

**Kamla, Samler/Semler Reunion**

Descendants of John and Paulina Kamla and William and Katherine Samler/Semler nee Kamla held a joint family reunion Sunday, Aug. 4 at Riverside Recreation. Seventy-nine relatives and friends enjoyed get together in both St. Francis and Haigler, Neb., on Aug. 3 and Aug. 4. The eighth annual reunion will be August 2005. Special thanks were given to the Samler and Semler families for participating in the Kamla reunion. From the Chris Samler family were Jake Samler, Bakersfield, Calif.; and Bill Samler, St. Francis and from the David Semler family were Hulda Semler Raile, St. Francis, and Art and Verla Inness, Denver. Both spellings are variations of the original family name that was altered upon emigration to the United States. Jake Samler provided the "definitive" relationship between the Samler/Semler and the Kamla families.

Among the Kamla descendants attending were: Elizabeth (Kamla) Nighswonger family: Mary Lou Munn, Benkelman, Neb.; Nancy Anderson, Clark and Grant, Blair, Neb.; Pauline and Steve Stephenson, Wray, Colo.; Kenneth and Ellen Nighswonger, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Randy, Jan and Jamie Carney, Towner, Colo.

John Kamla family: Sherri, Lela, Kamille and Tracy McAdams, and John and B.C. McAdams, all from Sandy, Utah; Kent, Eileen and Niko

Kirkwood, Taylorsville, Utah.

Paul Kamla family: Marvin and Kaye Kamla; Craig and Connie Kamla and Lacie; and Mark A. Kamla, all of Haigler, Neb.; Matt and Connie Kamla and Micah, McCook, Neb., and Mandy and Miles Hoagland, Colby.

Emma (Kamla) Rath family: Lyle and Jean Rath, Stover, Mo.

Mary (Kamla) Burckett: Mildred Lampe, St. Francis.

Fred Kamla family: Pearl Englund and Yvonne Bills, Denver, Colo.; John and Maria Kamla, Bird City, daughter Monika Bonavia, Kansas City, Mo., and granddaughter, Ceara Kamla, Weskan.

Harold Kamla, Wray, Colo.: Pat and Bonnie Stuart, St. Francis, R.W. Stuart, St. Francis and friend Krista Paul, Hays; Roxy Stuart, St. Francis and friend Eric Nuss, Denver; Roger and Jean Kamla, Benjamin and Hannah, Lake Charles, La.

Also attending were Melvin and Louise Schlepp and Mitchell, all of Kanorado; Spencer and Lisa Schlepp, Aubree and Alyssa, St. Francis; Susan Schlepp, Denver and Eric and Tammy Schlepp Granowsky, Alexander and Elizabeth, New York City.

From Colorado were Dale and Marie Potthoff, Wiggins; daughters Margie and Dalrie and their families, all from Fort Morgan; Margie and Vern Roberts and their sons Aaron and Austin and Dairie and Mike Skraback and their son Steven,

Dalrie's son Toby Dhoogie and their friend Bill Hutchison, also of Fort Morgan.

The reunion festivities began Saturday afternoon at Jake's Place, Haigler, Neb., with social and recreational activities sponsored by the Paul Kamla family. Tours of the Kamla homestead also were available.

Later that evening, Jake Samler presented his personal slide show of churches throughout the world and travel slides of his trip to Turkey. This was in conjunction with the Haigler Zion Lutheran Church Mission Festival.

Everyone enjoyed a buffet dinner at Riverside Recreation in St. Francis Sunday that concluded the weekend events.

Books of the Kamla family history are available from Marvin Kamla, P.O. Box, Haigler, NE 69030.

**Raile, Miller Reunion**

A Raile and Miller reunion was held in Goodland Saturday, Aug. 17 at the Safari Steak House from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It was catered to 73 people.

People were there from several states including Colorado and Nebraska. There were also attendees from a number of different Kansas locations.

Time was spent getting re-acquainted since it had been five years since they'd had a reunion. For some it had been even longer.

A great time was had by all.

**Club Clips**

**Lawn Ridge 4-H Club November**

President Megan Ford called the Nov. 5 meeting to order and the flag salute was led by Dara Loyd, and Sam Marin led the group in a song. Roll call was answered by 19 members, four leaders and four parents. Reports were given.

The club members were reminded by club leader Keeley Loyd that enrollment cards were due as soon as possible. It was decided that the club would attend a get together at Taste-ful Treasures on Nov. 19.

In old business many things were discussed and a committee was formed to buy presents for one boy and one girl from the Angel tree.

In new business, plans for a Christmas party were made.

The meeting was turned over to Sam Marin for the program. Projects talks were given by Amber and Scott, music appreciation provided by Travis and a parliamentary talk was given by Dara.

The 4-H Pledge was led by Scott

and the meeting was adjourned.

**Lawn Ridge 4-H Club December**

The December event was a Christmas party at GAC on Dec. 2. The meeting was called to order by Megan Ford, president and the flag salute was led by Levi Weeden. Roll call was answered by 21 members and six leaders.

Loretta Ford, club leader, reminded the members that enrollment cards were due and that door decorating for the hospital would be after school or Sunday afternoon.

