

* Man leaves legacy of stories and happy memories

(Continued from Page 1A)
 scratch. It was the distribution center for northwest Kansas. He went to work every day and even though he owned the company, said Mrs. Metcalf, he could and did work every position.
 He had this Kenworth truck, said Mrs. Metcalf, and on every trip to Denver, he would ask if she had heard the story about how the truck handled going up the hill when it was full of Pepsi supplies. Even though she had, he would tell her again.
 In 1975, said Mrs. Metcalf, he sold the company.
 Then he bought the Oberlin Insurance Agency with Elmer Kathka. Later they added Decatur County Title and Abstract, where Mrs. Metcalf worked for 17 years.
 Mr. Metcalf sold everything and started the real estate business. He just saw a need for the service so he filled it. He worked hard at it, said Mrs. Metcalf; he worked hard for the people he sold for and the people he sold to.

was to her to someone else. Mrs. Burtis said she doesn't think she ever really told him he was her mentor, but she thinks he knew he was appreciated.
 "He was one of the cornerstones of this community," she said.
 Often during the day, people would meet and talk in the real estate office. One of those who stopped by was Jerry Fear, who was the Oberlin City administrator at the time. After hearing of Mr. Metcalf's death, he emailed that he had known Jack for almost 16 years. He said they had a lot in common, being roughly from the same generation and sharing experiences.
 Mr. Fear wrote that they had many conversations over the years that seemed never to end, only stopping when one of them ran out of something to say.
 "On reflecting the last couple of days on our relationship," said Mr. Fear. "I would describe it as a 16-year conversation, that was only interrupted when either of us wasn't around, re-started on a moment's notice. And I realized that this was the perfect metaphor to describe Jack's life. He was an ongoing, unbroken conversation, that wasn't finished. He just ran out of time."
 Around retirement time in 2003 Mr. Metcalf purchased a 1963 Jeep he saw while driving at 70 miles an hour in Nebraska. He stopped in a nearby town and found out who owned the Jeep. After a few calls he made contact with the owner and purchased it with the idea of restoring it.
 Retirement also meant he was



Jack, 1950s



ON A RIDING MOWER, grandsons Bryan (left) and Curtis Richards towed their Papa, Jack Metcalf, in a little red wagon.

attended Decatur rural school, graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1953, and attended Fort Hays State University. He served in the Army from January 1955 to 1958.
 He married Ann Greer of Great Bend in June of 1955. After his father died in 1959, he managed the ranch and he and his wife and their two sons lived there for a time.
 He married Karen (Anderson) Richards on June 7, 1976, in Wichita. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, where he served as a lay leader and chairman of the church board; the Oberlin Masonic Lodge, American Legion and Rotary Club. He served on the board for the Decatur County Museum and Decatur County Hospital.
 Other survivors include his stepfather, Charles Corcoran, Oberlin; son, Brad and Laura Metcalf, San Diego; three stepsons, Barry and Patti Richards, Oberlin; Todd and Rachel Richards, Nederland, Texas; and Doug and Kristy Richards, East Grand Forks, Minn.; a step-daughter, Kristin and Randy McHugh, Oberlin; a brother, Sidney and Cheryl Metcalf, Oberlin.
 He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Brian Metcalf in 1958, and a son, Kurt Robert Metcalf.
 Funeral services were Thursday morning at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Doug Hasty officiating. Burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery with military rites by the Oberlin American Legion.
 Memorials were established to the church or the museum. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

able to start work on the Majestic, a house he restored on South Antelope. In it he had an office and small kitchen and friends would stop to talk and have a cup of coffee.
 Mrs. Metcalf said it didn't seem like her husband had retired, since he still left the house in the morning and returned each evening.
 She said he would take their oldest grandson, Curtis Richards, to lunch every day.
 The two shared the Come and Look, which is a small room off the couple's garage. In the room are items that Curtis and his Papa collected over the years, everything from alarm clocks to Pepsi items to figurines to anything you could find at an auction.
 "Curtis and Jack were really more like best friends," said Mrs. Metcalf. Papa, as the grandkids called him,

never missed a concert or a game of any of the kids, she said.
 Mrs. Metcalf said her husband loved their grandkids and wanted to teach them things like how to enjoy nature.
 She said he once said that "if he had to pay for the entertainment they gave him, he wouldn't be able to afford it."
 The couple has 11 grandchildren, including Curtis, Bryan, Jonathon and Andrew Richards, Jacob and Caleb Richards, Kay and Cap Richards, and Jordan, Conner and Tyler McHugh.
 Over the years, Mr. Metcalf was a member of a small Promise Keepers group, helped get the Oberlin Speedway built, served on the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. board, was a member and leader of the Oberlin

