

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

People in Our Community

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The Oberlin Royal Neighbors of America took food to a senior citizen on Saturday for "Make a Difference Day" in appreciation for help they had received. Those delivering the meal included Lois Lamb, Phyllis Screen, Edna Mott and Nadean Stonely.

Richard Henzel of Pensacola, Fla., spent 10 days visiting his parents, Stuart and Mary Henzel. He will be moving to Jacksonville, Fla., where he has accepted an architectural supervisory position with the firm of JSA Architects.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet, Wilma May, Kelva Dryden, Elden Haas, Max Carman and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Barb Solko, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Floyd Edgett, Wilma May and Kelva Dryden. Pitch highs were won by Aleen VanVleet and Henry Edgett with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Barb Solko. Bridge highs were won by Merle Shirley and Dorothy Cochran. Commodity distribution will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Golden Age Center.

—Seafood Buffet Friday, Nov. 2, 6-8 p.m., LandMark Inn, 475-2340.

Gabe Moore, son of Monte and Kelly Moore, was a member of the cast for the play, "Sorry, Wrong

Number," which was presented by the Colby Community College drama department in the Cultural Arts Center on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Heather Anderson, a 1987 graduate of Decatur Community High School, had a story which she sent to the *Kansas City Star* about the fires in California printed on Oct. 23. She is the daughter of David and Mary Anderson of Tucson, Ariz., but formerly of the Lund community. She is a writer and business consultant living in San Marcos, about 40 miles north of downtown San Diego. She said she often jokes that California has four seasons: fire, landslide, earthquake and summer. In her story, she compares the fires to her memories of tornadoes when she grew up in Kansas.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Atwood for Martin Waterman, 88, who died Oct. 15 at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood. He was an uncle of Karen Eskew and Melvin Waterman of Oberlin. Survivors include his wife, Donna; three daughters, Coleen Bowen, Wray, Colo.; Janet and Carl Miller, Gem; and Virginia and Gary Solko, Ludell; a son, Martin Jr. and Jane Waterman, Atwood; a sister, Verda Kroemer, Pawnee City, Neb.; a sister-in-law, Lila Waterman, Atwood; and their families. Burial was at the Atwood Fairview Cemetery with military rites by Fort Riley.

—Brunch Buffet Sunday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Gene and Helen Gee left on Oct. 19 and traveled to Hannibal, Mo., Mark Twain's hometown to meet his sister, Carolyn Miller and her husband Dick, on Friday. On Thursday night Gene and Helen celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary with dinner at the Logue's Restaurant. On Friday the four of them took the Hannibal Trolley Company Sightseeing Tour where they could step back into history and relive the history of Hannibal, see sights and stop and visit several of the local attractions. They also took a cruise on the Mississippi on the Mark Twain Mississippi Riverboat. The Gees then went to Springfield, Ill., to spend the weekend with his sister and her husband. They returned home on Oct. 22.

Gail and Kay Marcuson were houseguests of Rick, Sally and Grady Marcuson from Oct. 24 to Oct. 27 in Overland Park. Mollie Marcuson, Houston, was also a houseguest. They also visited their granddaughter, Leslie Marcuson, in Topeka; Ray Linn in Manhattan; and Don and Eddee Anderson in Abilene. Doris Peterson of Atwood accompanied them to Junction City, where she visited her family.

Allison Jones, Aiden and Ashton of Plainville were Friday afternoon and evening visitors of her grandmother, Elaine Bryan.

Duo instrumental concert set Nov. 11

Stanton Nelson, 16, of Long Island, a youth pianist and violin prodigy, will perform at 2 p.m. at Morgan Theater at The Gateway in Oberlin on Sunday, Nov. 11. His concert will feature both instruments.

He is a junior at Northern Valley High School. His parents are Terry and Sara Nelson and he has an older brother, Clarke.

He has been playing violin for 10 years and has provided music for the Wheatland Art Exhibit and the Northwest Kansas Art Exhibit at

the Dane G. Hansen Plaza in Logan for two years, as well as playing for weddings, funerals and banquets.

He was the violinist for productions of "Fiddler on the Roof"; "Big River"; and "Oklahoma" at the Theatre of the American West in Republican City, Neb., and served as concert master of the Western Kansas String orchestra for two semesters. He has also performed for numerous clubs and organizations, including the Native Sons and Daughters banquet in Topeka. He has taken piano lessons for

seven years from Beverly Stutterheim, Prairie View; Jennifer Ruder, Norton; and Dr. Tali Morgulis, Fort Hays State University. He plans to attend college and pursue a degree in piano performance.

The concert is sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. Admission is by season ticket or \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students, grades 1 to 12, at the door.

For details call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel, (785) 470-0218.

Prairie Land food to be distributed

The next distribution date for the Prairie Land Food in Oberlin will be Saturday, Nov. 17, according to Marilyn Gamblin. Also offered in November is one special: a 6- to 6 1/2-pound boneless honey-cured ham.

The program gives volunteers the opportunity to save money on a holiday meal, while also helping those who could use a helping hand. Orders may be placed through Nov. 5 by calling Ms. Gamblin at (785) 475-3740; Diana Gamblin, 475-2567; Charlotte Strecker-Baseler at 475-3055 or the Decatur County Health Department at 475-8118.

