

Club members celebrate 60th year with luncheon

The 60th anniversary of the Pi Alpha Club was observed with a noon luncheon Saturday at the LandMark Inn.

Chairperson Marty Olson greeted guests while committee members Joyce Ploussard and Elaine Bryan registered them and gave each a place card with a tea bag.

The theme was "Take a Little Time for Tea with a Friend." Tables were decorated with a floral arrangement of pink roses and carnations in an old-fashioned tea cup and saucer as a centerpiece. A delicious lunch was served to the 29 women attending with a menu chosen from the specialty entrees of the inn.

Mrs. Olson was in charge of the program and introduction of guests. Honorees Nora Bearley and Eris Young, the last surviving charter members, received corsages as they arrived, along with Bertha Schwisow and Delphyn Biggs, the two surviving members of the sponsoring JCC Club. Former members introduced were Beverly Kindler, Norton; Odetta Marietta, Russell;

and Mary Lou (Anderson) Miller, Hill City.

Present members she introduced included: Joan Evans, Kristy Evans, Cecil Hess, Eunice Martin, Rosella Meitl, Gerry Neff, Marjorie Olson, Ila Ray, Joy Russell, Estella Waldo and Pat Wright. Associate members present were Margaret Lund, Hays, and Eileene Grose. A card was signed for Doris Sloan, an associate member, who had planned to attend.

Other guests were Karen Berkey, Littleton, Colo., and Vicky Ray, Oberlin, daughters of Mrs. Ray; Montine Alstrom, Oberlin, and Judy Bearley, Oakley, daughter and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Bearley; and Terri Woolsey and Candy DeJmal, daughters of Mrs. Young.

Mrs. Olson told about highlights of the past 60 years, noting that the club flower is the rose, the club colors, green and white and the motto is "Shun not the struggle - face it - it's God's gift." The club's purpose has been to work for community service.

In addition to the Furry Friends project at the Good Samaritan Center, the club expanded to include stuffed animals for the Oberlin City Police and the Decatur County Sheriff's Office to help children in times of crisis.

She said notes were received from former members Violet Shaw, Phyllis Berry, Martha Nemeth, Nancy Bosler, Nanon Clare, Verlla Coughenour and Betty Duffy Eller. A \$30 donation was received in honor of the club's anniversary from the Monday Evening Club.

In a drawing, the floral centerpieces were won by Mrs. Bearley, Mrs. Grose, Mrs. Waldo, Mrs. Woolsey, Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Lund.

Copies of the feature story from *The Oberlin Herald* and pictures of those who attended the 50th anniversary were given to members. Scrapbooks were on display.

Following the program, Mrs. Neff cut a anniversary cake made by Donna Fortin, and it was served by Mrs. Waldo and Mrs. Wright as much reminiscing was enjoyed.

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Confirmation by Affirmation of Baptism was held at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 1, on the Second Sunday of Easter with Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler officiating. Confirmands included: Kelden Breth, son of Tim and Brenda Breth; Ganon Henningson, son of Robbie and Jeni Henningson, and Molly Jansonius and Morgan Jansonius, daughters of Ron and Sheila Jansonius. A reception followed, after which the families held a dinner at the church.

Jonathan and Mandi Fick returned home recently from a cruise to Montego Bay, Jamaica, Grand Cayman Islands and Cozumel, Mexico to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary.

Pat Wright of Oakley was a weekend houseguest of Neal and Joy Russell and Margaret Vacura. She enjoyed the Pi Alpha Club anniversary luncheon, the Historical Tour of downtown Oberlin, and the piano recital of Cheryl Metcalf's piano students and the area band concert.

Dwayne and Betty Jones have returned to Oberlin after spending the winter in Green Valley, Ariz.

A Mother's Day supper was held at the home of Connie Grafel following the Metcalf Studio piano recital at The Gateway on Sunday. Kade and Isabel Grafel participated in the recital. Dan and Melinda Grafel and Greg and Amanda Grafel organized and prepared the grilled steak dinner for the host and their family members. Norma Grafel was an additional guest.

