

People in Our Community

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Bill and Connie Riedel were pleased to have her sister, Beth Skillman of Fort Collins, Colo., as a weekend guest for the opening of pheasant season.

She was kind enough to volunteer to help at the Pheasants Forever Banquet. She and Connie served the prime rib that was offered at the banquet, and then stayed to help clean up the kitchen. Saturday was spent shopping in downtown Oberlin where she bought gifts for her family. On Sunday, Connie and Beth spent three hours at Sappa Park exploring the trails.

David Wilson, Springfield, Ore., spent several days recently in Traer with his dad, Owen Wilson.

They worked together, accomplishing several chores around the place, before returning to his home.

Bob Corcoran and his son, Tony, and two friends, Ron Scheller and Jimmy Mayes of Tarentum, Pa., left Friday after spending a week visiting Corcoran relatives and bow and arrow deer hunting and pheasant hunting.

Bob is a brother of Bernard, Paul and Ray Corcoran of Oberlin.

—York Street Market, open Nov. 25 and 26.

Bryan Huff and Christine Rudd have moved to Oberlin from Grand Junction, Colo., and have purchased a home at 120 S. York. They plan to be married on Dec. 29.

She works in the dietary department at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center and he is a welder. His parents, Will and Grace Bouts, and an uncle, Creed Huff, also live in Oberlin.

Jay Gilbert of Colby met two of his 1936 Decatur Community High School classmates, Esther Carlson and Mabel Zimmerman, for lunch on Saturday at the Frontier Cafe. He also visited Doris Gilbert at Wheat Ridge Terrace.

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Weekend guests of Tim and Kimberly Davis, Sierra and Angela for family pictures were his daughters, Kari Jo Davis and her fiancé, Robert Brambill, and their children, Alyssa Renae and Anthony Robert Brambilla, and Breanna Marie Davis and her boyfriend, Dante Sonnier, and the girls' step-sister, Amber Weitzel, all of Firestone, Colo.

—Surf & Turf Buffet Fri., Nov. 25, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.

Winning pinocle highs at the Golden Age Center last week were Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Ardis Roe and Doris Fringer. Lows went to Doris Fringer, Neil Marshall, John Cederberg, Dewaine Stapp and Veanna Carman. Eleanor Boyle and Kay Marcuson were winners at Chicken Foot dominoes. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Max Carman and Veanna Carman. Bridge highs were won by Merle Shirley, Cynthia Matson and Marie McKisson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sugden, Portland, Ore., were recent visitors of her father, Owen Wilson, Traer, and her aunt, Mabel Zimmerman. They went on to Dodge City to visit their son, Kelly, who is a regional weather forecaster.

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Deanne (Spanier) Langness, band instructor for the Goodland School District, was named the Northwest Kansas Music Educators Association's Outstanding Junior High Music Educator at its meeting on Nov. 5 in Hays. She also received the 2006 High School Teacher of the Year award from the association. She is the mother of Adam Spanier of Oberlin and is a former band teacher in Oberlin.

—Sunday Brunch Buffet Sunday, Nov. 27, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. LandMark Inn. 475-2340.

Word was received of the death of Spencer J. Stutterheim, 58, an area hay broker from Prairie View, on Nov. 12, 2011, at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Survivors include his wife, Paula; a daughter, Brandy and Jeremy Cozennoy, Lawrence, and a son, Will and Jamie, Phillipsburg. He was a 1971 graduate of Logan High School. A private service will be held at a later date.

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Sid and Cheryl Metcalf went to Austin, Texas, on Thursday to visit their son, Chris Metcalf and friend Nina. Joining them in Austin for the Kansas State-Texas football game were Greg and Amanda Grafel, Shannon Metcalf, Connie Grafel and Judy Scott.

Give it a try



GREG SAYER, A GRANDSON of the late Edna Mott, and his children watched as Cedar Living Center resident DeeAnna Krizek was placed in her wheel chair using the Stella lift. The lift, used to switch residents from their beds or wheelchairs, was purchased with memorial money following the death of Mrs. Mott, with the help of the Oberlin Royal Neighbors.

—Photo by Becky Wilson, Decatur Health Systems

Oberlin graduate retires from law enforcement work

John Lamb of Topeka, a 1969 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has retired after more than 30 years in criminal justice.



John Lamb

Mr. Lamb, son of Lois Lamb of Oberlin and the late Jack Lamb, retired as director of enforcement, apprehension and investigations for the Kansas Department of Corrections.

