

People in Our Community

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Jerry and Sharon Schuetz attended the Cub Scout and Boy Scout annual awards program for their grandson, Nash Johnson, son of Rick and Lisa Johnson, on Feb. 24 in Salina.

Awards were given for all of their achievements during the past year, but the main award was the Cross-Over ceremony award from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. Nash was one of seven Cub Scouts to receive this award, along with several other achievement awards. His brothers, Ian and Levi Johnson, also received several awards.

Ian is a third year Boy Scout and Levi is just completing his year as a Wolf Cub Scout. Their mother has been a Scout leader for six years.

Over 100 Scouts, parents, grandparents and leaders attended the program and a potluck supper at the Scout Den in the Presbyterian Church.

Weekend guests of Loyd and Mary Waldo to help her celebrate her birthday, were their daughters and most of their immediate families, which included Jana Rae Oliver, Raleigh, N.C.; Jana's son and grandson, Buck Vernon and Brady Vernon, Frederick, Colo.; and Mike and Susan Wright, Lawrence.

Allison Wright was unable to be here, but telephoned her grandparents.

Mike and Luanne Laird of Celina, Texas, visited their mothers, Eileen Laird and Amy Rehm, from Feb. 20 to 27.

David and Shirley Simpson returned home last Tuesday from Denver, where he underwent quadruple by-pass heart surgery at St. Joseph Hospital. Both were taken to Denver by plane.

His children, Don Simpson, Denver; Mike Simpson, McCook; Cathy Carroll, Atwood; and Carol Lenington, Goodland, were with them, as well as Mrs. Simpson's daughter, Kimberlee Nuss, of Denver.

Nancy Ellis of Topeka was a Feb. 21-22 weekend guest of her mother,

Joy Votapka. Charlie Votapka and Charles of Ogallala, Neb., spent the past weekend with her.

Visitors last week at the home of Gene and Marcella Leitner were their daughters, Patricia Tongish, Newton; Barbara Leitner, Farmington, N.M.; and Donna Wilson, Wichita; also Maralyn Courange, Traer; and the Rev. Royce Leitner. Their daughters left on Wednesday morning.

Steve Fraker of Fallon, Nev., visited over the weekend with his parents, Bob and Marian Fraker, after attending a business meeting in Greeley, Colo.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Veanna Carman, Max Carman, Floyd Edgett, Ardis Roe, Henry Edgett and Kelva Dryden. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Floyd Edgett, Neil Marshall, Barb Solko and Dorothy Moore.

Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Neil Marshall. Winning highs at bridge were Cynthia Matson, Marty Munson and Judy Shirley.

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

Eloise Smith was honored by friends with a birthday celebration in North Platte, Neb., last Tuesday. Others present were Charlotte Meints, Marian Fraker, Luetta Pollnow and Joy Votapka.

Evan and Judy Goltl have returned to their home in Hill City after vacationing at Brownsville, Texas.

Brian Linden, son of John and Becky Linden of Clayton, has accepted a \$900 Academic Opportunity Award in business and a \$700 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award for the 2009-2010 academic year.

He is a senior at Hoxie High School and plans to major in business.

Day of Prayer planned Friday

World Day of Prayer services will begin at 2 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin.

The event is sponsored by the churches of Decatur County.

All churches join together as one in prayer with the nondenominational service to pray for a country in need.

The women of Papua, New Guinea, have written the World Day of Prayer 2009 service around the theme, "In Christ, there are many members, yet one body."

Papua, New Guinea is a land of many languages, cultures, tradi-

tions and beliefs, and though many of its communities are isolated due to rugged terrain, the women said, there is unity in diversity.

Marianne Larue will lead the singing, which will include some selections from Papua, and Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church will show some musical items from that country.

Bishop Steven Reichert, a native of Dresden, serves the Catholic diocese there, and several items which he has brought back will be on display.

Everyone is welcome.

Woman gives program

Norma Unger was a guest at the Feb. 24 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

She presented the program in the absence of her son, Dr. Ryan Unger, who was ill.

She told about "Cleansing the Body" with the EB Cellular Cleanse System, which uses a process that eliminates toxins in the body through use of a foot bath.

Mrs. Unger said that toxins are concentrated in the feet, the lowest point of the body, by gravity.

Ten treatments are recommended by therapists to remove the toxins,

she said. The color of the water after treatment changes as the toxins are removed from the body.

Herschel Betts reported that this is the last year for Group Study Exchange groups from other countries, which have been sponsored by the Rotary International.

A group of five professionals from Mexico will visit Oberlin for four days from April 22-25 and volunteers are needed to provide host homes.

Rotary Radio Day will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at KFNF Radio.

All proceeds will go to the Forget-Me-Nots for community projects.

The program is directed by Dennis Brown, who uses the money to help the elderly in nursing homes or their own homes, by preparing meals and other activities.

Donations will be accepted.

Rotary Radio Day is Sunday

Oberlin Rotary Club members will be participating in their 10th annual Rotary Radio Day fund raiser from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday on KFNF Radio 101.1.

Members take over the station for the day, acting as disc jockeys and playing music, reading the news and sports, giving weather updates and reading commercials. Money raised from the event will be used in town, and help with national and international programs.

The Oberlin Rotary Club supports two Decatur Community High school scholarships; the annual After Prom party; Polio Plus, an effort to stamp out this disease around the world; food relief programs, local and international; litter pickup along U.S. 83; giving a dictionary to each third grader at Oberlin Elementary School; maintaining the child safety play area at the Oberlin baseball field, which the club built; operating the ferris wheel at the Decatur County Fair; contributing to local and national causes; and participating in Rotary's Group Study Exchange program.

