

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
**People in
 Our Community**
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Veda Heisel of Lenora and her daughter, Karen Carpenter, visited Mrs. Heisel's brother, Edwin Black, on Monday. Mrs. Heisel and her family are former Oberlin residents. Mrs. Carpenter and her husband, Allan, are moving back to Lenora from Norton and two other daughters, Reta and Mike Barlow, and Larry and Lorena Taylor, also live in Lenora.

Leigh Davis honored her mother, Judy Davis, with a tea party at their home on Sunday afternoon. Guests were Sharon Slabaugh, Janeil Jensen, Sharon Johnson, Pat Wright, Marian Fraker and Charlotte Meints.

Weekend guests of Marianna Bendon and Karla Jones were Charlene Hover and her daughter, Tracy Levens of Colorado Springs.

—Ash Wednesday Seafood Buffet 5-8 p.m., Frontier Restaurant.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Jack O'Toole, Dorothy Moore, Ardis Roe, Dewaine Stapp, Max Carman and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Willa Urban, Henry Edgett, Floyd Edgett, Neil Marshall, Barb

Arizona gathering draws 37

The 19th annual party for Decatur County people in Arizona on Thursday, Feb. 12, drew 37 current or former residents to the home of Max and Marlene Miller in Gold Canyon.

Ron Cox won a pre-lunch golf putting contest. Before eating, the group joined in singing the Decatur Community High School "Alma Mater" and "America," followed by the flag salute. Mr. Miller gave the blessing.

Music and songs, provided by Pete Byam, were enjoyed during the meal. He also brought his fiancée, Barbara Bison.

Those present also included Gary

Club enjoys trivia program

Program chair Ralph Unger presented an entertaining trivia program, with questions and answers that keep folks awake at night, for the Feb. 17 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

Calico Gals meet at center

Ten members of Calico Gals met Feb. 18 at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

The club collect and flag salute were given. Roll call, "A special Valentine," was answered by Detta Anderson, Marylu Brown, Opal Bryan, Donna Kelley, Millie Lippepman, Shirley Shields, Phyllis Screen, Jan Hackney, Lora Zwickle, Alice Bobbitt and one guest, Amy

4-H members give program

By HANNAH MAY
 The Stick-To-It 4-H Club held its monthly meeting at the Catholic Church on Feb. 8.

Roll call, "Quote a conversation (candy heart)," was answered by 19 members. Also present were three leaders and seven parents.

After a short business meeting, three members gave program numbers.

Kelly and Kade Brown entertained with readings and Nolan

Solko and Doris Fringer. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Barb Solko with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Floyd Edgett. Winning highs at bridge were Cynthia Matson and Charlotte Meints.

—Legion serving meals 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Saturdays. 08-10

Mark Berg, Colton, Cody and Chase; Pastor Doug, Johanna and Bethany Mason; Kendal, Isaac and Patience Carman and Pat Cozad helped Tim and Kimberly Davis move over the weekend, while Carolyn Burtis provided treats.

Candy Rauhut of Garden City and Connie Robison of Littleton, Colo., were weekend guests of their mother, Eunice Martin, to help her celebrate her birthday. They were supper guests of Randy and Sharon Olson on Saturday in her honor. Other guests were Kristi Ostmeyer, Jace and Tyler; and Kerrie Olson, Ellis; Nick Wahlmeier, Jennings; and Brent Olson, Oberlin. Mrs. Rauhut and Mrs. Robison hosted a dinner at Mrs. Martin's home on Sunday for the same group.

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and Carolyn Allen, Dole and JoAnn Anderson, Don and Marie Aschwege, Perky Barnett, Dennis and Betty Campbell, Don and Shirley Carlisle, Ron and Joanne Cox, Bob and Sally Henningson, Herb and Jeanne Hoskins, Dwayne and Betty Jones, Cotty and Eleanor Matal, George and Clarice Meadows, Jeanette Miller, Samme Steinmetz, Rex and Billie Morton, Doris Jean Oliver, Dick and Aleta Phelps, Cheryl Votapka, Duane and Marilyn Waldo and Sam and Kathy Willcoxon.

Serving the meal were Bill and Joanne Richardson, Irene Longworth, Helen Biteman and Walt and Gloria Anderson.

Members were reminded that help is still needed for the upcoming Rotary Radio Day on Sunday, March 8. The club plans an appreciation night dinner on Tuesday, March 17, at The Gateway.

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The treasurer's report was given by Shirley Shields. Dues were collected. Homemade Valentines were exchanged and Mrs. Screen won the hostess gift. The new club books were distributed.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, at the home of Donna Kelley. Jan Hackney will present a lesson on quilts.

**Services
 scheduled
 for tonight**

Ash Wednesday services are scheduled in several area churches.

Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville; 7:30 p.m. at Oberlin Sacred Heart Church; and 5:30 p.m. at St Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon.

There will be services at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. Lenten services will be held weekly on Wednesday, beginning with a supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by services at 7:15 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church is holding Lenten services at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

World Day of Prayer services will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 6, at the Oberlin Sacred Heart Church, sponsored by the Decatur County Ministerial Association.

**Student goes
 on honor roll**

Jessica Badsky, a senior in Norman, has been named to the 2008 fall semester Dean's Honor Roll at the University of Oklahoma.



