

By VELMA HOLTZE AND LAURIE LAWS

Sliver Spurs 4-H'ers Sidney and Sloan Johnson and Lynae and Mckayla Lytle modeled their Indian costumes for the Wilsonville Rodeo Queen Contest on June 1. They will be wearing them in the Medicine Creek Days parade. Ginger tenBensel entertained everyone with her new song, "I'm From Nebraska".

The Cambridge Museum is presenting an exhibit of Ella Rea tenBensel's oil paintings during Medicine Creek Days

Kirk Wilson and Amelia Doak of McCook were Sunday dinner and supper guests of his parents, Allen and Connie Wilson. They came especially to attend the rodeo.

Lonnie Rice, Grand Island and his son, Justin Rice, spent a day in Wilsonville visiting relatives. Justin is recovering from the accident he was involved in sometime ago.

Many visitors, former residents of this community, attended church at the Baptist-Christian Church and Methodist Church Sunday morning. Special music at the Baptist-Christian service was a number by a women's chorus.

Ivalene Simmons, Oshkosh, came Saturday morning to her mother, Velma Holtze's. Accompanying Ivalene to Kearney that afternoon were her mother, her brother, Kenneth Holtze and aunt and uncle, Margaret and Dean Brown. They went to attend the wedding of their cousin and nephew, Adam Lambert. Adam is the grandson of Darrel and Hula Brown of Beaver City. Margene Holtze came from Grand Island to attend the reception.

Velma Holtze entertained the Assisted Living women at Beaver City at a rose garden party on Wednesday afternoon.

Congratulations to Ashley Rice, daughter of Tony and Patty Rice, who became Miss Rodeo Ak-Sar-Ben Queen this past weekend.

Wilsonville Women's Club

The Wilsonville Women's Club met on May 10 at the Baptist-Christian Church for the annual Salad Supper. Sue Bethel and Barb Baca were the hostesses for the evening and did a lovely job of decorating and setting up. Connie Wilson gave devotions. Mary Wilson said the blessing. Fourteen members and their guests enjoyed a fantastic supper of tasty salads, of every size, shape and taste. Lynette Brown gave the program on "Seeing Things Through Others Eyes". She showed many pictures. Some people saw one thing and some saw completely different things. Lynette got everyone thinking hard! This was the last meeting until fall.

United Methodist Women Entertain

The Wilsonville United Methodist Women were hosts May 20 to a birthday party for the 135th year of United Methodist Women. Adeline Ballou registered guests from Beaver City and Hendley's United Methodist Women and Wilsonville Baptist-Christian Church and they were welcomed by Nadeane Haag, District officer, Mrs. Irene Coe, was the speaker followed by a birthday program production, "To Everything There is a Season" with Nadeane Haag, Mary Wilmot, Edith Rikli and Margaret Spence participating. Lillian Lemaster closed with an anniversary prayer. Birthday cake and sherbet were served by the hostess, Leila Lang, was preceded by the group singing "Amazing Grace" and a prayer by the Rev. Malchow.

Class of '39 Gathers

Gathering for Sunday dinner and a time of reminiscing was the class who graduated 65 years ago. They enjoyed dinner at the Kenneth and Carla Holtze home which

Carla catered for her mother-in-law's class. The class had gathered here five years ago and certainly were ready to do it again. Out of the class of 23 ten are still living with seven of those present to enjoy the festivities. Some of their families had brought them and also attended. Those present were Eileen (Lomax) Luhmann of LaHabra, Calif.; Beth (Overhalsler) Dahlkoetter of Golita, Calif.; and her son, Mike, of Dallas, Texas; Naomi (Gill) Boyd, her husband and daughter of Clearwater, Okla.; Delores (Ankenman) Atkinson, Norton; Audrey (Adkins) Adams, Crocker Mo.; Nadeane (Pattison) Haag and her husband and Velma Holtze. Another one of their classmates through grade eleven attending

was Phyllis (Pahl) Mitchell and her daughter-in law of Seattle, Wash. Another former classmate, Phyllis (Sorensen) Brown through tenth grade from Cambridge joined them in the afternoon to visit. Audrey's nephew and wife, Butch and wife, of Madison, Wisc., brought her and assisted Carla with the serving. Picture taking and looking at mementos from high school days was enjoyed. All gathered that evening for the all school alumni with the exception of Delores.

