

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

People in Our Community

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eckhart, Niantic, Ill., visited Lois Eckhart, and other relatives and friends over the weekend.

Ella Betts returned home Friday from Kearney, Neb., where she had undergone hip replacement surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital. Her niece and her husband, Nadine and Marion Swanson of Hastings, Neb., brought her home. Dorothy Avery of Norton visited her on Monday afternoon.

Lairy and Beth Goltl returned home last Monday from Wichita, where they had spent the weekend with Scott and Deb Goltl, Molly, Matthew, and Nathan.

Jackie Mayberry, Zach Lahe and Pat Cozad visited over the weekend in Manhattan with Lakin Lahe, who is a freshman at Kansas State University.

Doris Fringer was honored with an open house on Saturday afternoon at Golden Age Center in observance of her 80th birthday. Those attending from her immediate family included: Shaun and Donna Futrell, Garden Valley, Calif.; Dustin and Kellie Connor and Andrew, and Matthew, Terry, Brea and Landon Connor, Citrus Heights, Calif.; Corey, LeeAnne, Tyler and Sierra Connor, and Kayla Connor, Orangeville, Calif.; James, Heather, Megan, Breanna and Aaron Shirley, Olathe; Rod and Patty Steinmetz, Two Buttes, Colo.; Ryan and Kellie Steinmetz, Fort Collins, Colo.; Jane, Ron and Tim Blume and Lorie Cocker, Indianola, Neb.; Janice Kurth, and Johnny Miller, Imperial, Neb.; Dwayne and Twila Scott, Gardner; Ronald Scott, Washington; Thaniel, Jennifer, Madison and Lawson Monaco, Manhattan; Devan, Sarah, Rebekah, Maiah and Dane, Hoxie; Calise Castle, Ashville, N.C.; Bill and Ina Marie Goodnight, Dick and Linda Weber, Anita, Shawn, Taylor and Ryan Ketterl, Nick and Rhonda Barth, Valerie Faris, Judy Scott, Valisha, Travis and Alana Raile, Kariah Castle, Bob and Deanna Castle, Carolyn Shirley, Shannon Harris, Shane, Jude and Justice Harris, Virginia Cooper,

Chris and Curtis Walston, Desiree Shields, J.D. and Shelby Forbes, and Dayton and Dawson Kempt, all of Oberlin.

Evan Wenger of Aubrey, Texas, visited last week with his mother and sister, Fern and Jodie Wenger.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Kelva Dryden, Doris Fringer, Dorothy Moore, Wilma May, Merle Shirley and Floyd Edgett. Lows went to Aleen Van Vleet, Max Carman, Floyd Edgett, Elden Haas and Doris Gilbert. Pitch highs were won by Elden Haas and Barb Solko with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet. Bridge highs were won by Phyllis Lohoefer, Merle Shirley, Dorothy Cochran and Alice Shirley.

— **Transylvania Buffet Tuesday, Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m. featuring German and Romanian food. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

The family of Marylu Brown honored her with an open house at the American Legion on Saturday afternoon in observance of her 80th birthday. Her immediate family who attended included Rick and Julie Johnson, Leawood; David and Tammy Brown, Olathe; Duane and Barbara Custer, Salina; Karmel Hutfles, McCook; Tom and Jennifer Phillips, Seattle, Wash.; and Dan Brown, Oberlin. Among others attending were Betty Grout, Atwood; Vicki Houston, Lakewood, Colo.; and Rodney Lorentz, Herndon.

Those from Oberlin who attended the Hays District United Methodist Women's meeting at Norton on Saturday were Goldie Stapp, Elaine Bryan, Marian Fraker, Judy Davis, Doris Sloan, Jody Betts and Fern Moore. Those attending from Prairie Chapel were Coleen Rippe, Angie Wilson and Charissa Huff.

Larry and Mary Van Otterloo, Aubrey and Taylor of Manhattan visited over the weekend with his father, Larry Van Otterloo Sr., and Gary and Leola Zodrow and other relatives.

Modern Woodmen to honor local volunteer for service

The Oberlin Camp of Modern Woodmen will honor Mike Dempewolf for his volunteer work with a dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church basement, 210 E. Washington, in Oberlin.

Mr. Dempewolf has spent countless hours in volunteer service, said Mrs. McKisson, and camp members have named him as their outstanding citizen for the year. He

will be recognized for his work with Scouts, community, church and neighborhood.

Mr. Dempewolf will receive a \$100 grant to be presented to the charitable organization of his choice.

Members and guests are invited to attend. For reservations, call Marie McKisson at (785) 475-2927 by Monday. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 5

Rotary Club welcomes new member to club

Dick Ahlberg was welcomed as a new member of the Oberlin Rotary Club by President Marilyn Noone when members met at The Gateway on Oct. 16.

Jesse Carter presented the program on the Decatur Tomorrow project. He said that his purpose

as a coconvenor, along with other committee members, is to assist the action teams: Sappa Park, volunteer, leadership development and maximizing existing facilities. He told some of the work each team has accomplished and some future plans.

