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**CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE POSTS AVERAGE CROWDS**  
Garage sales were scattered all around town last Saturday. Despite the threat of rain all day, attendance was good. Located in the park was a garage sale under the canopy of the Delfelder Shelter House. (Photo above) This particular garage sale was designed to benefit the Pool Fund. The organizer Bridgett Kelly was not able to be in attendance but her helpers were. Several locals donated items to her enterprise. The unofficial results indicated she raised over \$500 for the fund. Those that worked were genuinely surprised on the amount of support they received. Left over items were being donated to a local charity. Bridgett should be commended for her sense of public service.

#### **LIONS PRESENT PROCEEDS**

Larry Coder, the Big Lion of the Effingham service organization presented a check to Nancy Keith and Eileen Ellerman Monday morning at a ceremony in the Effingham Diner for the net proceeds of the recent 2K/5K Fun Run. The Lions sponsored the event on the Alumni Banquet weekend. Several locals as well as visiting alums participated in the event. The Class of 1967 was in attendance with some visitors from neighboring classes joining in. Shown in the photo below are L-R Chuck Hawk, Pat Friend, Eileen (Smith) Koutelas, Sue (Buser) Martin, Debbie (Ray) Ryan, Martha (Banks) Coder, Scott Courtney, John Strine ('66') and Bob Falk ('63') as they start down Main St on the 5 K portion of the event.

Nancy reported to us the following: Thanks to the hard work of the Effingham Lions Club & the technical knowledge and organization of Effingham's local consultant, the 2K/5K Run/Walk was an overwhelming success. One hundred eleven eager persons divided into the thirty-nine 2K and seventy-two 5K participants. The result was a whopping total of \$2,892 for the pool equipment fund. Certifi-

cates were given to the following categories: First Place 5K Runner - Jason McCullough, First Place 2K Runner - Dave Woodward, Youngest Participant - Noah Robinson, Oldest Participant - Venita Jo Schurman, & Largest Group - Jackson Farmers Representatives.. The longest distance traveled to the Run/Walk was shared by Patricia Milliken of Bonita, Calif. & John Strine of Sacramento, Ca. Raffle ticket prizes were obtained from Atchison Walmart, Exchange National Bank, U.S.D. # 377, Atchison Chamber of Commerce, & Hilligoss Family Shoes. At least eighteen participants won a variety of prizes, ranging from hats, T-shirts, backpacks and bag, wall clocks, water and soft drinks, Trolley tickets & Lakefest Tickets. Businesses that gave support for the activity were listed on a Support Board or on the back of the T-shirts given to participants.



They include United Bank of Kansas, Exchange National Bank, Oswald Dairy, Coder Electric, Hegarty - Caplinger Insurance, D. J.'s Food & Fuel, Stranger Creek Realty, The Newsleaf, B. R. Charolais, Reichart Farm, Moser Family Herefords, Atchison Walmart, Big Jim's Tours, Effingham Diner, Handke Farm Inc., Martin's Trash Service Inc., Atchison Dental Associates, Jackson Farmers Inc., Hair Square -Nancy Marlatt, Armstrong Farms, Armstrong Inc. - Tires, Harveyville Seed, & TABS Unltd. People are already starting to talk about continuing this activity next year. Thanks to the LIONS CLUB & OUR LOCAL CONSULTANT!



### ALL AROUND US by Alice Johnson BUS TOUR SEATS AVAILABLE

The Ravishing Ritzy Effie Ladies are really excited about their upcoming trip July 7th and 8th to Wichita. Please join us for a fun filled two days. There are still some seats available, and if you are interested please reserve yours soon. Points of interest are the Z-Bar Ranch House at Tall Grass Prairie, drive down K-177 through the beautiful Flint Hills, Museum of World Treasures, Diamond W Chuck Wagon Supper and Show, Coleman Museum & Outlet Store and Karg Art Glass. For more information call Donna Conner at 913-833-4685 or e-mail [dlicebc@yahoo.com](mailto:dlicebc@yahoo.com).



### ART DISPLAY

The Effingham Community Library is asking for art projects to be displayed in its display cabinet--particularly by the youth of the community, since this year's summer reading program theme is "Be Creative @ the Library." Please bring your creations to the library as soon as you can. The theme includes arts and crafts.

### BODENHAUSENS ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Recent guests of David and Joanne Bodenhausen were John and Virginia Friesen of Palm Springs, CA on their way back to their summer home in Calgary, Canada. John was a pastor at Camp Creek in the 60's.

This past weekend relatives from California arrived: John Strine, Sedelia and Lon Tennant of Elk Grove; Deloris and Ed Kurtz, Fremont; Tom and Cheryl Hawk, Durham; and Mark Anderson, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Over 60 years ago two members of the Strine family married into the Hawk family. So a Strine reunion was hosted by Steve and Vicki Jones at Bendena on Saturday and they attended the Hawk Reunion in Effingham on Sunday. The "in-laws" were amazed at all the relatives they have in Kansas.

