

Oberlin couple honored with reception on 50th

Richard and Clara Russ of Oberlin were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the United Church of Oberlin on Saturday, June 4. They also renewed their wedding vows with their son, the Rev. Chuck Russ, officiating. A family picnic followed in the back yard of their home.

Hosting the reception were their children, Della Phillips, Springfield, Mo.; Starla Russ, Columbia, Mo.; Ed and Vivian Russ and family, Oberlin; Julie and Gary Cunningham, Columbia, Mo.; Chuck and

Linda Russ and family, and Ruth Longhenry and family, Columbus, Ohio; and Jane and Darren Dingus and family, Holcomb.

Clara Vernon and Richard Russ were married on Aug. 3, 1955, at the Federated Church in Oberlin by the Rev. Alvin Daetwiler.

Other out-of-town guests attending were the Simmons family, Phillipsburg; Leo and Janice Russ and family and Rose Pitt, Glenwood Springs, Colo.; Frances Bixby, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Clarence and Leta Dingus, Holcomb; and Helen Kisinger, Neligh, Neb.

Scott family holds reunion

The annual Scott family reunion was held Memorial weekend at Golden Age Center.

Those attending were: Dwayne and Twila Scott, Wathena; Ronald Scott, Washington; Janice Kurth and John and Roxane Miller., Imperial, Neb.; Rod and Patty Steinmetz, Two Buttes, Colo.; Ryan Steinmetz and Kelly Steinmetz, Fort Collins, Colo.; Devan, Sarah, Rebekah, Maiah and Dane Castle, Hoxie; Shelby Brown, Dayton and Dawson Kempt, Arnold, Neb.; Stephanie and Cameron Scott, Alexandria and Chase, Wichita; Megan and Breanna Shirley, Ottawa; Brenda

Eason, Gillette, Wyo.; Chris and Yolanda Whitney, Tyra, Nolen and Colton, Prairie View;

Doris Fringer, Bill and Ina Marie Goodnight, Rhonda, Mick and David Barth, Wiley Farr, Valerie Faris and Bruce King, Dick and Linda Weber, Spencer and Anita Ketterl, Shawn Baker and Ryan, Judy Scott, Chris and Curtis Wals-ton, Carolyn Shirley, Shane Harris, Jude and Justice, Shannon Harris, Tommy, Brandon and Skyler Howell, Bob and Deanna Castle, Thaniel, Jennifer, Madison and Lawson Monico, and Valisha, Kariah, Alana Castle and Travis Raile.

Vernons gather in Oberlin

The Vernon family reunion was held at the Oberlin American Legion on Sunday.

Those present included Chester and Maxine Vernon, Roseville, Calif.; Leo Van Vleet Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.; Gene Van Vleet, San Diego; Janene Kleidosty, Lancaster, Calif.; Kalynn Kleidosty, Anchorage, Alaska; Susan Orr, Colby; Dale Brunk, Oberlin; Mary and Dale Rath, Noel and Alisa Rath and fam-

ily, St. Francis; Randall and Ann Rath and family, Oakley, Ronee and Ken Hendersen, and family, St. Francis; Karen and Pete Beaupain, Auburn, Wash.; Janice Alexander, Walla Walla, Wash.; Dorothy Croft, Dayton, Wash.; Jennifer and Dave Munson, Troutdale, Ore.; Brenda and Bill Leptand and Mike, Brook- ing, S.D.; Aleen Van Vleet, and Max and Veanna Carman, Oberlin.

Concert series planned

The Hot Summer Nights concert series will begin its seventh season at 7 p.m. Thursday at Norris Park in McCook.

The first event will feature the McCook group, Blackwater Haze, a country and rock band which was started in 1980. Members are Terry Petersen, lead guitar and vocals; Darrell Quick, drums and vocals; and Russ Ankersen, bass guitar and

vocals.

Now in its seventh season, the series features four free concerts in various musical styles. The concerts are sponsored by McCook National Bank and MNB Insurance.

Other concerts will feature Blackberry Winter on Aug. 4; Hannah McNeil and the Rebel Heart Band on Aug. 25; and Steve Seskin and Arthur Lee Land on Sept. 1.

Conservation forum set

The Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Salina will hold a Technical Service Provider Information Forum from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Monday at its conference center, 747 Duvall.

Officials will listen to the con-

cerns of the providers, landowners and others in order to have the best technical services available, said Harold Klaege, state conservation-ist.

