



Sherman County Historical Society held the fourth tea at the Victorian Ennis-Handy house Saturday, Jan. 10. The dessert tea was enjoyed by 23 ladies, and there were four tables. Carol Baum, (above, center) was at one table with (clockwise) Janet Hernandez, Kathy Briney, Lany Sharp, Joan Mohr, Diane Fritz, Elaine Ellison and Ruth Ross. A new hat was presented to Carolyn Brazda (right) by Baum as part of the fund raising effort.

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Historical society holds fourth tea

By Carol Baum

Sherman County Historical Society
The Ennis-Handy House was beautifully decorated for the Christmas holidays, and the Historical Society board held the fourth tea on Saturday, Jan. 10.

The day was a toasty 60 degrees outside with blue sky and sunshine, and the only breeze was that of 23 ladies making their way up the sidewalk at 13th St. and Center Ave. in their long rustling skirts and big decorated hats.

The house presented a charm of warmth and romance with fine linens, china, and silver on the tables, and a glow of Christmas tree lights filling the rooms.

Carol Baum, board member, and Evelyn Berry, society member, helped welcome everyone having them sign the guest book and saw that the coats were hung in the hall closet.

As the ladies sat at the four tables which occupied three rooms, they were served tea by four waiters, David Branda and Lloyd Holbrook, board members, and Ollie Juhl and Tim Armknecht, husband and son-in-law of board member Pat Juhl.

The men dressed in white shirts, black bow ties, black vests, and black slacks and draped a white linen cloth over their arm to catch any drips of the tea pot or slip of a dessert from a serving dish. The men treated the ladies royalty and were at their beckon call for refills.

Gerry Osterman, a board member, presented a beautiful white hat given by her daughter, Deb Stair for a drawing with Carolyn Brazda receiving the hat.

Osterman had everyone check under their plates to look for a Santa Claus sticker, and whoever found one, received the Victorian doll on their table. There were favors of little Victorian dolls at each place setting for each lady.

There was laughter and enjoyment of the fine Victorian Queen

Anne house, and a tour of the house completed the day for the ladies with some interesting history of Goodland families.

The tea was a success with the help of those willing to assist. Marti Scott shared some of her silverware, chairs and electric hot water pots, Anita Coleman, her sugar cube pinchers and Stair with her white hat and food contributions.

Baum said the society is short some items needed when holding the teas. They would welcome the loan or donation of fine china and silverware, plus older dining chairs and possibly a table.

Plans are underway for a spring tea. Several ladies announced they are eager for to have another and wish to attend, some for the fifth time.

Those attending were Stair, Brazda, Shaunna Armknecht, Osterman, Juhl, Ruth Ross, Baum, Janet Hernandez, Kathy Briney, Elaine Ellison and Lany Sharp, Joan Mohr and Diane Fritz from Oakley.

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Columnist met friend in rehab

How this time flies away. I continue to improve but am still limited. I see doctors today, so things may change. It's hard to believe this nightmare happened four months ago. I'm thankful for all the deeds done for me.

My third friend I met at rehab was Pauline. Why we got to be such friends I can't explain. I was just being kind to a very picky lady.

Her family was so kind to me that at times I felt like a part of the whole group. Even her grandkids and great-grandkids would see me when the came to see Pauline.

Her last days were in a Hospice center just across the road from where I was. We talked over the phone after I got home, but towards the end, she wasn't always sure it was me calling.

Jane and Ed saw her New Year's Eve, and she wanted Ed to come to get me so I could spend New Year's Eve with her. That wasn't an option. I thought about her on New Year's Day and was going to call her, but I got busy with phone calls and having my noon meal brought in.

I said a prayer for her and prayed



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she was getting better. Friday morning Ed and Jane called to tell me she was gone as of 11:55 New Year's Day. That's a tough way to start the new year — three special friends gone since Thanksgiving.

I was the lucky one, having known three families that played a part in my recovery. May God's peace be with them in 2004.

Jane and Ed called to tell me that their granddaughter and family will be moving to Colby. There will be more about that in the weeks to come.

Sympathy to the family of Art Jones, a kind man I knew when they lived here in Goodland.

I have good, funny tales that I'll share with you readers in the weeks to come. I guess I'll close for now and have a slice of the banana nut bread Carol Pettijohn brought me. Thanks for the bread and the friendship.

I'll sign off now and hope things will be okay for one and all.

matters of record

District Traffic

The following traffic fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

Dec. 3—Rebecca C. Durgin, 24, of Aurora, Colo., was fined \$22 for speeding, 98/70.

Enocd Perez, 21, of Marrietta, Ga., was fined \$255 for speeding, 101/70.

Greg J. Hallagin, 45, of Burlington, was fined \$260 for hunting without a non-resident hunting license.

Dec. 8—Robert G. Orear, 42, of Salina, Okla., was fined \$450 for speeding in a construction zone, 91/60, and \$60 for passing in a no passing zone.

James L. Bass, 19, of Lawrence was fined \$270 for speeding, 102/70.

Janice Y. Gordon, 38, of Colorado Springs was fined \$231 for speeding, 99/70.

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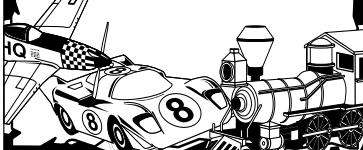
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