

**THE OBERLIN HERALD —**  
**People in**  
**Our Community**  
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Abby Anderson of Menoken, N.D., visited from Friday to Monday with her grandmother, Enid Anderson.

Mary Henzel recently underwent total knee replacement surgery in Kearney, Neb. Her sons, Barron of San Diego, and Richard and Pam Newby St. Petersburg, Fla., came to visit and help while she was in the hospital.

Elaine Bryan attended the wedding of her grandson, Duston Denton, and Megan Polson on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Mission Theater in Mission. She accompanied her granddaughter, Selby Renk and friend, Ross, of Plainville. Parents of the couple are Dave and Corinne Denton of Topeka and Michael and Wanda Polson.

**— Surf & Turf Buffet Friday, Jan. 25, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn, 475-2340.**

Marjorie (Martin) Crabb, 91, longtime publisher and business manager of the *Citizen-Patriot* weekly newspaper in Atwood, died Dec. 23, 2012, in Arvada, Colo. She and her late husband, Kenneth Crabb, purchased the newspaper from Fred and Arden Hale on Oct. 1, 1974. He died on Oct. 22, 1980, and she sold it in July of 1989. Inurn-

ment will take place in the spring in the Atwood Fairview Cemetery.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ivis Hanson, Ardythe Cederberg, Dewaine Stapp, Dorothy Moore, Marie McKisson, Henry Edgett and Neil Marshall. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Ardis Roe, Neil Marshall, Dewaine Stapp and Ivis Hanson. Kay Marcuson and Gail Marcuson were winners in Mexican Train dominoes. Pitch highs were won by Dorothy Moore and Ardythe Cederberg with lows going to Pat Abbey and John Cederberg. Taking highs at bridge were Cynthia Matson, Judy Shirley, Bob Jones and Charlotte Meints.

Kimberly Davis and family spent the weekend visiting her parents, Martin and Nancy Brandt, in Colorado Springs. They enjoyed visiting the Focus on the Family play area and the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

Private funeral services were held for Evelyn Maxine (Leidig) Lemon, 93, on Tuesday morning at the Lenora Church of God. She died Friday at the Andbe Home in Norton. She was an aunt of Dick and Duane Carman of Oberlin. A complete obituary will be printed next week.

**Speech mandate waived**

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The Oberlin School Board waived the required speech credit for nine high school students last Monday night and gave tentative approval for a tenth.

Most of the high school students took a college speech class through Colby Community College over the summer, and most had been in forensics, or competitive speech, at the school. Each student had a written request they presented to board President Monte Moore and then stood up and introduced themselves and explained why the credit should be waived for them.

The board waived the class for Kaine Fredrickson, Zach May, Sierra Lohofener, Jalyn Shaw, Cassidy Shields, Alexis Hissong, Miki Dorshorst, Hannah May and Elizabeth Nedland.

Ryan May, senior, said he's been in competitive speech for two years and is working on a speech now that he plans to perform three times.

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said the board could do a tentative approval for Ryan so he can fulfill the requirement. Mr. Dorshorst said Ryan has been told that if he doesn't complete the speech, he won't walk come May.

Principal Ben Jimenez said if the students don't get the speech credit waived, they have to take a full semester of the class to graduate.

**Speaker tells of school trip**

J.D. Johnson, a history teacher at Decatur Community High School, presented the program at the Jan. 15 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at the Sunflower Recreation bowling alley.

He spoke about a school trip planned for today to Abilene, where the 30 eighth graders will visit the Eisenhower Museum, and Topeka, where they'll tour the Forbes Field Air Museum, plus other Kansas sights. It will also include a visit to the state Capitol in Topeka, where the class hopes to meet with Gov. Sam Brownback and some legislators. He said that the eighth-grade receives donations and money from grants for the trip.

The students will present a program on this adventure for the Rotary Club later, Mr. Johnson said.

Members heard that Rotary Radio Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, on radio station KFNF 101.1.

**Sign-up deadline set**

Farmers and ranchers can get money to help renovate shelterbelts and restore forested riparian buffers under the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative through the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Sign-up deadline to be considered for the current fiscal year is Feb. 15 at the service's Decatur County office.

"Through the initiative, the Kansas Forest Service, in partnership with the government, can address two areas of critical forestry needs — renovating shelterbelts and restoring forested riparian buffers in Kansas," said Eric B. Banks, state conservationist with the service.

"The program fits nicely into the renovating and restoring efforts," said Larry Biles, state forester. The initiative provides help through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Socially disadvantaged, limited-resource and beginning farmers and ranchers will receive a higher payment rate.

