



## Women tell about aprons

**FROM FRILLY TO FLOURSACK**, aprons of all sizes and description were on display at Friday's Brown Bag Lunch sponsored by the Decatur County Museum. Dozens of people ate their lunch and listened as Liann Martin (top) modeled a print apron while she displayed a butcher-style apron that advertised a Nebraska lumber company. Joy Russell (left) described a lace apron, while not practical, was probably worn for company dinners.

— Herald staff photo by Ramell Taylor

# \* Accident here claims life of war veteran

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 was drafted, and he volunteered for the Merchant Marine. He served 2 1/2 years during World War II.

After the war, he became an electrician for Amoco Pipeline Co. He was again drafted, serving in the Army during the Korean War at Fort Hood, Texas. He returned to Amoco, working 32 years in Colorado, North Dakota and Casper, Wyo. After retirement, he began a second career as a farmer and rancher in Wray, Colo.

He married June Timm and they had two children. She died Oct. 12, 1999. He married Kelva Swindler on Aug. 13, 2005, in Wray, and the couple later moved to Oberlin.

He collected antique vehicles and tractors and enjoyed photography. His greatest enjoyment was the company of his many friends and entertaining at impromptu "board meetings" at his "playhouse."

Survivors include his wife, Oberlin; a son, Eldon (Susan) Dryden, Wray; a daughter, Joyce Dryden, Cordova, Tenn.; five step-daughters, Randa (Steven) Vollertsen, Crista (Stephen) Lane, Pamela (Robert) Topping, Diana (Terry) Rippe and Jonna (Patrick) Inman; two sisters, Shirley Swihart, Novato, Calif., and Irene Albright, Winchester, Tenn.; four grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; 12 step-grandchildren; and 21 step-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ruth.

Memorial services were Saturday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin with Pastor Gene Gee officiating. Graveside services were at Grandview Cemetery in Wray, with Pastor Noel Sullivan officiating.

A memorial was established to the Golden Age Center, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Businesses complain about slower internet

The AT&T Internet issues are improving for business and residential customers who reported having slower than usual speed problems last week.

President of The Bank Gary Walter said the speeds have varied since he brought the issue to the attention of the Oberlin City Council.

"We've had no problems," he said "to where the internet was slow to the point we were waiting to send and receive documents like last week."

Mr. Walter said he received a call from City Administrator Karen Larson last week who told him the city would try to help resolve the problem.

"It was a plus to hear from the city," he said. "Not everyone uses AT&T and sometimes we're not vocal enough, so I'm happy that they are aware of just how important

this is."

The biggest frustrations, Mr. Walter said, came from the lack of options he had during the issue and the fact that it didn't seem to be a priority on AT&T's behalf to resolve the problem.

"We are looking for other options with Nextech," he said. "If the move can be done in a reasonable, cost effective manner. They have the capability to give fiber optics, which have more speed and capacity."

Natasha Carman, treasurer for the Economic Development Corporation, said they've been having the same problem at The Bank.

"When we called AT&T," she said, "they said the Oberlin area was under an area-wide outage. The problem was fixed by last Friday and we haven't had any problems since then."

## Police officer retires after 35 year career

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After a 35-year career in Kansas law enforcement, Officer Scott Zeigler plans to retire at the end of this month.

Raised in Lenexa, a Kansas City suburb, Mr. Zeigler said he started his career in 1978 at the Natoma Police Department, where he had other responsibilities besides his general police duties.

"I did everything," he said, "from serving on the water and sewer departments, working on the streets, driving the ambulance, to serving as a part-time city marshal at night."

Mr. Zeigler said he worked there a year before going on to the Osborne Police Department, where he served for almost four years.

From there, he said, he moved to the Downs Police Department, also working on the city crew part time.

He said he was there about year before joining the Russell County Sheriff Department for a year.

"I did patrol and other general police duties for the county," Mr. Zeigler said, "before joining the Oberlin Police Department on July 10, 1986."

He celebrated his 27th year on the force this month, he said, adding that he can remember working with his first chief, Gary Reiter.

"He was a great guy to work with," Mr. Zeigler said. "I've enjoyed working with all the chiefs here in Oberlin."

After Mr. Reiter, he said, he worked with Wade Lockhart and Chief Troy Haas.

Mr. Zeigler said he's going to miss everyone he's worked with, as well as the work that comes with being a police officer. With retirement getting closer, he said, he's as ready

as he's going to be.

One of the biggest cases, he said he remembers was the homicide at the Star Motel, which was the first homicide in the city since he had been in Oberlin.

Mr. Ziegler said he and his wife Sandy plan to stay in Oberlin to keep up with his three grandchildren in town.

"I've been here half my life," he said. "I consider this to be my home."

Celebrating his 60th birthday Friday, Mr. Ziegler said this month should keep him plenty busy.

"After retirement," Mr. Zeigler said, "I'm just going to take it easy for a while; maybe take my family on a vacation in the near future."

He said when he's not working, he enjoys doing woodworking, building model cars and airplanes, and collecting Hot Wheels model



Officer Scott Zeigler

cars, and riding his 1000 Honda Shadow motorcycle.

## Demographic surveys have to be in today

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The city has until Aug. 1 to retrieve the data from a minimum of 300 surveys to qualify for grants to be used toward projects like the water and sewer repairs.

Administration assistant Steve Zodrow said the Kansas Department of Commerce has a Community Development Block Grant for cities that have 51 percent of residents who are of low-to-moderate income households.

"From the results we've received so far," he said, "63 percent of are residents account for low-to-moderate income households. Now we need to increase the total of surveys to account for 85 percent of Oberlin's population."

Mr. Zodrow said out of the 936 sent out, he said, just 393 responses have been returned. He's hoping people will send in their surveys

whether they qualify or not. "Every survey counts," he said. "Even those with high incomes

would help account for the city's population."

Mr. Zodrow said he plans to go

door-to-door in an effort to collect the results needed before the deadline.

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