



**BIKERS** ride down Main Street before their final leg of the journey to the Kansas/Colorado border.  
*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Bikers end trip at Kansas border

By Karen Krien

Three bikers rode into St. Francis, the last town in their tour from Washington, D.C., to Boulder, Colo. St. Francis is quite a distance from Boulder but the bikers had lost time along the way and felt it was better to stop before the weather turned. They may have been wise as a cold front moved into Colorado and Kansas. By Sunday, the clouds had rolled in accompanied by a stiff 30 to 40 mile per hour wind.

High temperatures were in the mid 50s but with the wind chill, it felt much colder.

The trek across the United States has been dubbed the "Pedal-Powered Movie Tour."

The main guy on the ride is Bill Brown, Lubbock, Texas, who was promoting a documentary film about the United States-Mexico border and the immigrants who are crossing it. He said that the desert marks the border between the U.S. and Mexico and its pensive, raw and luminous images construct a montage of a land where immigrants leave traces of their struggles and hopes. Traveling along these same paths, Mr. Brown shows people "where the idea of America is up for grabs" and explores the changes for the worst of the politics and activism behind U.S. immigration policies.

"We ride in the cars of activists protecting the rights of migrants, set

up water stations, listen to the tales of crossing attempts, learn the history of the land, and watch the shadows creep across the fixtures of life isolated in the desert," he said.

He concluded that he thought the government policy was "flawed."

Mr. Brown was accompanied by several different individuals but those ending the journey with him were Laura Reynold, Chicago, a teacher and supporter of Mr. Brown's documentary; and Mike Fleming, Philadelphia, the youngest of the group at 25, a photographer who had just graduated from college.

"As the country debates illegal immigration, we thought we'd join the conversation in a typically American way by hitting the road," Mr. Brown said. "We hope the movies we show will add another voice to this national discussion."

As they have made this bike journey starting Aug. 1 and ending Oct. 6 (it was supposed to end on Oct. 1), they have documented what people have had to say about immigration as well as telling about the many people they have met along the way.

They said they had decided to travel the country by bicycle for two reasons: 1) with gas at \$3 a gallon when they left, it was by far the cheapest way to travel; and 2) the country looks so beautiful from the seat of a bike.

They traveled along the back

roads and scenic routes, stopping occasionally to screen their movies at Unitarian churches, cinemas, retirement homes and backyards. Their movies were "short to shorter" films, ranging from straight-forward documentary to work that's more abstract and lyrical. People can view them by going to the web: [www.homepage.macc.com/r.maisano](http://www.homepage.macc.com/r.maisano), then go to "tour."

As they rode through the back roads, they were able to enjoy the uniqueness of small, historical towns and the great people.

They had all come from larger towns and were amazed at the friendliness of the people they met. They were offered rooms or areas to set up their tents and often fed them. They were stopped along the road and gave something to drink or just offered their help.

The group said the food along the way has been great! There was no fast food, just the little cafes and mom-pop restaurants. They said the pie was the best!! Both Mr. Brown and Mr. Fleming thought it was hard to beat the coconut cream pies they had tasted.

In the future, Mr. Brown hopes to have a documentary about the Washington to Colorado trip as well as more on his filming of immigration. He said he will contact *The Herald* staff to let them know so the date, time and station of the program.

### Grace Weber

March 12, 1923 - Oct. 4, 2006

Grace (Turner) Weber was born the youngest of 14 children to George David Turner and Emma Elizabeth (Cole) Turner on March 12, 1923, on a farm at Ellis, Kan., Trego County, Riverside Township.

She died Oct. 4, 2006, at the Colonial Villa Good Samaritan Center in Alma, Neb., at the age of 83 years, six months and 23 days. She was baptized a Catholic.

Grace grew to womanhood in Russell Springs with her family on a ranch. She attended school in Russell Springs from first grade to 10th grade. Grace met her future husband, Adolph at the dances where they went to at Orion.

Grace was united in marriage to Adolph Henry Weber in Boulder, Colo., on Feb. 17, 1940. To this union 11 children were born, five sons and six daughters: Henry Adolph, Larry Eugene, Bobby Ray, Lois Joan, Wilma Rose, Donald Leroy, Janet Marie, Linda Sue, Teddie Joe, Diana Florence and Sandra Kay. Grace and Adolph lived in Boulder for their first year of marriage before moving to Gove County.

Her first job was working at the Beacon Cafe in Oakley for three years. Then she went to work at Skelly's Restaurant Cafe in Burlington for four years. After that she worked at the Chaparral Motel in the laundry for three years.

