

Crowd enjoys tour of Kanona, Norcatour

Over 75 people enjoyed a tour of Kanona and Norcatour on Sunday, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

Ethel Johnson Taylor and Gary Orr talked about Kanona and Mr. Orr displayed a large "time line" paper compiled by his sister, Myra Canfield, showing Kanona when it was a booming town. Mrs. Taylor shared memories of downtown Kanona, pointing out former businesses as the group walked down Main Street. She also showed six notebooks of Kanona history later at the school in Norcatour.

At Norcatour, the group met at Eldon Auker Park, where Ron Temple told some of the history of the town. He said that among celebrities from Norcatour were three professional pitchers, Eldon Auker, who pitched for the Detroit Tigers

and the St. Louis Browns; Barney Barnhart, a pitcher for Cleveland; and Dewey Atkins, who pitched for the Chicago Cubs. He said that Pegan Fitzgerald, a Norcatour native, had a popular radio show for over 25 years at New York, which he once heard during a visit.

He also pointed out the first building in Norcatour, which still stands on Main Street. It was moved there by Mrs. Rockwell and used for a dry goods and grocery store.

Each town had several tables with memorabilia at the Norcatour School. Refreshments were provided by the Decatur County Museum, and Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Ella Betts of Oberlin Arts and Humanities said it was an enjoyable and successful tour and plans are underway for another history tour next year in Decatur County.

Couple honored on 50th

Robert and Sally Olson of Atwood observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday.

Robert Olson and Sally Duran were married on April 23, 1955, at the Castle Air Force Base chapel in Merced, Calif.

Their children honored them with a card shower. On May 15, they will have a family celebration at the home of their daughter and family, Annette and Bob Frenzl, Lacey and Whitney, in Salina.



Robert and Sally Olson

Write them at 704 Logan, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Child-care providers honored

Two Oberlin child-care providers were honored at the second annual early childhood recognition event sponsored by Smart Start Northwest Kansas and Colby Community College recently.

Marie Berls was recognized for her participation in the Excellent Care for Early Learning program, and Barb Berry for completion of the Child Development Associate.

The week of April 3-9 was the Week of the Young Child, a time

when people and organizations across the nation join to celebrate learning opportunities of young children.

The Professional Child Care Organization of Decatur County promoted the week by displaying children's artwork at the corner of Penn and Commercial. Table tents were set up in area restaurants, said Karen Merryman, professional development coordinator for the program.

Insurance agent wins honor

Agent Linda Wahlmeier of Norton has been named district Agent of the Month by Ed Graham, district manager for American Family Insurance.

Mrs. Wahlmeier received the honor for outstanding sales during March. She has been an agent for the

firm for 19 years and has received company recognition, including the All American designation for 14 years.

Her office is at 111 W. Washington St., Norton, with a satellite office in Hill City. She and her husband Carl live near Jennings.

Club News

Musical program enjoyed

Members of Chapter BH, P.E.O. Sisterhood were entertained with a program of folk music, played on the harp and hammered dulcimer by Joy and Neal Russell, when they met on April 14 at the home of Joy Russell. The couple made both instruments. Robyn Rouse was assistant hostess.

recital on April 15, and from the Norton chapter to the reciprocity meeting on April 30.

Mrs. Russell announced that the Oberlin Area Band will present a concert at The Gateway on Monday, May 2. Beth Russell, the Educational Loan Fund recipient, will graduate from Wichita State University in May and the chapter will remember her with a gift and card.

The May 12 meeting will be with Pat Brown, assisted by Pat Wright. Signs for the state convention will be made.

Program given on Cuba

Oberlin United Methodist Women met on April 6 at the fellowship hall of the church with Fern Moore and Eileene Grose as hostesses. Devotions were given by Doris Sloan and Pat Wright led in the singing of "What A Friend," accompanied by Kay Moon.

University of California-Davis who is currently on a visa in Cuba. She agreed with the statement of Kansas Rep. Jerry Moran, who returned in the past month from a fact-finding trip to Cuba, that the U.S. embargo which has been in place the past 30 years, should be ended.

A program on Cuba, a mission topic for the year, was given by Joan Betts with group participation. Of special interest were e-mail reports from a student at the

The May 4 program will be presented by Hospice Director Sandy Kuhlman of Phillipsburg. Hostesses will be Doris Sloan and Luella Sloan.