### MARY MARTHA CIRCLE MEETS

Sally Ellerman hosted the Mary Martha Circle of the Effingham Union Church with eight members present. Eileen Ellerman shared "The Power of Encouragement" for devotions.

Ida Taliaferro, chairman, presided over the business meeting. They made plans to serve supper for the VBS, July 28th. They voted to serve a meal to the Blood Mobile Staff at the Effingham Union Church Christian Ed Building on June 29th. Several members volunteered to make pies for the Farm Bureau Supper. Ida gave the lesson, "Growing in the Garden." The next meeting is September 9th with Elaine Oakleaf as hostess, lesson leader and devotions.

### RUTH CIRCLE MEETS

The Ruth Circle met at the Union Church Christian Ed Building. Beth Barnett presented the devotions on faith from "Mothers are Forever." Chairman Alice Johnson opened the meeting with prayer. The members voted to donate \$50 to Salvation Army

and \$50 to Effingham Swimming Pool Equipment Fund. They made plans to serve the VBS supper on July 30 and to furnish four dozen cookies for the VBS supper August 1st, and to serve refreshments to the family of Geneva Snyder, Saturday June 13th. The next meeting is September 9. The meeting was closed with the members praying the Lord's Prayer.

### ALTAR SOCIETY MEETS

St. Ann's Altar Society met on June 1 in the parish center. President Jill Thorne led the prayer to open the meeting. Twelve members answered roll call with "what are your vacation plans?" Leita Weber read devotions titled, "Somebody Loves you." Denny Cunningham gave the communications report. Seven cards were sent last month. Two thank you cards that were received by the Altar Society were read to the group.

In old business, a signup sheet for those wishing to change their job assignment at the picnic was discussed, created and placed in the back of the parish center.

In new business, lunch for the Eucharistic Minister training at St. Louis Church was discussed and planned. Breakfast after Mass on Father's Day was discussed and confirmed. Plans to begin saying the rosary before mass were discussed.

The meeting was closed with a prayer. Refreshments and door prizes were provided by hostesses Mary Lu Hurst, Lisa Hurst and Lori Hurst. The next meeting is scheduled for July 6th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading activities: Wednesday June 17- at 10:00 a.m. will be "Paint a Shirt" day. Wednesday June 24 at 10:00 a.m. is Music day with special guest, Blaine Oswald.

The library is open Monday 12:00-4:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9-00 a.m. - noon and 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Thursday 12:00-4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

### GRADUATES AND STARTS OBGYN INTERNSHIP

Jamie Nicole Gall was a member of the 2009 Graduating Class of Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 23rd.

She will take her internship in OBGYN at Warn, Michigan for four years, starting July 1st.

If you visited Dr. Rider in Valley Falls last October, you met Jamie. She had a month of rotation in his office.

Jamie is the daughter of Gary and Betty Gall, Topeka and the granddaughter of Ida Taliaferro and the late Robert Taliaferro.

### KIDNEY TRANSPLANT

Clark Moses, Effingham, underwent a kidney transplant at KU Med Center at the end of last week. His family reports that he is up and walking and may get to come home at the end of this week. He was fortunate that he was only on the Kidney Foundation Transplant list two months before receiving that fateful call.

### COMMUNITY CALENDERS

The 2010 Community Calendar Campaign has started. Members of the Effingham Community

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Club will be calling their customers. The campaign got a late start as the calendar company was late in sending the current information. If you don't have a community calendar and would like one, call Alice Johnson at 913-833-4432. Also, if you want an ad for your business and don't have one, call Donna Conner at 913-833-4685. The calendars are only \$4. Birthday and anniversary listings are a quarter each. The calendars are a great way to keep track of the important dates of your relatives and friends. The ads are a handy reference of the phone numbers of community businesses.

## THANK YOU EXPRESSED

To my awesome family, thank you for making my 80th birthday party a most memorable day. To my friends, old and new, thank you for cards and notes you took time to send. Thanks to all who came to the open house and shared the fellowship with my family. The Good Lord has blessed my life with all of you. May His blessings be on you, also. Venita Jo Rader-Schurman.

## CELEBRATION PLANNED

Lucille Kemp will be honored June 21, 2009, with a day of celebration on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Lucille came to the Effingham area in 1926 with her parents, John and Minnie Banks, and seven of her nine brothers and sisters. She lived most of her adult life in Kansas City, KS before returning to Effingham in 1998. A mass of celebration will be held at 8:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Church, 301 William, Effingham. She is the church's oldest parishioner.