Memorial Day Visitors

Coming for the Memorial Day weekend to the home of Velma Holtze were her grandsons, Russell Simmons and wife of Hays; Richard Simmons and family of North Platte and James Simmons, Oshkosh and her daughter, Ivalene Simmons of Oshkosh. Also coming on Saturday was her classmate, Eileen Luhmann of California. Stopping for a brief visit on Saturday afternoon was Keith and Mavis Applegate of Columbus, Neb.

La Vonne Brown of Mapleton, Iowa, and her son, Lonnie Brown of Decorah, Iowa, came for Memorial Day. On Sunday they were cafe dinner guests of Dean and Margaret Brown. LaVonne spent the afternoon in the Brown home while Lonnie visited in Beaver City where both were overnight guests in the Darrel Brown home.

Class of '49

Guests in the Carl tenBensel home for an afternoon of visiting before the alumni meeting on Sunday, May 30 were class of '49 members, Jerry and Tina Coiling, California; Neil Knutson and wife, Colorado; Bob Fisher and wife, Montana; Norma and Floyd Frandsen, Cambridge, Neb.; Jeanne Scheafer, Kansas and Ella Wilson. The group later entertained everyone with their signature song "Sentimental Journey".

Services at the Cemetery

Once again a large crowd gathered at the cemetery for the special service. Dick McLaughlin did an outstanding job as the commander and Dwight Punish gave the main address, which everyone appreciated. Faithful Steve Rice climaxed the service with "Taps".

Memorial Day Gatherings

Joanne and Brad Schwartz of Kearney spent the day in Wilsonville attending services at the cemetery and going to Lebanon for dinner where her mother was assisting with the Veterans of Foreign Wars dinner. Several others from here also ate there.

Enjoying the day at the home of Jim, Becky and Janene Holtze were the family of Velma Holtze which included Ivalene Simmons and James of Oshkosh and families of Russell Simmons, Hays; Richard Simmons, North Platte; Caroline Simmons, Holdrege; Russ Hoagland, Hastings; Brad Holtze, Rhonda Banzhaf, Justin Miller and Margene Holtze all of Cambridge; Kenneth and Carla Holtze, Brian Holtze and Velma. Others present were Lyndzee Clause, Arapahoe; Chris Ericson, Holdrege; Carl's relatives, Audrey Adams of Crocker, Mo.; and Butch and Billie Oliver of Madison, Wisc. Also joining them were Robert and Nina Brandt of Arkansas. Robert was a classmate of Velma and Audrey. They had planned to attend the class reunion on Sunday noon as well as alumni, but unfortunately they got mixed up on the day, and came Monday instead of Sunday. Callers that afternoon were Lonnie and Nancy Alexander from Arizona and Tom Abernathy of Wilsonville.

A family gathering was held Memorial Day at the Arlee Bethel home which included family members from Iowa and Colorado.

Deaths

Funeral services were held in Wichita for Joe Fagg, husband of the former Naomi Baety. Naomi was raised on the state line southeast of Wilsonville and had many friends in this area. Her sister-in-law, Delores (Ankenman) Baety Atkinson of Norton attended the services.

Word has also been received of the death of Sprague Wagner of Tucson. Ora worked at the Bert Miller home in the early 40s. (The Millers were grandparents of Merlin Wilmot.) The Miller home is the present Brian Holtze home, formerly owned by his grandmother, Betty Murphy. Ora was raised in the Almena area. She was one of the polio survivors. She is survived by two sisters and two brothers and their families.

Pastures need help in dry weather

Pastures around the area are showing signs of different management practices.

Some stockmen have decided to take their cattle off early, reduce stocking pressure or rotationally graze pastures at a reduced rate which is all good.