J. Badsky

Students required to have a minimum grade point average of 3.50 with at least 12 graded credit hours. She plans to graduate in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a minor in film and video studies.

She is the daughter of Floyd A. and Evalyn Badsky of Norman. She is a granddaughter of Floyd T. Badsky of Oberlin, and the late Nathalie Badsky, and a niece of Ken and Jan Badsky of Oberlin.

**Comedy set
 in Oakley**

Windwood Theatricals will present a large-scale production of the musical, "Bye Bye Birdie" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Oakley High School Auditorium.

This musical comedy, originally produced by Edward Padula, includes lots of laughs and great songs.

The hit tunes include "Put on a Happy Face," "A Lot of Livin' to Do," "One Last Kiss," "One Bo," the riotous lament of parents with teenagers, "What's the Matter With Kids Today?" and the uproarious salute to the greater glory of Ed Sullivan, entitled "Hymn for a Sunday Evening!"

The musical, with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Lee Adams, won eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door, \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.



SINGING THEIR HEARTS OUT during the Sacred Heart Church Mardi Gras Festival on Sunday afternoon at the parish center in Selden were Brittany Ritter, also known as 'Elly Fay,' (back) and (from left) Gabrielle Schiltz, Kaylie Schaben and Karri Schaben.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Woman honored for 65 years service

Eulaine Benda was presented with the Covenant Women's Ministries Recognition Award on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church for over 65 years of service to Covenant Women.



E. Benda

Making the presentation was the president of group, Beth Holle of rural Rawlins County.

The church goes back to 1887 when a group of Swedish pioneers joined to form the Bethlehem Mission Church southwest of Herndon. Eighteen years later, 10 women met on Aug. 23, 1905, to start the Mission Church Sewing Society. Later this group was known as Ladies Aid and now it's the Covenant Women's Ministries.

Both Mrs. Benda's grandmothers, Brita Erikson and Anna Holmdahl, were among the founding members. Mrs. Benda remembers attending Ladies Aid meetings as a child with her mother, Olive Erikson, as all children of the church did, and she later became active in the group as the young wife of Wesley Benda.

She has served in nearly every office of the group through the years, including being chairwoman several times. She used her gift of hospitality to serve as smorgasbord chairman and head of the "eats" committee.

Her children remember how she worked to clean and prepare her home when it was her turn to be hostess. Three daughters, Shirley, Beverly and Barbara, remember the year they sang the song, "Faith, Hope and Charity" for the group. After singing someone asked, "Now which one of you is Faith, which one, Hope and which one is Charity?"

Mrs. Benda spent hours sewing together many strips of old sheets to roll into bandages for missionaries to use in hospitals in Africa,

along with layettes for missionary babies. She was also a hostess for community Friendship Bible coffees, as well as organizing child care during worship services, choir practices and meetings. She even made homemade "play dough" for the children.

She served as church pianist, Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible teacher for many years and always made sure her own six children attended.

Covenant Women has always been important to Mrs. Benda, she said. Working alongside the women of the church has been one of her joys.

She now lives at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, but she and her husband still attend services at the church.

Her children present for the presentation on Sunday were Gerald Benda, Ludell; Bev Messerly, Sublette; and Barbara Olson, Oberlin. The others are Connie Smith, Leanne Pike and Shirley Maresch.

Aviation safety seminar scheduled Saturday

A Federal Aviation Administration safety seminar for pilots will be held in the terminal building at Colby's Shalzh Field Municipal Airport from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

The program will include technically advanced aircraft; the New Wings program (a training program that counts towards required pilot

safety training); airport operations class B, C, D, E and G; the sport pilot program (a new program for which information will be distributed and questions may be asked); and medical issues (FAA requirements for fitness and what medical issues affect licensing).

Lunch will be free. For information, contact Mark Ostmeyer at

(785) 460-4438 or check www.faa.gov.

The event is sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team/Wichita Flight Standards District Office, MC Aviation Service, Great Plains Spraying, Friends of the Colby Airport, CBK Flyers and Dillon Stores.

Incentive program deadline extended

The application deadline for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program has been extended to April 10.

Farmers or ranchers who need financial help for conservation problems should apply at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office, 410 S. Buffalo in Oberlin, or

call (785) 475-3131, extension 3. Preliminary information is available at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/ programs.

New Arrival

Kodi Kristine Dirks

Brandon and Kristi Dirks of Ludell are the parents of a daughter, Kodi Kristine Dirks, who was born at Citizens Medical Center in Colby on Feb. 16, 2009. She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 18 1/4 inches. Kodi was welcomed at home by sisters Kaci, 3, and Kylie, 18 months. Grandparents are Dan Dirks, North Platte, Neb.; Linda Dirks, Atwood; and Jerry and Jolene Fortin, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are June Fortin and Ardis Roe, Oberlin, and Dixie Stock, McCook.



Kodi Dirks

We are having an Open House in honor of our Mother

Veda Heisel
 for her

90th Birthday
 on Saturday, March 7th,
 from 2-4 p.m.

at the Lenora Senior Center.
 If you would like to send a card her
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 Lenora, Kansas 67645.

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