

Club News

Rotarians hear about jazz

Jim Hollowell gave a brief history of jazz at the May 30 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. Using actual music of different eras and album covers of favorite artists, he told of early jazz, before 1930, then explained the different forms of jazz from Latin to be-bop to cool to smooth and fusion. Jazz originated in New Orleans but migrated to Chicago in the 1930s, he said. Tommy Dorsey, Charlie Barnet, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Earl Hines contributed much to the early forms of jazz. Mr. Hollowell explained. Vocalists Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Nancy Wilson, Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan and Diana Krall have continued the success of jazz. The first jazz recording, he said, was by the all-white Original Dixieland Jazz Band in 1917. Guests were Darrell Landau, Jody Shike, Alex Story and Ben Letourneau.

Bryan family gathers for reunion at museum

The Bryan family gathered for a reunion on Sunday, May 28, at the Bohemian Hall at the Last Indian Raid Museum. Col. Floyd Badsky gave the flag presentation, followed by introduction of families. Special thoughts were shared by Paul Babcock, followed by a potluck dinner. A social hour and a tour of the museum were enjoyed. Those present included: Eva Bryan, Oberlin; the Rev. Robert and Elaine Fleenor, McPherson; the Rev. Paul and Debbie Babcock, Fort Scott; Pam Wright, Wichita; Roger and Gwen Pepper and Garrett, Topeka; Elden and Detta Anderson, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, Oberlin; Nick Anderson, Lawrence; Gary Anderson, Oberlin; Helen Jaderborg, Mason Kenny, Longmont, Colo.; Sonja Arney, Becky Arney, Arvada, Colo.; Dick and Donna Kelley, Oberlin; Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa; Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica, Frederick, Colo.; Janice Sauvage, Edwards, Colo.; Janie Richards and Shelby, Morrisville, N.C.; Wane and Cheryl Stull, Solomon; Monte and Jody Stull, Dayton and Emilie, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Linda, Joslyn and Andrew Wade, Oberlin; Elden and Marilou Long, Greg and Mary Long, Ethan and Jenna, Norcatour; Floyd Badsky and Sharyn Bodfield, Ken and Jan Badsky, Kenyon, Lacey and Regan, Oberlin; Col. Floyd Badsky and Bret, Norman, Okla.; Verl Sauvage, Oberlin; Gene Meints, McCook; Verna Mae Bryan Anderson, Oberlin; Christy Bryan Wesch, Topeka; Jerry and Petrina Murphree and Joshua, Meriden; Damon Eric Bryan, Denver; Clara Fringer, Rod and Pat Fringer, Oberlin; Rhonda Workman, Andrea and Morgan, Wichita; Brian and Kim Brumley and Courtney, Inman; Vic and Opal Bryan, Sharon and Marvin Slabaugh, Carlos Britton, Carla Britton, Oberlin; Jeanne and Keri Britton, Denver; Brian and Pam Simonsson, Breck and Nathan, Oberlin; Krista Gutchesky, Kearney, Neb.; Brent Simonsson, Stef Gaskill, Brad and Michelle Simonsson, Braylon, Colton and Taylor, Kayla Johnson, Wamego; Elaine Bryan, Oberlin; Corinne Denton, Topeka; Laurene Bryan Van Otterloo, Oberlin; Ron and Marilyn Tophane, Charlie and Bryson, North Platte, Neb.; Ronnie, KASSIE and Emily Bryan, Oberlin; Brett Budke, McCook; Rod and Kem Bryan, Brandon and Lora Bryan, Carolyn and Scott Miller, Oberlin; Bryan Miller, Colby; Margaret Vrbas, Atwood; Eric Miller, Erin O'Brien, Highland Park, Colo.; Matt and Krysten Watkins and Reese, Larned.

Woman earns teaching degree

Dani Dorshorst of Oberlin has graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in education from Chadron State College in Nebraska. The honor requires a cumulative grade average of at least 3.75 on the 4.0 scale. Dorshorst will teach science and be the head volleyball coach at Sidney High School in the southern panhandle of Nebraska this fall. She was a four-year letter winner and a three-year starter for the Chadron State volleyball team. She is a 2002 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Her parents are Duane and Pat Dorshorst of Oberlin.



D. Dorshorst

Soldier's story to become movie

The story of the return of the body of Chance Phelps, a great-nephew of Luetta Pollnow of Oberlin, from Iraq will be made into a movie, "Taking Chance," by the HBO network. The film will tell the story of the transport of his body by Lt. Col. Michael R. Strobl from Dover Air Force Base to his final resting place in Dubois, Wyo. The movie will begin production this summer and will air next year. The script was adapted by Lt. Col. Strobl from an article he wrote about his experience as an escort officer traveling cross-country with the body of 19-year-old Phelps in 2004. The soldier was killed April 9, 2004, while serving with an artillery unit functioning as a provisional infantry battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom. His parents are John and Chris Phelps, and Jeff and Gretchen (Pollnow) Mack. He was a nephew of Greg and Kristy Pollnow of McCook. His grandfather, the late Bill Pollnow, was a 1953 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Servi-Tech hires intern

Ryan Ruf of Oberlin is among over 30 interns hired by Servi-Tech Inc., a crop consulting firm based out of Dodge City, to help check fields this summer. Servi-Tech serves over 3,000 farmers on the plains and it has over 1 million acres of land under contract. The program will help interns improve their knowledge of agriculture while serving customers, the firm said. Mr. Ruf will assist Ryan Inman in the Colby division as well. A student at Fort Hays State University, he is majoring in agronomy. He plans to graduate in the fall of 2007. He worked for the Decatur Co-op Association in the summer while growing up, increasing his agronomy experience. He is the son of Robert and Sherri Ruf of Oberlin.



