

**THE OBERLIN HERALD —**  
**People in**  
**Our Community**  
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Larry and Peggy Roe, accompanied by his mother, Ardis Roe, went to Jetmore on Jan. 28, where they attended a basketball tournament. Their son and grandson, Michael Roe, is the boys basketball coach at Jetmore High School and teaches math. He is a 2000 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a 2005 graduate of Washburn University where he majored in math.

Daughn and Dorothy Avery of Norton were Oberlin visitors on Wednesday. Mrs. Avery was honored at a birthday luncheon at the LandMark Inn given by Ella Betts, Mary Waldo and Jody Betts. Later, they enjoyed birthday cake, baked by the Averys' daughter, Cindy Boller of Norton, at the Loyd Waldo home.

Tom Sloan of Hoxie, son of Doris Sloan of Oberlin, was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital on Saturday for heart observation. He checked out fine and was able to return home on Sunday. LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt spent Sunday with her sister, Doris Sloan.

**—Valentine Sunday Brunch Buffet, Sunday, Feb. 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Those from the Class of 1951 of Decatur Community High School who met for lunch at the LandMark Inn on Friday to make plans for their 55th reunion in May included: Detta Anderson, Joy Votapka, Mary Lou Olson, Max and Veanna Carman, Enid Anderson, Joyce Ploussard and Dorothy Moore.

Word was received of the death of Robert C. Wilson, 86, of Wichita, on Feb. 1. He was the father of Steve Wilson, and the father-in-law of Donna (Leitner) Wilson, daughter of Gene and Marcella Leitner. Military graveside services were held at White Chapel Memorial Gardens in Wichita on Feb. 3 by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Condolences may be sent to Steve and Donna Wilson and Desiree at 3804 Sullivan, Wichita, Kan., 67204.

The Todd Richards family of Nederland, Texas, and the Doug Richards family of East Grand Forks, Minn., were houseguests last week of the men's mother, Karen Metcalf.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Veanna Carman, Barb Solko, Henry Edgett, Max Carman, De-waine Stapp, Merle Shirley and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Floyd Edgett, Donna Kent, Wilma May, Merle Shirley, Aleen Van

**Many attend Metcalf services**

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral services on Thursday for Jack Metcalf were:

Brad Metcalf, San Diego; Todd and Rachel Richards, Jacob and Caleb, Nederland, Texas; Doug and Kristy Richards and Cap, East Grand Forks, Minn.; Kay Richards and Kay Kjelland, Columbia, Mo.; Bryan Richards, Lawrence; Jim and Janis Judd, Danville, Calif.; Nancy-lee Anderson, Ward Sauvage, Las Vegas; Cynthia Mousel, Sanford Mousel, Marilyn Fitzgerald, Gary and Mary Metcalf, Boyd and Marcille Berryman, Denver; Mary and Mike Stephenson, Leavenworth; Sandra and Gene Gardner, Richard Gardner, Mount Vernon, Texas; Jeanne Young, Ponca City, Okla.; Shirley Kump Werholtz, Lawrence; Donna Tucker, Wichita; Mary Smith, Shad and Jody Metcalf, Colby; Bill and Shirley Mousel, Olathe; Gerald and Leona Rogers, Newton; Ron and Nancy Mousel, Kay and Margi Martin,

Vleet, and Sandra Young. Pitch highs were won by Helena Bruggeman, Juanita Eckhart and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Barb Solko, Aleen Van Vleet and Floyd Edgett. Bridge winners were Leone Purton, Merle Shirley and Marie McKisson.

Pat Fringer attended funeral services for her cousin, Dorothy (Krizek) Leonard, in Salina on Friday. Mrs. Leonard died on Jan. 31 in Hutchinson. Mrs. Fringer was accompanied by her daughters, Rhonda Workman of Wichita, and Kim Brumley and Kourtney of Inman, to the services.

Houseguests of Gary and Mary Ann Erickson last week for the Metcalf funeral were Mike and Mary Stephenson, Leavenworth, and Kay Richards and her grandmother, Kay Kjelland, Columbia, Mo.

Those who went to Kearney, Neb., on Sunday, Jan. 29, to help Dennis and Judy Shirley celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary were Tom and Leanna Sloan, Hoxie; Doris Sloan and Merle Shirley, Oberlin; Patrick Shirley, Norcatur; and Cindy McKenna, Norton. Dennis Shirley is recuperating from heart by-pass surgery and will be starting rehabilitation soon. Mail will reach him at Good Samaritan Hospital, 31st and Central, Kearney, Neb., 68847.

Eris Young took her aunt, Myrtle Warner, to Selden last week to attend funeral services for Richard Koerperich.

Jean Earlywine is recuperating from a broken leg which she suffered in a fall at her home. She is a sister of Ila Ray of Oberlin. Mail will reach her at 1642 Washington, Louisville, Colo., 80027.

Faye Miller celebrated her Feb. 5 birthday early last month with her daughter and family, Rita and Maurice Schaller, in Larned. They also helped their son, Aaron Schaller, who is stationed with the U.S. Navy near San Diego, celebrate his birthday on Jan. 4. Also present was their other son, Derrick Schaller, of Hays.

Ethan and Jordyn Beckman of Grinnell were weekend guests of their grandparents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy.

