

Couple celebrate anniversary

Bill and Margaret Arasmith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Easter Sunday at the Rexford Community Building.

They were married on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1955, in Densmore. Special guests were their children and families: Everette Arasmith, James and Autumn Arasmith, and Amerissa, all of Rexford; Amanda and Shawn Beuttner, Marki and Josh, Monroeville, Ind.; Linda Parker and R.J., LaGrange, Ind.; Secaley Palmer, Mia and Crystall, Monroeville, Ind.; Shawna Schwarz, Jada and Jaden, Alburn, Ind.; and Patrick and Kimberly Arasmith, Goodland.

Other guests were Margaret's aunts, Retha Lemmons and Martha Turley, both of Scott City, and her



Bill and Margaret Arasmith

uncle, Leland and Faye McGuire, Hoxie; Bill's twin sister, Betty Arasmith, McCook; and another sister, Agnes and Orel Newbery, Towanda. Orel was the minister 50 years ago for their wedding.

Many other nieces, nephews and friends were also present for the dinner and the reception that followed. The anniversary cake was made by Wilma Ritter of Selden.

Girl Scout day camp set at Sappa

Girls Scouts in the first, second and third grades in northwest Kansas will be taking part in an environmental day camp to be held in June at Sappa Park.

Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council has joined forces with the Smoky Hills, Solomon Valley and Western Prairie Resource, conservation and development councils to provide five days of camp for the girls. Other camps are planned at St. Francis, Oakley, Webster Lake and Hays during the first two weeks of June.

Activities will include study of animals, plants, water, soil, water, history, games and more.

Oberlin Elementary School has fliers. Register by Friday with Monica at (785) 625-5671.



ANTIQUES JAM THE ROOMS at Fort Sappa Creek Antiques in downtown Oberlin. Ralph Clapper owns the business along with his wife Lynn. They are assisted in running the store by their son, Ralph Jr.

—Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Club News

4-H Club goes to regional

By SAMANTHA ANDERSON

It was great to see a lot of people from Decatur County at Brewster for Regional 4-H Day. We hope everyone did a great job for our county. We even saw Byron guarding a door with all smiles, waving at us as we walked by.

This last Saturday, April 9, some of the kids from our club went to Hays for a judging competition. None of us in our club has ever done anything like it. We had lots of fun, learned a lot, and did pretty good for our first time out.

The intermediate group had Nolan Wasson, Zach May, and myself. We finished fourth as a team, but the big news was Zach came in first out of 56 kids.

The junior division had Cheyanne Soderlund, Hannah May, Gabe Anderson, and Chris Anderson. As a team they placed second. Hannah was in sixth place and to my surprise, my brother came in third. The highlight of our day was the scavenger hunt using a global positioning system.

On Sunday we held our monthly meeting at Sacred Heart Church. Anne Wasson called the meeting to order, and Hunter

Nedland did the roll call asking everyone, "If you were a car, what kind would you be?" There were some funny answers. Caitlin Shields wanted to be a slug bug, which made everyone laugh.

The club will be planting trees on April 24 and cleaning up the park. A line call will go through to confirm the time. The club voted to give \$25 to the kids who would like to go to Rock Springs this summer, to help pay for the trip.

The program started off with Wade Juenemann reciting poems, which were funny. Troy Juenemann talked to us about his tadpole and frogs he had brought and showed photos of what they will look like. Brent Juenemann gave us a talk on turkey calls and decoys. Madison Monaco sang a fun little song about taking a bath. Keep on singing, girl!

The families that brought snacks were the Dan Grafel family and the Dan Nedland family. It was rumored that Hunter Nedland made the Chex mix, and Kade Grafel helped with the cookies. Good job, guys.

Drama group to perform

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women made plans to serve snack food for the Manhattan Christian College drama group after their performance during morning worship services on Sunday, April 24, at Prairie Chapel. The group will also be performing at the Oberlin United Methodist Church the weekend of April 22-24.

The women met on April 6 at the home of Patti Uehlin with Nadene Lafferty as co-hostess. Roll call was answered by eight members with something about Easter. Phyllis Metcalf gave devotions.

Correspondence was read from Kathy Latta, who spoke in February, and she said she will

use the money given to her from the group for books for North Ward School in McCook, where she is principal. A letter was read from Clara (Harmon) Hammer-schmidt telling of the serious illness of her daughter, Stephanie. Her mother, the late Frances Harmon, was a member of the group.

Charissa Huff and Coleen Rippe plan to go to Prayer Retreat. It was voted to have a meeting on June 1 and several plan to attend the luncheon at noon in Jennings. The Lord's Acre sale will be held on May 1 following a potluck dinner at the church for everyone.

Rowena Cathcart presented the program, "In God We Are One."

Drug testing program set

A program on testing students for illegal drugs will be held from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center, 703 W. 2nd St., in Oakley.

William Judge, a lawyer and expert in voluntary random student drug testing, will discuss the complex issues that surround voluntary random drug testing of students.

In June 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court broadened the authority of public schools to test students for illegal drugs. The court ruled to allow voluntary random drug tests for all middle and high school students participating in competitive activi-

ties.

