

Western Fraternal Lodge holds meeting

Nearly 50 members and guests were present for the 2005 Kansas state meeting of the Western Fraternal Lodge on Saturday, April 30, at the Old Bohemian Hall in Oberlin. Host for the meeting was the Cesti Vlastenci ZCBJ Lodge of Oberlin. The group enjoyed traditional Czech food, which included sauerkraut and dumplings, rohlíky and kolaches.

A history of the lodge, highlighted with humorous stories, was presented by Othelia Vacura, followed by musical entertainment by Don Ammons of Hoxie.

Seven out of nine Kansas lodges were represented, and many members stayed over for the dance in the evening. Door prizes of small birdhouses and flowering plants were given throughout the meeting. A Czech doll was won by Idan Kauer of Cuba, Kan., and a Bohemian crystal vase by Roger Boucek of Caldwell.

A 50-year membership pin was presented to Patsy Wessell of Selden by Julius Dubcak, district representative.

The national office in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was represented by Craig Van Dyke, who spoke about the fi-

ancial state of the fraternal association. Mr. Dubcak and his wife, Jeannie, of Austin, Texas, were present.

Mr. Dubcak presented Roberta Petracek with an engraved gavel, the award given to Kansas state presidents. Her name will be engraved on the traveling past president plaque for the year 2005.

An award was given to Stanley Maruska of Caldwell for being the Kansas lodge member who traveled the greatest distance. Awards were also presented to Othelia Vacura, newest member; Darrel Ruzicka, youngest member; and Vivian Bishop, longest membershipship.

A social hour followed, then a porkburger feed sponsored by the museum was served.

A dance climaxed the day's activities. Mr. Ammons played music ranging from old classic polkas and waltzes to country and western two-step music for members and guests, who enjoyed dancing once again at the old hall.

"People did have a very good time, and said that over and over," said Mrs. Vacura.

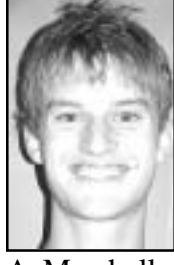
Senior recital set at Gateway

Anthony Marshall, a senior at Decatur Community High School, will present his senior music recital at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, at The Gateway, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

Anthony has been active in music throughout high school and has been in the musicals. He also

participated in speech, the all school play, the Northwest Kansas Art Show, and is a member of the Drama Club, Science Club, TACT, Student Council, and National Honor Society. He participated in cross country.

His parents are Troy and Deb Marshall of rural Norcatour.



A. Marshall

Rotarians attend conference

Members of the Oberlin Rotary Club who attended the District 5670 annual conference in Salina on Friday and Saturday were Gary Anderson; Gary Shike, incoming president; Lee Gilliam, current president; and Herschel and Jody Betts.

Former Oberlin resident Scott Gawith, president of the Colby Rotary Club, also attended.

Theme of the conference was "Developing the Future of Northwest Kansas." Former Gov. Mike

Hayden, Kansas secretary of wildlife and parks, spoke about the population decline on the plains and the future of the area, based on water depletion and energy costs.

Other speakers were state Water Commissioner Scott Ross and Wes Jackson, founder of the Land Institute of Salina.

On Friday evening, the Salina Chorale performed at the restored Stiefel Theater.

Luncheon set at McCook

Powerfully Animated Timely Topics for You (P.A.T.T.Y.) will hold a luncheon at Heritage Senior Center, West 5th and M Street, in McCook from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18.

Steven King of McCook will sing and Patty Morrison of Loveland, Colo., will present "To Collect or

Not Collect — That is the Question." The appearance is sponsored by the McCook Christian Women's Club.

Reservations are required by Monday; call Dollie at (308) 345-4011 or Lavonne at 345-1749. Reservations must be honored, canceled or used by a friend.

New Arrivals

Braeden W. Ketterl Landen V. Ketterl

Jason and Megan Ketterl are the parents of identical twin sons born April 18, 2005, at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka. Landen Vaughn weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18 inches long and Braeden Walker weighed 4 pounds, 6 ounces and was 17 1/4 inches long. Their father is a 1997 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Grandparents are Vernon and Kari Ketterl, rural Oberlin; and Kent and



Braeden Walker Ketterl (left) Landen Vaughn Ketterl (right)

Marsha Williams, Topeka. Great-grandparents are Jack and Bethal Williams, Topeka, and Jim and Jolene Strutt, Morland.

Club News

Club installs officers

Seventeen members of Pi Alpha Club closed the year on April 25 when they met at the home of Fern Wenger with Estella Waldo as co-hostess. Mrs. Wenger chose scripture for devotions.

Outgoing president, Marty Olson, installed new officers for the ensuing two years with narration by Pat Wright. They are: Joan Evans, president; Mrs. Olson, vice president; Rosella Meitl, secretary, and Mrs. Waldo, treasurer.

Women meet at Good Sam

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women held their meeting in the Angel Lane dining room at the Good Samaritan Center on May 4. Charissa Huff and Angie Wilson were hostesses. Ruth Laidig, a longtime member, was a welcome guest.

President Angie Wilson opened the meeting with a question, "What did your mother do for you?" and read about young girls in other countries becoming mothers.

Roll call, a favorite flower, was answered by 10 members. Devotions from the *Upper Room*, "Giving," was brought by Grace

Each received rose bowls and all members received a stemmed daisy.

