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Annual Dinner Auction is a Winner

With its fun take on a classic board game, the 2011 Annual Trinity Dinner Auction made winners out of everyone.

"It was a fun, very lighthearted event, just a good chance for fellowship and to interact with members of the Trinity community," says Karla Degner, who was the event co-chair along with husband Rex.

Held April 9, the Trinityopoly-themed event grossed \$86,662 for the school.

Over \$15,000 was raised in the itemless auction for a computer on wheels or COW. A COW is a cart of 30 laptop computers that can be wheeled from room to room, allowing access to the rich education opportunities technology provides for teachers and students in any subject.

Photos courtesy of Stephanie Larsen

Under the direction of decoration chair Donice Koenigsmann the gym was transformed into a giant Monopoly-type game board with Trinity-related "properties" hanging around the perimeter of the gym. Centerpieces were Trinityopoly game boards with game pieces handmade by Wayne King.

The meal progressed from appetizers of shrimp, meatballs and assorted cheeses through prime rib and chicken cordon bleu, salad, new potatoes to a delicious ending of cheesecake, double fudge cake or carrot cake.

The auction itself included items ranging from tires and a chain saw to the ever-popular

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Left: the gym set up for Trinityopoly. Below left: one of the "properties." Below right: lifting the banners. Above: the jazz band provides musical atmosphere. Above top: Eric Koenigsmann, Mary Sue Luebbers and Jarod Schafer put finishing touches on a banner.



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Memorials

John Estrella '71
Dickie Fitzgerald
Charlie Frey
Mary Jasso
Greg Roets '78
Marilyn Rohr
Tom Rome '82
Rosa Spiller '97
Paul Seiler
Steve Thompson
Al Wasinger

It's reunion time...

- **Class of 1971**
 - Weekend of July 4, 2011 - Contact Glenn Birzer (gbirzer@southwind.net)
- **Class of 1991**
 - Weekend of July 23, 2011 - Contact Brennan Smith (success@brennansmith.com)
- **St. Teresa's Class of 1964**
 - Reunion plans in the works - Please contact Joyce Anderson at 316-295-7278 or joand1@cox.net.



The court for the Winter Homecoming were: (l. to r.) Efrain Gutierrez, Rachel Clark, Simon Hill, Sarah Truman, 2010 Winter King and Queen, Brennen Oberle and Erin Gould, King Joe Roman, Queen Darby Strawn, Brandon Koenigsman, Kaylin Labenz; crown bearers Toby Reiss and Grace Starks.

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Puerto Rican dinner, electronics like an iPad 2, and a blue topaz ring with diamond accents.

Work on the auction begins in January. Degner says it is enjoyable work. "The fun is in working with other parents whose children might be in other grades and to get to meet new parents."

Maribeth and Jeff Reimer will be chairs in 2012.

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Above: Forty three Trinity Catholic students and eight chaperones traveled to Washington, D. C. from January 20 through January 25 for the 39th annual March for Life. The group is pictured in front of the National Basilica after attending Mass with Bishop Jackels and 600 other pilgrims from the Diocese of Wichita.



Above right: The Trinity Mass Choir provided music for the annual pilgrimage and memorial Mass to honor Fr. Emil Kapaun on November 11, 2010, in Pilsen, Kan. During the Korean War, despite certain capture, Army chaplain Fr. Kapaun volunteered to stay behind to care for the wounded. In a North Korean prison camp he ministered to the needs of fellow prisoners, dying there in 1951 at age 35. He is now a candidate for sainthood. **Right:** The Trinity Mass Choir in front of St. John Neppomucene Church in Pilsen, Fr. Kapaun's home parish.



We are at \$72,000 of our goal of \$75,000 for the annual fund drive. There's still time to give!

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Yes! I want to help support excellence in Catholic education at Trinity Catholic High School.

Amount enclosed: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 \$ _____

OR Amount pledged: \$ _____ payable by: _____ Please remind me of my pledge.

DATE

I wish my gift to remain anonymous. My employer will match my gift!

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I wish to give securities.

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Name: _____ Maiden: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Alum: No Yes Class year: _____

Fiscal year is July 1 to June 30.

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B-ball Team Earns Fine Arts Night Berth at State *Jazzes Things Up*

The varsity boys culminated a great basketball season with an 18-6 record and a trip to state.

“The team exemplified mental toughness and competitiveness. The kids played hard and it really shined through on the defensive end,” says coach Joe Hammersmith of the defense that gave up only an average of 37 points a game.