School conferences set at elementary school

The parent-teacher conferences for Oberlin Elementary School students will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday. No lunch will be served Friday.

Letters were sent to parents Oct. 17 with the assigned time to meet

with their child's teacher. Parents of fifth-grade students will meet with Mrs. Witt and Mrs. Buchholz together in Mrs. Buchholz' room. Parents of sixth graders will meet with Miss Dixon and Mrs. Ketterl in Miss Dixon's room.

Halloween cleanup changed

The date for the Halloween Cleanup has been changed to 6:15 p.m. next Tuesday, Oct. 30, due to the fact that most of the leaves in town have not fallen.

Those wishing to have their yards raked by the students may call the high school office at (785) 475-2231.

Former Dresden man joins Nevada college

Dr. Jerold Stegeman has joined Western Nevada College in Carson City, Nev., which is offering a new bachelor's degree in construction management.

He is the son of Arlee (Smith) Stegeman Williams of Westminster, Colo., formerly of Dresden, and the late Michael Stegeman.

Dr. Stegeman will be teaching classes including construction materials and methods, soils, site work, concrete and testing, regulatory agencies and construction-site safety.

"I'm excited to be here and see the program going ahead," he said. "The community should be proud that the college is offering its first bachelor's degree."

He moved to Nevada from the University of Nebraska, where he served as assistant professor in the construction management program. He earlier was an assistant professor at Louisiana Tech University and a graduate instructor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he earned a doctorate in civil and environmental engineering. He has a master's degree from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, a Bachelor

of Science in civil engineering from Colorado State University and an Associate of Applied Science degree from Metropolitan State College in Denver.

His professional experience includes serving as an engineering consultant and principal engineer for the City of North Las Vegas; public works director for the city of Ely, Nev.; and engineering supervisor for the city of Thornton, Colo.

Dr. Stegeman said he is looking forward to producing graduates who will serve community needs and be able to manage projects like bridges, skyscrapers and "green" buildings.

"There are 7,000 construction management graduates needed nationally and colleges are only producing about 3,500 annually," he said. "There are huge opportunities for graduates with the industry, and Western Nevada College is in a unique position to offer these opportunities to local high school and nontraditional students."

He graduated from Ranum High School in Westminster, Colo., in 1975. Dr. Stegeman owns property in Dresden.

Woman accepts position at the Shepherd's Staff

Jan Katz Ackerman, who has been writing for area newspapers, has accepted a position as administrative assistant to Executive Director Joan Dingwerth and Director of Outreach Ron Boller at the Shepherd's Staff in Rexford.

Mrs. Ackerman started her career as a circulation manager for the *Wichita Eagle*. For the past 10 years, she has been an area reporter covering much of the 18-county region of northwestern Kansas, working for *The Hays Daily News* and later the *Colby Free Press*.

"I am excited about my new opportunity to serve God at the Shepherd's Staff," she said. "God has provided me this open door to serve not only his followers, but to assist

Joan and Ron, along with the board of directors, in reaching out to those who do not know Jesus Christ as their Savior."

Mrs. Ackerman will assist with business office duties and serve as a hostess for groups using the conference and retreat center.

She will also help develop and oversee a new volunteer staff program which will allow more people to work at the center.

The Shepherd's Staff is a non-profit Christian conference center dedicated to offering excellence in rental facilities, caring staff and programs that offer Christian growth.

For details, call (785) 687-2565 or stop by the office at 240 Main in Rexford.



J. Ackerman

Healthcare meeting set

An informational health care meeting for parents and caregivers of young children will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the Oberlin Elementary School cafeteria.

Participants will receive a free copy of the book, "What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick," along with instructions on how to use the

book as a tool in promoting the safety and well-being of young children. The event is sponsored by Oberlin Head Start and the Oberlin Parents as Teachers program.

Those planning to attend are asked to call Penny Arnoldy at (785) 475-3935 or Pam May at (785) 475-3606 by Friday.

Music concert Saturday at Assembly of God Church

C.C. Turner Music Ministries will present a "Brand New Life" concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Oberlin Assembly of God Church, and a Sunday morning service at 10:45 a.m. at the church.

Cal and Cindy Turner said that this is their most exciting, dynamic

concert to date.

"It will be an uplifting, inspirational experience that will prepare you to wake up each morning looking forward to a 'Brand New Life,'" they said.

The public is welcome and admission is free.

Flag disposal ceremony set

The Oberlin American Legion will hold a ceremonial disposal of unserviceable flags at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11, at the American Legion parking lot.

A pancake feed will follow at 5:30 p.m. for the public. For details, call Col. Gary Allen, first vice commander, at (785) 475-3461

Club News

Club hears speaker

What's happening in Decatur County" was the theme for the Oct. 8 meeting of Monday Evening Club. Connie Grafel was guest speaker and presented information to 14 members and one guest, Inga-Lill Lindqvist of Stockholm, Sweden.

The group met at the Teller Room of the LandMark Inn with Laurie Wasson and Judy Ladehoff as hostesses.