For details, call (785) 823-4534 or e-mail john.ourada@ks.usda.gov.

Instructor to be honored

Dr. Max Pickerill, long-time chemistry instructor at Colby Community College, will be honored at an 80th birthday celebration beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, in the Robert Burnett Memorial Student Union.

Former students, co-workers and community members are encouraged to attend and bring stories to share. Dr. Pickerill will begin his 31st year as an instructor at Colby when classes begin in August. He has been a teacher for 56 years.

Women gather at Pizza Hut

Widows and Friends had lunch together at the Pizza Hut on June 8.

Coordinator Doris Sloan read a letter from the Decatur County Fair Board requesting assistance at the open class building on Aug. 12. Those volunteering to help were Alice Bobbitt, Alice Shirley, Mildred Holmdahl and Phyllis Screen.

Those present were Mrs. Sloan,


Mrs. Bobbitt, Eileene Grose, Esther Carlson, Bertha Schwisow, Nadean Stoney, Mrs. Screen, Eula Juene- mann, Mrs. Shirley, Cecil Hess, Millie Lippelmann, Bernie Fred, Dorothy Jackson, Mrs. Holmdahl and Evelyn Olson.

There will be no meetings in July and August and plans for the Sept. 14 meeting will be announced later.

Happy 80th birthday
on June 15 to our favorite sister-in-law,
Marianna Bendon
on the hill at 612 N. Rodehaver,
Oberlin, Kan., 67749
We love you!
Cecil, Helen and Mary Lou plus Karla

Grafel 50th Anniversary Open House - June 25

The family of Wayne and Betty Grafel of Culbertson is hosting an open house in honor of their parent's 50th anniversary on Saturday, June 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the Culbertson Fair Grounds Community Center. Your presence, along with any fun photos or special written memories (for a memory book we are preparing) would be the greatest gift of all. Thank you for the shower of cards already received in February!



Wayne and Betty Grafel
Married 2/21/1955

Club News

Auxiliary honors members

President Phyllis Metcalf opened the June 8 meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary with a memorial service honoring three members, who died this year. A candle was lighted and memories shared of Betty Ellis, a 56-year member; Nelda Krum, 12 years; and Eleanor Kircher, 52 years, for a total of 120 years of service to veterans and servicemen and women. The service closed with prayer, followed by the flag salute and preamble being recited.

Thank you letters were read from Colmery O'Neil of the Veterans Administration Medical Center for a contribution for cookies and snacks, also the families of Cloyce Harold, Gene Van Otterloo and Eleanor Kircher for me-

morials given in their names.

The five delegates attending Girls State were remembered. Cards were signed for Jack Lamb, Walt Pennell and Charlotte Hart.

The president installed the new officers for 2005-06: Angela Corcoran, president; Phyllis Metcalf, secretary; Dolores Koerperich, treasurer; Frances Nothdurft, chaplain; Carol Allen, membership; Delores Zodrow, sergeant-at-arms; Jeanne Pachner, color bearer; and Lois Lamb, historian. Mrs. Metcalf thanked everyone for their help and support the past four years and asked for the same for the new president. Deanna Castle and Angela Corcoran were hostesses.

Woman attends convention

Cheryl Metcalf of Chapter BH P.E.O. Sisterhood in Oberlin, was among more than 261 delegates who attended the 103rd Convention of Kansas State Chapter P.E.O. recently in Hays.

Theme was "P.E.O. — A Gift of Timeless Opportunities." Kansas State Chapter President Sparla Dick, Winfield, presided.

Ruth (Addleman) Ingold, sister of Alan and Rusty Addleman of Oberlin, was honored as a 50-year member (Golden Girl). Former BH member Nadine Bailey was a delegate from Chapter DO, Osawatomie. Margaret

Lund, Chapter IH, Hays, also attended.

Projects sponsored by the international organization include: P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund; Cottey College; International Peace Scholarship Fund; P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education; P.E.O. Scholar Awards; Sunflower Grants and Kansas Cottey College Scholarships.

Oberlin was one of 17 chapters who hosted the event. Marlene Moxtter, representative for the local chapter, took the signs used at the convention and assisted with other duties.

Guests enjoy salad supper

Oberlin United Methodist Women entertained guests at a salad supper on June 8 with 25 members and 39 guests present. Hostesses were Betty Jones, Linda Hollowell, Doris Fringer and Montine Alstrom. Table decorations carried out a musical theme.

