

A group of six St. Francis residents drove to Goodland Wednesday Aug. 21st where they joined 44 other folks on a "Keenage Karavan" 12 day tour to Parks and Canyons of the Southwest. These tours are sponsored by the Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church and provide happy fellowship, enjoyable sightseeing & informative stops at places where the church serves in mission.

The tour had originated in Wichita so the first night was spent in Burlington, Colo., with a tour of Old Town, a Merry-Go-Round ride, and dinner served in the big barn. Thursday they traveled on to Denver with the first stop being to visit Warren Village, a church sponsored project serving single parents and children. Free time was then enjoyed at Cherry Creek Mall, a visit to Ocean Journey Aquarium, and to Larimer Square for browsing and for the evening meal. Overnight was in Golden, Colo.

Friday the bus traveled on through Colo., enjoying a very scenic drive to Vail, Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction. Here a bus tour of the Colo-

rado national Monument was very lovely and breath taking. It covers 32 square miles and has giant rock formations, sheer walled canyons, Mesas and hair pin curves. The night was spent in Grand Junction.

Saturday found the group at Moab, Utah for lunch and free time before touring beautiful arches National Parks near Moab. Overnight was at Salina, Utah.

Sunday morning church service was held on the bus while traveling on towards Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks. The wonder of nature in these two parks is just awesome, and was enjoyed very much, especially Zion Park in the early evening sunset hours.

The night was spent at the Thunderbird Lodge in Mr. Carmel, Utah.

Monday the group traveled on to Glen Canyon Dame and a five hour boat ride on Lake Powell which was a highlight. A group picture was also taken at Lake Powell, and the night was spent at Page, Arizona.

Tuesday's journey was to the Grand Canyon National Park with several

sight seeing and shopping stops. Lunch was enjoyed here and a step on guide gave interesting information while joining our bus ride along the rim. A late afternoon drive through Oak Creels Canyon was beautiful with overnight enjoyed in the lovely town of Sedona, Arizona.

Wednesday, travel continued on to Flagstaff and to visit a giant meteor crater 60 stories deep and 3 miles in circumference. Interesting stops were then made at the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest, before going on to Gallup, New Mexico with overnight in Grants, New Mexico.

Thursday, after passing through Albuquerque, the group stopped in Santa Fe to see the famous Loretto Chapel with it's free standing wooden spiral staircase to visit the Plaza and the Indian Jewelry shop on the sidewalk and to enjoy the local culture and food. They then traveled on to McCordy School in Espanola, New Mexico, a Mission project of the church. An auction had been held on the bus while traveling of things the group had made or donated, and a sizable amount was received from this, that was donated to

the school. This was the Karovan's main mission project on the tour. A school director gave an interesting talk to the group about McCordy school and led a walking tour of the campus. Travel then continued on to Angel Fire, Cimarron Canyon, and then to Katon, New Mexico for the night.

Friday was the last day of the trip. After a rest stop at Springfield, Colo., the group arrived at Ulysses, KS at noon at United Methodist Church where Pastor Dennis Livingston is now the minister. They were given a tour of the Mexican/American Ministries there of the church facility, and treated to a Mexican lunch in which Pastor Dennis joined the ST. Francis group. Fourteen of the Western Kansas's left the tour here to return home while the rest traveled on to Wichita.

Those going from St. Francis were, Van and Nola Burrus, Mardell DeGood, Lucille Price, Wilma Lampe and Charlie Rogers They reported a very busy but enjoyable twelve days of fun and fellowship together, as part of 50 Keenagers on a journey.

## Center Day proceedings held

The annual Center Day celebration, sponsored by Center Church Association, was held at Center Church grounds, 14 miles southeast of Bird City, on Sunday, September 1st.

Activities commenced with the Annual Meeting called to order by Fred D. Magley, President, who welcomed all in attendance. Wayne Deeds offered an Opening Prayer. Phyllis Wright and Marsha Magley led in the yearly singing of favorite hymns: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," "In The Garden", "Ivory Palaces", "Faith Is The Victory", "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder", "In The Sweet, By And By", "Amazing Grace", "Rock Of Ages", "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul", "Shall We Gather At The River" and "Jesus Loves Me (for seniors)". The Morning Message was brought by Fred Stasser, guest speaker, of St. Francis, who used Romans 8:1-16 as his Scriptural Focus.

Recess was called and Table Grace offered by the President prior to the serving of the noontime Potluck and Fellowship.

A regular Order of Business was conducted, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Highlights included a progress report on shelter improvements planned in the near future and supplies at hand. Special Acknowledgment was made of J.D. Eggers, for painting the north shelter panels, staining the recently acquired podium and construction of the new flagpole; to Arnold Jr. and Sandy Magley and Wayne and Irma Deeds, for mowings at the church grounds; and Fred Magley for acquiring bricks and glass blocks.

Elected to serve as Association Officers during the coming twelve months are: Fred Magley, President; Junior Magley, Vice President; Maxine Query, Secretary; Marsha Magley, Treasure Ruby Tracy (3 years), Delbert Powell (2

and) Lucille Wright (1 Year), Trustees; J.D. Eggers, Agent.

