

# Alumni hold annual banquet

Decatur Community High School Alumni flocked to Oberlin over the weekend for the annual banquet which was held at The Gateway. Many anniversary classes also met for reunions.

President Rhonda May welcomed alumni and guests and Jim Plotts gave the invocation. The dinner, prepared by The Gateway staff, was served by the sophomore class to the oldest classes present, as well as the Class of 2008.

Gifts were presented to Boyd Roberts, Class of 1934, who was the oldest alumni present; Andrew Dempewolf, Class of 2008, for being the youngest; Delbert Townsend, Class of 1938, who traveled the farthest, and Janice Wesch Shobe, Oberlin, who traveled the shortest distance.

Members of the Class of 2008, who were present and were recognized for having several generations as members of the alumni association included: Jessica Bremer, Kassia Bryan, Ashley Huntley, Ace Manning, Jared Marcuson, Jennifer Ploussard, Rory Wendelin, Jebb Tally and David Urban.

Ken Shobe gave the Smick Memorial Loan report, and Paul Shields gave a report on the Decatur Community Education Foundation.

The 2008 class was introduced by Kenzie Fisher. After Doc Franklin gave objections to their admission to the alumni association, followed by a rebuttal by John Bremer, the class was accepted.

Officers elected include: Norbert Zander, president; Janice Wesch Shobe, vice president; Arian Olson Arnold, secretary, and Lee Franklin, treasurer.

Joyce Carlson Hartzog spoke on behalf of the 1958 class, which celebrated its 50th reunion. Entertainment included a solo by Kenzie Fisher; a duet by Jordan Tally and Kenzie Fisher and a musical number by a vocal ensemble from Decatur Community High School.

The "Alma Mater" was sung, accompanied by Gary Fredrickson, to close the banquet.

Those who made reservations for the banquet follow with 10 and 25 year anniversary classes in bold:

- 1934: Boyd Roberts.
- 1935: Edna Pavlicek Mott
- 1936: Jay Gilbert
- 1936: Esther (Olson) Carlson

- 1937: Amy Anderson Rehm
- 1938: Barbara Van Vleet Castor, Col. Delbert Townsend, Elwood Mines, Vern Kirkendall, Kathrine Young, Marian Pfrimmer Yates, Eunice Anderson Olson-Martin, Lorene Sproul Anderson, Cletis Gilbert Hammersmidt, Olga Flaska Anderson, Erlene Orr Schroer**
- 1939: Alice Hackney Bobbitt, James W. Plotts, Dorothy Olson Jackson.

- 1940: Gail and Kathleen Marcuson, Ivis Hanson
- 1941: Darrell Landau, Wayne and Lois Larson, Norma Dodson Richards
- 1942: Johnnie Richards, Lee and Estella Waldo, Christine Ricketts Richards, Alyce Anderson Avery
- 1943: Merle and Audrey King, Bernice Montgomery Sevier, Elithe Adams Little, Doris Pierce McKinzie, Doris Stephens Gilbert, Lynette Donaldson, Bernice Montgomery Sevier, Phyllis Betts Lohofener, Andrea Sayer, Enid McGee) Foland, Dennis Fraker, Patty Manning Brown, Marguerite Kennedy Bailey
- 1945: Joseph Boyles
- 1946: Don Guinn, Loyd Waldo
- 1947: Mary Hamilton Landau, Mary Taylor Waldo, Jack Macy, Joan Bremer Betts, Don Carlisle
- 1948: Martha Nemeth, Margie Coulter Eiswerth, Nadean Jennings Stoney, Gale and Mary Harold, Keith and Evelyn Shaw, Donna Chambers, Duane Waldo, Herb and Jeanne Petracker Hoskins, Luetta Schweitzerberger Pollnow, Ralph and Jo Vernon, Eunice Bainter Wenger, Duane Berry, Kyle Mines, Esther Benda Noren, Duane and Carol Wenger Witt, Jack and Carmen Love, Norma Votapka Anderson, Leroy Muirhead, Betty Keefe Nickols, Keith Mines, Ralph Shaw, Helen Bendon Riepl, Greg Riepl, Shirley Jones Carlisle**
- 1949: Luella Hayes Krizek, Loyd and Fern Diehl Moore, Harold Richardson, Richard Russ, Violet Spiers Shaw, Milton Anderson
- 1950: Phyllis Peterson Berry, Robert and Opal Keefer.
- 1951: Dianne Nemeth Bareiss, Eugene Witt, Melba Richardson McCoy, Donna McClure Huff.
- 1952: Earnest Huff, Dorene Pollnow Shuler, Carl Neff, Everett