Her family invites the community to stop in and congratulate her on becoming a "centenarian" at a reception in her honor from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church. She requests no gifts, please, but cards are welcome. Cards can also be sent to her in care of the Jefferson County Geriatric Center, 408 Delaware, Winchester, KS 66097.

## EFFINGHAM COUNCIL JUNE MINUTES (unapproved)

All members of the council were present. Mayor Jim Potts called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Blunt moved to accept the minutes of the previous meetings as written. Hurst seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hurst moved to approve and pay the bills. Wohlge-muth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Keith presented the Swimming Pool Committee report. She reported a balance of \$17,902.78, which is about 40% of

the committee's estimated goal. Kate Oswald reported on the 2K/5K Walk/Run Event she is planning. She has 110 participants at this time. The Effingham Lions Club is sponsoring the event. The Council thanked the Pool Committee and Kate for all the hard work they have done.

City Superintendent Buzz Faught reported that remodeling at the pool house is nearly finished. They expect to begin filling the pool on Sunday and will add the chemicals Monday or Tuesday. The concrete work should be done sometime late next week if the weather holds. New light poles were purchased as the old ones would not adequately support the new light fixtures. They hope to have all work at the pool completed by the 15th or 16th. Application for Payment No. 4 from Continental Pools, Inc. in the amount of \$59,400 was submitted for consideration. Blunt moved to approve Continental Pools, Inc. AFP #4 and pay them \$59,400 for work done to date less retainage. Hurst seconded the motion.

City Superintendent Buzz Faught reported on the progress of the Water Improvements Projects. The initial well house startup didn't go well. They will try again tomorrow. We will be running on 2 wells Monday and should have the 3rd well running within a week. Engemann thinks he will be done with the digging in about 2 weeks. Then they will start with the finish work. Painting of the water tower has been moved back another week. It will take approximately 3 weeks to paint the tower. Request for Payment No. 5 from Engemann Drainage Co., Inc. in the amount of \$85,714.34 was considered. Wohlge-muth moved to approve RFP #5 and pay Engemann Drainage Co., Inc. \$85,714.34 from City Funds. Blunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The council considered colors to paint the water tower and lettering styles for painting the city's name on the tower. Eckert moved to use the biggest bold block lettering on the list received and to paint the tower Clear Sky Blue. Kloepper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

City Superintendent Buzz Faught gave his monthly report. He reported that there is a leak between the properties at 402 and 406 Elizabeth Street. He has called Dig Safe and when locates are done he will have to dig it up to find out what is going on. The hydrant at the Ball Field has been leaking. He is working on this. If it doesn't stop, the hydrant will have to be replaced. He has a hydrant he can use there if necessary. He also reported that he dug out the ditch at 520 Elizabeth. He asked if the council wants him to put a bridge in the ditch or leave it like all the other ditches. The council told him to leave it as is. He told the council that the project on Seabury will begin next week. He asked if they want to try to get chip and seal on the street as soon as the work is complete. He was directed to contact the county and get estimated costs and see if they will be available to do the chip and seal next month. He is to report back at the July meeting.

The drainage problem in front of 207 Howard was discussed. Water sits at the end of the driveway and covers a large portion of the street. City Superintendent Buzz Faught said that he has been unable to come up with a solution to the problem. Council members will try to look at the problem and possible solutions will be discussed later.

Clarence Todd gave the Tree Board report. He presented a list

of trees to be trimmed and removed. Most of the listings are for trimming. Letters only need to be sent to adjoining property owners where trees will be removed from the right-of-way. Todd asked if the city would be able to pick up and haul away the debris when trees are trimmed. He would like to have this done before the County Fair. The City Superintendent said he will need a weeks notice to make arrangements to pick up the trimming debris.

A draft ATV Ordinance was discussed. The council members were given copies of the draft ordinance and reference materials to look over for discussion at the July meeting.

The city clerk told the council that the quote received for insuring the new water tower at 90% replacement cost is \$1,117. The council thought that was very reasonable but would like have more information on the coverage before making a decision on whether or not to insure the water tower.

Kloepper moved to appoint Bob Blunt as President of the Council since he received the most votes in the recent election. Eckert seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 in favor (Wohlgemuth, Hurst, Kloepper, Eckert) and 1 opposed (Blunt). Todd moved to adjourn the meeting. Blunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Pat Strine, City Clerk

#### **CHRISTIANS AT WAR** by Jack E. Albright

You shall not kill; blessed are the peacemakers; turn the other cheek: forgive seventy times seven, and many other quotes speak of anti-violence, and restitution.



Yet how many black bordered pages of secular and religious history record wars and physical violence; burning heretics at the stake; witch hunts and killings.