They moved to Alma in 1972, where she worked at Bugbee Restaurant. They lived in Denver for two years, then came to St. Francis and managed the 36 Cafe for three years, and lived there for 22 years. They went on the road and did construction work for Brown and Brown of Salina. They lived in Salina when they retired in 1997.

When her health failed they moved to the Windsor Estates in Salina on Jan. 17, 2005. She moved to Alma on July 1, 2005, to the Colonial Villa Good Samaritan Center.

Grace was a "stay-at-home mom" to raise her family. She was a great cook, loved to raise a good garden so she could do a lot of canning. Grace made a lot of homemade bread and cinnamon rolls, pies, noodles - her kids couldn't wait to get home from school to get some fried bread and put honey or syrup on it.

During the war, she made a lot of

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the children's clothes. Grace always loved baby-sitting, playing cards, putting puzzles together or whatever her grandchildren and great-grandchildren wanted to do. She also loved to play bingo and she like to go to dances.

Grace is survived by her husband, Adolph of Alma; sons: Larry Weber and wife, Rita of Grainfield, Bobby Weber and friend, Lavada Wilson of Newton, Donald Weber of Wichita, Teddie Weber and wife, Lori of Salina; daughters: Lois Wolbach and husband, Ned of Goodland, Wilma Bugbee and husband, Erny of Alma, Janet Miller and husband, Dan of Hemet, Calif., Linda Carmicheal and husband, Darol of Salina, Diana Fowler and husband, Ron of Hemet, Sandra Ball and husband, Bradya of Brighton of Brighton, Colo.; 31 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren, seven step grandchildren, 10 step great-grandchildren.

Grace was preceded in death by her parents, George (1925) and Emma (1957) Turner; son, Henry Weber (2002); grandson, Mitchell Dean Weber; granddaughter, Tonya Villegas; great-grandson, Paul Daniel Eli; brothers: Ernest Turner, Charlie Turner, Roy Turner, Ray Turner, David Turner, Richard Turner, Jesse Turner, William Turner, Earl Turner, Harry Turner; sisters: Myrtle Kurcher, Zethel Townsend and Florence Headley. She will be dearly missed by many relatives and friends.

A Rosary/Wake service was held Oct. 6 at Kennedy-Koster Funeral home in Oakley

Funeral services were held Oct. 7 at St. Joseph Church, Oakley, with Father Roger Meitl officiating.

Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Oakley.

Cards may be sent in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, 217 Freeman, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, KS 67748.

Arrangements by Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Oakley.

### Verl Russell Peterson

Date of death Sept. 18, 2006

Verl Russell Peterson, age 78, of Hawthorne, Nev., died on Sept. 18, 2006. Russ was born to Arvel Hogan Peterson and Clatie LaVer King in Spring City, Utah.

Russ served in the Navy for two years at the end of World War II. He had three sons by his first wife.

On Sept. 10, 1960, he married Adelaide Stuart. He had been employed by Tooele Ordnance Depot and Fisher Body as a painter. While living in Kansas he farmed.

He and Del traveled after retiring and worked as seasonal camp managers. They settle in Hawthorne in 2003.

Russ was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. He is survived by his wife Del, three sons, Russ, Ken and Roy, daughter, Coleen Jensen, two brothers, Blair and Archie, and a sister, Arva.

Services were held Sept. 21 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel in Hawthorne.

## Surprise party held

Butch and Judy Ewing hosted a well-planned surprise barbecue potluck cook out for aunt, Barbara Ewing's 85th birthday. Family and friends gathered at 5 p.m., Saturday evening at 525 North College Street in St. Francis.

The out-of-doors area was filled with the aroma of good food combined with great people.

Following the meal, Helene Landenberger, the Wild Rose Poet, entertained the group with her classic poetry and songs. Especially nice was the poem "Barbara and Belva." It recalled fond memories of these two girls and their childhood.

Out-of-town guests attending the

happy occasion were: Jacquie and John Hayes and grandchildren, Brandi and "little" John, of Las Vegas, N. M.; JoAnn and Earl Newmyer, Mead, Colo.; Raminta Stockhute and Laurene Rohn, Lawrence; Michael and Melissa Hunt and daughters, Sara, Kaelin and Cori, Loveland, Colo.

The local people present were Ron Ewing, Nancy Weinstein, Freddy and Cheryl Mosley and son, Laramie and Rita Stephens.

To top off a nice evening, the children spent time horseback riding around the farm.

"A wonderful time was had by everyone because of Butch and Judy," Barbara said.

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