



**PITCHING IN TO HELP** serve the community Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church was Janice Urie of Lakin, sister of Ruth Miesner of Oberlin, and Alan Marietta. The crew of volunteers served 135 people, including dinners, volunteers and meals delivered to people at home. Mrs. Miesner said about \$1,100 was contributed and all will go directly to the Decatur County Food Pantry.

— Herald photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Cemetery wreath project set

The "Wreaths Across America" project at two area cemeteries is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9, weather permitting. Volunteers are asked to meet at 1 p.m. at the Shimmick building in Jennings to pick up wreaths, then go to the Jennings Cemetery at 1:15 p.m. to place the wreaths on all veterans' graves. A short program

will honor those who died for our country. From there, the group will proceed to the Big Timber Cemetery, where they will place wreaths and have another brief program. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This program has been held in the Arlington National Cemetery since 1992 and spread to other military

cemeteries. It was started by M. Worester of Harrington, Maine. The Jennings American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and the Czech Memorial Museum are sponsors of the project here. For details, call Bob and Neoma Tacha at (785) 678-2470.

## Osborne couple honored at meeting

Harold and Pat Carswell of Osborne were inducted into the Hereford Hall of Fame at the American Hereford Association annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Carswell is the former Patty Mines, a 1940 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She is a sister of Kyle Mines of Oberlin. The Carswells are part owners and operators of Carswell-Nichols Herefords, along with their daughter Carol and her husband, Jim Nichols.

Grandsons Brock and Ryan are active in the business. The family has been in the Hereford business since 1928 when his father, Jay Carswell, partnered on a registered Hereford herd. Patty and Harold were married in 1950 and together have raised top-quality seed stock ever since. In 1985, they moved to Osborne, and the Nichols family moved to the ranch. However, Harold remains active with the ranching and farming.



Mr. Carswell Pat Carswell

# Annual hospice tree is up

Those who would like to remember their loved ones during the holiday season are invited to place a Christmas ornament on the Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree at the United Northwest Federal Credit Union office, 117 S. Penn Ave. in Oberlin.

Individuals turn memories into a gift by placing an ornament on the tree, which can honor the memory of someone special as well as providing "light" and hope for terminally ill patients and their families during the coming year.

During the holidays many of us gather with family and friends.

More often than not, these gatherings include the telling and retelling of family stories, observations about how a child's behavior or expressions mirrors that of other family members, the sharing of recipes and traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation.

And often remembrances of those who are no longer with us.

The donation for the ornament may be for any amount. The person doesn't have to be a hospice patient. You may give in memory or in honor of anyone.

The emphasis on remembrance, while present during joyful times, also plays an important role during the holidays.

Losing a loved one is always hard. However, having support can help bring out special moments that might not otherwise be possible. Hospice Services has bereavement material available for anyone who needs it.

Call (785) 543-2900 or (800) 315-5122.

## Club hears program on mining

Program chair Karen Larson introduced her son, Ryan Duysen, who along with his wife Stacy and family live in Queensland, Australia, at the Nov. 22 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club.

Mr. Duysen gave the program, telling the club he is a department manager for the Aluminum Division of Rio Tinto Mining Co., the second-largest mining firm in the world. The firm is based in London, England.

He said that the company started in 1873 and mines many different minerals, including aluminum, iron ore, bauxite and copper. They have operations in 40 countries and the United States with operations in Kentucky, Arizona, California, Utah and other states.

He said the Kennocott, Utah, copper mine near Salt Lake City is the largest, recovering gold and silver along with the copper.

He works for an operation that converts bauxite ore into alumina. Australia is the world's biggest producer of bauxite.

Mr. Duysen also talked about the lifestyle in Australia and how friendly the people are.

He said his children have adapted well, and his youngest daughter has picked up some of the country's distinctive accent. A total of 22 million live on the smallest continent, he said, mainly on the east coast.

The cost of living is 30 percent higher than the U.S. but health care is half of what we pay.

He said that he and his family enjoy and like their lifestyle and one day hope to receive dual citizenship from Australia and the United States.

