

Members of Center Church, friends gather for festivities

The wind was blowing and it was cool on the morning of Sept. 3, as Center Church Association members, many descendants of the pioneer Center Church congregation, gathered to observe the annual festivities at Center Church grounds, 14 miles southeast of Bird City.

Jacket and sweatshirts were appropriate apparel in the earlier hours. The aroma of fresh, hot coffee and several pickups passing by, carrying hunters, reminded those arriving that fall was not far away.

After an hour of greetings and fellowship, the wind subsided, the sun shined and members assembled in the church grounds shelter for the opening of the annual business meeting and worship hour. The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Wright, who extended a welcome. An opening prayer, by Maxine Query, secretary, was followed by "The Lord's Prayer."

Rock of Ages, Standing on the Promises, In My Heart There Rings a Melody and *I'll Fly Away* were sung, led by Rosemary Powell, Phyllis Wright and Marsha Magley.

Marsha Magley taught the morning lesson, titled "The Old, Old Stories," using several focal Old Testament scriptures in relating highlights from the recorded ancestral histories of Adam, Noah, Abram/Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Jesse, and David, first King of Judah, through Jehoiachin, 20th King of Judah, who

was taken prisoner by the King of Babylon during the destruction of Jerusalem, in about 997 B.C.

The morning devotional, "Safe In My Heavenly Father's Care," presented by Mrs. Wright, was followed by table grace, offered by Fred Magley. *Be Present At Our Table, Lord* was sung and members then recessed for a delicious potluck lunch.

The meeting resumed after lunch with Mrs. Wright presiding.

A regular order of business was held. Officers elected to serve for the year 2006-07 are: Mrs. Wright, president; Arnold Magley Jr., vice president; Sandra Magley, secretary; Marsha Magley, treasurer; Gerald Wright (three years), Billy Pope Duncan (two years) and Sandra Magley (one year), trustees, J.D. Eggers, Agent.

Special appreciation was extended to Junior and Sandra Magley for mowing and upkeep of the church grounds throughout the year.

Fred Magley was appointed to search further into the acquisition of bricks for improvements at the shelter.

In memory of Clara Mae (Bowland) Welch, Fanny Ellen (Patten) Peacock; Thelma Eleanor (Tippie) Hendricks; William m Fleege; Delbert Nelsen, Ron Callahan and Corrine (Jarmin) Petersen, all deceased since Center

Day 2005, Mrs. Powell led in "We Remember," a memorial tribute, using passages from Psalms 59: 16-17, Psalms 118: 28-29 and II Corinthians 4: 17-18 as focal scriptures. "One Step At A Time: and "Reminders," poems by Joseph Moore and Merilette Boal, respectively, enhanced the tribute.

Business being concluded, Center Day participants enjoyed Sharing Time. Junior Magley volunteered a reading, "I'm A Senior Citizen And Proud Of it." "Inheritance," a poem by Pat Postel was read by Delbert Powell. Maxine Query read, "Visitor To Cowboy Camp," a poem by Joe Kreger.

Poems performed by Mrs. Wright were "The Wall" and "A Little Memory," after which she shared a story from her years as a student at Center School, on the corner west of the church grounds. A pair of skis was purchased with school funds and students would ski down the ravine southwest of the school house during winter time recess, on what is now the Junior and Sandra Magley place.

"We had a lot of fun with those skis...and when the items were sold out of the schoolhouse, after the school closed, those skis were still there and were auctioned off."

Mrs. Powell read a poem, "The Importance of Friends: A humorous story of "Three Sisters" was enjoyed by all. Maynard Wright read, "Horse Sense," and Gerald Wright told about The Road Angel, a cafe/community center for truckers, which operates totally by donations, at Exit 68, Brown Town, Ill. Marsha Magley presented a poem, "They Used To Say: Special words were spoke by Marshall Squires and J.D. Eggers.

An impromptu trip, Phyllis Wright, Mrs. Powell and Marsha Magley, sang a humorous senior citizen's parody of *My Favorite Things*, titled *Old Song*, which proved to be a major highlight of the day.

Sharing Time closed with everyone singing, *Jesus Loves Me For Seniors*. A closing prayer was offered and Center Day concluded with the singing of *God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again*.

Country Christmas Celebration will be on Friday, Dec. 1, at Bird City Senior Center at 5:30 p.m. Association ladies will arrange for the refreshments and program.



HOMEMADE ICE CREAM is a monthly treat at the Good Samaritan Village during the summer. Cathy Loop, activities director, talks to some of the other residents while Bob Morrell takes his turn at the handle.
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Sainty student ranks at top

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Miller

Established in 1996, the Mount Oread Scholars Program is designed to facilitate academic connections on campus and is part of Kansas University's Freshman-Sophomore Advising Center. New first-year students are invited to become a Mount Oread Scholar if they graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school class and received an American College Test (ACT) composite score of at least 28 or a minimum Scholastic Apti-

tude Test (SAT) score of 1,240.

Mount Oread Scholars work individually with an adviser in their field of interest, share class schedules to form study or discussion groups and enroll in relatively small classes taught by veteran faculty. There is also a Learning Community and orientation seminar course reserved for scholars. The program's retention rate is above 90 percent.

Before the school year begins, the new class of Mount Oread Scholars traditionally makes the walk up the hill known on campus as Mount Oread. The walk signifies the beginning of a high education journey for these scholars whose ultimate goal is to walk down the hill as part of Kansas University's commencement tradition.

This is the 10th class of Mount Oread Scholars to make the walk. On Aug. 14, two scholars carried

the 2006 Kansas University graduation banner to further mark this important beginning, and many of the scholars wore T-shirts emblazoned with "What Goes Up, Must Come Down."

Kathryn Nemeth Tuttle, associate vice provost for Student Success, led the walk, pointing out landmarks along the way and providing commentary about Kansas University's history. At the top of the hill, staff members of the University Libraries welcomed the students to Spencer Research Library, where a continental breakfast was served. Vice Provost for Student Success Marlesa Roney and Assistant Dean of Libraries Scott Walter joined in welcoming the students.

Sheryl, the daughter of Terry and Mary Beth Miller, is a pre-ali- lied health freshman.



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