Information was presented on the status of the proposed airport runway expansion, which is needed for the BCI Company at Jennings, along with other industries in the county. Ms. Grafel also reported on the Department of Agriculture Rural Development program and economic loans which had been awarded to

area businesses. She noted that the area economy has benefited from the C & H power line crew of 40 workers which includes 10 local persons. C&H has a 3- to 5-year contract with the Federal Emergency Management Agency as well as recent highway improvements. She said the hospital addition will be completed in November.

A letter of resignation was read from Maria Sanden who is moving to Baldwin City later this year.

Plans were made to hold the next meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Good Samaritan Center with entertainment and dessert for all residents. Those with November birthdays will be honored.

Methodist women meet

Methodist Women met Oct. 3 at fellowship hall of the church with 14 members and one guest, Nadine Haag, a new resident of Oberlin, present. Hostesses were Mary Ann Amack and Pat Abbey.

Devotions were given by Doris Sloan on the theme, "A Gift." Plans were made to attend the Hays district women's meeting at Norton on Oct. 20. Marian Fraker reported on Camp Lakeside during the mission minute and it was voted to give \$500 for projects planned to update the camp.

The church will be observing its 120th year with a potluck dinner following the worship service on Sunday, Nov. 4. Members

will also be honored for faithful service over the years and the new pictorial directories will be distributed.

Fern Moore presented the program, "Who is your neighbor?" based on Luke 5:22-27.

A guest at the Nov. 7 meeting will be Carol Ross of Alma, the connecting link for the Hays district of United Methodist Women. Hostesses will be Violet Shaw and Goldie Stapp. Roll call will be answered by a Bible verse on being thankful and devotions will be given by Marian Fraker. Judy Davis will present the program, "Sustainers of Life." Thank offering boxes will be collected

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends enjoyed an afternoon dessert at the LandMark Inn on Oct. 10. Eula Juenemann gave a humorous reading about old age.

Those present were Shirley Hayward, Norma Richards, Louise Pollnow, Luetta Pollnow, Phyllis Screen, Judy Davis, Cindy Sauder, Nadean Stoney, Willa

Urban, Elaine Bryan, Mary Ann Amack, Eula Juenemann, Virginia Spratling, Delphia Biggs, Esther Carlson, Dorothy Jackson, Marie Jean Vavroch, Donnamae Frandsen and Doris Sloan.

Due to a conflict, the next meeting will be changed to an 8:30 a.m. breakfast on Nov. 14 at the Frontier Restaurant.

Guests enjoy luncheon

Correspondents and staff were guests of *The Oberlin Herald* for the annual fall luncheon on Friday at the LandMark Inn, hosted by publishers Steve and Cynthia Haynes.

Others attending included Bee Nelson and Mary Leslie, *Norcatu News*; Louise Cressler, Jennings; Mary Lou Olson, Midway; Dianne Bremer, Mount Pleasant; Jacques Boultinghouse, Selden; Othelia Vacura, Decatur Health Systems; Carolyn Plotts, Out Back; Jody Betts, Yesteryear; Jo Henderson,

Decatur County Area Chamber; Maralyn Courage, Traer; Teresa Shaughnessy, Cedar Living Center; Lisa Paulson, Good Samaritan Center; Sarah Fredrickson, photography; Pat Cozad, office manager; Jim Merriott, sports; Dave Bergling, advertising; Kimberly Davis, managing editor; and Karla Jones, advertising makeup. Those unable to attend included Voni Sattler and Carrol Ginther, Herndon; Vicki Allison, Rexford; Sharleen Wurm, museum; and Judy Jordan.

Commission sets meeting

The 31st annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development will be held Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Americinn Cole/Specter Conference Center, I-70 and U.S. 281, in Russell.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7, followed by

the speaker. A visual presentation will show the past year's business loan, grant and housing activity for northwest Kansas.

Anyone interested in economic development for northwest Kansas is encouraged to attend. For reservations, call Ruth Deines at (785) 421-2151 or e-mail nwkpdc@ruraltel.net by Friday, Nov. 2.

Painting workshop set

A four-day painting workshop with master pastelist Kaye Franklin will be held at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum at Logan from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday, Nov. 7-10.

Ms. Franklin taught oil and pastel

classes at the museum in 2003, 2004 and 2006, and has been asked to return by popular demand.

The elements of her art include light, color and focal point, she says, and she likes working with both pastels and oils

New Arrival

Oliver W. Lohoefer

Chad and Julie Lohoefer of Tampa, Fla., are the parents of a son, Oliver William, born Sept. 26, 2007. He weighed 10 pounds, 2 ounces and is welcomed by a sister, Zoe, who is almost 2. Grandparents

are Bill and Sharon Lohoefer of North Platte, Neb., and John and Evie Burks of Tampa, Fla. Grand-grandparents are Mary Lohoefer of Oberlin; Jean Erickson of Colby; and Gordon Green of Gainesville, Fla.



The children of Dave and Pat Tongish are requesting a card shower to honor their parents on their 25th Wedding Anniversary on October 30. Cards will reach them at 1300 Terrace Drive, Newton, KS 67114

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