

Good Samaritan News

We are so excited! We have a new web page for the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, which you can access to find out what is happening here at Good Sam.

The address is www.good-sam.com. Go to "Find a Location," then choose Kansas and click on Oberlin. There are pictures, articles, and links to the activity calendar, the Museum and also the Chamber of Commerce.

Anita and Steve Hirsch have been working hard to get this up and running for us and now it is ready, so check it out! Pictures and articles will be updated every two weeks so make sure to save it to your favorites folder.

This week, the crafting ladies have been busy with two more projects that will be for sale at our Holiday Bazaar to be held in conjunction with our third annual Rock-a-thon, scheduled for November. Opal Bryan, Kathryn Post, Hazel Flaska, Thelma Spiers, Elaine Thomas and Faye Miller are

creating some wonderful crafts that will take care of everyone on your Christmas list.

Cindy Sattler's first-grade class came to read for the first time on Tuesday. There were lots of smiling faces, both young and old, as the kids met their reading pals!

Friday during Social Hour we served root beer floats to a full house and then exercised our brains with a good old game of hangman. Song titles were used as the residents gave letters and tried to be the first to call out the title. Edla Olson was our champ!

Saturday afternoon, friends and family of Ruby Wennihan hosted a birthday party in her honor. Cake and ice cream was served all around. Ruby's birthday guests included Opal Rolland, WaKeeny; Camille Higer, Ellis; Norma Richards and Deanna Hanschild.

Esther Ready was here for a few days from New York City to visit her parents, John and Muriel Ready. Tracy Keeling of Nebraska visited everyone.

Saturday evening we were blessed with some Magical Music performed by Cheryl Miller on piano keyboard and vocals performed by her brother, Keith Schrock; and her father, Loren Schrock, on harmonica. This was a special toe-tappin' treat for everyone!

When you come to visit, please take notice of the antique pew, purchased from the Lyle United Methodist Church in memory of Dena Gillespie. The Lyle gals will be giving a history presentation on the churches in Lyle sometime next month. Watch the calendar for more information.

Visitors this week were: **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon; **Ruth McQuiston** - Helen Gee; **June Saum** - Anna and Jane Brown, Indianola, Neb.; **Opal Bryan** - Sharon Slabaugh; **Dorothy Hunt** - Reva Marshall, Mildred Black; **Elsie Macy** - Marian Fraker; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Eva Bryan** - James Barratt, Lincoln, Neb.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Mildred (Erickson) Lang is recuperating from surgery which she underwent on Saturday after suffering a broken right arm and hip in a fall at her home in San Leandro, Calif. She is formerly of this community and is a sister-in-law of Elma Lee Erickson. Her daughter, Sonya Gillespie of Mulvane, went to be with her. Mail will reach her c/o Karniel Lang, 20 Via Matero, San Lorenzo, Calif., 94580.

Dick and Donna Kelley spent the weekend with Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica at Frederick, Colo., and helped Kendra celebrate her 10th birthday.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson have returned home after vacationing in Minnesota and North and South Dakota, at Lake Superior and other points of interest.

Wayne and Irene Duell of Englewood, Fla., visited in the area over the weekend. Joining them for dinner on Sunday at Park Hill in Atwood were Elma Lee Erickson, Norma Anderson, Elden and Detta Anderson, and Verol and Rosemary Bergling. The group visited in the afternoon at the Verol Bergling home.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy returned home last Monday from

Hotchkiss, Colo., where they visited Evan McEvoy and Alex. En route they visited Ruth Swanson at Rifle, Colo.

Dolores Benda is hospitalized in Salina.

Sally Olson has been a guest at the home of Bob and Annette Frenzl in Salina after undergoing cataract surgery there on Wednesday.

Steve and Arian Arnold visited Billie Johnson and had dinner with Larry Jones and Dee Bantam of Cambridge, Neb., Sunday.

Mark Olson was a guest of his son, Kurt, for Dad's Weekend at FarmHouse Fraternity at Kansas State University over the weekend and they enjoyed the K-State-Missouri State football game.

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mildred Grafel, who died Sept. 11. Memorial services were held Tuesday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin and interment was at Herndon Immanuel Cemetery.

Wednesday morning visitors at the home of Esther Pennington were Butch Eckerdt and Theresia of Loveland, Colo., and Ann Solko and Chris Wood.

Rick Wood of Arvada, Colo., was a weekend guest of Kent and Chris Wood.

Sarah and Rachel Grafel were Sunday dinner guests of their

grandparents, Don and Joan Grafel.

Joey Leitner of Atwood was a brief visitor of his grandmother, Voni Sattler, on Saturday afternoon. Voni Sattler had supper with Brad, Deanna, Zach, Chelsey, Brandi and Kassidi Williams on Sunday.

Corrections: Labor Day weekend visitors of Carol Kompus were listed as Jim and Carol Vogel. It should have read Jim and Sharon Vogel. Also, among recent guests of Frank and Jean Huss for a family reunion should have been Kent and Travis Huss of Hays. Beth Huss was unable to attend.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The city's Main Street and Williams Street have been prepared for winter weather. Bill Scott swept the streets clean and the county oiled and sanded.