Others have decided to keep stocking rates above the capacity of the pasture which in turn has significantly reduced ground cover. In these pastures, ground cover has been reduced to the point that a person can see more ground than grass.

Native pastures can be overgrazed for a short period, and as long as there is rain and an end to the overgrazing, they will come back with little damage.

The problem that has occurred is that for three to four years the area has received little moisture.

Thus, grass in native pastures have been unable to rebuild the nutrients reserves that are needed in the crown and roots for good healthy growth.

With the reduction in the crown, plants are less vigorous and more easily succumb to stress. Therefore, stockmen need to manage pastures now in order to avoid major damage in later years.

Unlike row crops, pastures do not immediately respond and improve with rain if they are in poor condition. Instead, less desirable annual weeds will likely invade native pastures when moisture is available, thus inhibiting native perennial grasses from forming a good grass cover.

In addition, overgrazing will likely cause an increase in less desirable grasses.

As dry conditions continue, pal-

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available for producers. There have been a few improvements such as sorting needs and available forage by areas in Kansas.

This board is a resource which allows producers who have forage to come in contact with those producers who do not.

A link to the Hay and Forage Message Board is at the web site: http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/ along with a paper from Paul Ohlenbusch, former K-State Grazing Land Specialist, entitled "Pasture Management Before, During, and After the Drought" which is located under the Production and Pest icon.

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atable grasses are constantly overgrazed by hungry cattle. This provides an advantage to the less palatable grasses which allows them to increase.

Because of the dry conditions, there has been numerous bales of drought stressed corn or grain sorghum along with some freeze damaged wheat baled in the area.

However, if producers need forage, the K-State Research and Extension/Kansas Farm Bureau Hay and Forage Message Board is

Many prizes given away at power show

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In the 7,000-pound and up division, the winners were Warren Sidman, Prairie View, first with a 555 Masey and Underwood, second with an IHC-WD9.

An open class tractor pull competition was held on Sunday.

Lafferty won the 3,500-pound division with a Ford NAA.

Kingham won the 4,000-pound division with a 901 Ford.

In the 4,500-pound division, Richard Conners, Long Island, took first with a Massey 30. Toby Griffith was second with a John Deere-A.

In the 5,000-pound division, winners were Marlin Fike, first with an Allis-U; Lauren Rentschler, second with an IHC-M and

Bob Underwood, third with an IHC-SM.

Lauren Rentschler won the 6,000-pound division with an IHC-M and Strayer finished second with an Oliver 88.

In the 6,500-pound division, winners were Clayton Minkler, first with a John Deere-P; Mel Luft, Norton, second with an IHC-M and Brunning, third with an IHC-M.

In the 7,000-pound and over division, Warren Sidman, Prairie View, took first with a 555 Masey. Minkler took second with a John Deere-A and Justin Spear, Almema, was third with a Case 401.

In the Kids Pedal Pull, Jill Fitzsimmons, Wilsonville, won the 5- and 6-year-old age group. In

the 7- and 8-year-old age group, Braden Carlton, Norton, took first and Christopher Fisher, Norton, took second. In the 9- and 10-year-old age group, Leslie Nickell, Bea-

ver City, took first and Emily Fitzsimmons, Wilsonville, took second.

Deer cause two wrecks

A pair of deer caused one-vehicle accidents earlier in the month.

On June 2 Eric Bugbee, Jennings was driving a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria east on U. S. at 11:40 p.m. when he struck a deer, which had come out of the south ditch. The vehicle is registered to Roy Robinson, Gem. Mr. Bugbee was wearing his seat belt and was not injured. The accident resulted

in over \$500 worth of damage.

A deer was also the cause of a one-vehicle accident on K-9 at 9:50 p.m. on June 7.

Joann Long, New Almelo, was driving her 2004 Honda Accord east when the car struck a deer, which had come out of the south ditch. Ms. Long was wearing her seat belt and was not injured. The accident resulted in over \$500 worth of damage.

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