United Methodist Church.
 He served on the board at Valley Hope Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center in Norton.
 "He reached out to people who had those problems," said Mrs. Metcalf. "He felt it was his obligation to help."
 After more than 30 years of marriage, she said, the house seems a little empty.
 "Life without Jack," said Mrs. Metcalf, "I just can't imagine it. He had such a presence. He left a big footprint to fill."
 He was born Robert Jackson Metcalf on June 27, 1935, to Harold E. and Dorothy (Mousel) Metcalf in McCook. He and his brother, Sidney, grew up on the Metcalf Ranch, which had been home-steaded by their grandparents, Aldeverd and Harriet Metcalf. He

community conversation will be held, basically a public meeting, to generate more citizen participation.
 "In a smaller community, it is about engaging citizens and regaining ownership," he said. "The volunteer spirit here is strong.
 This project taps into that. That energy has to be focused.
 "It is a way for the community to mobilize people and focus on the goals. It will get people together."
 In everything, he said, he asks three ques-

tions: Is it good for the youth? Is it increasing citizen involvement? Is it good for the public square?
 If a goal or idea does all three, he said, then it will generate success.
 Mr. Woodbury said he is in western Kan-

sas the first half of the month working with communities and will be here the first part of the week. If there are groups that meet in the first half of the week who would like to have him talk about the program, they can call him at (620)-214-0002.

* Project started to set goals for county for the next 10 years

(Continued from Page 1A)
 the assets we have. People know what has worked and what problems they have had in the past. The assets can be built on in a different way.
 In early April, said Mr. Woodbury, a com-

unity conversation will be held, basically a public meeting, to generate more citizen participation.
 "In a smaller community, it is about engaging citizens and regaining ownership," he said. "The volunteer spirit here is strong.
 This project taps into that. That energy has to be focused.
 "It is a way for the community to mobilize people and focus on the goals. It will get people together."
 In everything, he said, he asks three ques-

tions: Is it good for the youth? Is it increasing citizen involvement? Is it good for the public square?
 If a goal or idea does all three, he said, then it will generate success.
 Mr. Woodbury said he is in western Kan-

sas the first half of the month working with communities and will be here the first part of the week. If there are groups that meet in the first half of the week who would like to have him talk about the program, they can call him at (620)-214-0002.

community conversation will be held, basically a public meeting, to generate more citizen participation.
 "In a smaller community, it is about engaging citizens and regaining ownership," he said. "The volunteer spirit here is strong.
 This project taps into that. That energy has to be focused.
 "It is a way for the community to mobilize people and focus on the goals. It will get people together."
 In everything, he said, he asks three ques-

tions: Is it good for the youth? Is it increasing citizen involvement? Is it good for the public square?
 If a goal or idea does all three, he said, then it will generate success.
 Mr. Woodbury said he is in western Kan-











* Spill keeps kids out of classroom

(Continued from Page 1A)
 liquid mercury, a heavy metal, is poisonous. It can be absorbed through the skin for an extended period of time.
 The Environmental Protection Agency had to bring in a meter to measure the vapors from the mercury. It was in Dodge City and the person was in Hays so they met half way and then came here.
 Before the team from McCook was able to clean up the spill the credentials had to be checked by the Environmental Protection Agency.
 Bill Elliot, chief of the Red Wil-

low Western Fire Department, also operates the household hazardous waste disposal for western Nebraska. He collected all of the mercury and took it with him.
 Chief Cathcart said Chief Elliot also took other thermometers and various other items that had liquid mercury in them at the school. Chief Cathcart said the representative from the state thought it would be better to take the items instead of risking another accident.
 Mr. Glodt said the classroom was closed on Monday so that it could be checked again.

The GM Total Value Promise.