The ruling greatly expands the scope of school drug testing, which previously had been allowed only for athletes. This ruling has prompted questions for public schools and communities nationwide. Still, it is up to individual communities and schools to decide if drugs are a significant threat and if testing is an appropriate response.

Those with concerns about substance abuse are invited to attend this program. Reservations must be made by Friday with the Regional Prevention Center at (785) 462-8152. Lunch will be provided.

Salad supper planned at church

Faith Lutheran Church women will host a spring salad supper at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21.

Guest speaker for the program to follow will be Kelda McFee of Houston, a petroleum engineer for Shell Oil Co. She will talk about her experiences while working and living at Muscat, Oman, since last August, along with other traveling adventures in surrounding areas.

Miss McFee, daughter of Rob and Loretta McFee of Oberlin, was the 1997 valedictorian at Decatur Community High School.

All women are invited for the evening.

New antique store opens downtown

Ralph L. and Lynne Clapper and their son, Ralph Jr., have opened a new antique store at 166 S. Penn in downtown Oberlin.

The new business, Fort Sappa Creek Antiques, will add a new dimension to other antique stores in the area since it will carry only antiques made before 1900, many of which are from the 1860s.

Mr. Clapper said that they spent the past 40 years on the road doing antique shows in Chicago, Houston and other major cities in the United States.

He said that his wife's family, the Sigwings, were from Cedar Bluffs

and she has a 90-year-old aunt, Maxine Sigwing, who still lives in McCook. Mrs. Clapper's parents were married in Ludell, he said, and they were told that the town was named after a family member.

Mr. Clapper's family homesteaded at Peters Creek, Alaska, and he said he spent his childhood cutting timber "out in the middle of nowhere." The family lived about 35 miles from Anchorage, among the Indians, much like the early settlers in this area. His family later moved to the Denver area.

During their travels throughout this area, Mr. Clapper said they were

impressed with Oberlin and decided to locate here. They moved to Oberlin six years ago from Vernon, Colo., and put their antiques in storage. Since that time they have purchased and remodeled several houses here.

"I got tired of sitting around after retiring eight or nine years ago," he said, "so we decided to buy a building and open an antique store. We will also buy antiques, but only quality items."

The couple's family also includes another son and four daughters.

Store hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

New Arrivals

Teague L. Morford

Dan and Carrie Morford of Oberlin are the parents of a son, Teague Lyndan Morford, born at 7:35 p.m. on March 29, 2005, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. He weighed 6 pounds, 1.9 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Gene and Marsha Morford, and Butch Stanley, Oberlin, and the late Helen Stanley. Great-grandparents are Geneva Morford, Oberlin, and the late Lynn Morford; Melvin Klima, Oberlin, and the late Della Klima; Darlene Stanley, Oberlin; and the late Paul Stanley; and the late Lester and Agnes Chambers.



T. Morford



L. Morford



T. Gnad



Jude Griffin



L. Nachtigal

Lynn Kelley Morford

Lonnie and Kendra Morford of Burlingame are the parents of a son, Lynn Kelley Morford, born at 7:08 p.m. on April 4, 2005 at the Womens and Birthing Center in Topeka. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Gene and Marsha Morford, Oberlin; Rick and Linda Deibert, Lawrence;

Jude Michael Griffin

Jack and Anne Griffin of Denver are the parents of a son, Jude Michael Griffin, born March 25, 2005. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Mike and Mary Dicke, Wichita; and Larry and Shelby Griffin, Roswell, N.M. Maternal great-grandmothers are Laurene Dicke, Wichita, and Ethel Railsback, Oberlin.

Trinity C. Gnad

Troy and Paula (Hrnchir) Gnad of Hays are the parents of a daughter, Trinity Cleon Gnad, born March 29, 2005, at 2:18 p.m. at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces. Grandparents are Ken and Jan Badsy, Oberlin; Gene and Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; and Leroy and Mary Gnad, Hays. Great-grandparents are Sylvia Wachendorfer, Selden; Floyd Badsy, Oberlin, and Teresa Gnad, Hays.

London E. Nachtigal

David and Laurie Nachtigal of Hiawatha are the parents of a daughter, London Elizabeth Nachtigal,

born March 18, 2005. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and has a brother, Brogan, 18 months. Grandparents are Jack and Sybil O'Toole, Oberlin, and Edna Nachtigal, Moundridge.

Internet tonight! 475-2206



Happy Birthday!

The family of *Phyllis (Vaughn) Hensley* is hosting a card shower in honor of her **80th birthday** on May 9. She has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandson.

Cards of congratulations will reach her at 110 Cherry St., #10-IL, Oakley, KS 67748



Happy Birthday!

The granddaughter and daughter of *Vesta Brown-Gilbert* and *Gwendlyn Gilbert-Solko* invites you to join her in honoring their **80th & 50th birthdays on April 13th & 12th** respectively.

Cards will reach Vesta at 710 E. 4th, McCook, NE 69001 and Gwendlyn at 912 W. 4th, McCook, NE 69001



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