



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** members (from left) Judge Preston Pratt, Jerry Schuetz and Vernon Diederich were busy preparing a fish fry for the congregation of Sacred Heart Catholic Church before Lent.

— Photo by Charlotte Meints

## Knights observe 50th anniversary

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It was 50 years ago that several men in the Oberlin Sacred Heart Catholic Church started a drive to enlist members of a new council of the Knights of Columbus.

To mark the occasion, an anniversary celebration was held Sunday evening at The Gateway in Oberlin with Kansas Family Life Director Tom Halbeib of Oakley, as speaker.

Grand Knight Jerry Schuetz conducted the meeting and Joe Stanley gave the welcome and introduced the guests, which included District Governor and Mrs. Mike Antholz of St. Francis, and State Regional Membership Chairman Marvin Kaiser of Hays. Father Mark Berland gave an invocation before the meal.

Gary Bruggeman presented state Knights of Columbus books to Marie Berls and Judy Ploussard, in memory of their husbands, Bob Berls and Lee Ploussard. A letter of congratulations for the council was presented to Mr. Schuetz from the Supreme Council of Knights of Columbus in recognition of 50 years of service.

"It all began back in 1963 when after considerable effort and with the assistance of Father Gallagher,

we were able to form our own council," said Mr. Schuetz, who served as the first financial secretary. Other officers were Eugene Koerperich, grand knight; Richard Dempewolf, deputy grand knight; Ted Berls, recorder; and Robert Berls, treasurer.

On Feb. 24, 1963, the men were granted a charter with 51 members and became Knights of Columbus Council 5387.

Charter members included: S. Bange, E. Berls, R. Berls, C. Corcoran, P. Corcoran, R. Corcoran, Robert Corcoran, E. Corder, G. Dellere, R. Dempewolf, A. Diederich, G. Diederich, W. Dreher, E. Goltl, H. Goscha, W. Goscha, V. Gross, F. Helm, J. Helm, M. Hickert, J. Juenemann, M. Kleidosty, E. Koerperich, P. Koerperich, J.S. O'Toole, R. Ritter, J. Schuetz, R. Shobe Jr., D. Staab, W. Stafford, C. Vavroch, A. White, D. Zimmerman, E. Zoderow, A. Berls, D. Corcoran, J. Dark, F. Dempewolf, L. Dreiling, the Rev. E. Gallagher, E. Goetz, F. Goltl, J. Helm, J. Kaus, J. Kleinsorge, J. Martin, F. Moeder, V. Pollnow, N. Sulzman, L. Walinder and L. Zoderow.

Over the years, council members have helped with numerous projects, including the annual Tootsie Roll drive. From that, Mr. Schuetz

said that 80 percent of the proceeds go to the Oberlin schools to be used for the mentally handicapped for materials and other needs. The other 20 percent goes to Special Olympics. They raised \$1,700 last year during the drive.

Other projects have included setting up the Nativity scene outside the church, trimming trees, mowing, removing snow, replacing kitchen cabinets at the church, working two concessions at the Decatur County Fair, helping with highway clean-up, donating blood, serving the Fourth Degree supper, sponsoring a seminar, helping the Altar Society with a soup supper for families at Thanksgiving, giving Christmas gifts to widows of the parish, and furnishing Christmas treats and Easter candy for children.

Present officers include Father Berland, chaplain; Mr. Schuetz, grand knight; Kevin Meitl, deputy grand knight; John Mondero, chancellor; Marlin Marintzer, recorder; Boyd Wilson, financial secretary; Gary Juenemann, treasurer; Mike Coleman, advocate; Joe Stanley, warden; Bruce Larue, guard inside; Vernon Diederich, guard outside; Duane Dorshorst, Walt Meitl and Gary Bruggeman, trustees; and Randy Ostmeier, lecturer.

## Hawk Day is June 20

The University of Kansas Alumni Association invites alumni, fans and friends to enjoy a social hour with staff members at 5:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Sunflower Cinema in Oberlin.