The program consisted of demonstrations by Brooks, Matt and Heidi, a project talk was given by Logan and the group sang songs led by Katie F. and Justin.

The club was reminded of upcoming events by Megan. Josh then led the 4-H Pledge and the meeting adjourned.

**Lawn Ridge 4-H Club January**

Monday and Sunday were Barbara Crouse and Ridge of Hastings, Neb. Saturday visitors were Becky and Lee Long and children of Oxford, Neb.

Milton and Betty Lampe were guests of Kirk and Debbie Grizzell and Kyle of Macksville and Travis Grizzell of Hays from Friday until Sunday.

Karen Krien attended the gravesides service for William Brown which was held in Colby on Monday.

Jason and Kerrie Mayons, Elizabeth and Madeline of Bothell, Wash., were Saturday and Sunday guests of Mardell DeGood. They are grandchildren and great-grandchildren on their way to Wichita to visit their parents, Alan and Dianne DeGood and Rolando and Denise Mayons.

Matt Whitmore, junior president, called the Jan. 7 meeting to order. Roll call was answered by 16 members and three leaders. It was decided to pay outstanding bills.

In old business, the rocketry project was discussed and Jerry Whitmore said members would be contacted with further information.

In new business, it was decided to give Mila Bandel a retirement gift. A committee consisting of Chance H., Katie F., Miranda T., Justin S. and Donita T., was formed to buy the gift. A suggestion was made that the club also purchase a gift for Christy Wurm and her baby. It was decided to buy a savings bond.

Loretta Ford, leader, informed the club members of a community service planned for Valentine's Day. Donita Teeters reported that the February meeting would be the parents meeting.

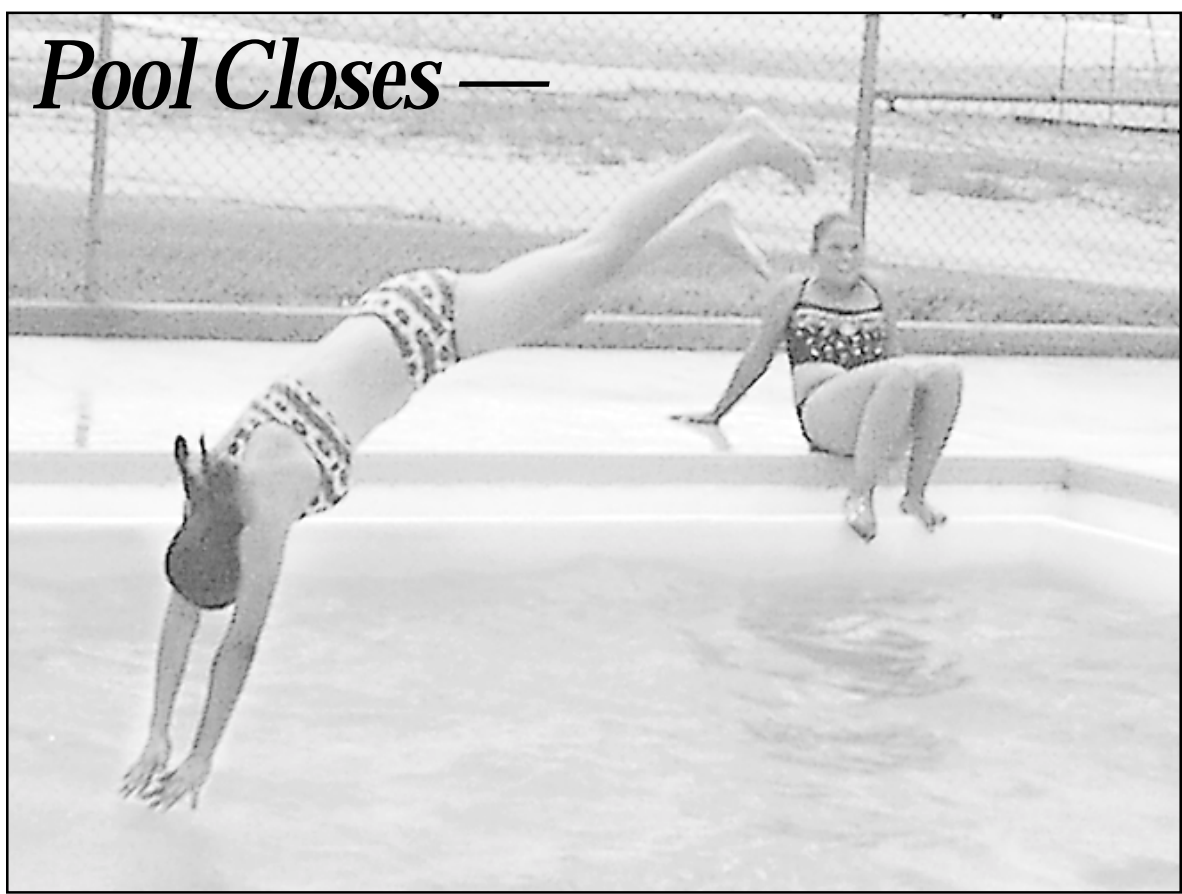
Heidi Yonkey gave a committee report concerning the gifts selected for the Angel Tree names.