For information, contact the county office or conservation district office at 408 S. Buffalo, or call 475-3131.



**STOCKING SHELVES** AT Norcatur's new convenience store was owner Jerry Hill. The store, the Grain Bin, opens at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday and the coffee pot is always on. Mr. Hill says he wants it to be a sociable gathering place and says he's committed to carrying as many grocery items as he can.

— Herald staff photo by Carolyn Plotts

**Store opens in downtown Norcatur**

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Norcatur has needed a store for several years, since the closing of Keith's Market in 2001.

Jan. 7 that need was met with the opening of the Grain Bin, a small, but growing, convenience store in the former Southwestern Bell Telephone building near the south end of Decatur Avenue, Norcatur's main street.

Owner/operator Jerry Hill said he moved from the Denver area to Norcatur about eight years ago after retiring from managing a maintenance company that specialized in paving and concrete. Mr. Hill was

familiar with the area because his uncle, Steve Arnold, lives west of Oberlin and he had several other relatives in the Cambridge, area in Nebraska. He said he had hunted in the area for years.

A Norcatur City Council member who is active in the Norcatur community, Mr. Hill said he is encouraged about community support for his business.

"There are several guys who come in for coffee every day," he said.

The Grain Bin occupies what was once the switching office for Norcatur's phones. Now, it sports several tables and chairs for coffee

drinkers, an antique display case for snack foods, and several shelves for the growing line of staples Mr. Hill intends to carry. The store also has a refrigerator for milk, butter, eggs and beer. Mr. Hill said he will try to stock what people need and want.

Hours of operation will be flexible. Mr. Hill said he opens every day at 7 a.m. and closes at various times.

"If my pickup is here," he said, "I'm open."

To inquire about items or hours, call (785) 693-4438.

**Club News**

**Club elects new officers**

The Jan. 14 meeting of Pi Alpha Club was held at Sappa Valley Manor with Elaine Bryan and Cecil Hess as hostesses.

President Marty Olson conducted the business meeting with Mrs. Hess presenting devotions titled "New Beginnings" and "My Forgetter" following the collect and flag salute. Nine members answered roll call and each was presented with a copy of the treasurer's report.

A New Year's letter was enjoyed from Nora Bearley, who will be home soon following surgery in Denver and visits with family members.

Officers for the ensuing two years were presented by the nomi-

nating committee: Joan Evans, president; Gerry Neff, vice president; Marty Olson, treasurer; and Kristy Evans, secretary. The report was approved by unanimous ballot.

The club will entertain for February birthdays at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Cedar Living Center and plans were made for entertainment and refreshments.

The Jan. 28 social meeting will be at 2 p.m. at the home of Marjorie Olson with Margaret Steadman as co-hostess. Mrs. Olson won the hostess prize and members shared their holiday activities as refreshments were served.

**Director gives program**

The Zeta Nu Club met in the parlor at the Last Indian Raid Museum on Jan. 10. Hostesses were Ruth Miesner and Joan Larue.

President Charlotte Meints opened the meeting and eight members answered roll call. Club guidelines were read and no changes were made. Mrs. Meints was re-elected president and Mrs. Larue, secretary-treasurer.

A lively discussion was enjoyed as Museum Director Sharleen Wurm presented the program, "A Blast From the Past." Memories of members were

tested as they tried to recognize the placement of old buildings from the early days in Oberlin. Many are now gone due to fires or being torn down to build new. Some people in the pictures were also recognized. What a fun and informative program.

A light lunch was served and the discussion of happenings both past and current continued. The next meeting will be Feb. 14 with Dorothy Cochran and Norma Anderson as hostesses. A line call will explain what and where the Valentine exchange will be.

**Members enjoy pizza**

The Calico Gals Club met Jan. 16 at the Pizza Hut for lunch, then went to the home of Margaret McEvoy for a meeting.

Present were Donna Kelley, Jan Hackney, Phyllis Screen, Millie Lippelmann, Detta Anderson, Mrs. McEvoy and Sandy Counter.

Roll call was answered with miscellaneous subjects. The club collect and flag salute were given. Dues will be \$7 this year. Mrs. McEvoy showed her collection

of nativity scenes. Club books for the new year were filled out. Mrs. Hackney won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the LandMark Inn. Each member is to see how many words can be made out of "Valentine's Day." Members are also asked to fill their Valentine coffee cups, which were given out last year, with goodies and exchange them with each other to show love.

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