Light snacks and soft drinks will be provided.

If attending, please respond to Kurt Vollertsen at 475-3947 or 475-2285.

This is one of more than 100 events the association will sponsor across Kansas and around the country during the annual "Hawk Days of Summer" tour.

For details, call Jennifer Jackson Sanner at (785) 864-9782 or go to www.kualumni.org/hawkdays.

## Work day meeting set

The Decatur County Conservation District board will hold a Local Work Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center conference room, 410 S. Buffalo, Oberlin.

Members will use a conservation needs assessment to help identify program needs and conservation practices, priority resource concerns and high-priority areas under U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service application and funding criteria, eligible practices and payment rates.

For details, or to become a member, contact Diana Solko, district manager, at (785) 475-3131, extension 101.

## Group plans swim party

The Stop Along the Road Committee at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center is making plans for a swimming party for residents, staff, children and grandchildren in July with Krispy Kreme doughnuts to be served.

The committee, which works to promote and encourage interaction between staff and residents, has promoted several activities this year. During May, it held a Mother's Day Hat Parade and Fashion Show, graduation recognition for high school and Colby Community College students and a Mini-Cookbook fund raiser which netted the group \$200.

A Father's Day Hat Parade is planned Tuesday and a poem will be read by a member of the group. Linda Hollowell is president and Angela Corcoran secretary.

## Eastern Star luncheon held

The Oberlin Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and the Mountain Slope Masonic Lodge honored 13 members at a luncheon in the dining room of the Masonic Temple on Sunday, June 2, with 40 in attendance.

Emily Royer of Meriden, past grand matron of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, presented a 50-year pin to Karen Bennett and a 65-year certificate to Marian Fraker. Unable to attend were Ann Anderson and Joyce Ploussard, who had earned 60-year certificates, and Mary Landau, 65 years.

Steve Molstad of Colby, past grand master of Kansas, presided over the presentation of Masonic honors. Rob McFee received a 25-year pin and Rusty Addleman a 50-year pin. Unable to attend were Harold Tacha, 70-year pin; Michael Jensen and James Reeves, 25 years; Howard Benton, 50; and Richard Miller and Vayle Rohan, 60.

Michelle Bennett played musical selections.

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# People in Our Community

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Karen Eskew, Melvin Waterman and Heather Waterman and family are leaving today for Georgia. They will pick up Ed and Cathy Waterman at Ponca City, Okla., then go to Georgia to attend the celebration for the 40th wedding anniversary of Elmer and Margaret Waterman. The couple live at 112 Beechwood Drive, Bonaire, Ga., 31005.

family, Oberlin; Leo Russ, Georgia; James and Autumn AraSmith and family, Colby; Helen Kisinger, McCook; Kathy Wright, Chicago; Chris Goscha, Wisconsin; David Goscha and family, Colorado Springs; Starla and Ralph Mister, Garden City; Jane Dingus Hombomb; and Julie Russ, Oberlin.

— **Father's Day Brunch Buffet Sunday, June 16, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.**

Cynthia Murray of Oberlin has been named to the Dean's honor list for the spring semester at Central Community College in Grand Island, Neb., with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.99. She is the daughter of Dave and Nikki Murray.

Steve Haynes attended the National Newspaper Association board meeting at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, Colo. He is on the board of directors of the association. His wife, Cynthia, spent the weekend visiting their son, Lacy Haynes, in Lawrence. He is recuperating at home from a lawn mower accident.