Though the team is losing four seniors--Derek Racette, Michael Mesh, Jaylen Lane and Will Bothwell, “a lot of kids, even on JV played at varsity level and I’m looking forward to next year and continuing on what we have done the last four years,” he says. The team’s record for the last four years has been 77-18.

Named to the boys All-County First Team was Derek Racette with honorable mentions for Michael Mesh and Dustin Ohl. Named as All-County Coach was Joe Hammersmith.

Named to the girls All-County Second Team was Lizzie Degner with honorable mentions going to Kennedi Smith, Rachel Vieyra and Ashley Zrubek.

Students Score at Scholars Bowl

The Trinity varsity team took first place in the Heart of America League Scholars Bowl January 26 at Inman. The junior varsity also earned a second place standing.

Varsity team members were Chris Albert, Jessica Shea, Michael Lindt, Simon Hill and Jason Banning.

The junior varsity team consisted of Jake Simon, Andrew Kicklighter, Brigid Reilly, Caitlin Chambers, Anthony Fink.

Toes were a-tapping at Trinity’s Fine Arts Night Jazz Concert on March 15.

This showcase for the musical talents of 18 Trinity jazz band students featured seven saxophonists, three trumpeters, five trombonists, a pianist, a bass player and a drummer.

Two members of the jazz band, Anjelica Cuellar and Josh Hermes, also played with the New Wichita Swing Band which performed at the event also. Added music was provided by the Ukelele Orchestra of Reno County and the Friends University Faculty Jazz Quintet.

The Trinity jazz band has been

Students Earn Art Awards

At a team construction workshop at the recent HOA League art show students were given string, newspaper, masking tape and a trash bag, a time limit of one hour, and told to make something at least three feet tall and able to stand on its own.

The team of Derek Racette, Brandon Koenigsman, Joe Roman, Chris Thibault, Tyler Dyer and Efrain Gutierrez won first place by creating the Flintstone car with moving “wheels.” Briana Winter and Anastasia Delgado earned a merit (honorable mention) award for creating a windmill.

First place awards also went to Caleb Brenning for Ceramic non-functional and Lukes Reyes for Black and White Non-Pencil Drawing.

Merit awards went to John Thompson, Derek Racette and Chris Albert for Ceramics non-functional; Brandon Koenigsman and Derrick Pohl for Ceramics functional and Austin Rea for Pencil Drawing.

in existence for about ten years, according to band instructor Mark Robinson who teaches grades 7-12. The jazz concerts have been ongoing for about five years as an extension of the various student concerts the school has throughout the year.

The jazz band also performed at the recent Trinity Annual Dinner Auction.

Music Honors Earned

Simon Hill and Dana Ediger were selected in February for the All-State Honor Choir. This is the first time-ever for two Trinity students to be chosen in the same year. Simon and Dana rehearsed 17 hours over the course of 2 1/2 days, and then performed with the top students of the state in front of thousands of music teachers and music lovers at the KMEA convention.

Emily Suter received a “I” rating at the state piano festival held in February.

At regionals competition this year 3 out of the 4 Trinity instrumental soloists earned a “I” rating. Five out of 8 vocal soloists received a “I” rating.

Drumline Competes

On April 16, Trinity Catholic’s Drum Line competed in a drumline contest against seven area schools at a Wichita Wild Indoor Pro Football game.

Drumline members were Jake Dreiling, John Thompson, Anthony Fink, Alex Lesperance, Chris Rumback, Maria Martinez and Dominic DeLuca. The school was awarded \$300 for competing.

ALUMNI NOTES

Since graduating from Georgetown School of Law and passing the bar last July, **Tony Diab '00** has been doing a one-year internship with a federal judge in Orange County, Calif. He hopes he and his wife and son Michael will be able to make it back to Hutchinson for a visit this summer.

Ryan Ketchum '01 is one of 28 fitness experts who contributed to the book "Total Body Break-through", a fitness book published by Celebrity Press. His chapter is "5-Step Action Plan to Win the Weight Loss Game."

Christine Vieyra '04 will be a June bride when she marries Cirildo Vargas on June 11 at Our Lady of Guadalupe. The couple will be at home in Hutchinson where Christine is employed at Daymon World Wide, Inc., and Cirildo works at Cargill Salt.

Melanie Bergkamp '04 and **Mason Newell** were married March 5 at Sacred Heart Church, Halstead. The couple will live in northwest Kansas where Melanie is a dental hygienist at Great Plains Family Dentistry in Leoti and Mason is a utility lineman for Midwest Energy.

