weibert was greeter at the Nov. 27 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. Janice Shobe of the Atwood Rotary Club was a guest.

Program Chair Ryan Ungerspoke about his family vacation trip to Glacier National Park. He showed a video of the park, in northern Montana along the Canadian border with Alberta and British Columbia.

The park has over a million acres covering parts of two mountain ranges, over 130 named lakes, more than 1,000 different species of plants and hundreds of species of animals, he said. The region was first inhabited by Native Americans.

The park was established in 1910, and about 150 glaciers could be found in the park in the mid-19th century. Only 25 active glaciers remained by 2010. All may disappear by 2020 if the current climate patterns persist, he said. He said Logan Pass, the gateway to the wilderness, is a spectacular sight.

The Rotary Christmas party will be at the Sunflower Cinema on Sunday, Dec. 16, beginning with appetizers and drinks from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. A special showing of "Phantom of the Opera" on the big screen will cost \$10 per person.



COMPLETING A SERVICE PROJECT at the Oberlin Teens for Christ building last week were several members of the McCook Evangelical Free Church, including Larry Ganje (right) of Oberlin. The church members supplied material and labor to extend existing duct work for the building.

— Photo by Janice Ganje

Church installs heat ducts

Members of the McCook Evangelical Free Church came to Oberlin to install heat ducts at the Oberlin Teens for Christ building last Tuesday.

The group, which included Oberlin residents Larry and Janice Ganje, supplied the material and labor to extend the existing

ductwork to the "lesson" side of the building, said Doug Mason, sponsor of the Oberlin group.

He said that they have never had adequate heat and that the teens would have to wear jackets during lesson time to keep warm in the winter.

"I am so thankful for this gift,"

Pastor Mason said. "It will be so nice to be in there and not be cold."

The project was part of the church's 40 days of "one-anothering," where members met in small groups, with each group to do a service project.

Dresden woman on K-State team

Though it has taken some time, Kendra Spresser, daughter of Dennis and Shawn Spresser of rural Dresden, has become a starter on the Kansas State Wildcats basketball team.

After graduating from Hoxie High School in 2008, the 5-foot, 5-inch guard enrolled at Seward Community College in Liberal to play basketball.

There, she tore a hip ligament and had surgery, which took her out of the game her sophomore year.

After recuperating, she had setbacks when she suffered two knee injuries. She graduated from Seward two years ago and then decided to enroll at K-State, even though she couldn't play.

"I went to a Wildcat game, but found it very hard to not play. It was hard to be on the sidelines and watch," she said.

She did find her way onto the basketball court last spring, however,

after she was spotted by the coaches during an informal pick-up game at the campus recreation center.

K-State Coach Deb Patterson says she likes what she's seen so far.

"She's got a little jump shot, can shoot the 3 when she's open and she dribbles the ball and protects it," Patterson said.

"She's tough and gritty, and that's part of what makes her good, being so small. You have to be tough to be able to survive at her size.

"She's a young person who can come in and help a program in need and bring a work ethic and toughness I love. She fits and contributes.

"We always talk about persistence, determination and resilience, and she exemplifies all of those things.

"Through every injury she stayed determined, stayed in shape and continued to believe that maybe

there might be a chance. She plays like an upperclassman, even though she's not, because of the injuries. It's very good for this young team to have someone like that."

During four years of high school, Spresser helped her teams to an 87-15 record, averaging over 15 points, six rebounds, four assists and five steals per game.

She played at Hoxie High under Coach Shelly Hoyt during her junior and senior years and at Golden Plains High School her freshman and sophomore years.

Spresser is majoring in sociology service and plans to pursue a master's degree.

"Since she was injured, she will still be eligible to play two more years," her mother said.

Kendra has two older sisters, Kelsey and Katie, who played basketball at Colby Community College, and a younger brother, Kade.

Club News

Club welcomes members

By ISABEL GRAFEL AND CLAYTON CARTER

The monthly meeting of the Stick-To-It 4-H Club was held at the home of Abby and Travis His-song on Sunday, Nov. 18. There were 16 members present. The roll call was "What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?"

For the program, there was new member initiation. The new members are Brynna and Bry-

ant Addleman and Braeden and Landen Ketterl. The club voted to sponsor an Angel Tree child.

Erin May led the club in the song "Herman the Worm." Recreation was Pin the Feather on the Turkey. Refreshments were provided by the Carter and May families.

The next meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 9, at the bowling alley.

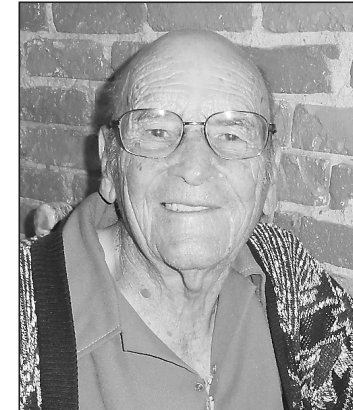


The family of **Don Mines** is requesting a card shower to honor and congratulate Don on his 85th birthday on December 8.

Cards can reach him at 106 N. East Ave. Oberlin, KS 67749.

Happy Birthday, Edwin

Edwin Black is turning 97 on December 11, 2012. Friends and family invite you to join them in celebrating his birthday on **Sunday, December 16**, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Willow Ridge, 1500 E. 11th Street, McCook, NE 69001. Your presence will be his gift.



Woman to speak on Sunday

Holly Heyroth Opundo will speak during morning worship services at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church about the ministry at Angel House and Angel House Secondary School in Tanzania.

She spoke at a meeting of the Hays District of the United Methodist Women in Norton in October.

She is a certified volunteer at the school and children's home in Tanzania, said Pastor Nancy Proffitt.

Want breakfast for supper?

Frontier Restaurant

has breakfast specials every *Wednesday night.*

In a hurry? Order meals to go. Call us at 475-3429

Planning a Wedding?

The Oberlin Herald is happy to run pictures and stories of weddings.

However, we need the information within five weeks of the marriage. Write-ups received after this date require a \$10 charge for each month past the deadline date.

Stop by our office for a wedding form.