

Leon and Darlene Merklin and Alvin and Sylvia Zimbelman of Goodland spent a recent weekend in Nebraska. The Merklins were house guests at the Mike and Cindy Mitchell home in Wilber. The Zimbelmans were house guests at the Lyle Wieck home in Lincoln.

The Merklins attended the Bible school program in which Andrew and Justin were in attendance.

On Saturday they picked up Kimberly who had spent a week at Nebraska Girls State in Lincoln.

Sunday the Merklins attended church with the Mitchells and their minister announced that Kimberly had been chosen to go to Europe next summer. He also asked her if she would sing a solo on the 19th, this last Sunday in Wilber.

Sunday afternoon the Zimbelmans, Merklins and Mitchells attended the ceremony of Kimberly receiving her Golden Girl Scout Award (the highest award in Girl Scouts). It was at the Rotunda at the Lincoln State Capitol building. After the reception, the Merklins and Zimbelman returned home.

The Wiecks and Zimbelmans visited the Robert Millers at Lincoln on Saturday.

Elaine Bird of Decatur, Texas, came June 10, and stayed until June 20, at the home of her mother Rosie Ritchey. Her daughter Annette and husband Kris Kripchek of Anchorage, Alaska, came June 11 to visit Elaine and their grandmother, Rosie and family until June 17. Calvin Ritchey was here June 11 and 12 to see his sister, Elaine, Annette and Kris stayed at Bonnie Stebbins for three nights.

Brothers Kevin and family, Rod and LaVern and family joined them for a cookout.

Floris Raile visited with Elaine and her mother on Sunday, June 19.

Alice Straub and Bonnie Stebbins came for coffee Monday morning to visit Elaine before she left by bus at Colby on Monday afternoon.

Dave and Bonnie Straub took Elaine to the Dusty Farmer for supper on Saturday evening.

Kathy Ewing was a visitor Saturday afternoon.

Visitors at the home of Rowland and Phyllis Roelfs were Rowland's brother-in-law, Ed Baker, of Dothan, Alabama, his son Ted Baker, and Ted's two daughters Erica and Ashley. While taking in the sights in and around St. Francis they also visited friends and family.



CARLEY BANDEL is giving it all she has as she tries to make it to the base during one of her T-ball games.
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

House guests of Wilma Lampe last weekend, Saturday to Monday, were Alice Flower, Wickenburg, Ariz., Susan Lindgren, Golden, Colo., and Bertha Cook, Cornville, Ariz. The ladies are all graduates of Armel High School and attended the Idalia-Armel High School Reunion on Saturday evening.

On Sunday an Armel alumni and friends picnic was enjoyed at the Homestead Building in Idalia. After having brunch together on Monday morning they all departed for their respective homes.

Clover and Dave Workman, Olympia, Wash., were Wednesday through Monday guests of Margaret and Kurt Bucholtz. Clover was here to celebrate her 45th alumni.

Oscar (Spunky) and Karen Voit, Canton, Oh. were Friday luncheon guests of Margaret and Kurt Bucholtz.

Lezlie, Casey and Joey McCormick were Sunday dinner guests of Kurt and Margaret Bucholtz. The afternoon was spent visiting with the Dave Workman's and touring parts of the Breaks and Beecher Island.

Marla and Doug Ross were Sunday evening guests of Kurt and Margaret Bucholtz.

Obituaries

Ruby Greer Harkins
Nov. 26, 1907 - May 23, 2005

Ruby Greer Harkins, daughter of William and Hita Smith Greer, was born Nov. 26, 1907, at her grandparents' home in Naylor, Mo. The family lived in Missouri until they moved to Cheyenne County in 1914. Ruby graduated from high school in 1923, at the age of 16.

After high school she worked at the telephone company and in the dry goods store in St. Francis.

She was married to Fred Harkins on Feb. 24, 1927. To this union was born one daughter, Margaret. They lived on a farm outside of town, surviving the "dirty 30s." Ruby was an excellent wife, homemaker and mother. In later years she worked at the city library when it was still located in the courthouse. She retired from the job on three different occasions.

Ruby was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary and the St. Francis United Methodist Church. She especially enjoyed her involvement in the United Methodist Women's organization.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; her parents; brother, Bill and sister Oma. She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Holzwarth; grandchildren: Randy and Barb Holzwarth and Valor and Jim Riedel; and great-grandchildren, Josh and Stacy Riedel, Sunne

and Seth Day, Kirbe Riedel, Christie Holzwarth and Brian Holzwarth, as well as a host of friends, neighbors and the Good Samaritan Village community.

Funeral services were held May 26 at the Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis with Reverend Morita Truman officiating.

Casket bearers were great-grandchildren Josh Riedel, Sunne Day, Seth Day, Christie Holzwarth, Brian Holzwarth, Kirbe Riedel.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home.

Erika Dawn (Brenner) Christensen
July 6, 1978 - June 17, 2005

Erika Dawn (Brenner) Christensen was born to Robert (Bob) and Terry (Larsen) Brenner in Longmont, Colo., on July 6, 1978. She was baptized in 1986, and confirmed at St. John United Church of Christ in Idalia, Colo. She attended all her formative years at Idalia School.