Variety of quilts displayed

Monday Evening Club met April 11 at the home of Shirley Shields with Mary Ann Erickson as co-hostess.

slate of officers for the coming year was announced. They will be installed at the final meeting of the club year which will be a 9:30 a.m. brunch on Saturday, May 14, at Room No. 3 at The Gateway. A donation was voted toward the expense of the entertainment following the Decatur Community High School prom.

Guest speaker Angie Wilson displayed a variety of quilts which she had made and told about the design and workmanship of each. She also told about the history of quilting over the years.

During the business meeting, a

Women taste desserts

Widows and Friends enjoyed an afternoon dessert at the LandMark Inn on April 13 with 15 present.

Grose, Doris Sloan, Judy Davis, Connie Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Alice Shirley, Beth Sebaugh, Virginia Spratling, Nadean Stoney, and Evelyn Olson.

Those attending were Joann Neidenthal, Eula Juenemann, Esther Carlson, Phyllis Screen, Millie Lippelmann, Eileene

They will meet on May 11 for an 8:30 a.m. breakfast at the Frontier Restaurant.

Lutheran women meet

Evelyn May opened the St. John's Lutheran Women's Missionary League meeting on April 9 with the devotion, "Great Is Your Faithfulness." Mildred Fortin was hostess.

There will be a Christian Life Retreat in Wichita in November. It was decided to send an offering for "Mission Mites" and "For the Sake of the Church" to the national convention in Tampa, Fla., in June.

"The Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness" was led by Kelly Shields.

Diabetes group meets

Diabetes Under Control met on Wednesday at the United Church.

Hg-Alc. Labs have different scales which they use to determine what is normal or too high and how often the patient has the test repeated.

The group shared opinions on various levels of the blood test,

Club installs new officers

Zeta Nu Club met at the home of Lois Fredrickson on Thursday evening, April 14, for a salad supper and installation of officers. Fifteen members were present.

Officers for the coming year include Eloise Smith, president; Janice Winters, vice president; Mary Henzel, secretary, and Florence Vavroch, treasurer.

Maverick 4-H club gathers

The Maverick 4-H Club gathered for their April meeting at the Bohemian Hall. Roll call was answered with a favorite summer activity.

in on April 16 and horse papers need to be turned in by April 29.

Sign-up sheets were made available for taking items to local schools for teacher appreciation, starting May 1. Reminders were given for swine and sheep weigh-

There was discussion on doing something different for the fireworks stand, but it was tabled until the next meeting. It was voted to pay for anyone wanting to go to 4-H Camp. Another fundraiser is planned to offset the money.

Foundation sets meeting

The Colby Community College Endowment Foundation will hold its annual meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9.

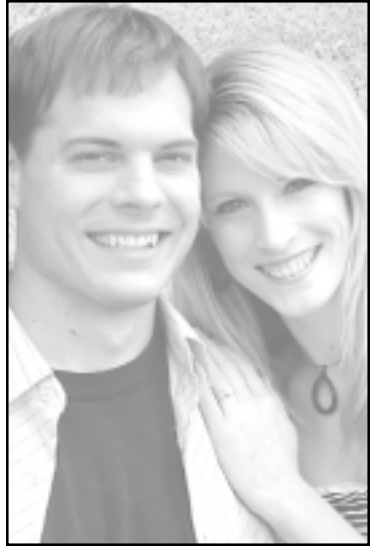
Lounge of the Robert Burnett Memorial Student Union.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be in the Fireside

Contact Foundation Director Nick Wells at (785) 460-4684 for details.

Couple plans June wedding

Jacob Ray Marintzer and Tara Grace Schmitz plan to be married on Saturday, June 11, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Baileyville.



J. Marintzer and T. Schmitz

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Giles Schmitz, Baileyville, and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Marintzer, Herndon.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Fort Hays State University and is employed as a graphic designer by Imagemakers of Wamego.

Her fiancé is a 2002 graduate of Fort Hays State University and is a computer network engineer with Etek, Inc., of Hays. They plan to make their home in Wamego.

Chamber directory to list home-based businesses

The Chamber of Commerce is editing its directory of commercial and home based businesses and is asking those who have a business, cottage industry or home-based business who would like to be included to call the Chamber office at 475-3441.

