

Family reunites near Monument

Descendants of Elmer and Neva Moberly and Earl and Martha Vandike Moberly met at the Ponderosa Conference Center near Monument, Colo., the weekend of Aug. 3, 4 and 5. There were 73 in attendance.

Merle and Iona Moberly were the oldest family members present and were each given a T-shirt with a golf cart and the words, "Life is Good." Their positive attitude and independence in the face of serious health problems is an inspiration to everyone.

Lisa Mann Hein, who is the mother of eight, received a cobalt blue "Moberly Reunion" cup which was given to Darrel at the recent reunion in Portland, Ore. Twila Moberly, who came the farthest, received a bunch of Broncos "treasures" from her ornery brother, Darrel.

Six new babies were born into the Elmer and Neva Moberly line from January to the end of May. They were recognized, along with their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. Each received a beautiful certificate made by Beverly Weber, Earl's granddaughter, which said, "Welcome to the Moberly Family."

Girls' names were in pink, and boys' names in blue. Each included their genealogy.

Babies honored were: Gavin Michael Moberly, son of Rob and Lori Moberly, grandson of Rich and Terry Moberly and Barbara Moberly, great-grandson of Marvin and Grace Moberly; Kyran Jace Moberly, son of Josh and Peggy Moberly, grandson of Byron and Karen Moberly, and great-grandson of Merle and Iona Moberly; Ambrosia Marie Moberly, daughter of Richard and Lisa Moberly, granddaughter of Kathy Moberly-Taylor; and great-granddaughter of Darrel and Mary Moberly; Wyatt James Moberly, son of Ryan and Jennifer Moberly, grandson of Mike and Sue Moberly, and great-grandson of Darrel and Mary Moberly; Josiah Christopher Hein, son of Adam and Connie Hein, grandson of Nathaniel and Lisa Hein, great-grandson of Twila Moberly; and Maycie Godwyn Snowden, daughter of Cody and Amanda Snowden, granddaughter of Tom and Debbie Laake, great-granddaughter of Don and Marilyn (both deceased) and Donna Trumbull Moberly. Pictures were taken of four generations and families.

Rich Moberly, son of Marvin and Grace, did a powerpoint of the Moberly ancestors which was very interesting. He included pictures of later generations. Merle, Marvin, Twila and Darrel added some of their favorite memories about their grandparents, T.L. and Martha Gudgel Moberly, who came to Cheyenne County in 1895. After farming northwest of St. Francis, T.L. owned a livery stable, tire shop, and campgrounds. Their stories are in "The History of Cheyenne County, Kansas." Earl's family had moved to the Western Slope of Colorado, so the grandkids didn't know these grandparents very well. Saturday morning included games, challenge course, climbing tower, zip line, putt-putt golf, hiking, visiting, meeting new cousins and viewing pictures. Kathy Moberly-Taylor had games, kite flying and painting for the younger kids. After lunch, Michelle Edwards, daughter of Bob Campbell and Sharon Moberly Campbell, played her violin to entertain. They sang along on many songs and Josh Moberly even did a karaoke!! Michelle is very talented and has

played in bands in Branson, Mo.

That evening, many of the group went on a hayride around the ranch. Later, they enjoyed eating watermelon at one of the pavilions. Kathy had glow-in-the-dark balls, Frisbees and the kids painted glow-in-the-dark pictures.

Sunday after breakfast, they had a "walk down memory land," with singing led by Mark Weber, devotion and talk by Marvin Moberly about the Elmer and Neva Moberly family which was very informative and interesting. Rich Moberly showed a CD of Earl Moberly's family which most hadn't seen. Earl and Martha's grandchildren added stories with each picture. One person said, "I learned a lot about cousins I didn't even know I had!" This was true for both Elmer's and Earl's descendants present.

We agreed that the Ponderosa is a wonderful place for our reunion. They feed delicious meals, there are beautiful cabins or lodges and there are wonderful games to take advantage of and several nice hiking trails.

Those present were: Earl and Martha Vandike Moberly's family: Dave and Beverly Weber, Mary Weber, Mark Weber, Mitch Cotton of Colorado Springs; Shirley Cotton, Crawford, Colo.; Joan and Vernon Dunham, Montrose, Colo.; Lois and Loren Litz, Greeley, Colo.

Elmer and Neva Moberly's family were: Merle and Iona's family: Byron and Karen Moberly; Josh, Peggy, Jenae, Adrianna and Kyran, St. Francis; Bob and Sharon Campbell; Paul, Tasha, Gentry, Roman and Emma Beresford, Denver.

