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Couple honored on 50th

Frank and Marie Kester of Ellsworth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary from June 4 to 9 with a family cruise to the Bahamas.

Franklin E. Kester and Marie B. Dean married July 15, 1956, in Oberlin. They reared their family in Oakley, then moved to Sabetha and now live in Ellsworth. Mrs. Kester is a 1954 graduate of Decatur Community High School and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dean.

Children of the couple are Debbie and Kirk Hemmert, WaKeeney; Tammy and Greg Jennings, Garden Plain; and Jana and Tim Kubik, Wichita.

They have nine grandchildren, Eric, Sage and Spencer Hemmert; Kody, Myles and Lucas Jennings; and Karli, Max and Kinsley Kubik.

All of the family enjoyed the anniversary vacation, along with a friend, Anna Perry of Wichita.

Rexford youth is princess

Taylor Todd, 9, Rexford, was crowned Miss Beef Empire Days Rodeo Princess during a ceremony at the Beef Empire Days Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association event in Garden City last month.



Taylor Todd

She won the horsemanship, speech and modeling sections of the contest, as well as the People's Choice Award.

She will be in fourth grade at Golden Plains Elementary School and her parents are Jay and Brandy Todd.

FROGS benefit planned

FROGS (Fun, Radical, Outdoor, Getaway) Summer Camp is having a two-day garage sale this weekend with all proceeds going to the free activity for Oberlin kids.

The sale will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Oberlin Covenant Church, 108 W. Cedar, south of the hospital.

Donations would be appreciated and items, with the exception of clothing, may be left at the church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today.

The summer camp is for kids in second to sixth grades, who sing, do crafts, play games, have stories and the like at City Park through the month of July on each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

For details, call Deb Marshall at (785) 693-4344.

Christian Women to meet

Evie Marshall of Colorado Springs will share her story, "God's Way or My Way — It's a No Brainer" when McCook Christian Women's Club meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 21, at the Chief Poolside.

The theme is "Going My Way" and a special feature will be the Boy Scout troop, led by John Zlomke.

Reservations, due by July 19, may be called to Dollie at (308) 345-4011 or Rose at (308) 345-1191.

Pageant contestants needed

The Thomas County Rodeo Queen and Princess pageant is looking for contestants for the 2006 contest.

Coordinator Marie Skolout said girls 8-11 are eligible for junior princess, girls 12-15 for princess and those 16-23 for queen.

Contestants are judged on horsemanship, an interview, speech and modeling. A trophy saddle is awarded to the queen, along with other prizes for the princess and junior princess.

This year's contest will be on Friday, July 28, with entries due by Wednesday, July 26. For entry forms or questions, call (785) 586-2228.

Lora Zwickle's children, Wayne Zwickle and Phyllis Nicholson, will be hosting a card shower and reception for her 90th Birthday on Sunday, July 23 at 2:30 p.m. for family and friends at Wheat Ridge Apartments dining room.

Cards can be mailed to Lora at 715 W. Ash, Apt. 110, Oberlin, KS 67749

Old Glory displayed



A U.S. FLAG donated to the Decatur County Hospital recently was raised by Administrator Lynn Doeden after it was checked over by Oberlin Modern Woodmen Camp Secretary Marie McKisson.

—Herald staff photo by Dave Bergling

Family meets for reunion

The Bobbitt family reunion was held from June 29 to July 2 at the Holiday Inn in Lawrence with Bob and Donna (Kump) Tucker and Shirley (Kump) Werholtz and Max as hosts.

Mr. Werholtz, who is secretary of the Kansas Department of Corrections, directed tours for the group at the prisons at Lansing and Leavenworth. The group also toured several museums at the University of Kansas.

Those present included Barry and T.C. Barclay, Megan and Cameron, Olathe; Darlene Barclay and her sister, Leona Lewis, Topeka; Roger

and Shirley Werholtz and Max, Lawrence; Don and Jean Ann Kump, Kingman; Alan and Judy Morris, St. Louis; Barton and Helen Bobbitt, Loveland, Colo.; Steve Probst, Belton, Mo.; Darrell and Mary Landau, Garden Grove, Calif.; Carl and Charolette Neff, Norton; Warren and Patty Kump, Minneapolis; Robert and Donna Tucker, Wichita; Jordan Tucker and Sara Smarsh, Lawrence; Donna Reist, Olathe; Sherri Neff, Bonner Springs; and Alice Bobbitt, North Platte, Neb. Leonard Cullison, Topeka, was a guest.

Houses to be shown by college

Northwest Kansas Technical College will hold an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday for two houses built by carpentry students.

Each house features oak trim throughout and raised-panel cabinets. A public auction for both will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 23. They are on East 13th across the

street from Larry Keirns Fitness Center on the Goodland campus.

Among 2005-2006 carpentry students is Diana Hashenberger of Oberlin. The instructor is Robert Woodrow.

For details, call college President Kenneth Clouse at (785) 890-3641.

Workshop planned at Hays

Dr. Carrie Nassif, a member of the Fort Hays State University Department of Psychology, will present a workshop, "The Ethical Decision Making Process," from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the High Plains Mental Health Center boardroom, 203 E. 7th, Hays, on Tuesday, July 18.

The workshop, using the Tarvydas' Ethical Decision Making model, will meet the guidelines of the state Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board for three hours of continuing education units. Cost is \$25.

For registration, call Karen Schueler at (785) 628-2871.

Exhibit opens at museum

The Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby is hosting a traveling exhibit, "Golden Weaves of Grain," from the Kansas Association of Straw Artists through Tuesday, Aug. 15.

The objective of the association is

to preserve and promote the ancient art of the plaiting and decorative use of wheat straw.

For details, call the museum at (785) 460-4590 or visit www.prairiemuseum.org.

