

Local couple takes a trip through nine countries

Leon and Darlene Merklin traveled to Phoenix, Ariz., and were house guests of her brother and wife, Alvin and Sylvia Zimbelman on Nov. 2.

On Nov. 3 they all flew to London along with a nephew and wife, Roger and Kim Zimbelman. They joined a tour group and saw the Changing of the Guards at Buckingham Square and they marched to the Buckingham Palace. They saw many old churches, museums and cathedrals and also took a cruise under the London Bridge.

The group saw the White Cliffs of Dover and took a ferry from Dover to Calais, France. There was a storm at sea and it was very rough traveling.

At Paris they saw the Eiffel Tower at night, which was beautifully lit. The next day they went nearly to the top. They attended a dinner theater there. Lots of Paris was decorated with lots of lights for Christmas.

They then went to Switzerland and took a cable car to the top of the Swiss Alps.

Next it was on to Rome to St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. They also saw the largest museum in the world. In Florence, Italy, they took a walking tour of the beautiful cathedrals.

At Venice, Italy, the floating city, they got on a boat and went all around Venice. They went to a glass blowing factory which had beautiful glassware.

At Innsbruck they saw Romeo and Juliet's balcony.

Next they went to Munich and Heidelberg, Germany. They took a cruise on the Rhine to Cologne and on to Amsterdam to see the Royal Palace and Dam Square. They had a farewell dinner on the floating Sea Palace.

The tour guide said they had been in nine countries. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed all the scenery.

When they returned to Arizona, Alvin took them over to Apache Junction to see Leon's brother, Dale. They also got to see Carol Sue and two of their children.

The Merklins returned home on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Club Clips

St. Francis Music Club

The St. Francis Music Club held their monthly meeting in the "green room" in the home of Bonnie Cram at 7 p.m. on Oct. 25.

October is "International Night" and the evening's program was presented by Connie Jenkins. During the spring of 2005, following the devastating Indian Ocean Tsunami in December of 2004, Connie and her son Gabe traveled to India as missionaries. They, along with others from America, visited orphanages and Aides Hospice Centers sharing the word of God. Her emotional story, along with the DVD presentation of music and photos of the region depicting the children and people of India and the poverty in which they live, brought tears to many eyes. She concluded the program with a beautiful and inspiring interpretive prayer dance which she had used to communicate with the children in the orphanages. Connie's presentation was very much enjoyed by all in attendance.

Following the program, the meeting was called to order by President Raedell Winston. Roll call was taken and 14 members were present including three new members Beth Mayfield, Tommi Peter and Shirley Sherlock. Special guests from Atwood were members of the Atwood Music and Drama Club: Gay Dill, president, Kansas Federation of Music Clubs, Anne Schalker, State Chairman, International Music Relations, Donna Beims and Mari Lewis.

Minutes of the last meeting, along with the treasurer's report, were given. Helene Landenberger gave a report on the Northwest Kan-

sas Federated Music Club District meeting in Goodland on Oct. 1, where the St. Francis Music Club received awards for Outstanding Participation in National Music Week and an Award of Merit for the Club Yearbook.

Mrs. Dill then presented the club with an Award of Merit in Folk Music for the April 21 program, "Folksongs From Around the World" featuring the music of Silver and Strings, Talley Morrow and Lila Whitmore. This program featured folks songs from many different countries performed by Mrs. Morrow on flute, recorder, piccolo and vocals, Mrs. Whitmore on gui-

tar and vocals, Matt Whitmore on percussion and Louanne Isernhagen on violin/fiddle.

Jean Ann Confer encouraged all to attend the November meeting which was to be held at the home of Ruth Milliken and feature Pioneer Dramatizations by Colleen Gardner's High School Speech Class and Frontier Fiddle Tunes by Mrs. Isernhagen. Special guests for that evening will be the Red Hatters.

There being no further old or new business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed refreshments served by hostesses Arnita Yost, Tema Trumbo and Bonnie Cram.

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club

The members of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club, in their Halloween costumes, met for a short meeting on Oct. 31 at the St. Francis Equity meeting room.

After the meeting, the 4-H'ers, parents and invited guests went trick or treating as a club. Fun was had by all as they experienced the

Haunted House and traveled throughout St. Francis.

Everyone returned to the St. Francis Equity meeting room for hot chocolate and munchies.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the St. Francis Equity meeting room.

Jancy Dunn, reporter

Student News

Fort Hays State University

Kelsi Bowers, junior, Bird City, was one of five students from Fort Hays State University who recently attended the Public Relations Stu-

dent Day in Wichita.

Students were also able to tour Sullivan, Hiden and Sink Advertising.



PACKING UP CLOTHING — Students of Steve Jenkins' psychology class had a clothing drive for teenage homeless shelter, Urban Peak. On Nov. 21, they were packing the items. Pictured: (l to r) Cheryl Miller, Melissa Burton and J.D. Hawkins.

Photo courtesy of Erin Neitzel

Psychology class cleans out closets for homeless shelter

On Monday afternoon, Nov. 21, members of the senior class were found in the high school library packing clothes into boxes.

As part of a project for their psychology class, taught by Steve

Jenkins, students cleaned out their closets and prepared to send jeans, shirts and other clothes of all kinds to "Urban Peak," a teenage homeless shelter in Denver.

Over Thanksgiving break,

some of the students drove the clothes to the shelter.

Mr. Jenkins and his wife, Connie, began the project in 2000 and it has become a tradition for his psychology classes.

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Dolores Jenik
Cheyenne County Treasurer

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