

At Home

Doctor dedicates to stroke prevention

Dr. Shalom Kellner, daughter of Elmer and Dorothy Kellner, is among a group of people who are committed to raising awareness and money for the prevention of strokes. The Kansas City Chapter of the American Stroke Association (a branch of the American Heart Association) announces it has 57 individuals participating in the Train To End Stroke marathon-training program for the Kona Marathon on June 22.

Dr. Kellner is running in honor of Hertha Kelley, who suffered a stroke on April 14, 2002.

In addition to running hundreds

of miles to prepare, participants also commit to raising \$4,900 each for stroke education, advocacy and research. Dr. Kellner has been training since January to run the 26.2-mile marathon.

Donations and letters of support can be made out to the American Stroke Association, c/o Shalom Kellner, 23011 Kissinger Road, Leavenworth, KS 66048 or www.kona.kintera.org/kansascity.

Stroke has a serious impact in America. Every 53 seconds someone suffers a stroke. Every 3.3 minutes someone dies of a stroke. There are 4.4 million stroke survivors.



Kellner

Almost 1/3 of people who have strokes are under age 65. Dr. Kellner would greatly appreciate those helping in the fight against strokes.

National honor for college student

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Jennifer Henderson from St. Francis has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar.

The United States Achievement Academy has established the All-American Collegiate Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior



Henderson

students who excel in academic disciplines. The All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Henderson, who attends Kansas Wesleyan University will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the academy.

Henderson is the daughter of Michael and Cynthia Henderson of St. Francis and the granddaughter of Larry and Madonna Sorell and Wanda Henderson, all of Glasco.



Poling

Big day for 1-year-old

Tyson Poling, son of Dr. Brett and Cynthia Poling, celebrated his first birthday on June 18.

Grandparents are Raedell Winston, Dr. Tim and Margaret Poling, Mike Bahnmaier of Wichita, Diane and Yale Schutt of Clarion, Iowa, and Randy and Coleen Prehm of Streetman, Texas.

Tyson has two brothers, Tiernan, 2 and Foster, 7.

Family members gathered at Park Hill Restaurant to help him celebrate his birthday.



Calvery-Leinen

Couple to marry on July 19

Dan and Sally Leinen are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Curt Calvery, Hays, son of Lowell and Vonda McCann and Larry Calvery.

Heather is a 1996 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, a 2000 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in business communications and is currently taking the dental hygiene program through NTC, Wausau, Wis.

Curt is a graduate of Hays High and North Central Kansas Technical College, with a degree in business management and is currently a foreman of M&D, Inc., Hays.

A July 19 wedding is planned in Hays.



Occasion

Brunswig, Rath and Ochsner Reunion

Brunswig, Rath and Ochsner reunion, was held June 14 and 15 at the senior center in St. Francis. Around 80 people enjoyed the hamburger fry on Saturday. Sunday was a big day for the reunion and approximately 120 people coming from California, Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming, Washington, D.C., Missouri, Nebraska and Texas attended.

Those traveling the furthest were Gary and Marilyn Ochsner who came from California; Sarah Ochsner, Washington, D.C., and Leonard and Cindy Hilt, Austin, Texas

Oldest members attending were Earl Bammes, 89, and Olga Bammes, 88, both from Topeka, and Leonard Ochsner, 87. The youngest member attending the reunion was Seth Hilt who is 1 1/2 years old. He is the son of Mark and Deb Hilt.

Martin and Arlene Busse celebrated their 56 anniversary on June 8 and they were recognized.

The Brunswig, Rath and Ochsner reunion is held every two years in St. Francis.

Some of the activities enjoyed by those attending were: touring the homesteads, bowling, golfing, watching the Stearman Fly-In and swimming.

Alumni Gatherings

Class of 53

Twenty-four graduates from the St. Francis Community High School class of 1953 were present to celebrate their 50th reunion on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Those participating in the three-day evening represented eight states including Oregon, Michigan, North Carolina and Florida.

The weekend started with a cook-out in the south park in which returning grads who had forgotten, were again reminded of what the winds can be like in their "old neck of the woods."

Saturday began with coffee and donuts at the Dusty Farmer, they it was on the bus and a tour of The Breaks and Three-Corners area with Tobe Zwegardt playing the role of "history teacher."

After lunch, the afternoon as spent reminiscing, recollecting (sometimes accurately) and taking a stroll down memory lane at the museum.