— **All-American Buffet Friday, June 14, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn, 475-2340.**

Tom and Maxine Smith have returned from Bloomington, Ill., where they visited their daughter and husband, Amy and Tom Loftus, and family. They attended the high school graduation for Jennifer Loftus. From there, they went to Mercer, Pa., to visit Mrs. Smith's brother and his wife, Dale and Jeanne Grimm, and another brother, Joseph Grimm. They returned to Bloomington for another visit before returning home from the month-long vacation.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Norma Anderson, Dorothy Moore, Henry Edgett, Dewaine Stapp and Max Carman. Lows went to Kelva Dryden, Max Carman, Ardis Roe, Doris Fringer, Dorothy Moore, John Cederberg and Veanna Carman. Willa Urban and Martha Fringer were winners in Chicken Foot dominoes. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dewaine Stapp with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Pat Abbey. Taking highs at bridge were Judy Shirley, Charlotte Meints and Marie McKisson. Senior potluck begins at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at The Golden Age Center. Commodities will be distributed at 9 a.m. next Tuesday.

Marie Vacura and Jisele of Colorado Springs were weekend houseguests of her grandmother, Laurene Van Otterloo.

Guests of Richard and Clara Russ for a family reunion on Friday and Saturday were Delbert Russ and

## Lenora plans for Jubilee

The Lenora Jubilee Association will sponsor the 2013 Lenora Jubilee—Hot Country Nights, on Friday and Saturday.

Events planned include a performance by Greg Battes and the Craig Adams Band, magic shows, a pedal-pull tractor competition and an inflatable carnival.

Other features include garage sales starting at 7 a.m., a bake sale and silent auction, a parade at 11 a.m. and other entertainment on Saturday.

For information on tickets and a map of the event area, go to www.lenorajubilee.com.

## Woman observes 80th year

Marie McKisson was honored with a dinner and open house at the Golden Age Center her 80th birthday on Saturday. Hosts for the open house were her family, Linda and Bob Huss, Jan Walters, Timmarie and David Sporn, Alissa and Aubrey and Jim Ferguson.

Among those from out-of-town attending were Aletha Peterson, Bartlesville, Okla.; Carol Jean Barkley, Allen, Texas; Janie Law, Abilene; Jim and Marilyn Laricks,

Dallas, Texas; Pam Eyler, Brentwood, Tenn.; Martin and Faye Dornberger, Leonardville; Earl and Carol Dornberger, Riley; Wayne and Marguerite Stewart, Hays. Truman and Leona Woellhof, Oak Hill; Bev DeLano, Wichita; Bobbie Burroughs, Khyla and Keellan, Jared Holste and Alicia Baumfalk, Atwood; Betty James, Selden; and Shannon Harris, Sophia and Eason, Colby.

## Wheat plot tour set next week

Farmers and others who are interested are invited to the Thomas County wheat plot tour Tuesday at the Solomon Creek Farm of Mike, Jeanene and Tanner Brown about 5 miles south of the Levant interchange on Interstate 70.

The tour will start at 7:30 a.m. at

the shop on the east side of the road, after which the group will proceed south to the field.

Jim Shroyer, K-State Extension wheat specialist, and Dan O'Brien, Extension agricultural economist, will speak. You may bring wheat for Mr. Shroyer to examine.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings Historic Building Preservation Committee will be running the lunch stand on Saturday at the Beth Sebaugh auction at The Gateway in Oberlin.

If anyone would like to donate hamburger, pies or other baked goods, call Marge Hartzog at (785) 678-3010. All proceeds will be used for the preservation of and improvements to the former Masonic Hall/Opera House. The group will offer rolls and coffee beginning at 9 a.m.

Thirteen children gathered at the Jennings City Library on Saturday morning for a fun time. Librarian Carla Latimer and helper Bob Jones kept the children busy painting T-shirts. Snacks were served. Attending were Brandon and Lucas Coffman; Sophia and Bryer Simoneau; Arianna Gillespie; Abby, Aubrey and Madison DuBois; Rayna, Sidney, Abraham and Quinnley Taylor; and Jordyn Fleckenstein. The library has Story Time and Activity

Time in the morning on the second Saturday of each month. Children 3 and up are welcome.

Troy and Anne LaRue, Fulton, Mo., and Jessica Jaeger and Emerson, Nashville, Tenn., visited Troy's parents, Martin and Darlene LaRue, last week.