The annual Country Christmas get-together is scheduled for the evening of Friday, December 6th, 6: p.m., at the home of J. D. and Yvonne Eggers, with those attending asked to bring Christmas fingerfoods and goodies.

Phyllis Wright presented a Memorial Ceremony, paying tribute to the memories of Lynette DaPron granddaughter of John and Hollis DaPron; Rev. Morris O. Berry, husband of Evelyn REEDE, Trout Berry; Carolyn Kay CONNETT Query, daughter-in-law of E.J. Query; Ken Dautel, husband of Merna BERRY Dautel; Richard Layman, husband of Sharon Kay QUERY Layman; and Laura WOLFF Wilson, granddaughter of Olive FISHBECK Stebbins, all deceased since the 2001 Center Day was held.

Sharing Time brought special words from Junior Magley, Irma Deeds, J.D. and Yvonne Eggers. Dexter Eggers recited "The Cremation of Sam McGee and Wife" Ann ZIMMERMAN Eggers sang a light-hearted song, "The Frozen Logger". Other poems and readings were shared by Fred Magley, "A Friend"; Maxine Query, "The Train of Life," in memory of her son-in-law Richard Layman; Carol Brubaker, "A Tribute To The Faith of My Grandmother"; Marsha Magley, "Of Music and Song"; Wayne Deeds, "Dear God"; Phyllis Wright, "Pray For The Kids Who Lose Shoes and Those Who Have None"; Sandy Magley, "Doctors and Babies", and Helene Landenberger, "Tables" and "The Flag".

In conclusion, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, a Closing Prayer was offered by the President, and J.D. Eggers rang the church grounds bell to announce the close of Center Day 2002.

## Beecher Island News

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively hosted dinner Friday in honor of Mark Bowmans birthday. Other guests were Doris Whomble, Mrs. Mark Bowman and boys, Major and Mrs. James Kennedy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Shively and family.

Darlene Strangways celebrated her birthday Monday with Bill Strangways, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Katie and Bernie Oberg taking her out to eat in Yuma. Later enjoying cake and ice cream at Bernie Oberg's home.

Rick and Jennifer Gardner were Monday lunch guests of June Richers. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg spent August 17-24 with Mr. and Mrs. Ed

Ingo and families at Ridgeway.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls met Dillon Rose of Grand Junction at Pueblo where he participated in the 4-H State Trap Shooting. They returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Humphrey visited Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heath Sunday afternoon.

Major and Mrs. James Kennedy and family spent Thursday evening to Monday morning with MR. and Mrs. Rowe Shively. They are stationed at Fort Leavenworth. Joining them Sunday for dinner were James's sister Kirstin Kennedy and friend Todd of Boulder, Doris Whomble and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen. Joining them in the

afternoon were Greg Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Shively and family.

Violet Brown visited Saturday morning at the Richard Brown home with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Larkin and family. They all had lunch at the LaFamilia.

The Bill Mansfield home was a busy place this weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman were Friday overnight guests. Brian Goodman had dinner with them Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Reingardt were Saturday overnight guests. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman and Greg and friend Audrey.

Gwen Cranmer spent Monday with Bernice Eberhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hurlburt were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family. They all visited Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen Saturday.

Deb Smith, Larry and Mary Allen, Kevin Reeves, Rachel and Nathan Andrews and Gordon and Betty Orth of St. Francis enjoyed a music evening at the Rowe Shively home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dent, Dwain Dent was also home for the weekend from his school work in Pueblo. Paul and Bessie had lunch Saturday with Joyce and Ron Brown on

By Bessie Dent



their way home.

Violet Brown called on Nettie May Welton Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways were Monday afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield spent the weekend at the Todd Novak home.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen and Veda Douglas visited Bernice Eberhart Thursday.

Zack and Austin Bowman spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively to play with their Kennedy cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hurlburt, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen had Sunday dinner in Idalia.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Reigardt of Fort Collins were Sunday until Monday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent.

Harold Kamla and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Stuart were Monday dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Pat Stuart to help Margaret Stuart celebrate her birthday.

Norma Ekberg spent the weekend with the Jim Ekberg and Kay Ekberg families.

### Interesting Facts

- The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.
- The youngest pope was 11 years old.
- The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.
- Those San Francisco cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.
- Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David; Hearts - Charlemagne; Clubs - Alexander, the Great; Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
- If a statue in the park of a person on

a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

• Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.



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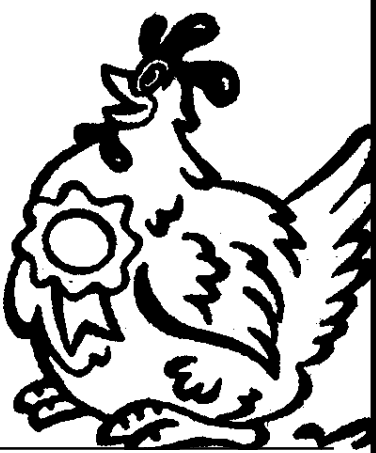
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## 4-H Tab

To be inserted in October.

This tab features a collection of articles celebrating 4-H Week and the 4-H Clubs in Cheyenne County.



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