

At Home

Resident of the Month



Helen Sykes

where she met Mr. Sykes who died in 1990. Mrs. Sykes was always busy and worked in cafes even after she retired. Her hobbies include dancing, reading, fixing hair and painting. She now lives at the Good Samaritan Village.

Helen Sykes has been selected as the Good Samaritan Village's Resident of the Month.

Mrs. Sykes was born to George and Julia Holzwarth on the family farm. She had six sisters and four brothers. Those still living are Amelia Banister, Lucille Zimbelman, Alvin Holzwarth, Ted Holzwarth and Viola Jones.

Growing up on the farm required everyone to work their share to make ends meet but there were always fun times especially the time when they colored the hen red at Easter time. With that many brothers and sisters, there were always enough to make a team or play game. Their favorite games were pom pom, pull away and hide and go seek. Nick Schorzman, Bill Lampe and Leonard Miller were neighbors and friends.

Mrs. Sykes attended Smith School, District 24 through the eighth grade and remembers teachers Ruth Kellum, Edith Meyers and Inis Russel. Her favorite subjects were spelling and arithmetic and, she admits that she did not like geography. She didn't go on to high school.

She said that her life changed when she was working for a neighbor of Bill Cole. She married Mr. Cole in 1928. In 1954, she married Howard Sykes.

She and Bill had two children, Allan and Sharon Kay and, today, she has eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. During those years, she worked on the farm and always had a garden.

After divorcing Mr. Cole, she went to Colorado to work and that is

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Mr. and Mrs. Norvin Northrup and Mrs. George Harper spent Thursday and Friday in Englewood, Colo., where they attended a retirement party for John England Thursday evening and were guests at the England home and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Chesholm.

Mr. and Mrs. Norvin Northrup, Jamie Dunn and Eric Harper were Sunday evening guests at the George Harper home, celebrating Eric's birthday.

Past visitors of LaVera Beringer were Victor and Darlene Zwegardt, Pastor Chris Farmer and Marcine and Dorothy Orth.

Betty Jean Winston was a Thursday overnight guest of Dan and Cindy Winston, Jean and J.J. in Ellsworth. On Friday, Betty Jean, Dan, Jean and J.J.

traveled to Overland Park to visit Shawn and Leigh Legere, Chase and Miles and enjoy a weekend of activities.

Friday evening they attended a Kansas City Royals/Minnesota Twins baseball game with a fireworks display following the game.

Saturday morning began with everyone watching Miles' soccer team having an opening day win. The group spent the afternoon and evening at Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun.

The eight of them traveled to Pomona Lake on Sunday for a day of boating, picnicking, knee boarding and tubing.

The Winston's all went to Ellsworth Sunday evening while the Legere's returned to Overland Park.

Betty Jean arriving in St. Francis Monday morning.

Grand opening set for Friday and Saturday

After being closed for a few years the Frosty Mug has opened under the ownership of Ty and Amy Wilkens. They are planning a grand opening for Friday and Saturday before Labor Day.

Both evenings, starting around 4 p.m. they will have an outdoor garden set up in a tent on the south side of the restaurant. They have hired a disc jockey and have built an outdoor dance floor. The dance will start at 8 p.m.

There will be drawings for door prizes both evenings. This should be a fun time for everyone and a good way to celebrate the Labor Day weekend. Come and bring the whole family.

Mr. Wilkens can handle a big group as he was coordinator of dining and housing at Kansas State University before coming back to McDonald.

The restaurant will be open on Labor Day to serve dinner and supper.



Jaxton Knorr

Celebrates birthday

Jaxton Noah Knorr celebrated his first birthday on Aug. 9. His parents are Garry and Stacy Knorr. His grandparents are Jan Morgan, Richard Morgan and Junior and Deloris Knorr.

Those helping him celebrate throughout the day were sisters Ashton and Dykota and brothers Garrett and Dax, uncle Dan and aunt Marlene Penton and Grandma Morgan.

His cake, made and decorated by big sister Ashton, was enjoyed by all along with cookies and ice cream and presents too, of course!

Occasion

Eikenberg reunion

On Aug. 17, 57 descendants of Louis and Alvina Swantusch Eikenberg gathered for a joyous day of reminiscing and getting reacquainted at the home of Lavonne and Delmer Zwegardt in Parker, Colo.

Former St. Francis area residents Hanna Klinzmann, Martha Lueschen and Emma Peter were among the 10 children of Louis and Alvina.

Those attending were: Michael, Lorrie, Emma and Hannah Bade, Hy and Sonja Engel, Jeff and Lori Engel, Dee Fry, Karlene Fry, Kelli and Megan Gartland, Charlie and Pam McDonnell, Dodie McDonnell, Susan McDonnell, Katy McDonnell, Geoffrey Peter, Dallas Peter, Norma Jean Lunsford, Corinne, Tom, Nic and Luc deHerrera, Maxine Snyder, Kevin, Eileen and Alyssa Snyder, Melvin Wells, David Woodend and Delmer and Lavonne Zwegardt, all of the Denver metro area, Delmer and Delores Eikenberg of Haswell, Colo., Brian, Jeannie, Tandi and Nickolaus Eikenberg and Randy Eikenberg of Greeley, Colo., Jeff, Chris, Emily and Aylissa Eikenberg of Pierce, Colo.; Shauna Hausback of Shawnee, Sara Schultz of Louisburg, Lynda and Kenny Kreutzer of Upland, Calif.; Art and Suzanne Klingmann of Burlington, Colo., Darol, Carrie and Evan Peter of Goodland, Amy Travers of Palo Alto, Calif., Willard Peter, Arlene Peter and Eddy and Sherry Schultz of St. Francis.



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