Sunday morning began with the tolling of the bell at Ye Ole Country Church where members of the class of 1948 joined the worship service.

The group concluded the weekend's with brunch at Riverside.

Those attending from the class of 1953 were: Karna Alsbury Saunders, Shirley Amack Gorman, Albert Bandel, Anne Marie Bandel Mitchell, Keith Bracelin, Beverly Follett Paul, James Hardt, Sandra Kail David, Lois Kellner Erber, Donna Leibbrandt Zimbelman, Betty Lillich Kramer, Janice Manson Painter, Merle Myers Walter, Joy Mills Allen, Harold Mitchell, Darrell Moberly, Colleen Moore Kimball, Gary Neilan, Lavonne Peter Zwegardt, Delbert Schorzman, Flaudine Stull Wieck, Ella Mae Vandike Keller, Verla Weeden Gockley and Fred Waters.

Things we didn't know in '53

During the reunion weekend, members of the graduating class of 1953 decided to jot down a few things that have come along since their high school days.....

A — ATMs, ATVs, alternators, air

- bags, astronauts, Amtrak, aids, angioplasty.
- B — Beatles, Barbie dolls, Burger King, birth control.
- C — Computers, cell phones, CAT scans, CDs, central air conditioning, camcorders, crack, cordless power tools.
- D — DVDs, diet cola, Disney World, digital cameras, disposable diapers, drug dealers.
- E — Elvin, e-mail, ergonomics, ESPN, E-Bay, EMTs, eight track tapes, electronic bill paying.
- F — Fax machines, Fed-X, frozen yogurt, four wheelers, felt tip pens.
- G — Game Boy, garage door openers, garbage disposals.
- H — Hi Fi, high jackers, heat pumps, H & R Block, Honda, hip replacement surgery.
- I — Internet, identity theft, infrared light.
- J — Jet air travel, jet skis, jumper cables, "Joints."
- K — K-Mart, KFC, Kinkos, knee replacement surgery.
- L — Lunar landings, Long John Silvers, lottery tickets, liver transplants.
- M — McDonald, Mastercard, mi-

- crowave ovens, MRIs, meth labs, Mitsubishi, Microsoft.
- N — NIKE, NASCAR, nuclear subs, nuclear power plans, Nissan autos.
- O — Organ donors, open heart surgery, one-hour photo.
- P — Pizza, power steering, Plexiglass, phone cards, Prozac, PIN numbers, polyester, power breaks, Power Rangers, Polio vaccine.
- Q — Quick Shops, Quick Prints, Quick Lubes.
- R — RVs, RV parks, road rage, roller blades, Red Lobster.
- S — SUVs, stereo, Super Bowl, space shuttle, seat belts, Saran Wrap, solar power, salad bard, Seven-Eleven, Sony, software, snowmobiles.
- T — Transistor radios, treatmills, Toyota, Teflon, Title Nine, touch-tone phones.
- U — UPS, Uzzi's.
- V — VHF, VCRs, Visa Cards.
- W — Wal-Mart, Wendys, word processors.
- X — Xerox machines, X-rated movies.
- Y — Yahoo, Yassar Arafat.
- Z — Zip codes, Zolof.

Class of 1948

The class of 1948 met at the high school for the alumni banquet Saturday evening where they reported enjoying a delicious meal and all the visits of former classmates.

Sunday morning, the class attended services at Ye Ole Country Church. Representing the class were Bob and Gertie Zwegardt who presented two special numbers. In memory of those deceased was a yellow rose and a picture of the class displayed on the table and Gertie read a poem in their memory.

The class then journeyed to the Cheyenne Manor where a sign welcoming the class of 1948 hung on the front door. The room was decorated with balloons and pictures of past class reunions and letters from classmates unable to attend.

Those attending were Bob Handwerk, Capiva, Fla., and he came from the furthest. His daughter Cathy Lawsen of Arvada, Colo., accompanied him. Keith Harvey came from Keller, Texas; Duff and Helen Roesner, Aurora, Colo.; Keith and Jeanette Bracelin, Goodland; Lou Ann Neville, Inez Pearson, Harvey Neitzel, Willard and Donna Zwegardt, Gaylord and Gertie Loyd, Robert and Gertie Zwegardt.

The afternoon was spent visiting and the center of attraction was viewing the Model T 1923 truck which Gaylord had restored. Several of the classmates took a ride around the pluck and pictures were taken.

A very enjoyable day ended, hoping to see each other again in five years.

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