Football Friday with Grinnell/Wheatland will be Homecoming. A parade will be held down Main Street in Rexford at 4:30 p.m., with a pep rally at 5 p.m. at the gym.

If anyone would like to participate in the parade, call Sheri Jacobs at (785) 475-2481 or the school at 687-3265.

There will be a tailgate party at the football field at 5:30 p.m., sponsored by the junior class. Make plans to come out and support the Bulldogs.

The Thieler reunion was held at the Red Barn on Sept. 9 with 11 present.

After a carry-in dinner at noon the afternoon was spent visiting, looking at pictures and catching up on genealogy.

Those present were Don and Lily Thieler, Kenneth Thieler, Colby; Donna Waterman, Atwood; Gary and Virginia Solko, Ludell; Jaret Miller, Gem; Loretta House, Colorado Springs; Elaine Morgan, Agra; and Rex and Betty Carswell, Selden.

Guests at the home of Sondra Barnett recently were Shalom Kruse, Gabriel, Kaleb and Trinity

of Pretty Prairie. The next day Sondra's children from Liberal came to visit, including Bryan Barnett, Cory and Tessa Barnett, Tabitha, Corban and Obidiah. They all visited both of their grandmothers, Velma Barnett, Gem, and Hulda Wark, Hoxie.

Social Hour Club was held at the Red Barn on Wednesday. Jean Hawkins was the hostess. Bingo winners were Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Vesta Roth and Marjorie Leh. Sondra Barnett was the winner of the hostess gift.

Cyndi Stepper, Kansas City, came for her mother's 95th birthday. They spent the day with Bert Dible and Kay Benkeman in Colby.

Vicki Allison went to Lawrence to visit her daughter, Kristin Wark, for Parents Weekend at the University of Kansas.

Rebecca Rains, daughter of Victoria, also went. Saturday was spent shopping and then tailgating before attending the football game.

Red Barn ongoing activities: Bible study on Wednesday, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Come on Down at 2 p.m. on Thursday; and Koffee Klatch on Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Until next time, make your week memorable.



NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of DECATUR COUNTY will meet on the 2nd of October, 2007 at 10 a.m. at the Courthouse in the Office of the Decatur County Commissioners for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed Budget Information is available at the Office of the Decatur County Clerk and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2008 Expenditures and Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2008 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change, depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2006		2007		Proposed Budget 2008	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax
General	1,042,109	11.969	1,055,750	15.868	1,240,750	662,898
Road	758,392	9.648	1,030,000	9.826	1,065,000	350,000
Spec Bridge	201,072	2.000	250,000	2.000	250,000	66,945
Home for Aged	15,306	0.499	75,000	0.483	75,000	15,500
Fair Premiums	3,274	0.095	3,500	0.094	3,775	3,000
Fair Maintenance	16,956	0.479	17,250	0.476	19,000	15,500
Conservation District	10,000	0.284	12,750	0.315	19,000	16,000
Hospital Maintenance	213,981	6.022	216,000	6.029	235,000	194,000
County Health Nurse	108,362	1.159	101,500	1.145	111,000	36,750
Extension Council	68,509	1.892	70,000	1.870	72,250	60,000
Mental Health	26,014	0.733	27,000	0.748	29,000	24,000
Mental Retardation	28,000	0.788	29,000	0.795	31,000	25,500
Out-District Tuition	58,538					
Noxious Weed	168,670	2.163	155,000	2.139	172,000	70,000
Election	43,704	0.631	42,000	0.624	60,000	50,000
Special Liability	9,284					
Employee Benefits	541,731	14.819	720,000	15.577	746,000	557,000
Senior Citizens Levy	25,522	0.788	41,500	0.624	41,500	26,000
Bond & Interest	32,605		77,680		77,180	16,600
Museum-Historical	16,811	0.473	17,750	0.483	20,000	16,600
Economic Development	17,366	0.489	18,000	0.490	20,000	
Spec/Alcohol/Drugs	705		3,500		3,500	
Spec Park/Recreation	880		3,500		3,500	
Summer Rec/Gen	9,346		9,500			
Spec Equip Reserve	23,998		24,737			
Spec Machine/R&B						
Wireless 911						
911 phone						
Totals	3,441,135	54.931	4,000,917	59.583	4,294,455	2,206,293
Less Transfers	0		200,000		155,000	
Net Expenditures	3,441,135		3,800,917		4,139,455	
Total Tax Levied	1,742,152		1,912,315			
Assessed Valuation	31,715,450		32,099,109		33,475,975	

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2005	2006	2007
	G.O. Bonds		
Other			
Revenue Bonds			
Lease Pur. Princ.			
Total	0	0	0

Other District Funds	2006		2007		Proposed Budget 2008	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax
Ambulance Dist #1	191,056	2.229	163,500	2.206	163,500	
Total Tax Levies	162,700		70,750			71,241
Valuation - DC -	31,715,450		32,099,109		33,475,975	
Rural Fire Dist #1	36,812	1.360	120,000	1.360	120,000	
Total Tax Levied	143,500		36,773			37,032
DC Valuation	26,458,064		24,328,680		25,578,192	
NT Valuation						
See special Publication for Cemetery Districts						
Totals	0	3.589	283,500	3.566	283,500	108,273

*Tax rates are expressed in mills
Marilyn Horn, Decatur County Clerk

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