

People in Our Community

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Sherri Shuler returned home Thursday from Koblenz, Germany, where she spent two weeks over the holidays with her daughter and family, Amy and Sebastian Gavieiro, Rebecca and Andrew. They were all Christmas guests of his parents, Bernadette and Jean Marc Gavieiro in Grand Fontaine, France.

Carol Ogburn returned to her home in Prescott, Ariz., Thursday after spending Christmas with her mother, Mabel Zimmerman.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Bob and Yuki Berkheimer were Bill and Carol Duncan, Dale Brunk, Charlotte Meints and Dewaine Stapp.

Tyler and Tiffany Witt spent the weekend with her parents, Roger and Nancy Robinson at Bayard, Neb., for a belated Christmas celebration.

Kevin and Georgann Amack, Madeline and Annelise, Meeker, Colo., were Monday overnight guests of his mother, Mary Ann Amack. They were en route home after visiting Georgann Amack's family in Holdenville, Okla.

—Soup supper Thursday, 5-7 p.m. Oberlin kids wrestling benefit, high school cafeteria.

Frank and Marilyn Black spent from Thursday to Sunday visiting their daughter and family, Amy and John Campbell, Brittany, Matthew and Andrea in Hawkeye, Iowa.

Holiday guests of Pastor Doug and Sara Hasty were their daughters, Rebekah and Ben Hitzfeld, Darlington, Ind.; and Melissa Hasty, a student at Baker University at Baldwin City.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Ardis Roe, Veanna Carman, Dewaine Stapp and Max Carman.

Taking lows were Henry Edgett, Veanna Carman, Dorothy Moore and Kelva Dryden. Bridge winners were Annette Miller, Dewaine Stapp, Dorothy Cochran and Shirley Simpson.

Phil and Marj Law returned to their home in Lakewood, Colo., on Friday after spending the holidays with her mother, Fern Jording. Mrs. Jording had been hospitalized several days and is now a resident of Cedar Living Center.

Tom and Maxine Smith, and Dan and Diane Castle of Oberlin spent the holidays in Wichita and enjoyed a family Christmas gathering at the home of Janie and Brian Hachen, Trevor and Blake. Others present were Annie Castle, Seattle; James P. Castle, Kansas City; David and Trish Smith, Winfield; and Amy and Tom Loftus and Jennifer, Bloomington, Ill.

—Oberlin Country Club annual meeting Jan. 13, 2010, American Legion, 6 p.m. 51&01

Ryan and Leslie Nelson of Topeka were guests from Tuesday to Sunday of her parents, Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Sarah and Jared. Additional guests for Christmas supper on Tuesday were Gail and Kay Marcuson. An additional weekend guest was Ashley Goudey of Junction City, a friend of Jared.

Guests of Juanita Williby for a gift exchange and dinner on Christmas Day were Rita and Troy Erdman and Brenna, McCook; Laurie, Todd, Megan and Hannah Vaughn, Brighton, Colo.; Jenny, Matt, Mike, Raye and Dru Kasson, Norcatur; and Doug and Shayla Williby,

Josh, Kari and Gage Williby, Justin Williby, Theresa and Gerry Tally, Paul, Lacey and Mason Tally, Jebb Tally and Pat Glenn, Oberlin. Patty and John Guy and Haley Kollars of Kearney, Neb., visited at the Williby home on Tuesday and Wednesday.

New Year's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wolters and Levi, Ludell; April Ann Wolters, Atwood; and Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Pina, Ian and Ella, Wichita. A belated Christmas was celebrated. The Pena family stayed until Sunday.

Joan and Kristy Evans flew from Hays to Las Vegas, Nev., where they met their son and brother, Petty Officer Second Class Chad Evans, for the holidays. He is stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Guests of Bob and Sharon Ream for Christmas dinner on Saturday were Brian and Krista Gutchewsky and Gavin, Kearney, Neb.; and Brian and Pam Simonsson, Breck and Nathan, and Terry and Peggy Ream and Lacey, Oberlin.

Sue and Kevin Renk and Allison Jones, Aiden and Ashton, all of Plainville, were Thursday dinner guests of Elaine Bryan. They also visited Laurene Van Otterloo.

Holiday guests of Jim and Linda Hollowell were their daughter and family, Holli and Christopher Coburn, Jordan and Jackson of Aurora, Colo.

Dinner guests on New Year's Day of Walt and Rosella Meitl were Gary and Tina Meitl and Kira, Dresden; Ramsey Thompson, Houston, Texas; Joyce Morel, Kelsie, Audrey and Lea, Norton; and Father Roger Meitl, St. Francis.

Christmas guests of Don and Gerry Neff were Tom Neff and Chris Gillespie, Downs. On New Year's Day, Jim and Tara Neff, Darius and Elora, Wamego; and Mike and Jackie Neff and Jaidyn, Dresden, were dinner guests.

