

Odebolt News

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By the time you read this, the City Council will be well under way in addressing the issues of the new year. There will be no staff changes and appointments by the mayor will remain status quo.

Hopefully, the winter will remain mild. If we really get some hard winter weather, we will still be making payments on our heating bill into July. Whew!!

From the Bolt!
R. J. Rex, Mayor of Odebolt

Open Installation

Wheeler Lodge will hold open installation on January 13th, at 7:00 p.m. for its 2005 Officers with the following to be installed:

Worshipful Master	Keith Currie
Senior Warden	Bruce Hendersen
Junior Warden	Bill Krusenstjerna
Treasurer	Russell Paulson
Secretary	Bill Carlson
Senior Deacon	Ralph Godfrey
Junior Deacon	Jeff McDonough
Chaplain	Bill Dreesen
Senior Steward	Wayne Christian
Junior Steward	Dennis Sykes
Tyler	La Don Siebrecht

Holiday guests in the Phrona Johnson home were Troy & Beth Johnson and family of Madison, Ohio; Trent Johnson and family of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Bloyce and Gayle Johnson of West Des Moines, Iowa; Dean & Dawn Roeder and family of Arthur; Bob & Wendy Lorenzen and family of Galva; Pastor Trish; Brad Buller & Kali; and Mervin and Margaret Ann Bueller.

OCC Activities

The following activities are scheduled for the Odebolt Community Center during January, 2005.

January 15: Jill Drake-Richard Shadwick Wedding Reception
January 17: Siouxland Bloodmobile
January 19: Chamber Membership Soup Supper

Families sought to Share Homes

The SHARE! Program is interviewing host families in this area to provide a bed, meals and a loving home for high school students arriving in January from Belgium, Brazil, Italy and Germany. The students, all between the ages of 15 and 18, stay for only 5 months and are screened both in their home country and by the SHARE! Program for academic excellence and English proficiency. The students are fully insured and are responsible for their own personal spending money.

Interested families should contact the Regional Administrator as soon as possible at 1-800-314-ERDT (3738) because many high schools have deadlines for enrollment. The SHARE! Program can also be contacted via internet at www.erdshare.org.

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is a non-profit educational foundation dedicated to promoting cross-cultural understanding as a way to develop understanding, tolerance and friendships around the world.

Poetry Contest for Area Writers

Publication and prize dollars are offered by the Iowa Poetry Association in their 60th annual contest for Iowa poets. In addition to more than \$550 in prize money, honorable mentions will be awarded in grade school, high school and college divisions, with several categories for adult entrants. All poems must be original, unpublished, and submitted by the author, except students poems which may be sent in by teacher, or, a parent. ...It is important to have complete rules, which are available from Lucille Morgan Wilson, 2325 61st Street, Des Moines, IA 50322 by sending a stamped, self-addressed, business sized envelope.

Deadline for all entries is a February 28, 2005 postmark. There is no entry fee and no membership requirement. Poets must be Iowa residents, although college students attending school outside the state are eligible to submit their work. Each poet may send up to five poems, not to exceed 20 lines each. Adult entrants may also include several rhymed humorous verses of not more than eight lines each. Additional categories include sonnets, haiku, poems FOR children, and national/world events. Each poem should be on a separate full-sized sheet of paper, preferably typed, with name and address in upper left corner.

Besides the prize-winning and honorable mention poems in each classification, about 250 more high-ranking poems will be selected for publication in Iowa Poetry Association's annual anthology, *Lyrical Iowa*. The book, 160 or more pages, will be available in October, 2005, and is sold at cost. Copies may be ordered from the editor, Lucille Morgan Wilson (address above). Publication selections are determined by a number of qualified judges and are not dependent on book purchase or membership in the organization. Announcement of winners and others to be published will be made in June.

The Chronicle Deadline for Obituaries, Church News, Club Minutes and Legals is 4 p.m. each Thursday!



Pictured in the Odebolt Museum is the barber chair purchased by Harvey Gee Keller around 1926. The exhibit features many historic photos that Harve kept displayed in his shop.

KELLER RETIREMENT

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done to the Lindquist building on the corner of 2nd and Maple. They went to look and saw that the top southwest corner of the building had been damaged and there were bricks all over the street next to it.

Since there was a deck on the back of Harve's second story apartment, they put a ladder up on the wall of the old bakery to take a look at the damage. They saw that the top east part of the Lindquist building was also seriously damaged and that bricks had fallen on the roof of the bakery building, collapsing a hole in it. City officials were notified and came to take a look. A couple hours later there was another rumbling and shaking as the weight of the bricks caused the old bakery roof to give way further, making a huge hole. This additional damage also started to bow the wall next to Harve's apartment. The consensus was that Harve had better move out of his apartment, and move fast before his building was caught in a domino effect! And that also meant closing his business.

And so, Harve's 62 years of barbering came to a sudden halt. He closed his shop and "retired" at the age of 81. Packing started that day although Harve ended up sleeping in the building for about a week. He found a small community apartment to rent, but since he had his apartment, his shop, and belongings throughout the lower level and basement of his building, it was not an easy task to condense them into a small apartment.

He gave most of his life-long Odebolt history collection to the museum, gave many things to Goodwill Industries, gave things away to whoever wanted them, and finally managed to down-size enough to settle into the apartment. His daughter and husband helped him until they had to go back to Seattle. Then Cheri came back for

the final move. The whole process took about 3 weeks.

Harve didn't want to retire. He felt pretty good, and liked being busy. He enjoyed contact with people, and he misses keeping up with what's going on around town, hearing the local gossip and news from customers from surrounding towns. Harve's long-time customers miss him.

Harve says life as a retired man is "lousy". Because people helped him move and put things away, he spends a lot of time trying to find things. And life is too quiet. He used to be up and at it early, working all morning in the shop. Now he gets up, showers and shaves, gets dressed, eats breakfast, gets the mail, reads the mail and by then it's time for lunch! Harve agrees with a retired friend of his, who says, "Domestic work takes all your time!"

Story based on an interview with Harve Keller in December, 2004.

- B. Horak, odebolt.net webmaster

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Retirement
Coffee
for
Bill Dreesen

January 7, 2005

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

at Larry Beckman Motors
600 Hwy 175 E Odebolt, IA 51458

Youth Wrestling Tournament

sponsored by
Odebolt-Arthur Booster Club

Saturday, January 8, 2005
in the High School Gymnasium in Odebolt

PeeWee Division (ages 5-8) • Bantam Division (ages 9-10)
Junior Division (ages 11-12)

Senior Division (ages 13-15, 8th grade max. limit)

Entry forms are available at area schools.
Tourney Fee: \$10.00 (\$12.00 after Jan. 7)

Admission: \$2.00 Adults • \$1.00 Students