Jeanne Young, former Oberlin resident, was a guest of Dr. Douglas and Sandy Fair last week for the Metcalf services. She and her husband, Richard, currently live in Ponca City, Okla. The Fairs also hosted Karen Metcalf's sister, Sandra and Gene Gardner and Richard of Mount Vernon, Texas, at their guest house in town.

Dave and Connie Stout, McCook; Duane Steele, St. Mary's; Jill Boultinghouse, Great Bend; Murray and Bonni Sloan, Granbury, Texas; Evan and Judy Golt, Hill City;

Ted and Connie Sanko, Carl and Charolette Neff, Ray Rojas, Tiren and Becca Glennemeier, Charles Worden, Duane and Darlene McEwen, Norton; Ken and Peggy Hilton, Gary and Jeanie TenBensel, Judy and Jim Jackson, Brenda Huxoll, Cambridge, Neb.; Gary and Nancy Young, Manhattan; Virginia Smith, Edna Hawkins, Tom and Arlene Bliss, Jim and Jean Roberts, Gary and Millie Fisher, Skip McCain, Donna Spresser, Atwood;

Nancy Selbe, Elmo and Margaret Lund, Hays; Mark and Kim McConville, Indianola, Neb.; Doug and Kim Lutz, Benkelman, Neb.; Ron and Marlene Erickson, Brad and Angie Erickson, Rexford; Linda Dirks, Bill Lanning, Ludell; Don and Mona Mousel, Edison, Neb.; and Donna and Howard Taylor, Kearney, Neb.

**Couple plans June wedding**

Wendy Swilley and Grant Vollertsen are making plans to be married in June at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Billie Swilley of Scott City, and Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Vollertsen of Oberlin.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Scott Community High School and she is working as a registered dental hygienist in Omaha. She is the granddaughter of Florence Swilley, Healey, and the late John Swilley; and Geraldine Ribbing, Scott City, and the late Eugene Ribbing.

Her fiance graduated from Decatur Community High School in



G. Vollertsen and W. Swilley

Oberlin in 1999 and will receive his degree from Creighton University School of Dentistry in Omaha in May. His grandparents are Don and Willa Vollertsen, and Harold and Betty Wilfong, all of Norton.

**Dinner theater Feb. 18**

Oberlin Arts and Humanities will sponsor its annual dinner theater on Saturday, Feb. 18, at The Gateway in Oberlin. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a musical program at 7:30 p.m.

"The Blue and Gray Brass Brigade," a seven-piece ensemble based in Kansas City, will open the program with a historical version of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Among other songs featured will be "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," "Stars and Stripes Forever"

and "Yankee Doodle." Instruments will include the cornet, alto horn, tenor horn, tuba and drums. Historical information will be provided throughout the program.

Reservations are needed by Thursday, Feb. 16. Tickets are available for \$25 each by calling Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557, or Mary Henzel, 475-3329. Season ticket holders will be admitted with one per season ticket or two for a family ticket, but they also need to call for reservations.

**Annual Arizona gathering set**

The 16th annual gathering of present and former residents of Decatur County will meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the home of Max and Marlene Miller, 11124 E. Sugar Creek Drive, Gold Canyon, Ariz., 85218.

Lunch will be provided by the committee and cost of the meal may be paid on arrival. Those planning to attend are asked to contact the Millers by mail, call (480) 982-6482, or e-mail white\_miller@juno.com.

**Rotary enjoys performance**

Chanté, a vocal group from Decatur Community High School, presented the program for the Feb. 7 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

Director Susan Nelson said she started this group eight years ago to give more girls an opportunity to sing, dance and get more involved

in activities. They opened with several 1960s tunes, including "Break Away" and "Jingle Jangle."

Guests were Janice Shobe, Terry Woodbury and Rick Langness. Junior Rotarians from the high school were Brent Stallman and Jonathan Smith.

**Maverick 4-H club meets**

By TAYLOR MACFEE  
 The Maverick 4-H Club met on Jan. 8 at the Bohemian Hall. There were 20 members present. Roll call was your favorite Christmas present.

Members attending were Nathan, Marissa and Jordan Baker, Kiah and Jakobi Blau, Alexis and Gatlin Hissong, Shawn Baker, Caleb and Luke Koerperich, Taylor and Madison Macfee, Kaylee and Kelsey May, Marci Metcalf, Rachael Ritter, Chris and Haley Schiessler, and Jessica and Jamie Soderlund.

During new business, we talked about 4-H days and voted to do a project for our next meeting. Treats were furnished by the Hissong and Koerperich families.

The club will meet on Feb. 12 for some Valentine's Day fun.

**Benefit soup supper set**

A benefit soup supper for the Kids Wrestling program will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday in the high school cafeteria, right before a wres-

tling dual between Oberlin and Hoxie at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

**New Arrival**

**Jaxon Leroy Smith**

Jaxon Leroy Smith was born Dec. 5, 2005, at the Norton County Hospital, the son of Billy and Becky Smith of Norton. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long. The Smiths have another son, Koby. Grandparents are

Ron and Patti Uehlin, Danbury, Neb.; Bud and Liz Posson, Norton; and Bill and Penny Smith, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Larry and Iris Smith, Norton; Wayne and Donna Messinger, McCook; and Mary Kolsky, Oberlin.

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