Annie Castle of Seattle had an interesting experience while trying to get to their family Christmas gathering in Wichita. She flew to Denver, then after her flight to Wichita was canceled due to weather conditions, she and another woman were offered a ride with a man from Vail, Colo., who was going to Wichita to spend the holidays with his family. It turned out that the other woman was Caroline Bruce of San Diego, who competed in the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes attended the KU-Belmont University basketball game in Lawrence on Tuesday night and also visited their son, Lacy.

Pre-Christmas guests of Leslie Nolette were her sister, Debbie Pearson of Colorado Springs and children Wyatt and Emily. They were en route to Arlington, Texas, to meet Debbie's new grandson, Conrad Culps.

Joining Eric Farr and Desiree Vilar Saturday, Jan. 2, for their son Justice's first birthday celebration were grandmothers Wanda Farr, Jennings, and Leslie Nolette and children Samaria Vilar and James Ohlert, and great-grandmother Sandra Nolette, Oberlin.

Also attending were Matt and Tiffanie Farr, Brittani, Kylie and Carson; Wiley Farr and Ashli Samson; and Stan McEvoy, Oberlin; Danielle Vilar, Atwood; Kary Miller, Jennings; and Chris Barth, Hays.

Coaches give club's program

Decatur Community High School wrestling coach Joe Dreher, girls basketball coach Terry Ream and boys basketball coach Jeff Jones presented the program at the Dec. 29 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. They were introduced by Dick Ahlberg, program chair for the day.

Mr. Dreher said that he has 17 boys out for wrestling, and though they are lacking experience, they are competitive, with a lot of close matches so far. He said that the annual Oberlin Invitational is set for Saturday, Jan. 16, with nine teams signed up, and the Class 2A regional

meet will at Norton with seven of the state's top teams participating.

Mr. Ream said he has 18 girls out for basketball and they have a 2-4 record after some close games. They have five seniors, but half of the team consists of freshmen.

There are 16 boys out for basketball, said Coach Jones, with four seniors. He said he is playing a lot of freshmen and sophomores. Injuries have kept Toby Peters from playing, but he expects him to return soon.

Guests were Ann Anderson, Amy Anderson, Grant Reichert and Gage Reichert.



Scott and Jennifer Diers

Couple exchange vows in ceremony in Salina

Jennifer Lee Hickert and Scott Michael Diers of Salina exchanged wedding vows at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at St. Mary Queen of the Universe, Salina. Officiating the double-ring ceremony was Father Kerry Ninemire.

Parents of the couple are Rick and Betty Hickert, Selden, and Enos and Bonnie Diers, Cawker City.

Grandparents of the bride are Elise Wessel, Hoxie, and the late L.W. Wessel, and the late Quentin and Patsy Hickert. Grandparents of the bridegroom are Ella Hamel, Osborne, and the late Bernard Hamel, and Walter Diers, Cawker City, and the late Lois Diers.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a strapless satin ball gown with beaded embroidery, beaded bodice pickup with a cathedral train. She wore a cathedral-length veil, and carried a cascading bouquet of Stargazer lilies, orange and hot pink roses.

Danielle Young, Cheney, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Kacie Evans, Council Grove; Chris Heitsman, Salina; and Kim Cunningham, Salina. Nicole Schiltz, Selden, and Kelli Fangman, Salina, were personal attendants.

Ryan Halferty, Salina, served as

best man. Groomsmen were John DeWitt and Tim Fangman, Salina, and Bryan Hamel, Hutchinson, cousin of the bridegroom.

Ushers were Cody Young, Cheney, brother-in-law of the bride; Todd Wyman, Cawker City, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; and Keith Bader, Lenora.

Ringbearer was Cash Young, Cheney, nephew of the bride.

Candlelighters were Lisa Wassemiller, Lawrence, cousin of the bride; and Michele Goscha, Smith Center.

A reception, dinner and dance followed the ceremony at the St. Mary's Parish Hall in Salina.

The bride is a 2000 graduate Golden Plains High School, a 2002 graduate of Colby Community College, and a 2009 graduate from Emporia State University. She is employed at Salina Physical Therapy as a Physical Therapist Assistant.

The bridegroom is a 1997 graduate of Waconda High School and earned an associate's degree from North Central Kansas Technical College. He is employed at Geoprobe in Salina.

After their cruise to Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico, they will live in Salina.

4-H Club plans bowling party

By CALLIE UEHLIN
Maverick 4-H Club had to cancel its December meeting due to too many members having conflicts during a busy month.

Future meetings will be held at

the Decatur County ambulance barn in Oberlin with the exception of January's meeting. The January meeting has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday at the bowling alley in Colby.

Girl Scouts to honor guardsmen at game

Oberlin Girl Scouts, in partnership with the Kansas National Guard, will kick off the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sales by honoring those men and women who have served in the Guard or are presently serving, at the home basketball game with Quinter on Friday, Jan. 15, at the Decatur Community High gym.