There is no charge for this service, but information needs to be received by May 15 for the bi-annual update.

The directory will be added, along with a number of other items, to newcomers in the community's welcome packet.

Lodge to celebrate 100 years

The Western Fraternal (ZCJB) Lodge will be observing its 100th anniversary when they host the state meeting at the Bohemian Hall on Saturday.

will serve a benefit supper for restoring the Bohemian hall at the museum beginning at 5:30 p.m. A free dance for the public will follow. Polka, waltz and other music will be provided by Don Ammons of Hoxie. Those attending the dance are asked to bring a canned food item for the Decatur County Pantry.

Activities of the day include a dinner for members at noon, followed by the meeting.

The Decatur County Museum

Baby shower held Saturday

Mandi Shirley of St. Joseph, Mo., was honored with a baby shower on Saturday at the LandMark Inn. Hostesses were her sisters, Jeni Henningson of Norcatour and Tiffani O'Toole of McCook.

Judy Ostmeyer, Beth Harmon, Carrie Morford, and Montine Alstrom, Oberlin; Juanita Eckhart, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt and Nolan Henningson, Norcatour; Kelly Meier, Florida; and Linda Turnwall and Heather Turnwall, Golden, Colo.

Others present were Carol Shirley, Alice Shirley, Judy Shirley,

Kids camp planned for June

The Salvation Army Division of Kansas and Western Missouri is taking applications for its Kids Camp at the Salvation Army 3 Trails Camp in Independence, Mo., from June 20-24.

through 12, is designed to provide a low-cost camping experience including recreation, spiritual growth and education.

To register or for details, call Mary Scott by May 27 at (800) 336-4547.

The camp, for all kids ages 8

New Arrivals

Evanne Angela Alstrom
Clay and Ragen Alstrom of Fort Collins, Colo., are the parents of a daughter, Evanne Angela, born March 22, 2005, at Poudre Valley Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Larry and Diana Alstrom, Hoxie; and Drew and Ann Coombs, Loveland, Colo. Great-grandparents are Willis and Peggy Carman, Oberlin, and the late Max and Jackie Alstrom; Vernon and Loretta Rath, Aurelia, Iowa, and the late Dan and Ruth Coombs. Myrtle Waldo, Oberlin, is her paternal great-great-grandmother.



E. Alstrom

Taylor L. Van Otterloo
Larry and Mary (Zodrow) Van Otterloo of St. George are the parents of a daughter, Taylor Leigh Van Otterloo, born April 21, 2005, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 20 inches long. She has a brother, Seth, 4, and a sister, Aubrey Marie, 1. Grandparents are Larry Van Otterloo Sr., Oberlin; Dave and Tina Earle, Colorado, and Gary and Leola Zodrow, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Eugene and Laurene Van Otterloo, Oberlin; Neil and Betty Reuter, Las Vegas, Nev.; and Shirley Van Otterloo, Colorado.



T. Otterloo

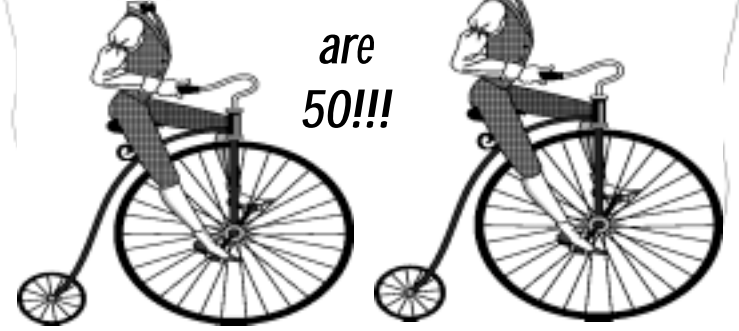
Lamb Fry

Friday, April 29, 2005



Will begin serving at 6 p.m. at the Oberlin American Legion
~Public Invited~
Sponsored by SAL
Proceeds will go to Scholarship Funds

Watch out ... The Alstrom twins are 50!!!



DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 28, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30. Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Deadline for reservations is May 19, 2005. Price per plate is \$12.50 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name	Class
Spouse or Guest Name	Class
Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name.	
If spouse/guest is also an alumni, please indicate the class year he/she would like to be seated with: <input type="text"/>	
Late registrations accepted, but no guarantee on sitting with your class.	