# People in Our Community

Mary Lou Olson, society editor  
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Merril F. Durr, 86, died on Thursday, Nov. 24, at Hester Care Center at Wesley Towers in Hutchinson. His wife is the former Vera Cathcart, a sister of Joy Votapka of Oberlin. Funeral services are pending and Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson is in charge of arrangements.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Peggy Groneweg were Eric and Liz Groneweg, Kearney, Neb.; Joyce and Jim Jones, Cambridge, Neb., and Robert and Judy Groneweg.

Garrick and Kenzie Reichert and family, Salina, were Thanksgiving and weekend guests of her parents, Jim and Denise Abbey.

Patty, Mike and Cody Savage of Loganville, Ga., are spending two weeks visiting her father, Francis Moore, and other relatives.

Thanksgiving and weekend guests of Lyle and Leona Hilker were Karla and Doug Wilson, Grant, Grayson and Brooklyn Grace of North Little Rock, Ark.

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Thanksgiving dinner guests of Neal and Joy Russell were Brandon and Beth Russell, A. J. and Kara, Wichita; Ty Zweygardt, St. Francis; Macy Rouse, Colby; Robert Beitz, Hays, and Robert and Robyn Rouse, Darbi and Dani, Oberlin.

Dan, Carrie and Teague Morford, Oberlin, and Kellie Stanley and daughter Madison, Hoxie, traveled to Mitchell, S.D., to spend time with their sister, Chris Stanley. The family had Thanksgiving dinner together and took part in the Black Friday shopping. The clan also visited the world's only Corn Palace.

Dewaine Stapp attended funeral services in Overland Park for Freelyn McGee, 84, the father of his daughter-in-law, Karen Stapp, which were held on Friday, Nov. 18. He died Nov. 14 in Mount Vernon, Ind.

—Check out the \$5 Gift Table at the Oberlin Mercantile Company.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of David and Joyce Juenemann were Chase and Dana Juenemann, Peyton and Paycie, and Lucas Juenemann, Hays; Jess Juenemann, Hutchinson, and Eula Juenemann, Oberlin.

Dorothy Moore spent Thanksgiving with Mike and Deb Nickels, Emma and Mark of Oskaloosa, and Eric and Shelly Moore, Justine and Dylan of Manhattan. She was accompanied to Salina by Enid Anderson, who visited Clint and Yvonne Anderson and family.

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Joy Votapka, and Trevor and Tara Votapka were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Dan and Lisa Votapka.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Charlotte Meints were Marcia Stecklein, Topeka; Tara Steinlein, Kansas City; Lexie Muehlenkamp, Amber Werth, Dylan, Brooklyn and Hayden, Hays; Mark Walinder, Denver; and Garret and Heather McDougal, Jude, Justice and Jessiah, Oberlin.

—Victorian Christmas Tea Sunday, Dec. 4, 1-4 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Guests of Dave and Marty Olson for Thanksgiving were Jon and Cindy Olson, Nathan, Patrick and Amy, Joliet, Ill., and Jen and Dave Murrish, Kearney, Neb.

Buzz and Cynthia Matson went to Broken Arrow, Okla., on Tuesday and spent Thanksgiving with their son, Buck and Nelda Matson.

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Sid and Cheryl Metcalf were hosts for Thanksgiving dinner. Those present were Eileene Grose, Pam VanVleet, Ravyn and Alyssa of Oberlin; Gary and Deanna Grose of Berthoud, Colo.; and Shad and Jody Metcalf, Bryson, Seanna and Jude of Colby. Sid and Alyssa also celebrated their birthdays.

Carol Barkley of Allen, Texas, left Friday after spending a week visiting her sister, Marie McKisson. Additional Thanksgiving Day dinner guests were Bob and Linda Huss, Herndon; Sophia Harris, Colby; Randy Walters, Timmarie and David Sporn, Alissa and Aubrey, and Jim Ferguson.

Jillian Thompson and Theo of Hays were Friday and Saturday guests of her grandmother, Peggy Groneweg.

Jackie Mayberry of Farwell, Texas spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Pat Cozad. Additional guests for lunch on Friday at the El Puerto Cafe in McCook were Brad and Brenda Burmaster and Aubrey, McCook, and Jeff and Andrea Burmaster, John and Kira, Oberlin.

