

Red hat, purple attire are marks of new group

The Northwest Kansas Haughty Hatters, a new chapter of an international organization founded in Oberlin by Queen Mother Betty Jones, met for a luncheon on Thursday at the LandMark Inn.

Other members include Pat Wright, Mary Waldo, Eloise Smith, Charlotte Meints, Violet Shaw, Karen Metcalf, Sandy Fair, Barbara Dehlinger, Carol Morford, Arian Arnold and Shirley Shields.

The organization is based on Jenny Joseph's poem, "Warning: When I am old, I shall wear purple with a red hat that doesn't go and doesn't suit me."

The Red Hat Society began as a group of women over 50, and it preserves the red hat and purple attire for members 50 and above. However, junior members who have not quite reached 50 but who want to join the fun may don lavender clothing with pink hats until they reach their 50th birthday. Members of this group present for the luncheon were Mary Jo Lohofener, Susan Nelson and Marlene Moxter.

"Our mission is to reach middle age with humor and silliness," Mrs. Jones said. "We believe laughter is the relief of life, and since we are all in it together, we join hands and go for the gusto together."

"Underneath our frivolity, we share a bond of affection and genu-



Queen Mother Betty Jones

ine enthusiasm for wherever life takes us. Since we have led such busy lives, we deserve a break, so our groups have no rules or by-laws, no officers and no dues.

"Each chapter structures itself according to the wishes and whims of its members. It may be a trip to a concert, high tea, movies, lectures, even cruises, or just lunch together, but we must always wear our red-and-purple attire when stepping out."

Conventions are held once a year, she said, and there are over 4,000 chapters in the United States in all 50 states and eight other countries.

"Celebrating life is our goal, by having new and exciting ways to do it," she said.

Bryan family reunion held

The Bryan family held a reunion on Sunday, May 25, at the Bohemian Hall in Oberlin with the patriotic theme, "Our God, Our Country, Our Heritage."

The introduction was given by Cheryl Stull and Bryan Miller, who also presented awards, followed by children's participation, led by Tara Winger. Flag presentation was by Ron Bryan. Young people performing included: Samantha Anderson; Kassi Bryan, Nathan Simonsson and Grandpa Marvin; Heather Richardson, Ben Bryan, Bayley Bryan, Jessica Badsky and all the children. Sheldon and Brenda Kelley presented "The Final Full Measure of Devotion"; and Monte and Jody Stull, "It's All About Pride, — The Infantryman." All veterans were recognized and appropriate songs were sung by the group, including the doxology.

Those present included: Elden and Marilou Long, Brad, Shanna and Miranda Long, Greg, Mary, Ethan and Jenna Long, Norcat; Tim and Gayle Sawyer, Eugene, Ore.; Gene and Carol Brock, North Bend, Ore.; Jeanne, Keri and Carla Britton, Nick Cleveland, Northglenn, Colo.; Monte, Jody, Dayton and Emily Stull, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Sheldon, Brenda, Kendra and Jessica Kelley, Fredrick, Colo.; Kevin, Sue, Matthew and Shelby Renke, Plainville; Ron, Marilyn, Brysen and Charles Tophane, North Platte, Neb.;

Couple weds in Wichita

Sherri Hager and Josh Maes, both of Wichita, were married at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, at the Sedgwick County Park in Wichita. Tony Hager officiated.

The bride is the daughter of



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Dorene and Richard Hager of Dodge City. She is a granddaughter of Frank Cameron of Oberlin.

The bridegroom is the son of Melinda Maes and Marty Maes, both of Wichita.

Bobbitt family holds reunion

The Bobbitt family met for a reunion over Memorial weekend at the Darrell and Mary Landau home and the Bohemian Hall in Oberlin. Musical entertainment was provided by Donna Jean Tucker, John Kump and Shirley Werkholtz.

Those present included: Maxwell and Jacob Allsbrook, Lawrence; Rick Barclay, John and Sherri Barclay, Dick and Jan Barclay, Rogers, Ark.; Barry and Theresa Barclay, Overland Park; David and Becky Barclay, Roland, Iowa; Darline Barclay, Topeka; Brian and Monica Bluff, Huntington Beach, Calif.; Barton and Helen Bobbitt, Loveland, Colo.; Rick and Linda Bobbitt, Fort Collins, Colo.; Alice Bobbitt, Oberlin; Mike and Dawn Bobbitt, Bailey, Colo.; Ken Bobbitt, Aurora, Colo.; Bruce Bobbitt, Costa Mesa, Calif.;

George and Cecelia Brown, Oberlin; Kurt Brown, Littleton, Colo.; Eric and Peggy Brown, Weston, Fla.; Paula and Shannon Chapman, San Rafael, Calif.; Randy and Chris Fisher, Benton; Gisela Fisher, Oberlin; Ron and Vicki Fisher, Norton; Ramiro and Mary Garcia, St. Paul, Minn.; Jay and Jill Gulick, Tulsa, Okla.; Ben



Mr. and Mrs. Price - 1943

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Couple honored on 60th

Kenneth and Pansy Price were honored with an open house on Sunday afternoon at the Clayton School Auditorium/Community Center in observance of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Hosts were their son, Freeman Price, Branson, Mo., and their daughter, Marlene Wolf, Kensington, and their families, which includes four grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Kenneth Price and Pansy Wiltfong met and began dating while they were both students at Norcat Rural High School. They were married June 8, 1943, in Norton at the home of Judge Hendrickson and set up housekeeping on a farm southeast of Norcat.

Her parents were Floyd and Ruth Wiltfong and his were Charles and Alta Price. Standing up with the couple were his brother, Virgil Price and Velda (Fullerton) Ward.