Mrs. Evans told members that the annual "Walk for Multiple Sclerosis" will be held June 4 at Norris Park in McCook and that she and her daughter, Kristy, plan to participate.

Mrs. Meitl received the hostess gift and a thank you gift of a woven wheat cross was presented to Mrs. Olson.

Cook.

It was reported that the Lord's Acre dinner was a success.

There are several going to Jennings on June 1 for a salad luncheon and program, then members will meet at the home of Phyllis Metcalf that evening for a meeting.

Gloria Mattix of Colby, the connecting link, will attend the September meeting and Cheryl Metcalf will give the October program.

Ethel Railsback presented the program, "Prayer and the People of Cuba," with others reading parts.

Join Hands Day observed

Oberlin Royal Neighbors and Girl Scouts observed Join Hands Day on Saturday afternoon at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

Donuts, coffee and tea were served to residents and visitors, after which a social hour was enjoyed by all.

Couple plans June wedding

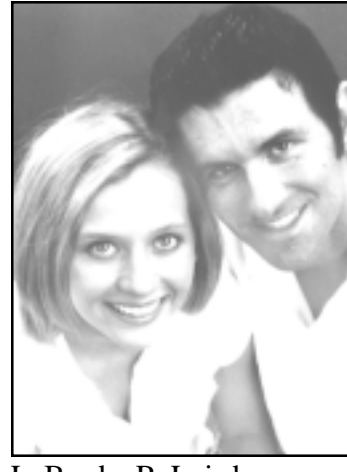
Lindsay Leigh Brady of Yukon, Okla., and Ryan Laird of Oklahoma City, plan to be married at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, at Boulevard Chapel in Edmond, Okla.

Parents of the couple are Kevin and Casey Brady, Yukon, Okla.; Sonya Brady, Bethany, Okla.; and Michael and Luanne Laird, Celina, Texas.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Barbara Nielsen, Woodward, Okla., and the late Eldon Crawford; Jim and Anita Potts, Woodward; and Leon and Vicki Brady, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Her fiancé's grandparents are Amy Rehm, Oberlin, and the late Harold Rehm; and Eileen Laird, Oberlin, and the late Earl Laird.

The bride-to-be graduated from



L. Brady, R. Laird

Yukon High School in 2002 and is a student at the University of Central Oklahoma, studying public relations. She is employed at Crosstrainers Fitness.

Her fiancé graduated from Bridge Creek High School in 1997 and the University of Oklahoma in 2001 with a degree in Health and Sports Science. He is also employed at Crosstrainers Fitness as a personal trainer.

Aglow group plans tea

The Oberlin Aglow group will sponsor a Friendship Tea for women of the community at 7 p.m. on Thursday at The Gateway.

Speaker will be Berty Golding of Stratton, Neb., and her topic will be "Baggage Check." She has been

active in youth ministry and in the AWANA program for the past 11 years.

All women are invited. For details, call Donna Fortin at 475-3290 or Brenda Davis at 475-2780.

July wedding set by couple

Andrea Inez Marshall of Norcatour and Adam Michael Spanier of Oberlin plan to be married on July 23.

Parents of the couple are Troy and Deb Marshall of Norcatour, and Deanne Spanier of Oberlin.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She has been a member of the women's chorus, symphonic band, flute choir, color guard and youth group. She plans to enroll this fall at the University of Kansas, where she will continue to major in music education.

Her fiancé also graduated from Decatur Community High School and earned an Associate Degree in Science at McCook Community



A. Marshall, A. Spanier

College. He was a member of the Honor Society, president of Webzine, and worked with a youth group. He has been a guitar teacher at Hershbergers Music Store in McCook. He plans to pursue a recording degree at the University of Kansas.

Spring piano recital held

Piano students of Cheryl Metcalf presented their spring piano recital on Sunday afternoon at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Those performing included Jenny Hirsch, Joe Hirsch, Miki Dorshorst, Hannah May, Cheyenne Soderlund, Taylor Macfee, Hunter Nedland, David Noren, Lora Marietta, Ganon Henningson, Jacob Helm, Madison

Monaco, Chris Anderson, Ryan May, Morgan Jansonius, Kelsey Mordecai, Caleb Koerperich, Gabe Anderson, Michael Noren, Heather Glodt, Mary Olson, Molly Jansonius, Elizabeth Nedland, Samantha Anderson, Britta Noren, Jessica Bremer, Nolan Henningson, Zach May and Sarah Marcuson.

Confirmation held Sunday

Alyssa Rippe, daughter of Lynn and Joyce Rippe, became a member of Prairie Chapel Church through confirmation on Sunday. The Rev. Doug Hasty officiated.

Those received as new members through confirmation at the Oberlin United Methodist Church included Derek Chambers, son of Jerry and Melissa Chambers; Sabrina Dellere, daughter of Wayne and Dena

Dellere; Wiley Farr, son of Mick and Rhonda Barth; Cherish Manning, daughter of Rhonda Manning; Ryan McEvoy, son of Lonnie and Mary McEvoy; Makenzie Nelson, daughter of Steve and Susan Nelson; and Jordan Tally, son of Eugene and Tonya Tally. Derek Chambers and Cherish Manning were baptized.

Senior Information Day set

Information Day for Seniors will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, at the American Legion in Grainfield.

Lunch reservations are required by Thursday, May 19, call (800)

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