Ryan Ruf

Card Shower

The children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Gene and Anogene Rogers are honoring them with a card shower for their 65th Wedding Anniversary on June 21, 2006.

Gene and Anogene (Mumm) Rogers were married on June 21, 1941 in Selden, KS. They have three children, Jim Rogers, Eileen (Rogers) Murphy, and Steve Rogers all of Selden. Five grandchildren, Michelle, Shawna, Chris, Kari and Dan. Nine great-grandchildren, Michaela, Logan, Grant, Kendall, Kylie, Jakob, Levi, Regan and Cabri.

Your memories included in your cards will be the best gift possible. Please send cards to: HC 1, Box 119, Rexford, KS 67753.

Herndon alumni hold banquet at St. Mary's

The 87th Herndon Alumni banquet was held Saturday, May 27, at St. Mary's auditorium in Herndon. President Jan Sattler and Secretary-Treasurer Marlene Cook welcomed this year's seniors into the association, as well as all others present. The school closed in 2005, and this year's seniors graduated from Rawlins County High School following the consolidation of Herndon and Atwood Schools. Tom Cook Sr. gave the blessing before the dinner, served by the Christian Mothers Altar Society to 76 alumni, guests and friends. The theme was "Proud to be an American." Steve Woody of Atwood played his guitar with the group, singing several patriotic songs, after which he sang two solos. Edith Pettera of Herndon was recognized as the oldest alumnus present, graduating in 1930. Karl Wendelin and Esther Hartner Pennington represented the 75th anniversary class of 1931. It was voted to increase the scholarship amount to \$50. Those receiving scholarships are Nik Martin, Anikka Martin, Abe Marintzer and David Sattler. Andy Green informed the group that the sale of the Herndon School building has been finalized and Castcast Corp. will be coming to Herndon in the near future. Officers for next year are Royce Leitner, president; Robin Berger Brown, vice president; and Charlotte Portschy Smith, secretary-treasurer.

Couple plans July wedding

Lindsey Ross and Joshua Burton of Aurora, Colo., plan to be married on Saturday, July 22, at the home of his parents in Bartley, Neb. Parents of the couple are Bob and Karla Ross of Ellinwood, but formerly of Oberlin, and Dave and Cindy Burton of Bartley, Neb. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and McCook Community College. She is a massage therapist at a sports rehab clinic in Aurora. Her fiance graduated from Twin Valley High School and is a custom tile setter in the Denver area.



J. Burton and L. Ross

Man completes cave book

Jeff Sell of Lancaster, a brother of Tracy Keeling of Oberlin, recently published a book, "The Quarry Caves," a story he says was written with the young adult in mind, but delights readers of all ages. He said that he wrote the book as a test to see if it would be accepted by a publisher, and after sending in only his idea and one paragraph, he got a call asking for a manuscript. The book follows three children through three days in their lives. Two young boys and a young girl spend a lot of time on their bicycles, riding through the countryside. Mr. Sell said this is taken from the time in his life when he lived in Kansas City and he and his friends rode their bicycles every day. When he was 12, he said, he and his family moved to the country near Cummings, and a big part of the book is the kids on their bicycles. "It is really a big part of their world," he said. "It is actually based on true events, and I won't mention where the quarry is because I don't want to start a stampede to it. The location of the story was really a conglomerate of Lancaster, Atchison and where I was raised on a farm near Cummings." Mr. Sell works for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Lancaster and he and his wife have four children. He said he plans to donate autographed copies of the book to the Oberlin City Library, Oberlin Elementary School and Decatur Community Junior High School.



Jeff Sell

Rodeo queen contest planned

The 22nd annual Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen Contest is looking for single cowgirls, ages 17-25. The contest includes speech, modeling, a personal interview and written test, along with two phases of horsemanship. Judging will be at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 3, at the rodeo grounds, two miles north of Phillipsburg on U.S. 183. The crowning will kick off the first performance of three nights of the rodeo.