Another June wedding will be that of **Rebecca Braun '07** and **Adam Brummert '05**. After graduating this spring from KU with a degree in speech, language and hearing sciences and disorders, she will attend graduate school in speech-language pathology at the University of Iowa. Adam graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City with a chemistry

degree. He is a chemistry doctoral student and employed at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

John Bird '06 received the Harold and Melba Sullivan Award, a scholarship awarded during Wichita State University's spring commencement to the graduating engineering student with the highest cumulative GPA. John will continue his studies at Penn State this fall as a research assistant working on dynamic soaring in the jet stream. John's senior design group place 4th out of 82 teams in the American Aeronautics and Astronautics' Design/Build/Fly Competition in Tucson, Ariz. earlier this month.

After graduating from K-State last May with a psychology degree, **Rebecca Steinert '06** is a case worker for the Crisis Center in Manhattan. She works with women involved in domestic violence situations in Marshall and Pottawatomie Counties.

Tyler Cordel '06, who will graduate from KU in May, is doing an internship with Premier Sports management in Overland Park. He handles the following for the company: The NFL 101 Awards (the nation's only NFL-exclusive award show); the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award which honors the nation's NCAA top senior for excellence in the classroom, the community, in character and competitive spirit; and the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in KCMO.

Congratulations to **Erik Lutz**

'07 and **MacKenzie Stramel '07** on their wedding March 5 at Our Lady of Guadalupe in South Hutch. MacKenzie is majoring in biology at Sterling College and Erik studied criminal justice at HCC.

Taia Cordel '07 will be graduating with distinction from KU in May and plans to continue her education at the Illinois School of Optometry in August. She also was recently inducted as a new member of two KU societies, the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society for being in the top 10% of her senior class and the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society for having a GPA in the top 5%.

Baby Celtics

Nash Jeffrey, born March 14, 2011, to Jeff and **Micki (Foss '99) Mincks**. He joins brothers Noah, 3, and Nate, 2. The family lives in Salina.

Nash Burkhart, born August 23, 2010, to Justin and **Dana (Link '97) Burkhart**. He joins big sister Katelyn, 12.

Kinsley LouAnn, born Nov. 17, 2009, to **Clint '00 and Glenda (Tallman '01) Boor**. Older sister Caydence will be 4 in June.

Jaxon Bruce, son of Aaron and **Alisha (Dreiling '03) Bruce**, will celebrate his first birthday May 4. Older brother Kaleb is 6 years old. The Bruces live in Hutchinson.



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**Annual Trinity Golf
Tournament
June 20
at
the Highlands**

Mark Your Calendar–

***HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS**

**Tuesday, May 17
at 9:00 a.m.**

***SPRING CONCERT**

**Wednesday, May 18
at 7:00 p.m.**

***BACCALAUREATE**

**MASS Friday, May 20
at 8:30 a.m.**

***GRADUATION Saturday,**

**May 21
at 10:00 a.m.**

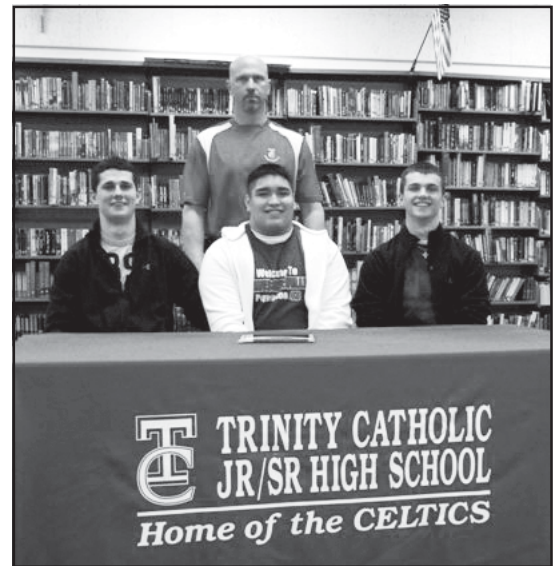
***Trinity GOLF CLASSIC**

**Monday, June 20
at the Highlands
9:00 a.m.**

**Senior to
Shrine Bowl**

Derek Racette '11 has been chosen to play in the Kansas high school all-star football Shrine Bowl at Hays in July. THS coach Mark Racette has been selected as a coach. Both will be on the West Team. Trinity had a 10-2 football season.

Former Celtics who have played in the Shrine Bowl are Al Wasinger '76, Mark Smith '80, Matt Schrock '85 and Ryan Ketchum '01.



Having signed to play college football are (l. to r. seated): Will Bothwell, Friends University; Efrain Gutierrez, Dodge City Community College; and Derek Racette, Friends University. Standing is Trinity football coach Sean Racette.

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