The best possible cars and trucks at the best possible prices. It's not a promotion. It's a promise.

<p>06 Canyon 2wd Reg Cab 2.8 4cyl.. 5-SPD. MT. AC</p>  <p>MSRP \$15685. Sale \$14500.*</p>	<p>06 Sierra 1500 2wd Reg Cab SB 4.3 V6, AT, AC, Cruise</p>  <p>MSRP \$18980. Sale \$16300.*</p>
<p>06 Canyon 4wd Crew Cab SLE 3.5 5 cyl, AT, PL,PW, KeylessEntry</p>  <p>MSRP \$26535. Sale \$24500.*</p>	<p>06 GMC Sierra 1500 4wd Crew Cab SLE 5.3 V8, AT, Z71, HD Trailer Pkg</p>  <p>MSRP \$32690. Sale \$28500.*</p>
<p>06 Sierra 1500 4wd Crew Cab SLT Heated Leather, 5.3 V8, XM Radio, Onstar</p>  <p>MSRP \$36840. Sale \$32500.*</p>	<p>06 Sierra 1500HD 4wd Crew Cab SLE1 6.0 V8, AT, XM Radio, Onstar, HD Trailer Pkg</p>  <p>MSRP \$36312 Sale \$32000.*</p>
<p>06 Sierra 2500 HD 4wd Ext Cab SLE 6.0 V8, AT, PW/PL, HD Trailer Pkg</p>  <p>MSRP \$34367. Sale \$31000.*</p>	<p>06 Sierra 2500 HD 4wd Crew Cab SLE 6.6L Duramax, Allison AT, XM Radio, Onstar, HD Trailer Pkg</p>  <p>MSRP \$43857. Sale \$39900.*</p>
<p>06 Yukon XL 1/2 ton 4wd SLT 5.3(E85), AT, DVD, Sunroof, XM, Autoride, 2nd Row Captains</p>  <p>MSRP \$51265. Sale \$41000.*</p>	<p>06 Envoy Denali 4wd 5.3 V8 Displacement on Demand, Sunroof. XM. Onstar</p>  <p>MSRP \$37265. Sale \$34900.*</p>

Poker players still have a chance

Poker players still have time to win one of two \$50 bouquets from Oberlin flower shops for Valentine's Day.
 Each time you visit one of the sponsoring businesses, collect one randomly drawn playing card. Each player needs to collect five cards for a poker hand.
 The cards need to be turned in to *The Oberlin Herald* by 5 p.m. on Friday. The two highest hands win.

All participants must be 18 or older to win.
 Winners will get a bouquet from Prairie Petals or Flowers by Lee.
 Sponsoring businesses also include R & M Service Center, the Dresser, Rocking R, Stanley Hardware, Shear Creations West and Day Spa, Home Planning Center, Ward Drug Store and Adleman Drug Store.

Jennings man injured in car accident on I-70

A Jennings man had to be flown to Wichita this weekend after a one-car accident on I-70 about seven miles west of Quinter.
 The Kansas Highway Patrol said James C. Mayfield, 20, was taken to the Gove County Medical Center and then flown to St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.
 Troopers reported that Mr.

Mayfield was westbound around 3:25 p.m. on Sunday when his car drifted off the road entering the ditch on the north side. The report said Mr. Mayfield overcorrected to the left and rolled the vehicle two times. He was not wearing a seat belt, and was partially ejected.
 Mr. Mayfield was driving a 1984 Chevy pickup.

LAI-D-OFF RECENTLY?

As the world's busiest trucking company, Schneider National's business is growing and we're hiring.

- Experience rewarded but not required
- Company-provided CDL training for qualified candidates
- \$35,500-\$58,500 (depending on experience)
- Immediate benefits for experienced drivers
- Sign-on bonus may apply

Apply Online @ schneiderjobs.com

Or call 1-800-44-PRIDE (1-800-447-7433)



SCHNEIDER NATIONAL

GM
WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE™

Bernie JONES

CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA
308-697-4661
866-534-1422

AFTER HOURS: JEFF 308-697-4859
www.wheelsforyou.com/berniejones

*Includes applicable incentives. At participating dealers. Tax, title, and license fees extra. Now through March 31, 2006.