Marvin and Grace's family: Richard Moberly, Bartlesville, Okla., Gordon, Shirley and Stephanie Johnson, Wichita.

Twila's family: Nathaniel, Lisa, Rhema, Nehemiah, Moriah, Hadia and Joseph Hein, Cotopaxi, Colo., Adam, Connie and Josiah Hein, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Darrel and Mary's family: Vicki Moberly; Mike and Sue Moberly, Ryan, Jennifer, Rylin and Wyatt Moberly, Kathy Moberly-Taylor; Richard, Lisa and Ambrosia Moberly; Randy Moberly, Kenny Melanson and Natalia Taylor, all of Colorado Springs.

Don and Donna's family: Cindy and Joe Kailey, Monument, Colo.; David, Joslyn and Jayden, Colorado Springs; Debbie and Tom Laake; Janessa Seewald; Amanda and Maycie Snowden; Emilie Laake, all of Denver; Terry and John Parsons, Merna, Neb.; Jason Parsons and his fiance, Sylvia Wu, Denver; Katie Parsons, Colorado Springs; Jacob Parsons, Merna.



KEITH VANSKIKE judges a rabbit at the Cheyenne County Fair at the beginning of August as 4-H'ers Ronan Shay, Kailey Shay, Cody Baxter, Ashlee Orth and Trista Orth listen to his comments. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Families encouraged to join 4-H in October

With a lot to see and do at the beginning of the new school year, a Kansas 4-H specialist reminds families the "4-H Welcome Mat is out" - and all are welcome.

Why 4-H? Why now? "4-H is a good fit for families because the entire family is welcome to participate," said Diane Mack, K-State Research and Extension 4-H area specialist in northeast Kansas.

With more than 35 projects, there's much to hold a child's interest and help he or she grow, she said.

According to Ms. Mack, 4-H projects cover a wide variety of interests, from entomology, geology, photography, and food and nutrition to buymanship (which teaches how to evaluate clothing purchases before buying and care for them afterwards to extend cost-per-wearing) and space technology.

While exploring different interests, 4-H projects and activities share similar structures, and focus on building life skills that may become the

basis for a career or lifetime hobby or interest. Most also provide opportunities to practice leadership, citizenship, service and personal responsibility.

For example, 4-H members typically conduct project talks that help them become more confident in speaking before a group; most also learn how to lead a meeting, build a team and be a team player, she said.

Having fun is part of the process; so is learning about science and technology, said Ms. Mack. She reported findings from youth development scholar, Richard Lerner and a team at Tufts University, who worked with faculty at land-grant universities

to conduct The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development. Favorable findings for 4-H members include:

- 2 times more likely to attend college, and, also, more likely to choose careers that involve science and computer technology;
- 2.3 times more likely to exercise and choose health-promoting physical activity, and
- 3.4 times more likely to contribute to their community.

While Mack noted "4-H families' enthusiasm for the youth development effort is their best advertisement," there are opportunities to learn more about Kansas 4-H:

This year, Kansas State

University and K-State Research and Extension will sponsor K-State Day at the Kansas State Fair, Sept. 9 in Hutchinson and provide a variety of entertainment and activities.

For example, visitors to 4-H Centennial Hall at the north end of the fairgrounds will see examples of 4-H projects and participate in short experiences of numerous projects.

Visit 4-H Centennial Hall any day during the Kansas State Fair, which opens Sept. 7 and continues through Sept. 16.

See www.JoinKansas4-H.org, a website designed to match families interested in educational 4-H programs to local opportunities.

Emergency Medical Services Director

Sherman County is accepting applications for **Emergency Medical Services Director**. Prefer more than 3 years emergency medical administration. Requirements: EMT Certification; CPR Instructor; Kansas Certified Training Officer or Instruction Coordinator. Applications can be picked up at the Sherman County Clerk's Office, 813 Broadway, Goodland, KS 67735. Applications will be accepted up until September 10, 2012. Sherman County is an EOE.

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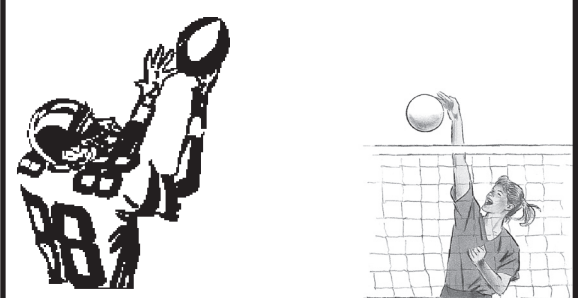
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