Only 11 months after their wedding, Mr. Price was called into mili-

tary service. While her husband was in the Navy, Mrs. Price moved back to her parents' home and worked for her father. He was in the Navy until his discharge in 1945. At that time they moved to a farm southwest of Norcat where they still live.

The Prices share many interests, including livestock. For years they were breeders of registered Polled Herefords; raised hogs; and always had horses. As Mrs. Price said, "Hogs and cattle made our living, but horses were our fun."

Now that they are retired, the Prices have the time to thoroughly enjoy their horses and their full line of horse-drawn equipment. They have even taken covered wagon trips, going as far as Cheyenne, Wyo. They have driven Santa Claus to town on his annual trip at Norton for several years, participated in parades throughout the area, and couples have also hired the Prices to drive them to their weddings or receptions in one of their carriages.

Writers' Retreat scheduled

The Sappa Creek Writers will present the sixth annual "Catching Your Dreams" retreat on Saturday, June 28, at the Oberlin Covenant Church, 810 W. Cedar Street in Oberlin.

Sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, the event will begin with continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at the LandMark Inn, and the afternoon session is scheduled to conclude at 4 p.m.

The retreat was created and is conducted by Barbara Dehlinger and Merlou Robinson to motivate and inspire both beginning and experienced writers. Casual clothing is suggested.

Early registration is \$35, with registration the day of the workshop \$40. For a registration form or details, call Barbara (785) 475-3344 or Merlou (785) 475-2389.

Unit plans community project

Hearth and Home Unit met on May 19 with Laurene Van Otterloo. Members brought items for the food bank for roll call.

Mrs. Bryan, who is president, conducted the meeting, which was opened with the flag salute and collect. Members will sit at the open class building on Friday during the

Decatur County Fair.

It was decided to give a donation to help buy a tree for Oberlin as the community project. A program about the Amish was given by Mrs. Van Otterloo, after which she presented the lesson, "How's the Beef?" She emphasized various grains and their usefulness.

Women enjoy style revue

A style revue of vintage clothing from over the years was the entertainment for the guest night salad supper held at the basement of the Oberlin United Methodist Church on June 4.

Table decorations featured hats, gloves and scarves and dresses were displayed around the room.

Devotions were given by Doris Sloan and hostesses were Linda Hollowell, Fern Moore, Deanna Castle and Montine Alstrom. The program committee included Betty Jones, Pat Fringer and Kay Moon.

Mrs. Jones narrated the style show and clothing was modeled by Janeil Jensen, Tonya Tally, Shanna Richards, Pat Wright, Karen Metcalf and

granddaughter, Jordan McHugh; and Violet Shaw and granddaughter, Jennifer Shaw; Mary Waldo, Pat Fringer and a guest appearance by Martha Stewart. Mrs. Moon accompanied the group as they sang old-time Sunday School songs.

No meetings will be held in July or August but United Methodist Women will sponsor a community potluck supper on Tuesday, June 17, for the group of 25 youth and sponsors who are biking across the United States in support of Habitat for Humanity and will spend the night at the church. Interested persons are encouraged to attend. A short video about their project will follow the meal.

Concert series set at McCook

Hot Summer Fun is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at Norris Park band shell in McCook. Performing will be the Freedom Swings Big Band.

Sponsored by McCook National Bank and MNB Insurance, the Hot Summer Nights concert series is in its fifth season.

It will feature four free concerts highlighting a variety of musical genres.

Other performances include: Jan Crossland, June 26; the New Old-Timers, Aug. 7; and Main Street, Aug. 21. All concerts are at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to free music, the bank will also be hosting a fund-raiser for Cedars Youth Services, formerly Southwest Nebraska Youth Services, during the June 12 concert, and a customer appreciation cook-out during the Aug. 21 concert.

Bike and Build set Tuesday

The Bike and Build Group, which is biking from Virginia to Oregon to raise money for Habitat for Humanity, will be guests for a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

The church is providing the supper, after which the group will share a short slide presentation. The church will also provide lodging for the night.

Bike and Build is an independent non-profit company organized under

Delaware state law. They partner with Habitat for Humanity campus chapters and affiliate offices to produce long-distance fundraising cycling trips. Proceeds are donated to Habitat for Humanity to underwrite the construction of student-built Habitat homes.

The group's mission is to end poverty housing, through fund-raising cycling trips. A donation will be taken and the public is welcome to attend.

Organization receives grant

The Northwest Kansas Local Environmental Protection Group of Colby has received a \$15,000 recognition grant from the Kansas Health Foundation.

Awarded twice a year, the grants are designed to support grassroots organizations promoting health in Kansas.

With the money, they will provide free water well screening tests to ensure safe drinking water supplies for the rural residents of 16 counties.

The foundation awards grants in three major categories: children's health, leadership and public health. For details, visit the web site at www.kansashealth.org.

Our oldest sister turns 50!
What a girl! We love you Sis!
Doug, Patty, Theresa, Sharon, Laurie and Jason

Retirement Open House for Lelia Benton on Friday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Addleman Drug Store Public Welcome! Please plan to attend to wish Lelia the Best in her Retirement.

Happy Birthday and SMILE...it's only half of 80!

Love, Angie and the girls

Special savings
on women's sizes 12-20
Up to 35% off through Saturday, June 21
Save on new summer fashions in Stephanie Thomas, River Chase and Statement!
152 S. Penn Ave. — Oberlin, KS —

Celebrate 60 Years

Floyd and Dottie Lotker
Floyd and Dottie were married on June 16, 1943 in Plainfield, New Jersey. Children are Floyd (Skip) of Wichita, Sherri Shuler of Goodland, Laurie Wasson of Oberlin and Jackie Myers of Cozad, Nebraska. Help celebrate with a card shower:
RR 3 Box 110, Oberlin, KS 67749