— Surf & Turf Buffet Friday, May 13, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

The Haughty Hatters of Northwest Kansas Red Hatter Club met Sunday, May 1, at the LandMark Inn's Teller Room to enjoy the Spring Victorian Tea. Attending were Betty Jones, Judy Davis, Hank Juenemann and guest, Karol Styles, Karen Bruning, Ann Mines, Carol Morford, Willa Urban, Janet Rorick and guests, Lil Koger and Deanna

Roye, Barbara Mullen and Charlotte Meints. On May 7, several members of the club had planned to attend the Chatty Hatters club's Kentucky Derby party at Lenora, but it was canceled due to illness, so Judy Davis, Carol Morford, and Charlotte Meints met at Charlotte's home and watched the race. Judy won a prize for guessing the horse with the best finish. Willa Urban joined them for refreshments.

Clinton Anderson of Salina spent Mother's Day with his mother, Enid Anderson.

Lacey Ream of Oberlin was among the 308 graduates who were awarded degrees during the Chadron State College commencement exercises Saturday in Chadron, Neb. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and earned the designation of cum laude, which requires a grade-point average of 3.6-3.74. Those attending her graduation included her parents, Terry and Peggy Ream, Abby Ream, Mike and Bernita Gawith and Jebb Tally.

Cecil Hess spent Sunday in St. Francis with Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica and attended her granddaughters' dance recital in the afternoon.

Sherri Coons of Georgetown, Texas, is visiting her parents, Don and Ann Mines.

Among out-of-town relatives who attended memorial services for Lorri Wilson on Saturday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church

were Matt and Lacey Cantu and Keenan, Evans, Colo.; Louise and Curtis Fintel, Byron, Neb.; Norman and Rosella Lunzmann and Kolby Finkey, Deshler, Neb.; Gene and Sharon Eggert and Lois May Eggert, DeWitt, Neb.; Bob and Sharon Eggert, Omaha; and Russ Gerbelding, Davenport, Neb.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe, Dewaine Stapp, Norma Anderson, Max Carman, Kelva Dryden and John Cederberg. Lows went to John Cederberg, Neil Marshall, Kelva Dryden, Dorothy Moore, and Max Carman. Millie Lippelmann was the winner at Chicken Foot Dominoes. Pitch highs were won by Kelva Dryden, Max Carman and Elden Haas with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Pat Abbey. Bridge highs went to Cynthia Matson and Marie McKisson. Senior potluck, 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Elaine Marcuson went to Great Bend on Thursday, where she attended the performance of the concert choir and Hilltop Singers, in which her son, Jared, performed in his final concert at Barton County Community College. The same evening, Gail and Kay Marcuson, Brad Marcuson and Ralph Marcuson attended a concert at Colby Community College to see Sarah Marcuson perform with the concert choir and Sunflower Singers for her final performance. Jared will transfer to Kansas State University this fall and Sarah plans to attend Fort Hays State University.

Blood drive planned at Jennings

Jennings will have a blood drive from 10:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church, 202 S. Topeka, with donations by appointment only.

To make an appointment, contact Marge Hartzog at (785) 678-2664 or 678-3010.

"Anyone, even a member of your own family, could need blood,"

said Mrs. Hartzog. "In fact, every two seconds someone in America needs blood. That is why your blood donation ... is important - especially during the early spring and summer."

The American Red Cross, Central Plains Region, serves over 100 hospitals in the state of Kansas, including the Decatur, Norton, and Sheri-

dan County hospitals. Together with the panhandle of Oklahoma, the region serves mostly rural hospitals. Every day, it needs 450 donations to meet the demand.

For questions, call Mrs. Hartzog or (800) 733-2767. All blood types are needed. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of identification when you come.

Pastor gives program on Pentecost

"Pentecost: A Mighty Wind" was the theme of the May 4 meeting of Oberlin United Methodist Women. The worship center was decorated with a cluster of balloons, a lighted candle and a decorated birthday cake.

Lesson leader Pastor Linda Willey explained that Pentecost was first observed 50 days after the Jewish Passover and is considered the birthday of the church as it commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. Each woman

lit a candle to place on the cake, after which the cake was served by Maxine Smith and Jody Betts, hostesses.

Devotions were given by Laurene Van Otterloo on angels in our daily lives and roll call was answered by verses from the book of Proverbs.

