

Joint family reunion held



ABOVE: LEADER, ELMER KELLER, speaks to a Boy Scout group at a recent meeting.

RIGHT: SCOUT, TARYN ZWYEGARDT, rolled a tire in one of the games of the day.



Brownies attend camping trip

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 10076 attended a "Me and My Guy" Camping Trip the weekend of June 6, 7 and 8 at Scott Lake near Scott City.

The Brownie and their "Guy" were responsible for setting up their own tent when they arrived.

The weather was beautiful and all the Brownie's enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs and s'mores for dinner.

On Saturday morning, the group had a choice of paddle boating or canoeing. Saturday afternoon was spent fishing, swimming, crafts, preparing the evening meal and enjoying the outdoors.

Sunday morning was an early morning as the Troop was awakened by strong winds. They enjoyed a quick breakfast before breaking camp and heading home.

Those attending the trip were: Deb Gohl, leader; Natalie Rogers, assistant leader; Makayla Rogers, Gary Rogers, Jenna Confer, Jessica Confer, Steve Confer, Shelby Wolff, John Wolff, Zoe Sundstrom, Garrett Sundstrom, Matthison Witzel and Lance Witzel.



BROWNIE, JENNA CONFER, helps assistant leader, Natalie Rogers, prepare dinner during the "Me and My Guy" camp.

Herald photos courtesy of Natalie Rogers



Public television station receives grant

Smoky Hills Public Television has been awarded a \$500 grant from the Golden Belt Community Foundation.

The grant is to be used to purchase books for the station's First Book Club, a major component of its Literacy Leadership program, said Lawrence Holden, the station's general manager and chief executive officer.

"Smoky Hills Public Television is extremely grateful to the Golden Belt Community Foundation for its recognition and support," he said.

"The Foundation's support of our literacy outreach efforts reinforces the station's belief that education is a cornerstone of our society and the most important enabler for all aspects of life."

Through its First Book Club, Smoky Hills Public Television annually distributes over 7,000

books to disadvantaged children through Head Start classrooms and daycare providers throughout its coverage area, said Leona Breeden, director of educational services.

"Often for disadvantaged children the lack of books is one of the greatest barriers to literacy-promoting experiences," she said. "Smoky Hills' First Book Club unites the power of television with the magic of books."

More information on Smoky Hills Public Television and its programs and projects is available by calling 1-800-337-4788 or (785) 483-6990 or at www.shntv.org



Descendants of John and Paulina Kamla and William and Katherina Samler/Semler nee Kamla held a joint family reunion on Sunday, June 15, at the St. Francis Senior Citizens Center. This was the ninth such reunion and the next one will be June 5, 2011.

From the David Semler family were Hulda (Semler) Raile of St. Francis and her son, Verlin from Lakefield, Minn.

These 52 descendants of the next generation, John, Tobe, Minnie, Fred, Elizabeth, Mary, G.H., Emma, Paul, Oscar and Lydia were represented from Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska as well as Utah and California.

Among the Kamla descendants attending were:

John Kamla family: Sherri McAdams and her brother, John McAdams, Traci Jones and her sister, Kamille with husband, Crawford Topham and children, Shalee and Braxton. All traveled from

Sandy, Utah.

Fred Kamla family: oldest son, Harold Kamla, Wray, son, Roger from Lake Charles, La., and daughter, Bonnie and husband, Pat from St. Francis, their children R.W. and Krista Stuart of Hays and Roxy Stuart, St. Francis.

Also Fred's son, John, wife, Maria of Bird City and their son, Fred of Kansas City, Mo., and their daughter, Monica, her husband, Mark Bonavia of Olathe and granddaughter, Caera Kamla of Sharon Springs.

Fred's daughter, Louise and Melvin Schlepp and son, Mitchell of Kanorado; their son, Spencer and Lisa Schlepp with daughters, Aubree and Aly of St. Francis and daughter, Susan Schlepp of Denver, Colo.