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The Carswells - 2006



The Carswells - 1946

Couple celebrates 60th

Rex and Betty Carswell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Tuesday. Betty Thieler and Rex Carswell were married on June 6, 1946, in Selden and have since made their home on a farm north of Rexford. Their address is HC1, Box 88, Selden, Kan., 67757. Their children and spouses include: Terry and Steve Salter, McPherson; Vince and Peggy Carswell, Oberlin; Peggy and Robert Dible, Menlo; and Daryl and Rita Carswell, Hays. They have 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Open house honors couple

John and Pat Wright of Oberlin were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, May 28, at the United Methodist Church basement. Hosts were their children, Mike and Susan Wright and Allison, Lawrence; Mary and Gary Stoecker, Michelle, Mark and John, Oakley; and Doug Wright, Overland Park. Pat Allison and John Wright were married on June 11, 1956 in Brewster. Both were teachers in the Oberlin schools before their retirement. Out-of-town guests who attended included: Betty and Lawrence Stoecker, Oakley; Rick and Lexie Robinson and Bethany, Hays; Sue and Chuck Engle, Goodland; Eula and Bill Moulden, Topeka; Deb Jennings, Wichita; Christy Rasure, Goodland; Robert Wright, Gainesville, Fla.; Marjorie Robbins, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Carolyn Robinson, Fountain Hills, Ariz.; Judith and Dick Dickson, Millikan, Colo.; and Karen and Dennis Towns, Stratton, Colo.

Woodmen help stock pantry

Members of the Oberlin Modern Woodmen of America donated to the Oberlin Food Pantry through the Care and Share Program with a purchase of \$250 worth of canned goods, paper and personal care items. The program helps chapters, or "camps," of the fraternal financial service organization provide up to \$250 worth of basic necessities to people in need in their communities. "Whether a family needs household items after a natural disaster or other crisis, or if a shelter or food pantry needs more supplies to help families, Modern Woodmen members can help through this annual project," said Marie McKisson, Oberlin camp secretary. "Each year members from over 400 camps purchase and donate thousands of dollars worth of food, clothes and more."

Students play in Lions band

Brittany Ritter, daughter of Greg and Stephanie Ritter of Dresden, and Sarah Marcuson, daughter of Brad and Elaine Marcuson of Oberlin, were chosen to play in the Kansas Lions State Band. They attended band camp from Wednesday to Friday on the campus of Pittsburg State University. On Saturday morning, the band played a concert for the Kansas Lions convention. Brittany, who plays the clarinet, was sponsored by the Rexford Lions Club. She is a student at Golden Plains High School. Sarah's instrument is the saxophone; her sponsor was the Oberlin Lions Club. Sarah was also chosen to play in the Lions Jazz Band. She graduated in May from Decatur Community High School.



B. Ritter



S. Marcuson

Benefit barbecue for relay

A smoked beef barbecue benefit for the Decatur County Relay for Life will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 16, at Smick Field. May Family Farms is donating the beef and Robert Groneweg will smoke the meat on his Traeger grill. The committee is looking for someone to donate hamburger buns and anyone interested is asked to call Chris Dempewolf at (785) 693-4215 after 5 p.m. Cancer survivors who are going to walk during the opening ceremony at 7 p.m. on Friday are invited to the Survivors Reception, scheduled from 6 to 6:50 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Those who haven't signed up may call Melinda Grafel at (785) 322-5234.

KU students earn degrees

More than 4,000 members of the Class of 2006, including summer and fall 2005 graduates, took part in the 134th University of Kansas commencement exercises recently in Memorial Stadium at Lawrence. Among those from this area are: **Oberlin:** Amy Sue Gaumer Erickson, daughter of W. James and Judy Gaumer, Master of Science in education and Doctor of Philosophy in special education **Brianna May**, daughter of Richard and Delayne May, Bachelor of Science in biology. **Ludell:** Shaylyn Laufer, daughter of Brian and Rhonda Laufer, Bachelor of Science in business/business administration. **Selden:** Tricia Carney, daughter of Bernice Koeperich, Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Festival planned at McCook

The 10th anniversary of the Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival in McCook will include storytelling and music beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, with a presentation of "How the West Has Fun" at 7:30 p.m. that night at the Fox Theater. Events on Saturday will include poetry, music, a Kids' Fest, storytelling in the park and a jam session. For details, call (800) 657-2179 or (308) 345-3200 or e-mail dmanue@ocsmccook.com.



Monice (Fitts) Carlson were married June 16, 1956. Their children are Vince, Atwood, and Carla Barber, McPherson. Their grandchildren are Nicholas, Krisstal, and Jessica Kriss-Carlson, Colby, and Angel Barber, Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaynor Carlson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a come-and-go reception hosted by their family and friends. The reception will be held Sunday, June 18 from 2-4 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the Christian Church, 216 S. 6th Street, Atwood. For those who cannot attend, greetings will reach them at 208 North 2nd Street, Atwood. They request no gifts, please. Gaynor Vincent and Helena



50th Anniversary
Dwayne and Betty Jones will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary June 17. They were married in 1956 at the Evangelical Reformed Church, Herndon, KS. Their children are Tonya Tally and husband Eugene, Oberlin; and Tina Jones, Long Beach, CA. Grandsons are Jeremy and Jordan Tally.

All friends and relatives are invited to mark the occasion by sending cards to them at PO Box 42, Oberlin, KS 67749.