Plans were made to feed the Bike 'n Build group traveling to the West Coast with a potluck supper at the church on Sunday, July 3. The group will sponsor Cheyenne Soderlund, daughter of Gene and Cheryl Soder-

lund, on the Mission Educational Tour in June. At the close of the meeting, handcrafted bookmarks were given to each person by Judy Davis who will be moving to Norton in June.

The June 1 meeting will be the annual guest night salad supper at 6:30 p.m. with Sam Gotchall, Betsy Haag, Marian Fraker and Violet Shaw as hostesses. Program committee is Deanna Castle, Montine Alstrom and Judy Davis.

Baccalaureate services set for Wednesday

Baccalaureate services for the Class of 2011 will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, at the Decatur Community High School auditorium.

Pastor Linda Willey of the Oberlin United Methodist Church will speak. Scripture will be read by Tiffany Anderson, Joe Hirsch, Jacob Helm and Katie Glading and

a senior chorus will sing, "Home, Sweet Home."

The services are sponsored by the Decatur County Ministerial Association.

New Arrivals

Cooper Joseph Bryan

Emily and Ben Bryan of Kansas City are the parents of a son, Cooper Joseph, born May 3, 2011, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Floyd L. and Dale Marie Bryan, Farlington; and Ron and Virginia Ptacek, Wilson. His great-grandparents are Elaine Bryan, Oberlin, and Flossie Malson, Great Bend.



Cooper B.



Tosh S.

Tosh David Shrader

Heather Anderson and Ryan Shrader of San Marcos, Calif., are the parents of a son, Tosh David Shrader, who was born April 4, 2011. He weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are David and Mary Anderson, Tucson, Ariz., formerly of rural Oberlin; Sandra Shrader and Keith Shrader, California. Great-grandmother is Rosemary Beardsworth, Albuquerque, N.M.

Rotary Club hears speakers

Anthony Marshall, assistant coach of the Decatur Community High School speech team, brought two of his students to give the program for the May 3 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club.

He was introduced by Joe Stanley, program chair for the week. Senior Joe Hirsch gave a serious

speech about President Theodore Roosevelt and his mannerisms and views of that period, then later a humorous speech called, "Accent Incorporated!"

Cassandra Canto, a sophomore, gave a great presentation entitled "Mask, the Secrets of." Both were going to state competition.

Benefit set for Sunday

A benefit featuring barbecued pork sandwiches, homemade pie and ice cream will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Lions Club shelter in City Park for David Eskew, who is recuperating from heart surgery.

The event is sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church. All proceeds will go to Mr. Eskew. In case of bad weather, the meal will be served at the church fellowship hall.

Pianists give spring recital

Piano students of Cheryl Metcalf presented a spring recital at The Gateway on Sunday afternoon.

They included Caleb, Luke and Melody Koerperich, Clayton and Anna Carter, Madelaine Johnson, Caitlin Shields, Ravyn and Alyssa VanVleet, Kassidie and Kennedy Jensen, Gavin Lytle, Cori and Judith

Isbell, Erin May, Morgan and Molly Jansonius, David and Michael Noren, Mollie Tate, Daniel Lerew, Kade and Isabel Grafel, Hannah May, Elizabeth Nedland and Nolan Henningson.

Several duets were performed as well as solo pieces.

Vocal concert to be held

The Decatur Community High School vocal music department will present its last concert of the year at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school auditorium, following the annual music awards at 6:30 p.m.

The concert will feature popular music and dance tunes from Green

Day, Smash Mouth, Michel Jackson, Madonna and many others.

The junior high choir, concert choir, Chanté, Men in Black, and DCHS Singers will all be on stage. Everyone is invited to the free concert.

Students perform at district

The district Kansas Music Teachers Association Music Progressions for area piano students was held Saturday at the high school in Oberlin with students from Phillipsburg, Stockton, Grainfield and Oberlin.

Judges were Leona Dickman, Grinnell, and Pat Ziegelmeier, Gem.

Participating teachers were Carol Kliewer, Mary Smith, Susan Gar-

trell and Cheryl Metcalf. Mary Henzel helped with the theory room.

Students from Oberlin performing were Madelaine Johnson, Daniel Lerew, Kade and Isabel Grafel, David and Michael Noren, Gavin Lytle, Mollie Tate, Cori and Judith Isbell, Ravyn and Alyssa VanVleet and Erin May.

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