

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Roger Thorson, 82, who died Aug. 7, in Silverdale, Wash. His wife is the former Lila Anderson, formerly of this community, and a sister of Eunice Martin of Oberlin and Violet Holle of Atwood. Other survivors include a son, Todd, and daughter, Julie, and their families.

Those who attended memorial services from this area were Eunice Olson, Oberlin; Candy Rauhut, Garden City; Connie Robison, Littleton, Colo.; and Kevin and Mary Holle, rural Herndon. While gone, the Hollies also visited his uncle and aunt, Ernie and Ruth (Holle) Collard of East Wenatchee, Wash.; and cousins, Paul Collard, Kirkland, Wash., and Todd and Connie Thorson and Teagan, Maple Valley, Wash.

Chandra Frost of Arvada, Colo., was among visitors recently of the Wesley Bendas, Gerald Bendas and Mark Olsons. She is a roommate of Sarah Olson at Kansas State University and her name was incorrectly given as Donna Frost in last week's news.

Doris Peterson is recuperating at the Rawlins County Health Center in Atwood after suffering a broken arm and hip in a fall at her home last Monday. She was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., for surgery. Mail will reach her at the hospital, 707 Grant Street, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Lee and Terri Munsell and Amanda of Lee's Summit, Mo., visited recently with Edla Olson, Steve and Arian Arnold, also Jim and Jean Roberts, and Elizabeth Migchelbrink of Atwood.

Tanner Schmidt, son of Joe and Vicki Schmidt, recently completed a summer internship in construction management in Las Vegas. He visited his parents and other relatives a few days before returning to Kansas State University.

Mary Lou Olson had lunch on Wednesday with Gara Lee Sprague of Arapahoe, Neb., at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin. They visited in the afternoon with Mrs. Sprague's sister-in-law, Elaine Thomas, who has moved to the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, and Evelyn Olson.

Bill and Eleanor (Olson) Miller of Gresham, Ore., visited relatives last week. Thursday supper guests of Glenn and Eunice Martin in Oberlin besides the Millers were Galen and Lynne Olson, and Dorothy Chase, McKinney, Texas; Fran and Violet Holle, Atwood; Kevin and Mary Holle, Steve and Arian Arnold, Herndon; Beth Holle and Henry, Achilles; and Edla Olson, and Randy and Sharon Olson, Oberlin.

Dorothy Chase was a guest of Edla Olson while they were here and Galen and Lynne Olson, and Mike and Nione Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., were weekend guests of

Steve and Arian Arnold. Kendra and Jessica Kelley of Frederickburg, Colo., visited during the Decatur County Fair with their grandparents, Dick and Donna Kelley.

Elma Lee Erickson returned home on Friday from Kearney, Neb., where she had spent two weeks to be with her sister, Em Threlkel, and daughter, Neva Lou Holub, while their husband and father, Don Threlkel, was hospitalized. They all accompanied her home.

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation entertained with a Swedish dinner at the Prairie Development Center in Atwood on Sunday to honor its clients, who clean the church weekly.

Tyler Witt and Kurt Olson accompanied their grandmother, Mary Lou Olson, to McCook on Wednesday for a back-to-school supper. Tyler left Thursday to return to Vo-Tech School at Scottsbluff, Neb., and Kurt is a senior at Decatur Community High School in Oberlin.

On Saturday, Mary Olson and Ashley and Whitney Witt and Mary Lou Olson enjoyed a back-to-school trip to McCook, then visited at the home of James and Kimberly Witt with Keely Wilson and Julie Beth, who were visiting there from Kearney, Neb.

Don't let the good food go bad

Nobody likes to find rotten fruits or vegetables in their refrigerator. Enjoy the tastes of the season by keeping your purchases fresh.

Buy only the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables you and your family can eat within storage time limits. Foods from a garden generally will keep longer than items purchased at a store. Here are more tips to help you get the longest storage life for your fresh produce:

Keep them cool and dry:

- Wait to wash vegetables until just before using them, but wash vegetables including cantaloupe, watermelon and pumpkin, prior to cutting them.

- Some foods (including onions, oranges and potatoes) should be left out of the refrigerator completely. Store these items in mesh bags in dry, cool, dark spaces for up to one or two weeks.

- Some fruits and vegetables (such as apples, bananas, melons and tomatoes) do best if left to ripen on a counter before being refrigerated. Once ripe, these foods should be stored in the refrigerator for optimal freshness.

- Crisper drawers are the coldest and most humid section of the refrigerator. Store berries, broccoli, carrots, corn, grapes, lettuce heads, and pre-cut fruits and vegetables in the crisper drawers.

- Most refrigerated vegetables last longest when they are stored in a resealable plastic bag that has six to eight small holes poked in it. The plastic holds in moisture, and the



Home Time

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holes let in some oxygen so the vegetables can "breathe." Line the inside of the plastic bag with dry paper towels to keep excess moisture from spoiling the vegetables.

Here are standard storage times for some common fruits and vegetables:

Corn — 1-2 days.
Asparagus, bananas, berries, herbs — 2-3 days.
Broccoli, grapes, green beans, green onions, greens — 3-5 days.
Peaches and pears — 5 days.

Lettuce — 5-7 days.
Cauliflower — 1 week.
Carrots — 1-2 weeks.
Beets and radishes — 2 weeks.
Apples — 1 month.

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Also receiving ribbons in 4-H entries this year at the Decatur County Fair were Tyler and Cassidy Shields. Tyler received a purple ribbon on his brownies and a blue ribbon on his cookies, and Cassidy received a purple ribbon on her cookies and a blue ribbon on her bundt cake. Caitlyn Shields entered muffins in the open class junior division and received a red ribbon.

Jerry and Connie Olson and Evelyn Olson were honored with a Century Farms Award Thursday evening at the Decatur County Farm Bureau Annual Dinner meeting. To qualify, a piece of land must be owned continuously by a family member for at least 100 years. Land owned by Jerry's grandfather, Erik Olson, is now owned by Jerry, Evelyn, and Janice (Olson) Baer.

Kristin Groneweg was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Hostesses were Karen Eskew, Jackie Votapka, and Janeil Baxter.

A memorial service for Beryl Orthmann was held Saturday afternoon at the Oberlin Cemetery. Among those attending were Beryl's two daughters, Jan (Orthmann) Cappel, Holdrege, Neb., and Cindy (Orthmann) Hilliard, Justin and Mary Kate, Beeville, Texas; granddaughter and family, April and Michael Kendall, Elijah and Isiah, McCook, niece Sharon (Beery) Wright and Lorenzo Will-

hoite, Manhattan; Martin and Evelyn May, Janice Cundiff, Karolyn Muirhead, Walter and Betty May, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica.

Saturday overnight guests at the John Bremer home were Sharon Wright and grandson, Lorenzo Willhoite.

Additional early afternoon visi-

tors at the Bremer home before the Beryl Orthmann memorial service were Jan Cappel, Michael and April Kendall, Elijah and Isiah, and Cindy Hilliard, Justin and Mary Kate.

Rory Wendelin returned home Sunday afternoon after attending an overnight DCHS Singers retreat at Red Willow Lake.

Warehouse Auctions

Tuesday, September 26

5:00pm CDT
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