Rodeo display at Logan

"Rodeo: No Guts, No Glory," an exhibit of 50 black-and-white photographs, will run through Sept. 24 at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan.

Louise Serpa, a rodeo photographer based in Tucson, Ariz., has been battered, bruised, blindsided, and left black and blue. At over 80, with hundreds of rodeos under her

cowgirl belt, she has war stories to tell. A legend by all accounts, the photographer also has a litany of kudos to her name. In 1963, she became the first woman allowed to take pictures inside a professional rodeo arena.

For details on the exhibit, call (785) 689-4846 or check out www.hansenmuseum.org.

New Arrival

Evan Ryan Dejmaj

Ryan and Christy Dejmaj of Shawnee are the parents of a son, Evan Ryan Dejmaj, born June 20, 2006. He weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Tim and Mary Sue Evans, Lenexa, and Joe and Candy Dejmaj, Oberlin. Dale and Eris Young of Oberlin are his great-grandparents.



Evan Dejmaj

I would like to thank those who helped with the 4th of July Fireworks Show.

Thanks to Mike Dempewolf, Lee Scott, Mike Helm, Todd Cook, Ernie Fowler, David Larson, Dan Dempewolf, Linda Manning with the ambulance and Bill Cathcart with the Fire Department.

And a special thanks to all who contributed money to help purchase fireworks for this annual event.

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McGee family holds all-day reunion

The McGee family reunion, held at the Bohemian Hall in Oberlin on July 1, was an all-day affair attended by many out-of-town guests.

The group had lunch together and the children got to break a piñata filled with candy. Many family members toured the museum. The McGee Family History and printed photo album were presented to David McGee and Enid Foland by Sharon McGee, family historian.

Mike McGee digitally captured historic family photos and presented them to the group. A compact disc

of the history of the McGee family was also given to Sharleen Wurm for use at the Last Indian Raid Museum.

Those attending included: David and Hilda McGee, Elaine VanVleet Thomas and Barbara Castor, Oberlin; Becky Madden, Louie Anderson, Enid Foland and Lynette Donaldson, Almena; Oral and Doris Brunk, Lyons; Bill and Christy Horning, Teagan and Chase, Park City; Jason and Lisa Edwards, Caitlin and Addison, Valley Center; Patricia Horning, Park City; Kathy

Thonhoff and Garth Conroe, Montrose, Colo.; Mark and Christen Thonhoff, Salida, Colo.; Mike and Kim Wilcoxson, Alyssa and Michael, and family friend, Danielle VanBuren, Salida, Colo.; Brian and Kris Popowski and daughters, Alli Popowski, Jadeyn and Ashtyn Carr, Denver; Garnet Ginther and Gary Ginther, Cambridge, Neb., and Kirby Kennedy, McCook; Charles Elson, Chris and Jennifer Elson and family, all of Denver; and Mike and Sharon McGee of Houston.

Grafton cousins gather for cookout

A Grafton cousins reunion was held beginning June 30 with a cookout in the Philip and Marilyn (Grafton) Goodenberger home in McCook with 51 descendants of Walter and Addie (Chambers) Grafton present.

On Saturday afternoon, the group toured the Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin, the LandMark Inn, and antique shops in downtown Oberlin, followed by a supper at the home of Roger and Angie (Grafton) Wilson in Oberlin.

The group attended the Presbyterian Church services in Lebanon, Neb., on Sunday followed by a dinner provided by Merwin and Virginia Grafton at the church. The afternoon was spent touring old home-

steads and cemeteries in the area. Merwin Grafton gave a blacksmithing demonstration in the evening.

Kevin Unger gave the group a tour of Decatur County Feed Yard on Monday morning.

Cousins attending included Harvard and Elaine McLean, Oxford, Ohio; their daughters, Kari McLean, Chicago; Rich and Kristie Mentch, Concord, Ohio, and Heather Riley, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Ron and Bertha Whalin, Chatham, N.J.; their son, Steve Whalin and daughter, Amanda, Fountain Hills, Ariz.; Duane and Maxine DeLong, Wichita; Ken and Toshiko Wagner and Lisa, Shoreline, Wash.; Merwin and Virginia Grafton, Peggy Graf-

ton, Jim and Linda Fitzsimmons, Emily, Ashlee, Jill and Walter, Lebanon, Neb.;

Ron Grafton, Denver; Roger and Angie Wilson, Oberlin; Mike and Shelly Wilson, Kinsley; Dave and Pam Wilson, Lebanon, Neb.; Matt Wilson, Manhattan; Randy and Lisa Wilson, Christian and Gabrielle, Colby; Phillip and Marilyn Goodenberger, Mark and Marcia Felder and Rachel, Paul and Marlene Goodenberger, Andrew, Aaron, Becky and Alan, Mark and Kathy Latta, Jack and Katie, all of McCook. Others in attendance were Linda Dimichel, Farmington, Mich., and Larry and Mary Sapp, Denver, cousins of the Whalins.

Childcare grants available for providers

Smart Start Northwest Kansas is offering start-up grants for family child care providers and program improvement grants for experience providers in 11 counties of northwest Kansas.

With money from the Kansas Children's Cabinet, grants of \$500 and \$750 will be awarded to qualifying providers. Jeanne Thyfault, director of resource and referral for Colby Community College, will explain the grants and give out applications to Decatur County providers at a meeting at the Decatur

County Health Department from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. She will discuss the Electronic Benefits Transfer system of the state Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

Anyone interested in becoming a child care provider is welcome at the meeting. For details, call (785) 465-9103.

*We are so glad.
It is a Birthday Party for our Dad.
Come help us celebrate;
Don't be late.
He is just a boy.
His name is Roy.
Eighty is his year.
Please come from far and near.
Bring a memory from the past
Which will make his day forever last.*

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