- Shuler, Melvalyn Pollnow Guinn.
- 1953: Evan Vernon, Clara Vernon Russ, Janette Nelson Votapka, Donna Roberts, Donald Shaw, Bob and Amy Jane Thomsen Dodson, Gary Guinn, Bobby King, Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Myrna Flaska Lacina, Jay and Ann Leake Anderson, Ruth Sager, Shirley Ufford Muirhead, Jack Roberts, David and Irene Brainard, Phil Erickson, Glynda Pollnow Province, Darlene Richardson Yarbrough, Nancy Johnson Larson
- 1954: Beverly Wurm Witt, Bill and Donna Witt Goss, Charolette Urling Neff
- 1955: Sarah Orr, Dick and Donna (Bryan) Kelley, Gary Orr
- 1956: Ray Corcoran
- 1957: Dick Carman
- 1958: **Leroy and Sharon Black Stevenson, David and Wanda Moody Scoble, Don and Carolyn White, Dwayne and Twila Kennedy Scott, Edwardo Ferrada and Janice Castle Ferrada, James and Linda Kelley, Marlene Anderson Magill, Robert Pavlicek, Ed and Colleen Mathews Quick, Fern Kleinsorge, Robert and Marie Berls, Linda Ayers Schwab, Paul Magill, Robert Pavlicek, Walter and LeAnna Schwab, Bob and Joyce Carlson Hartzog, Janice Bryan Sauvage, Dorothy Stephens**
- 1961: Jim Plotts, Dennis Euhus
- 1963: Allen White, Preston and Helen Pelkey Jones, Karen Fredrickson Wisdom, Christy Bryan Wesch, Jackie Wurm Votapka, Sharon Gilbert Frick, Alice Kleinsorge Marshall, William and Sharon Brown, Russ Stanley, Gerald Olson, Cheryl Bryan Stull, Lee Martin, Connie Benda Smith.
- 1964: John Bremer, Gene and Mary Lou Plotts, Evan and Sheryl Guy Unger, Carolyn Sue Hayes
- 1965: Carolyn Kelley Plotts
- 1966: Ron Bryan
- 1967: Fran Wenger, Allen and Jeanne Franklin Hooper
- 1968: Jim and Tammy Fredrickson, Willard and Jackie Brown Frickey, Dan Harris, Monte and Kathy Hickert Davidson, Cathy Cramer Wenger, Donovan and Lora Rehm Randolph, David Penn, Cliff and Debra Zodrow, Kathy Nemeth Tuttle, Jan Winkler, Michael Dicke, Mike and Edith Shaughnessy, Ken and**

- Janice Wesch Shobe, Larry and Judy Noren Thelander, Sherri Lotker Shuler, Patty Manning Gore, Rob Campbell, Mary Railsback Dicke, Vicky Ray, Robert Chambers, Steve Deines, Paula Second Piland, Don Lemman, Regina Lorange, David Bremer, Dan Harris**
- 1969: Connie May Olson
- 1970: Dianne May Bremer
- 1973: Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Gary and Sarah Fredrickson, Ken and Alice Noren Robson, Jerry and Montine Bearley Alstrom, Steve and Cathy Fosselman, Mike and Joan Sauvage McKenna, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Gale and Karen Ray Berkey, David and Michelle Munson Luthrell, James Wasson, Alan Geisick, Carol Anderson Fink, Chris and Julie Helmkamp Gardner, Lorie Gerdes Wilson, Mike and Debbie Moore Nickels, Rhonda New Mertz, Monte Moore, Greg and Mary Jo Witt Lohofener, Dan Waldo, Deborah Jensen Overmiller, Debra Nemeth Dees, Linda Shuler**
- 1976: Greg Long
- 1977: Sandy Shobe Rush
- 1978: Julie Nemeth Wurster, Steve and Chris Hess, Gary and Mary Wright Stoecker, Terry Rush**
- 1979: Kelly Goldt Moore, Brad Larson
- 1983: Mary Erickson Long, Paul and Kelly Shields, Andy Shobe, Ralph and Lynette Thornton Streit, Kevin and Tami Black, Troy Marshall, Kyle Hartzog, Trina Wendland Schroder, Stephanie Gaskill, Brent Simonsson, Andy Shobe**
- 1984: Deb Jackson Marshall
- 1988: Spring Diederich, Jonathan Schnederman, Toban Nichols, Nate and Jade Morford Wunderly, Thaniel and Jennifer Monaco, Trever Frickey, Dale Kempst, Dale and Tina Poe, Todd Brezinka, Colette Wahlmeier, Barb Juenemann Marak, Brian and Kim Fringer Brumley**
- 2003: Rebecca Moore, Ramsey Meitl, Adam Spanier, Daniel Dempewolf
- 2004: Andrea Marshall Spanier Jolene Bremenkamp, no class listed.

Members of the 2008 class are guests of the Alumni Association.

Keith and Helen Muirhead attended the graduation exercise for their grandson Kolten Schultz, from Salina South High School Sunday, May 18. He will attend Kansas State University at Manhattan in the engineering program in August. Also on Sunday their granddaughter, Kallista Schultz, graduated from Johnson County Community College at Overland Park with an associate degree. She will be attending the nursing program at Kansas University in August.

Carla Latimer's son Dan Swartz, of McMinnville, Ore., stopped to visit on the way to Tulsa, Okla. Amy McKenna and her fiancé, Doug Osborn, both of Kansas City, were weekend guests of her parents, Mike and Joan McKenna. The couple attended the Jennings Alumni Banquet with the class of 1998. They also visited her grandparents, Keith and Maxine Sauvage, in Oberlin on Sunday.