Guests for Thanksgiving Day dinner at the home of Randy and Vicki Phillips in Burlington, Colo., were Jim and Pat Abbey, and Jim and Denise Abbey, Oberlin; Garrick and Kenzie Reichert, Grace and Porter, Salina; Mike and Lorie Abbey, Goodland, and Pam Wright, Castle Rock, Colo. All four children of Jim and Pat Abbey were there: Jim and Mike Abbey, Vicki Phillips and Pam Wright.

Winning pinocle highs at the Golden Age Center last week were Max Carman, Henry Edgett and Ivis Hanson. Lows went to Neil Marshall, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett and John Cederberg. Marjorie Olson was Domino-Mexican Train winner. Pitch highs were won by Max Carman and Henry Edgett with lows going to John Cederberg and Dorothy Moore. Bridge highs were won by Ila Ray, Judy Shirley, Merle Shirley and Annette Miller.

Gail and Kay Marcuson spent Thanksgiving with Rick and Sally Marcuson and Grady in Overland Park. Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Sarah and Jared were guests of Ryan and Sarah Nelson in Topeka, then Gail and Kay accompanied them to Wichita, where they attended the wedding of Amber Mason, daughter of Doug and Johanna Mason of Oberlin, and Danny Blanco, which was held at Exploration Place on Saturday.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Winterfest was a big success again this year. Over 150 people were served chili dogs or hot dogs. Everyone took part in visiting all the open businesses — Selden Lumber, Midway Cafe, Southwind, Pauls Furniture, The Bank, Koerperich Bookbindery, Karls Store, the Selden Post Office and the Selden Public Library.

year. Thanks to everyone for making the evening such a success. Birthdays and anniversaries - Dec. 2 - Addie Wessel, Francis Porsch, Pam Washington. Dec. 3 - Tammy Miller, Brian and Linda Schroer. December 4 - Rob Haselhorst. Dec. 5 - Zakery Brown, Steve Finney, Mike Weins, Nicole Schiltz, Brian Sulzman. Dec. 6 - Dave Mitchell. Dec. 7 - Don Juenemann. Dec. 8 - Margaret Kaus. School Calendar - Friday - High School Basketball at Healy. Mon-

day - 4 p.m., High School Scholars Bowl at Colby. Next Tuesday - 7 p.m., Grade School Christmas Music Program. Dec. 8 - Castle Rock Basketball Tournament at Quinter. Pinochle Night will be Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Community Center. It is \$10 per person to bring a partner and some snacks. We start playing at 7 p.m.

## Concert set

The Golden Plains Elementary School will celebrate the holiday season with its annual seventh-grade soup supper and Christmas concert next Tuesday.

The teachers and staff will be serving homemade chili, chicken-noodle soup and desserts, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Selden Community Building. The elementary school Christmas program will follow at 7 p.m. at the grade school.

Proceeds from the supper will go to the Golden Plains Elementary Playground Fund and the Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site Project.

## Club News

### Club plans tasting tea

Gerry Neff was hostess for the Nov. 14 meeting of the Pi Alpha Club. For devotions, she gave Thanksgiving thoughts and a quiz, followed by a "Personal Prayer" from Guideposts as nine members were seated around the table. Vice President Joan Evans conducted a short business meeting. Donations were taken for the Angel Tree and Ila Ray won the hostess gift, after which a social

evening was enjoyed. Members enjoyed viewing pictures of the recent wedding of member Rachelle Lytle and Brian Hileman. Joy Russell, assisted by Mrs. Evans and Kristy Evans, will be hostesses for the annual Christmas tasting tea, furnished by the second half of the club roster, on Monday, Dec. 12. It will begin at 6 p.m. at the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum, featuring a \$5 gift exchange.

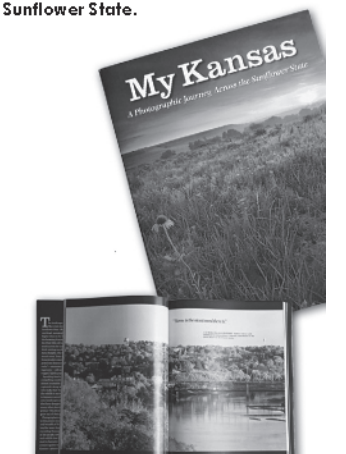
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