She then attended the University of Wyoming where she met Matt. She married Matthew J. Christensen on



Club Clip
Plum Creek 4-H Club

May meeting
The May meeting of the Plum Creek 4-H Club was called to order on May 9 at the Equity meeting room. It was Parents' Night.

Roll call was answered by what is your favorite animal? There were 16 members and one leader present. The members decided not to sell cookbooks.

Talks were by Shawna Blanka, Martin and Charolette Hilt and Crissy Cooks. The songs was by Graces and the recreation by Zimbelmans.

Hosts were the Blanka and Zimbelman families.

The 4-H flag salute was recited and the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is June 6.

Teri Walters, reporter

June meeting
The June 6 meeting was called to order by Alicia Zimbelman, president, by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by what is your favorite summer activity? There were 12 members and two leaders present.

There was a Junior Leader meeting on June 8. Members decided to have a bake sale on July 2 and each family is to bring two to three items. If you can and want to work at the

bake sale, you need to call Zimbelmans.

From 4 to 7 p.m. on July 23, the Plum Creek 4-H Club will have their tour of the family 4-H farm projects. After that they will go swimming from 7 to 9 p.m. and have a cook out.

Talks were by Mariah Beikman, Amy Hilt and Teri Walters. Recreation was by Graces and the song by Walters.

The Walters and Elfer families were hosts. The 4-H flag salute was recited and the meeting adjourned.

The next month's meeting will be the tour on July 23.

Teri Walters, reporter



Betty Jean Winston traveled to Ellsworth on Thursday to attend a girls softball game that evening. Jean Winston is a member of the Ellsworth team. Unfortunately the game was called after three innings due to lightning. Betty Jean was a house guest of Dan and Cindy Winston, Jean and J.J. on Thursday evening and returned to St. Francis on Friday.

Donna and Norvin Northrup were guests of her brother, Gary and Bonnie Brown in their home on the Greenbriar River near Lewisburg, W. Va., from Sunday, June 12, to Wednesday, June 15. They were joined there by her other brother, Noel Brown of Novi, Mich.; her sister, Beverly and Dave Andrews of Eugene, Ore.; her niece, Kathy Smith and Mathew of Kennewick, Wash; her niece, Mollie and Craig Vgarutz and Casey of Los Angeles, Calif., and nephew, Joel Brown of Oakton, Va.

On June 15 they drove to Chesterfield, Va., where they were guests of their daughter, Diana and Gordon Jenkins until Monday, June 20.

They also enjoyed visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dankenbring and girls of Petersburg, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dankenbring and family of Washington, D.C.

Obituaries

George Bier in St. Francis on Oct. 6, 1927, and they farmed in the St. Francis area. After retirement, they moved into St. Francis and then moved to Loveland in 1974.

Mrs. Bier was active in the Loveland community doing volunteer work. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and Sierra Vista Health Care Center. She was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in various organizations, singing in the choir and playing hand bells. She loved helping and being with people, quilting and crocheting.

She is survived by two daughters, Almeda Norris and husband Ronald of Longmont, Colo., and Deloris Zuege of Haigler, Neb.; seven grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emanuel G. Bier, on April 24, 1985; a son, Loren Bier on March 23, 1999; son-in-law, Herman Zuege; daughter-in-law, Val Bier and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Immanuel Lutheran Church with the Reverend Al Schroeder officiating. Burial was at Loveland Burial Park.

Memorial contributions can be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Hospice of Larimer County in care of Kibbey-Fishburn Funeral Home, 1102 N. Lincoln Ave. Loveland, CO 80537.

Feb. 18, 2000, in Fort Wayne, Ind. To this union was born a son, Ethan Riley, on Aug. 3, 2000.

Erika died on June 17, 2005, in Lansing, Mich.

She is mourned by her husband, Matt; son, Ethan; her parents, Bob and Terry; her brother, Ken; mother-in-law, Paula Christensen; sister-in-law, Cindy Christensen; grandparents, Maxine Brenner, Marion Westerberg, Marian Johnson and Rodney (Joe) Johnson, and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 24, at the St. John United Church of Christ in Idalia with Reverend Joab Patton officiating.

Interment was made in the St. John United Church of Christ Cemetery in Idalia. Memorials may be made to Ethan Christensen College Fund, c/o Sunwest Banks of Colorado, P.O. Box 66, Idalia, CO 80735.

Spellman-Schmidt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Louise P. Bier
March 14, 1908 - June 16, 2005

Louise P. Bier, 97, of Loveland, Colo., died June 16, 2005, at Sierra Vista Health Care Center.

She was born March 14, 1908, in St. Francis, Kan., to Earnest C. and Augustina (Bredy) Lampe.

She attended rural schools near St. Francis. She married Emanuel

Student News

Cleveland Chiropractic College

R.W. Stuart, son of Dr. and Mrs. Patrick R. Stuart of St. Francis, has been named to the dean's honor roll for the spring semester at Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City.

Students are recognized for this academic honor while carrying a minimum of 12 new trimester hours and earning a trimester grade point average of 3.4 or higher.

R.W., a graduate of St. Francis Community High School, plans on graduating from the chiropractic college in August, 2006. He has made the honor roll each semester he has been in attendance.

The week of June 9 through June 13, Dr. Stuart and R.W. both attended the Cleveland Chiropractic Conferences held at the Marriott Hotel in Kansas City.

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