The Scouts, with the help of the Guard, will be presenting the

flag ceremony at the beginning of the games along with anyone who would like to join the ranks in uniform either as a Girl Scout or as a soldier.

Call Sgt. Pat Hewitt, Kansas Guard representative, at (785) 877-5103, or Becky Ayers at (785) 259-6743, if you would like to participate. Activities and fun will continue with the cookie kick-off during half-time of the boys game.

Man identifies with the New Year

By MARY LOU OLSON
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When the New Year rolled around, Marion Wenger of Oberlin said he found it interesting that his cell phone number is 475-2010.

This month also brought the honor to him of being named "Carrier of the Month" for *The Salina Journal*. He has delivered the paper for the past nine years to residents on the west side of Oberlin, over 1,450 papers a month.

A native of Decatur County, Mr. Wenger, 83, was reared on a farm in Bassettville Township with two brothers, Lawrence and Clifford, and a sister, Estella Waldo, who all live in Oberlin. Their parents were the late Herman and Myrtle Wenger.

After retiring from farming in 1972, he and his late wife, the former Helen Walton, moved to Oberlin, where she was bookkeeper for 15 years for Oberlin Milling Co.

He worked at the trailer plant for Bill Ulery, then later worked at Oberlin Milling for nine years. Since retiring from that position, he has his own carpet cleaning business.

One of his favorite pastimes is dancing, he said, and he attends singles dances in McCook, Norton and also at the Oberlin American Legion on the fourth Sunday of each month. He has two sons, Vincent Wenger of Salina, and Gregory Wenger of

Kansas City, and two daughters, Susan Greim of Benton and Janelle Slater of DeSoto.

Though he has a little trouble with arthritis, he said that the dancing helps, along with a product called Vital 3, which he ordered six months ago.

So now if someone wants to reach him or needs a carpet cleaned, all they have to do is remember the New Year — 2010.

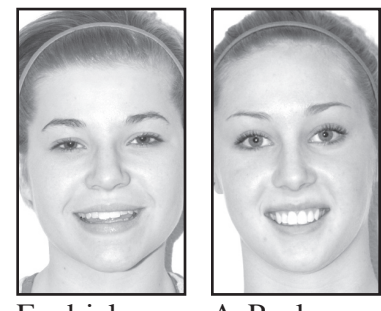


M. Wenger

Seniors to compete in All-Star volleyball

Three Decatur Community High School seniors have been selected to play in the Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Match, scheduled at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Colby Community Building in Colby.

They are Brandi Diederich, daughter of Steve and Marilyn Diederich; Adrienne Pauls, daughter



B. Diederich

Fredrickson

A. Pauls

of Rick and Dori Pauls; and Jessica Fredrickson, daughter of Jim and Tammy Fredrickson.

Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for students age 6 to 18.

Program to help keep low-income families warm

Low income families are eligible to apply for help in weatherizing their home or rental unit, said Bruce Snead, Kansas State University Research and Extension residential energy specialist.

The Weatherization Assistance Program, financed by the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program are administered by the Kansas Housing Resources Corp., Snead said.

In Kansas, in 2008, the assistance program weatherized 1,284 homes and replaced 373 dangerous furnaces.

The goal is to provide help with weather stripping and caulking around doors and windows; add insulation to walls, ceilings and around the foundation; and clean, test, repair and/or replace heating systems as needed, he said.

Eligibility is based on household income under federal guidelines,

200 percent of poverty or 75 percent of the state median, whichever is higher. Households that include a member who receives Supplemental Security Income or Temporary Assistance for the Needy automatically qualify.

For information, call (800) 752-4422 or check at www.kshousing-corp.org. Larry Bentley, Kansas Weatherization Program manager, said eligible households are asked to submit an application. Once it's approved, the home owner (or renter) is matched with a certified inspector who will conduct an audit, identify needed improvements and assign the work to a contractor. The service is free to qualifying households, Bentley said.

More information on weatherization and other energy-saving tips is available at Extension county offices and online at www.engext.ksu.edu/home_energy.asp.

Free Arbor Day trees offered

Residents of Kansas who join the Arbor Day Foundation in January will receive 10 free flowering trees, part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

Those who join this month will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds and two golden rain trees.

The trees will be shipped post-paid, between Feb. 1 and May 31,

with enclosed instructions. Members also receive a subscription to the publication *Arbor Day* and "The Tree Book," which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb., 68410, by Jan. 29. Kansas residents can also join online at www.arbor-day.org/january.

New Arrival

Grady Alexander Leitner
Ryan and Janna Leitner of Oberlin are the parents of a son, Grady Alexander Leitner. He was born at 8:10 p.m. on Oct. 12, 2009, at Community Hospital in McCook. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Royce and Vicky Leitner, and John and Lisa Paulson, Oberlin, and Richard Stef, Aurora, Colo.



G. Leitner

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