In a story written by Ann Marie Bush in the *Topeka Capital-Journal*, he said, "Thinking back over those years, I have a lot of memories, including the night I was shot at in Ogallala, Neb., in 1977, when I was a sheriff's deputy there.

"I got a call about a liquor-store robbery," he said.

Mr. Lamb said he was pursuing the car involved in the robbery down Interstate 80 at speeds near 90 mph.

"The next thing I hear is zing, then another zing," he said, "and I realized they were shooting at me."

He also recalled a trip to Las Vegas, when he helped arrest a drug dealer. He noticed the man on his flight and helped Las Vegas officers nab him.

"The man had \$17,000 in cash on him," Mr. Lamb recalled, "and there were several other arrests made

down the road because of that."

He was born in Ogallala, he said, but his parents moved to Oberlin when he was in elementary school.

He said he knew he wanted to go into police work and was thinking about a legal career, but he was also interested in wildlife. He attended Kansas State University, but took a job as a police officer in Nebraska before graduating. After two years, he became a sheriff's deputy and began

serving on the search-and-recovery dive team, during which he learned to scuba dive.

"I decided I needed to go back and finish my degree at K-State," he said, "then I went to Fort Hays State University for graduate school."

He said he met John Carlin, a state representative who was serving as speaker of the Kansas House, then he became a coordinator for his campaign for governor. After Mr. Carlin was elected as the 40th governor of Kansas, Mr. Lamb served on the transition team and was named deputy director of the governor's committee on criminal administration.

Later, he was named director of the Kansas Crime Victims Reparations Board, now known as the Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board. In the 1980s, he went

to Palau to help rebuild the nation's criminal justice system and also helped the tiny nation remodel its prison.

He returned two years later and joined the Kansas Department of Corrections in charge of jail inspections. After a year, Gov. Carlin named him director of Alcoholic Beverage Control, he said, and they modernized the liquor laws.

Through the years, Mr. Lamb has also served as chief of security for the Topeka Correctional Facility, did security audits at Kansas correctional facilities and became director of policy, procedure and accreditation for the department.

Other positions he has held have included serving as the northern regional parole director and director of enforcement, apprehension and investigations.

He said he plans to remain active in the criminal justice field by mentoring high-risk people and may even run for office. His wife, Francheska, is a detective with the Topeka Police Department.

"The simplest way I can put it is that John Lamb is a leader, strategist and law enforcement professional," said Keven Pellant, deputy secretary of the department until her recent retirement. "He and I have been peers and colleagues and lived through the passing of his first wife, the gaining of children and career changes. He is definitely a public servant."

Rexford gets new correspondent

Gwen Griffiths is the new correspondent for Rexford News. She and her husband Tim moved to Rexford 18 months ago from Laramie, Wyo., when he became director of ministry development at the Shepherd's Staff.

She also works there as office manager and is in charge of publicity.

Both are natives of small towns in the panhandle of Nebraska, she from Bayard and he from Harrisburg.

They have three children, Tyson, 9; Jesalynn 8; and Natasha, 4. Mrs. Griffiths said she and her husband home school the children and he is a lay pastor.

Residents of the Rexford area may leave their news in a jar in the Red Barn, which Gwen will pick up on Fridays; call her at (785) 687-2076; or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com.



G. Griffiths

Holiday show set in Atwood

"Christmas Bingo: It's a Ho-Ho-Holy Night," a holiday comedy with a gigantic bingo game, a true-and-false quiz about St. Nick, a lesson in Christmas traditions and a "fun" fund raiser, all rolled up into one show, is coming to Atwood.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Atwood is sponsoring the evening, which begins with dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, followed by the holiday comedy at 7:30 p.m., at the Elementary School gymnasium. Proceeds will go to the church's building fund.

The comedy, "Late Nite Cat-

echism," includes Catholic humor, but should be enjoyed by people of many religions.

The meal will include chicken breast with almonds and cream sauce, rice, green beans, salad, dessert and coffee, tea and water.

Show-only tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For the dinner and show, tickets are \$30 per single, \$50 per couple or \$200 for a table for eight. Tickets are available at Kirk's Auto Supply, Currier Drug and the Rawlins County Square Deal in Atwood, or by calling the parish office at (785) 626-3335.