The program was announced by Chance Hobrock. A project talk was given by Chance, Justin S. played a CD for music appreciation and Cody S. led the group in recreation.

After the meeting was adjourned, refreshments were provided by the Sherlocks and Teeters.

Ashley Dowgwill, reporter

**Pool Closes**



**THE LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER** have come to a close with the swimming pool closing Sunday. The kids venture back to school Monday with fond memories of the summer.

**St. Francis News**

Last week visitors of LaVera Beringer were Austin and Ramona Wright of Harper, Alice Raile, Barbara Crouse and Ridge of Hastings, Neb., Larry and Brenda Beringer of Sharon Springs, Lee and Becky Long and family of Oxford, Neb., her aunt Hulda Raile, Gertie Zwegyardt and Larry Zwegyardt.

Friday visitors of Victor and Darlene Zwegyardt were Thelma Raile of St. Francis and Norman and Donna Zwegyardt of Peoria, Ariz. They also enjoyed a family potluck supper at the Cheyenne Manor on Sunday evening.

On Friday, visitors of Victor and Darlene Zwegyardt were Alice Raile, Barbara Crouse and Ridge of Hastings, Neb.

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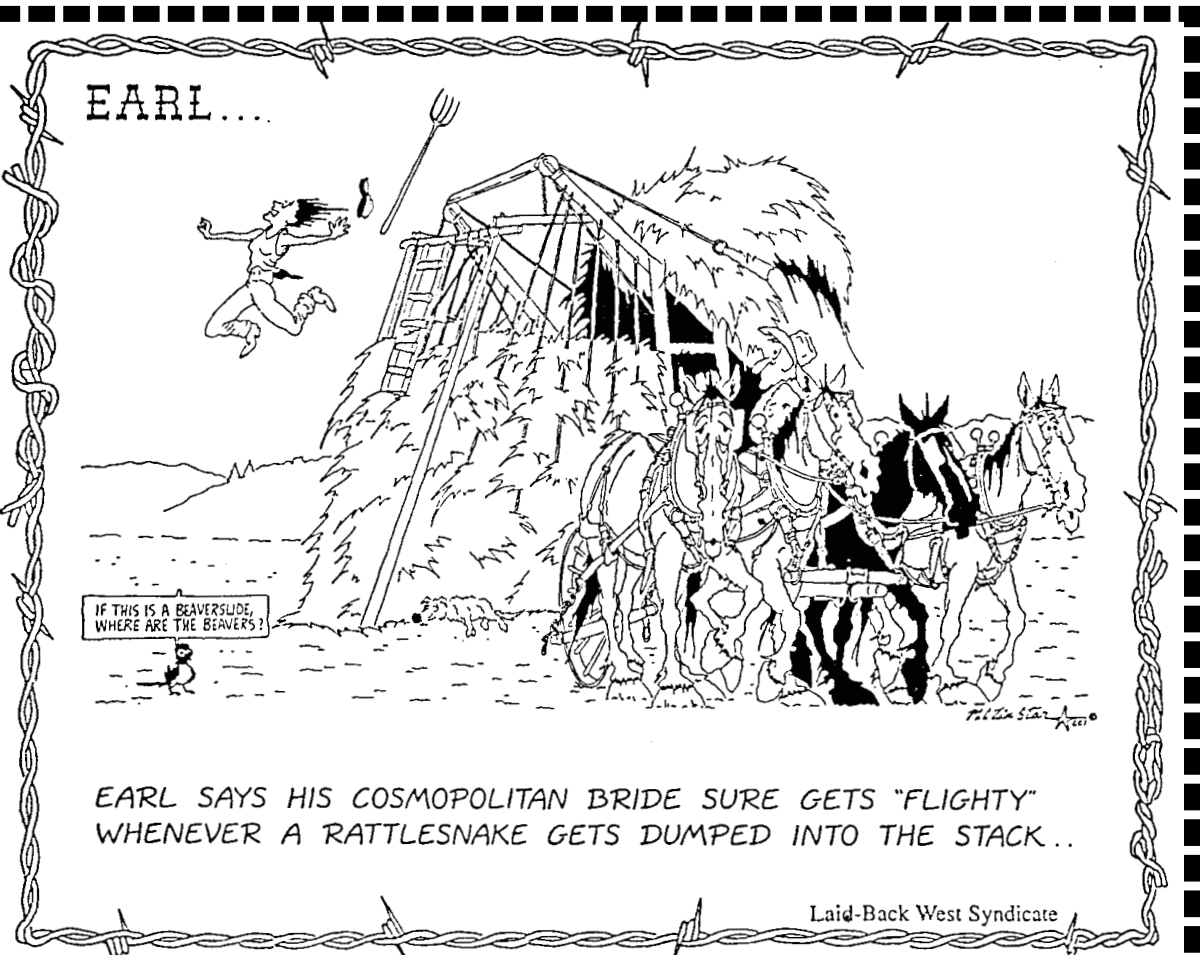
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