Rita Carey, Westminster, Colo., and Judy Direck, Greeley, Colo., installed a bench in memory of their parents, Lys and Virginia (Mrstik) Carey, with the assistance of Mike and Joan McKenna and Keith and Maxine Sauvage at the Big Timber Cemetery over the weekend. They attended the Big Timber services, toured the Czech Museum, and stopped briefly at the Senior Center where the Memorial dinner was being held and also visited at the McKenna home near Jennings. Amy McKenna received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo., on May 17. Her parents, Mike and Joan McKenna, hosted a

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

cookout for the family and friends after the ceremony in Kansas City. Memorial weekend guests at the home of Mary Votapka and Tom were: Ann and Rex Rowh, Cimarron; Ethel Taylor, Hays; Myron and Elaine McKinley, Tulsa, Okla.; Jodi Inguanza, Samantha, Meagen and Christopher, Kalvesta; Betty Votapka, Oceanside, Calif.; and Gary Votapka of California.

Sunday supper guests were Jason Rowh, Drake and Brecken, Hoxie; Kerri Schippers, Luke, Kollyn and Mark of Hoxie and Sue Long.

Overnight guests at the Sue Long home were: cousins, Becki Taylor, Dodge City; Dee McKinley, Oklahoma City, Okla. Brad, Trish and Rachel Taylor, Hays, stopped to visit Sunday.

Ann and Rex Rowh, Cimarron; Ethel Taylor, Hays; Myron and Elaine McKinley, Tulsa, Okla.; Sue Long, Mary Votapka and Tom attended the Johnson family reunion on Sunday at The Gateway in Oberlin.

A rattlesnake was killed in Jennings near the home of Stann Hartzog. Residents should be on the lookout for them.

We thank all who helped to make the Memorial dinner a success. We always appreciate those who stay to help put tables away and vacuum afterwards.

United Methodist Women will meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday June 4, at the church.

City Council will meet Thursday evening June 5 at 7:30 P.M. in the Senior Center. Work has begun on the building site north of the Community hall.



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## Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Don and Joan Grafel, and Kyle and Ben Grafel of Herndon, Kent Grafel and Kristyn and Kamryn Clapp of Culbertson, Neb.; Don and Kathryn Sousek of Lincoln, Neb., and Karolyn Martin of Kearney, Neb., left for Knoxville, Tenn., on May 14 to visit Randy and Leah Atchley and family. They went especially for the graduation of Emily Atchley and the wedding of Chrissy Atchley and Howard Williams. They returned to their respective homes on May 20.

Visitors of Voni Sattler over the weekend were her children and grandchildren, Danny, Roma, Ben and Michael Sattler, Wellington, Colo.; Melodie, Madison and Jami-

son Sattler of Aurora, Colo.; Allen, Patti, Breanna, Britanni and Nicolas Grafel of Hays; Kathy, Sami and Braden Leitner of Atwood; Sami's friend, Pat Eland of Hoxie; Brad, Deanna, Chelsey, Brandi and Kassidi Williams of Herndon; Zachary Williams, Denise, Jeremy, Chase and Chance Graham of Ludell. Additional visitors on Saturday evening were Don Pettera of Mesa, Ariz.; Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo.; Chris Wood of Herndon; Connie James of Thornton, Colo.; and Janet Haag and Rick Lorentz of McCook.

Lucy Evans of McCook visited her mother, Ann Martin, on Saturday and helped her mother decorate

at the cemetery for Memorial Day.

Visiting Edie Pettera at Cedar Living Center on Sunday were Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Ray and Ruth Coursey, Centennial, Colo.; Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon, and Janice Sattler, Atwood.

Dinner guests of Kent and Chris Wood on Sunday were Les, Myrna and Don Pettera, and Ray and Ruth Coursey.

Connie James of Thornton, Colo., came over the weekend to visit her grandmother, Edie Pettera at Cedar Living in Oberlin and other relatives and friends in the Herndon area. Les and Myrna Pettera and Don Pettera attended the Herndon

Alumni Banquet on Saturday. Les celebrated his 55th anniversary and Don, his 60th.

Visitors of Chris Wood on Thursday were Myrna Pettera, Vivian Horinek, Shirley Barenberg-Wallman and their friend, D.J., all of Colorado, and Voni Sattler.

Friday visitors were Vivian Horinek, Shirley Barenberg-Wallman and D. J.

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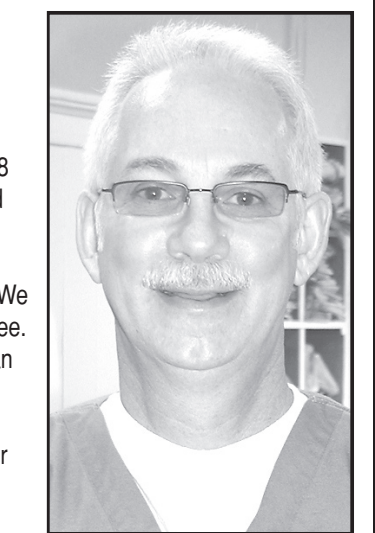
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