Holiday concert planned

James Aaron Fowler will present a vocal Christmas concert with guitar accompaniment at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

A native of Topeka, he earned a degree in music education from Friends University and a master's in music education (conducting) from Wichita State. He taught in the Wichita area for 11 years before setting out as a full-time musician.

He will be performing music for four winter celebrations: Christmas (sacred), Christmas (secular), Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.

This is an Oberlin Arts and Humanities season ticket event or \$12 for adults and \$7 for students at the door.

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

Bargain Box Plus gives back

Bargain Box Plus, an Oberlin thrift store, has given nearly \$7,500 back to area groups this year, from February up to this week.

The store at 106 N. Beaver, owned by Marilou Long, accepts clothing, household items and other donations, which they sell to the public at bargain prices. All money received is given for worthwhile projects.

This year's donations include: Oberlin Rotary, \$200; The Gateway, \$100; Decatur Implement beautification, \$25; American Cancer Society, \$100; Oberlin Business Alliance fireworks, \$100; Creative Gymnastics, \$100;

Oberlin Arts and Humanities, \$500; Oberlin Elementary School, \$500; Decatur Community High School, \$500; Oberlin Youth Football, \$300; 10-Cent Ministry, \$300; Decatur County Food Pantry, \$500; Decatur County Chamber of Commerce, \$112;

City of Oberlin cemetery map, \$500; Decatur County Economic Development, \$500; Norcatur Museum, \$500; Jennings Czech Museum, \$500; Jennings Fire Department, \$500; Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum, \$500; Decatur County Fire Department, \$500; Decatur County Ministerial Association, \$500.

Rotarians enjoy music

Program Chairman Jim Hollowell introduced Susan Nelson, vocal director at Decatur Community High School, and members of the cast of the school musical at the Nov. 15 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

The students gave a preview of some of the songs to be featured at the musical, "The Music Man." Once again, they, along with accompanist Jenny Tally, did a fantastic job.

Rotary welcomed guests Margaret Mahoney, Wanda Farr and Kay Brown and Junior Rotarians Megan Huntley and Ray O'Boyle from the high school.

Club News

Club studies Kansas fossils

Monday Evening Club members looked back 83 million years to a time when this area was the Western Interior Seaway when they met on Nov. 4 at the home of Kay Gaskill.

Carol Morford was assistant hostess, and 16 members and a guest, Mary Frank, answered roll call with plans for Thanksgiving.

The club watched the compact disc "Sea Monsters," enabling those present to see why the western area of Kansas is one of the richest fossil hunting areas in the world and also the role that Dr. George Sternberg played in discovering previously unknown and extinct animals. Handouts

were distributed showing sites to visit, including Monument Rock in Gove County.

The club made plans to entertain at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at the Good Samaritan Center. Pie will be served.

The Christmas meeting will be on Dec. 12 at the home of Ann Anderson with Marcia Lohoefer, Ann Williams and Karol Styles as assistant hostesses. Entertainment will be the DCHS Singers. Instead of gift boxes, it was suggested that cash donations be made to Nanette Zander for the House of Hope ministry in Haiti, before her departure for Port au Prince on Dec. 15.

Calico Gals enjoy dinner

The Calico Gals Club met Nov. 16 at the Oberlin Covenant Church for a Thanksgiving dinner prepared by Jeanette Diederich.

Those present were Detta and Elden Anderson, Sherrie and David Aberle, Shirley and Gaylord Shields, Marylu Brown, Dan Brown, Margaret and Frank McEvoy, Millie Lippelmann, Phyllis Screen and Sandy Counter.

The club collect and flag salute were given. Mrs. McEvoy conducted the meeting, giving a Thanksgiving quiz to the group. Mrs. Screen read an article reminding members of how rich they all are.

A card was signed for Jaxen Alstrom, who is stationed in Guam.

Items for his "care package" are to be given to Detta Anderson by Tuesday and she will pack and mail them. A Christmas gift will be given to each of the four members who are in nursing homes, along with a \$25 donation to be given the Angel Tree project.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Anderson, president; Mrs. McEvoy, vice president; Mrs. Shields, treasurer; Mrs. Lippelmann, secretary and reporter; and Mrs. Screen and Mrs. Counter, courtesy committee.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the LandMark Inn with Mrs. Anderson as hostess. A \$5 gift exchange will be held.

Happy 80th Birthday, Harold

The family of Harold Nichols would like to request a card shower in honor of his 80th birthday on Thursday, November 24. Cards will reach Harold at PO Box 72, Oberlin, KS 67749



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