Judge's wife takes matters in own hands

Ellen Basinski, 70, of Elyria, Ohio, mother-in-law of Carrie (Stilions) Basinski, a former Oberlin resident, took matters into her own hands recently when four youths entered her home and tried to rob her when she was alone.

A story from *The Chronicle-Telegram*, furnished by Judge John Bremer, said that Mrs. Basinski's husband, David, is the Lorain County Family Court Judge and she usually leaves dealing with juvenile delinquents to him.

When the youths pushed their way in while she was talking to her husband, the report said, they grabbed the phone.

She said she told them, "That's the judge on the phone," trying to scare them.

Her husband told his staff to call 911. Then he and his bailiff hurried to a car and sped to the house. When one of the youths started going through her purse, Mrs. Basinski said, she grabbed a cooking pot and whacked one of them with it, not once but twice.

After she told one who was going through their liquor cabinet to stop, he threw a bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey at her, hitting her left foot and leaving a bruise.

When the police arrived, her neighbors pointed out the youths as they fled into the surrounding streets.

All were charged with a felony count of aggravated burglary.

Carrie Basinski's father, Ed Stilions, served as mayor of Oberlin during the 1980s and worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. He and his wife Marsha now live in Kansas City.

Recovery meeting set

An informational meeting on the Celebrate Recovery program will begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the basement of the Oberlin Community Fellowship Church at the corner of North Penn Ave. and U.S. 36.

"You've undoubtedly heard the expression 'time heals all wounds,'" said organizers John and Lisa Paulson. "Unfortunately, it isn't true. People are still carrying hurts from 30 or 40 years ago."

The public is invited. For details, call the Paulsons at (785) 475-3711.

Cookies for the troops



OBERLIN UNITED CHURCH members bought 51 boxes of Girl Scout cookies, which were mailed to Spc. Jake Robinson, grandson of Jerry and Marcia Lohofener of Oberlin. He is serving at Forward Operating Base Warhorse in Iraq and will distribute the cookies to fellow servicemen. Specialist Robinson will return home in September. Shown (from left) are Cadet Scout Elizabeth Hollars, Daisy Scout Grace Harms and Brownie Scout Emily Hollars, members of the Oberlin Girl Scouts.

— Photo by Marcia

Dinner Theater set for March 14

A German band, Festhaus-Musikanten of Kansas City, will present lively music for listening during dinner at 6:30 p.m. and later for dancing on Saturday, March 14, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

The meal will include typical German cuisine. Reservations should be made by Monday for the annual dinner theater, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. This includes members, season ticket holders and others.

Festhaus-Musikanten will bring a unique musical experience, the

group says. The 10-piece German ensemble is based in Kansas City. One of its chief goals is to preserve the heritage of the old German-style of brass-band music, members say, and the band has an active repertoire of music dating from the 19th and 20th centuries.

The band plays mainly in the styles of Egerland, Bohemia, Bavaria and Tirol, with an authentic sound of the best-known German and Austrian "Blasmusik" (wind music) bands. Festhaus-Musikanten was organized in 1991 to perform for Oktoberfest 9 at Worlds of Fun

in Kansas City, and has appeared throughout the Midwest. The instruments include clarinets, trumpets, flugelhorn, tenor horns, accordion, tuba and drums. All the music is designed for dancing, singing along or listening.

Admission will be by season ticket or \$25 per person. A family season ticket includes two dinners and a single ticket includes one. Cost for children 11 and under will be half price, said Mary Henzel.

For information, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mrs. Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

County clerks offer scholarships

The Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association is taking scholarship applications for students who plan to major in journalism, political science or communications.

The scholarships are available to high school seniors and college freshmen or sophomores. Money is

raised through the efforts of election officials and judges who report to the Voter News Service on races in Kansas elections.

Ten scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded. Applications may be picked up at your school or at any Kansas county clerk's office and must be returned to the county clerk

or mailed to Inge Luntsford, 130 N. Spruce, Kingman, Kan., 67068, by April 13.

Winners will be announced at the association's seminar in May.

The clerk from each recipient's county will award them at their school awards assembly.

Couple supports Dole Institute at KU

Chuck and Diane Frickey of Oberlin were featured in the Winter newsletter from the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas as active participants in many institute programs.

Last semester, Chuck, a former mayor of Oberlin, really enjoyed the program about ballot security during the election, the article said.

The program included two prominent Washington lawyers, Ben Ginsberg, who represented President George W. Bush in *Bush vs. Gore* in the 2000 recount, and Stanley Brand, former general counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives under Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr.

"I was particularly impressed that there was such a great deal of civility with these two lawyers that came from such different points of

view," Mr. Frickey said.

The Frickeys participate and contribute to the institute because they believe that it's important to get young people involved in politics and the system, the article said.

Mr. Frickey said he remembers the first time he heard Bob Dole speak.

"It was at the Herndon Ox Roast, and my high school band was playing in the parade," he recalled. "A group of my friends and I heard him speak and became fast supporters. This was in 1960, during Sen. Dole's first campaign for Congress. I've followed him ever since."

Mrs. Frickey recalled sitting with a few KU students during a program and being impressed with the kids and their interest in politics and public service.

"We love that the Dole Institute makes it possible and comfort-

able for students to hear fair and reasoned debate about a variety of political issues," she said. "We really believe this is a very important part of the educational atmosphere that makes KU stand out."

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