"Giving back to the community can help save money on a family's monthly grocery budget through the Prairie Land Food Organization," said Ms. Gamblin.

"During the month of November Prairie Land Food has decided to do even more to help our local

families. In addition to our regular 'Prairie Pak' we are also offering a 'Holiday Pak,'" she said.

The Prairie Land Food program is not restricted by age or income guidelines; all you have to do is volunteer and pay the small amount due for the packages ordered. Prairie Land Food accepts cash, check, Vision Card or food stamps.

November's Prairie Pak menu includes ground beef, Schwan's pepperoni pizza, chicken cordon bleu, flounder filets, lean breakfast sausage, Philly sandwich steaks, potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, celery, oranges, apples, bananas, and a festive pie.

The Holiday Pak includes a 4- to 4 1/2-pound gold foil turkey breast, equivalent to a 12-14 pound bird, and potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, celery, apples, oranges, bananas, and a festive pie.

In addition to the Prairie Pak and

Holiday Pak, there is also a meat only package, which includes all the meats in the Prairie Pak and a fruit and veggie package, which includes all the fruits and veggies from the Prairie Pak.

"Prairie Land Food is a not-for-profit/501c3 organization that believes in strengthening our communities through volunteer service," said Ms. Gamblin. "Volunteer work is anything you do out of the kindness of your heart, that you do not get paid for."

"It can be as simple as being on a prayer chain, being a room mother at school, sharing your beautiful garden, taking time to sit and have a cup of coffee with an elderly neighbor or spending time with someone going through a rough time. Anytime you make someone's day a little brighter will qualify you for the Prairie Land Food program," Ms. Gamblin said.

Rock-A-Thon Friday at Good Sam

Fifteen residents of Decatur County Good Samaritan Center will be participating in the third annual Rock-a-thon from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday. Proceeds received from sponsors will be divided for charities in Decatur County.

The day-long event will also include crafts made by residents, which may be purchased, along with entertainment. Everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy the event.

Participants include Fern Anderson, Eva Bryan, Opal Bryan,

Jeanette Conway, Ruth Laidig, Doris Marintzer, Doris Miller, Faye Miller, David McGee, Edla Olson, Dorothy Pryor, Amy Rehm, Thelma Spiers, Elaine Thomas and Lora Zwickle. Interested persons may choose to sponsor one of the rockers by making a donation.

In the first Rock-a-thon, six women rocked in response to Hurricane Katrina and raised \$1,000, which was donated to the Salvation Army, said Activities Director Lisa Paulson. Last year, 10 women raised \$1,543 and love packages

were sent to soldiers.

"Preparations and anticipation are at peak levels as we get closer to Friday. Everyone is checking out their rockers to determine if they are comfortable enough for 10 hours of rocking," Mrs. Paulson said.

She said, "Anyone who would like to contribute to this exciting event can mail or drop a check by the Good Samaritan Center with 'Rock-a-thon' written on the memo line. All proceeds will stay in Decatur County this year."

Prepare for power outages!

After last winter's extended periods of power loss, lasting in some cases for a period of weeks rather than a matter of hours, it might be well to review some guidelines to follow in case of power outage. Taking steps ahead of a possible weather emergency can save food and money.

Here are some tips to help prepare for a winter emergency:

- Use an appliance thermometer in the refrigerator and freezer.
- Set the freezer at or below 0 degrees Fahrenheit and the refrigerator at or below 40 degrees.
- Freeze containers of water to help keep food cold in the freezer, refrigerator or cooler during a power outage.
- Freeze leftovers, milk and fresh meat or poultry not used immediately.
- Know where dry ice and block ice can be purchased - if available - in your community.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

- Freeze gel packs.
- Have coolers ready to keep food cold if power is out more than 4 hours.
- Group food together in the freezer to keep it colder longer.
- When an outage occurs, here are tips to consider:
 - Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed.
 - A closed refrigerator will keep food cold about 4 hours, a full freezer will hold food frozen about 48 hours.
 - If the power stays off for a long period of time and it is cold enough,

take containers of water outside to freeze and put in your freezer to help keep food items frozen safely.

- Food may be re-frozen if ice crystals are present or it is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below.
- Never taste food for safety!
- Buy dry ice or block ice if power is out more than 2 days. Fifty pounds of dry ice will hold an 18-foot cubic freezer for 2 days.
- Discard refrigerated perishable foods after 4 hours without power.
- When in doubt, throw it out!

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House spared in fire

Gary Votapka, who was born in Oberlin and is the son of Betty Votapka of Oceanside, Calif., and the late Carl Votapka, wrote to relatives to say their home in Fallbrook, Calif., had been spared from the raging fires in California.


He said homes just a few blocks from them, however, were burned to the ground. He and his wife, Sue, and their daughter, Katie, packed up what they could and evacuated. They have been staying in a motel in Hemet, Calif.

However, they were able to return to their home on Friday and found

everything was fine, with the exception of the deep freeze, which was ruined. He said power came back on that night and everything has been pretty normal ever since. Their son, Lane, who is in college, joined the family for the weekend.

He said they drove around the community on Sunday and were amazed so many houses were saved. The latest tally is 206 homes burned at Fallbrook, but for every one that burned, five survived, so he said there have been lots of miracles in Fallbrook on this one.

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