Sunday will be the last Sunday the Rev. Barbara Patterson will have the services at the United Methodist Church in Jennings. There will be a potluck dinner to honor Barbara and wish her well in the new churches she will be serving after July 1. The Jennings congregation will be traveling to Dresden for services Sunday, June 23. Church will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Wayne and Louise Cressler received the happy news of the birth of great-granddaughter, Violet Mae Cressler, born June 6 to Robert Alexander Cressler and Susan Louise DeBauge, Chicago. She weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

The United Methodist Women

had an enjoyable time at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on Wednesday afternoon. This was their birthday party for June. Kay Brown and Julie Carter played several hymns on the piano. Vickie Bailey sang some jazzy tunes, joined by Julie Carter on the last song. Helen Rhodes and Louise Cressler served angel food cake, whipped topping and strawberries to 18 residents. Those going from Jennings were Rachel Carter, Lila Jennings, Barbara Patterson, Kathy Nauer, Mrs. Brown, Julie Carter, Mrs. Bailey, Helen Rhodes and Louise Cressler. The United Methodist Women will not meet in July or August.

Stan and Ramona Shaw spent several days last week visiting at the home of Cindy and Danny Black, Logan and Bowen, Carlsbad, N.M. With 100+ degree temperatures, the air-conditioner felt real good.

The McKenna family held a reunion on Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center.

## Rotarians enjoy photos of Oberlin

Dick Carman gave a program on Old Oberlin for the June 4 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. He was introduced by Program Chair Jay Anderson.

Mr. Carman showed photos of Penn Avenue, plus Commercial and Hall streets, in 1880 and later. He told about old businesses, including the J.W. Allen Store, plus farm life and business life from 1900 to 1907.

He said downtown sidewalks were put in around 1906 and he showed photos of the OK Hotel and Livery Stable in 1911. Other buildings included were the Commercial Hotel and Wigwam Theater in 1913.

He also mentioned that the Decatur County Museum will feature "Brown Bag and Learn" programs from noon to 1 p.m. on the third Friday of each month through Oct. 18.

Everyone is invited to bring a lunch for these programs. Beverages will be furnished.

Guests were Kay Brown and Ramell Taylor.

**Happy 40th Anniversary**  
on June 15

**Vern and Sharon (Gilbert) Frick**  
To many more happy years  
Love, Little Sis

Please send Happy Wishes to  
P.O. Box 93  
Herndon, KS 67739

**You're Invited**

To a SURPRISE  
50th Birthday Party/Dance  
to honor  
**Kendal Fisher**  
at the American Legion in  
Oberlin, Kan. Saturday, June  
15 from 9-12 a.m. Cake, snacks,  
good times with good friends.

## New Arrival

**Maddox Cooper Lee Unger**  
Maddox Cooper Lee Unger was born April 18, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds, 5.3 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Matt and Tiffini Unger of Goodland. Grandparents are Evan and Sheryl Unger, Oberlin, and Bill and Lisa Overstreet, Olathe. Leland Richman, Olathe, is his great-grandfather.

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**Decatur County 4th of July Festival**

Schedule of Events  
9 a.m. - Parade  
• Bike Races • Sidewalk Chalk Art  
• Root Beer Floats and Cherry Limeades sales 9-11:30

Afternoon - Pool Activities **Bring Lawn Chairs**

6:00 Free will Donation - Hamburger, Hot Dog meal  
• Dunking Booth • Pie and Ice Cream  
• Kids Games and Face Painting • Pie Eating Contest  
7-8 Community Band Performing at Band Shell  
8 p.m. Guest Artist • 8:30 Dancing with the D.J.  
9 p.m. Legion Riders Color Guard  
9:15 Oberlin American Legion Presentation-Grandstand  
9:45 Crowd Mixers (Chicken Dance, Hokey Pokey)  
**10 p.m. Laser Light Show**

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