Fred's youngest daughter, Marie Potthoff from Wiggins, Colo., and her two daughters and families, Mike and Dalrie Skraback, son Steven and grandson Malik, Dalrie's son Toby Dhooge and wife, Misty

with their son, Tobin and Marie's daughter Joyce Malone with her daughter, Kelsey from Fort Morgan, Colo.

Elizabeth (Kamla) Nighswonger family: Mary Lou Munn from Benkelman, Neb., and her daughter, Nancy Anderson from Blair, Neb. Kenneth Nighswonger of Colorado Springs and sons, Ron of Colorado Springs and Benjamin from San Diego, Calif.

Paul Kamla family: Marvin and Kaye Kamla and son, Craig, all of Haigler and Bob's sons, Matt and wife, Connie of McCook, Neb., and Michael Kamla of Wray.

Following the meal, updates from family members of those unable to attend were shared and then cake was served in honor of Father's Day.

Many of the group gathered Saturday at Jake's Place in Haigler for a bratwurst and German potato meal hosted by the Paul Kamla family.

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Doug and Sandy Fair spent the past two weeks visiting their daughter, Jenna and Kevin Cox and family in Keller, Tex., and helping care for their granddaughter, Hayden Kennedy Cox, who was born June 3. This gives the Fairs 16 grandchildren. They also traveled to San Antonio for their granddaughter, Rachel's 18th birthday, then went to Houston for the ball game for their 14-year-old grandson, Brandon, son of Andrea and Mikeal Montalvo. He was chosen to play with a Golden Glove ball team.

Milton and Betty Lampe traveled to Hays on Saturday, June 21, and enjoyed a Heartland Community Theatre production called "Dining With The Stars" at the Fox pavilion. Their grandson, Travis Grizzell, was the producer and he and his students and others played singing parts.

Guests enjoyed a dinner while cast members portrayed singers past and present. Travis portrayed Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley and

John Travolta. Kirk and Debbie Grizzell of Macksville were among the guests. The Lampe's returned home on Saturday night.

Sylvia Queen was a Tuesday guest of LaVera Beringer.

Visiting LaVera from Friday through Monday was Alice Raile of Oxford, Neb., and Carol Raile of Colby. Alice and Carol were here for their 40th reunion.

Alice visited Larry and Terri Zweygardt on Sunday evening. She returned to her home on Monday.

Darryl Dankenbring of Mico, Texas, was a Saturday visitor of Donna and Norvin Northrup.

Recent guests of Wilma Lampe were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Floyd, Seattle, Wash., Linda Gutsch, Denver, Colo., and Gina Krien, Bird City. They all helped care for Wilma

on her release from the hospital. Dennis joined his classmates for the 30-year St. Francis high school alumni festivities and Linda also enjoyed joining the activities of the 40-year alumni class.

Betty Jean Winston was able to visit the Dan Winston family in Ellsworth over the weekend. She went to hear her grandson, J.J.'s band play on Friday evening.

Saturday she went to Wichita with Dan and Cindy and saw her granddaughter Vickie Kern, husband Aaron and Alex and her granddaughter, Corrine Gugelmeyer and three boys who were visiting from Lakin. They all attended a softball tournament, and most of them went to the Wingnut baseball game that evening at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium and a fireworks display following the game.

Sunday morning she and J.J. went out for breakfast before he had to go to work and she headed for St. Francis.

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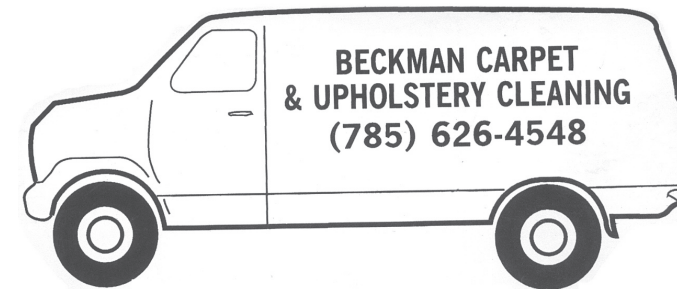
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