Program committee was Maxine Smith, Pat Fringer and Sara Hasty. Devotions were given by Goldie Stapp and prior to the meal, Betty Jones assigned songs to numbered tables for group singing.

Amy Fortin Carman entertained with vocal selections, some of which she had written. She accompanied herself on the

guitar.

During a short business meeting, President Pat Wright told of a 6 p.m. potluck meal which will be served to the Bike 'N Build group of college students who will be stopping at the church on June 21. A short program will follow and the public is invited.

There will be no meetings in July or August. Guest speaker at the Sept. 7 meeting will be Sue Glodt, who will share her experiences when she visited South Korea as a member of a Rotary Group Exchange team.

Devotions will be given by Eris Young and hostesses will be Laurene Van Otterloo and Mary Ann Amack.

Lutheran women meet

President Dorothy Moore opened the June 8 meeting of Lutheran Women's Missionary League with devotions entitled, "Making the Most of Every Opportunity." Karen Eskew was hostess.

The topic, "Balancing the Mary and Martha," was led by

Janice Cundiff, after which the group sang, "O Lord, Your Servant Listens."

The national missionary projects for 2003-2005 are fully funded, so new projects will be chosen this month at the convention in Tampa, Fla.

Daughters enjoy quilts

Judy Cressler of Hoxie presented a program, "Quilts for Missions," when the Daughters of the American Revolution met on April 27 in Quinter.

The Kansas Conference will be held Sept. 10 at the Holiday Inn in Salina and the National Conference is scheduled for March 30

and 31 and April 1, at Junction City. The John Athey Chapter is to receive an award for their magazine subscriptions. American Heritage was given by Irene Cressler and information on the American flag by Florine Hurst. A card was signed for Ada Mae Schruben.

Couple plans August wedding

Keely Michelle Witt and Christopher Derek Wilson plan to be married on Saturday, Aug. 6, in a garden wedding at the home of her parents. A reception and dance will follow at The Gateway.

Parents of the couple are James and Kimberly Witt, Oberlin, and the late Julie Witt, and Charles and Sandy Kincaid, Norton. Grandparents of the couple are Eugene and Beverly Witt, Danbury; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; and Larry and Carolyn Schultz, St. Francis.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 gradu-



C. Wilson and K. Witt

Reception honors graduate

Stephanie Scott Erickson was honored with a graduation reception on May 27 at the home of her mother, Judy Scott.

She graduated on May 14 from Newman University in Wichita with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. She is a member of Pi Gamma Mu National Honor Society. She was in town with her fiancée, Cameron Scott, and children, Alexandria and Chase to attend her 10-year Decatur Community High School Alumni and fam-

ily reunions.

Those attending the reception from out-of-town were Dwayne and Twila Scott, Wathena; Janice Kurth, Imperial, Neb.; Brenda Eason, Gillette, Wyo.; Mary Groneweg, Lakewood, Colo.; and Doris Fringer, Ina Marie Goodnight, Dick and Linda Weber, Anita Ketterl, Amy McDougal, Deanna Castle, Connie Grafel, Ardith Wayne, Tom Garrett, Gary and Janelle Walter, and Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Oberlin.

Ministers plan fund raiser

The Decatur County Ministerial Association is planning a fund raiser to help with their share of the cost for the new Gateway sign and for new highway signs, which will say "All Churches Welcome You to Decatur County."

They are looking for household and other items for a rummage sale, as well as volunteers for a barbecue

stand and musical entertainment on Sunday, July 24.

Anyone interested in helping set up, sell and clean up for each event should call Shari Rivers at home at 475-2418, or Shari or Melanie Anderson between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at 475-2280 at the United Church.

New Arrival

Alana Lynn Bishop

Jerry and Erin Bishop are the parents of a daughter, Alana Lynn, born May 18, 2005, at Community Hospital in McCook. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18 inches long. She has a brother, Ryan, 11, and a sister, Malia, 1 1/2. Grandparents are



A. Bishop

Gary and Tracy Orr, Oberlin, and Carol Ward, Lamar, Mo. Great-grandparents are Don and Marilynn Johnson, Plainville, and the late William and Mary (Malia) Ward, and Lillian Anderson, Holdrege, Neb., and the late Harold Anderson. Her great-great-grandmother is Nellie Guthrie, Norton.

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