

# A cherry-pickin' day

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Good Samaritan Village residents and a few staff members were enjoying the sun and fresh air Wednesday morning by picking cherries.

The Village has two cherry trees and this year, they are loaded. Cathy Loop, recreation director, said she was hoping there were enough cherries so the residents as well as staff could have a little taste of the fresh cherries.

Residents, Magdalene Paxton, Alice Isernhagen, Bob Morrell and Otto Bandel, along with Mrs. Loop and Leticia DeCarrillo, staff, were filling their buckets. The staff members were taking care of the cherries higher up on the trees.

Both Mrs. Isernhagen and Mrs. Paxton said they had baked many cherry pies in their lifetimes.

"You just put the pitted cherries in the crust," Mrs. Isernhagen said.

"Don't forget the sugar," Mrs. Paxton said.

"And a pinch of salt," Mrs. Isernhagen added.

They both figured they could still bake a cherry pie.

The residents said they had picked cherries before. Mr. Morrell said he had picked lots of them and he really liked eating cherry pie. Mr. Bandel said he also liked eating the pie.

Cherry picking at the Village only comes once a year. It gives the residents a chance to be out in the fresh air as well as giving them a reason to come outside, Mrs. Loop said.



OTTO BANDEL and Leticia DeCarrillo, staff, have a bucket partly filled with cherries. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



PICKING CHERRIES were: top left, Alice Isernhagen, clockwise: Bob Morrell and Magdalene Paxton.



CALVIN RAILE, CENTER, BEING INTERVIEWED by Cathy Loop, Village activity director. Pictured with Calvin, his wife, Dorothy (right). Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Family hears resident's life story

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The Good Samaritan Village resident of the month was recognized Thursday. Otto "Calvin" Raile was the guest of honor as friends and family gathered at the Village to hear about his life and watch a power point of photos. They then enjoyed cookies and juice.

Calvin was one of eight children growing up in the St. Francis area with their parents, Jacob and Magdalene Raile. He was born on Sept. 19, 1928. His siblings were David, Theodore, Louise Raile Walz, Katherine Raile Kuplack, Magdalene Raile Paxton, Charlie, Marie Raile Challis, and William H. Still living besides Calvin are Magdalene and Marie.

As a kid, he remembered helping with field work and milking cows.

He went to school at the country school Battle Creek and Wheeler. When asked what was his favorite subject, he said he didn't like school — he just did what he had to do! However, his favorite teacher was Ada Stone.

On May 25, 1944, Calvin graduated from eighth grade and said that was it! — high school was not in his future.

One day, he went to a cafe in Wray. There he met a cute little gal that was destined to be his wife. He and Dolores were married on June 10, 1951, in the Christian Church parsonage in Goodland. He said that their marriage was the biggest change in his life.

They lived in St. Francis where Calvin worked at the Mill, Caldwell as a service man and at Bud Houtman's where he was a mechanic. He also dug graves and he remembered Lance Long helped him.

Calvin said he was always working so he didn't have time for hobbies. But, he found time to do some stock car racing. In fact, he



SHOWING WHO'S BOSS, Calvin, 13-years-old, breaking a horse.

said he loved racing stock cars and did it for 10 years, noting that was done in his younger years.

He also had a love for antique cars including a 1929 Model A.

Calvin and Dolores had two children, Karla and Randall. They also have four grandchildren.

Mr. Raile went to live at the Village on June 24, 2008.

## Obituary

**Dorothy K. Rathbun**

March 6, 1911 - July 8, 2009

Dorothy K. Rathbun, 98, of Haigler, Neb., died in her sleep early Wednesday morning, July 8, 2009, at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray, Colo., after suffering a second stroke, from which she did not recover.

Dorothy was born March 6, 1911, in Oakfield County, Iowa, to O.R. and Rose Belle Greene Kelley, the fourth of 10 children.

While Dorothy was very young, the family moved west to Mitchell, Neb. It was from this area that the family began laboring as migrant workers. Dorothy was unable to complete the fifth grade, as she began work in the

beet fields to help make a living for the family. They worked their way back east to the Haigler area where Dorothy met and married Roy Vernon Rathbun on Sept. 15, 1929, in St. Francis, Kan.

To this union, three children were born, Delores, LeRoy and Shirley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roy, just two months before their 50th wedding anniversary; all her siblings and their spouses; and a



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son-in-law, Hank Ridgeway.

She is survived by her children, Delores and husband, Dale Faylor of St. Francis; LeRoy and wife, Virginia Rathbun of Denver, Colo., and Shirley Ridgeway of North Platte, Neb.; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 20 great-great-grandchildren and many special nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 11, at the Spellman - Schmidt Funeral Home Chapel in Wray. Interment followed in the Ogallala City Cemetery, Ogallala, Neb.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Plains, P.O. Box 365, Wray, CO 80758 or The Golden Inn in Haigler



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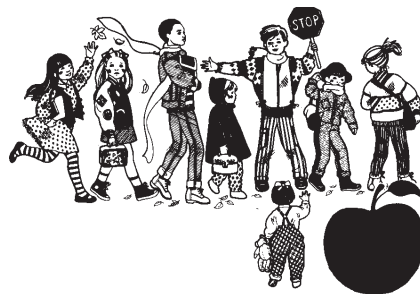
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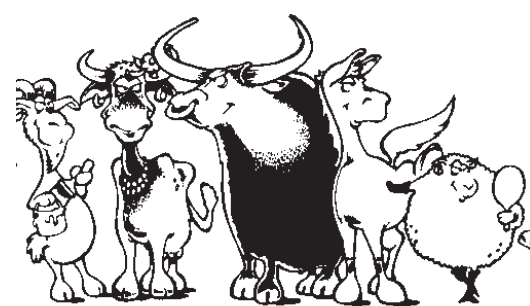
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