I heard a man tell this story: "I loved a man out of church. We didn't like each other and the other man tried to avoid me but I followed him around and told him, 'I love you.' This made him furious but I did it every chance I got. Finally he left and joined another church. So I loved him out of church." This sounds more like sadistic passive aggression.

Does it surprise you when you read James 4:1-3 from The Message version? "Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it. You wouldn't think of asking God for it, would you? And why not? Because you know you'd be asking for what you have no right to.

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You're spoiled children each wanting your own way."

The absence of a greeting with brotherly affection gives a serious and powerful message. James totally detaches himself from the warring and fighting that he addresses. James had included himself with the group in the preceding chapters. He closed chapter three with an admonition to use divine wisdom to decide which of the warring factions was in the right. Now he goes deeper to find the source of the fights that develop among Christians.

Modern Christians need to listen to the message from James to use divine wisdom to avoid wars and fights in our churches today. We have witnessed warring factions split churches and even major denominations in this generation.

What is it within us that makes us fight among ourselves? Certainly it is not the Holy Spirit indwelling us. I am calling on whatever divine wisdom I have to trust James in his assessment of where our fights come from.

James says external fights start from within us. Our external wars and fights are within us and work themselves into the open. The Greek word for lust or pleasures is translated into our word hedonism. Hedonism is the philosophy that pleasure is natural in humans and is something that is to be sought and obtained even by force. Hedonism is more than innocent desires; they are the pleasures which one derives from the fulfillment of one's desires. The passions of the flesh are described as constantly fighting to have their way, to be victorious over the spirit, even over the new nature that Jesus Christ has given us.

This lusting can be sexual or simply rebellion against our commitment to Christ. Verse eight uses the word adulterous to describe the unfaithfulness of these Christians. Those who lust or desire the friendship of the world display a hatred or disloyalty to Christ.

How often do we pray for things that God cannot, or will not, give us? God knows the motivation and the true purpose of our prayer. If we pray for the lusts of desires of our sinful nature, God will not answer our prayers.

Are our prayers Christ-like, Spirit filled and God honoring? If yes, we will have peace within and not cause any wars with others.

#### **ATCHISON TO HOST STAN HERD FOR SCENIC BYWAYS EVENT**

Famed Kansas artist will unveil Amelia Earhart Earthwork facelift ATCHISON, Kan. (June 12, 2009) — Amelia Earhart has just received a facelift — on a massive scale.

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Stan Herd, the famed Kansas artist who created the one-acre portrait of the famous Atchison native out of natural plantings and stone, will unveil the update as part of a Scenic Byways and Kansas Lottery event on Saturday, June 20.

"Stan has replaced a lot of rock from the face because it has sloughed off and changed color," said Mary Van Horn, one of the local event organizers. "It makes her look like she has dark pox."

The earthwork, the first of Herd's famous permanent works, lies on a hillside overlooking Warnock Lake. A viewing deck on a nearby hilltop provides the best ground view of the masterpiece, but it is even more stunning from the air. According to Van Horn, area Girl Scouts will line up around the portrait with flags at about 2 p.m. on June 20. Aerial photographs will then be taken.

Herd will arrive at the site at 1:30 p.m., during which time he will visit with the public as they tour the earthwork until 3:15. He will then be available at another reception, at the Santa Fe Depot, 200 S. 10th St., beginning at 3:30.

Two of Herd's original Scenic Byways paintings, measuring three feet across and weighing 80 pounds, will be on display in the Depot. He will also have posters featuring all nine Kansas Scenic Byways prints and individual prints available for purchase with his signature. Van Horn said some of the original booklets from the 1997 unveiling of the Amelia Earhart Earthwork would also be available.

Visitors will have a chance to view the Kansas Scenic Byways prints in the future as well. Atchison Hospital, which paved the way for the display of Herd's original paintings for the event, will feature a set of all nine prints in its new facility, which is scheduled to open in 2010.

Some people might even have the chance to take some of the Amelia Earhart Earthwork home to their own gardens.

"Some of the stone (Herd) isn't able to reuse, we will make available to the first 50 people to make use of in their gardens," Van Horn said.

The event is likely to be a hot ticket. Atchison's Wild Iris Garden Club will hold its annual Garden Tour on June 19-20, and ticket holders will be giving information about Saturday's event with Herd. The Garden tour is scheduled for 3-7 p.m. on June 19 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 20. Tickets are available at Nell Hill's, 501 Commercial, and Marigold Bakery, 715 Commercial.

The Kansas Department of Transportation, which is sponsoring Herd's travels around the state this summer and is heavily promoting the Scenic Byways, will be present both at the site of the Amelia Earhart Earthwork and at the reception at the Santa Fe Depot. KDOT will hand out its stunning new Scenic Byways brochures, which feature complete information about each of the nine byways. They will also promote the new Kansas Lottery game.

The Kansas Lottery has introduced a new \$2 instant scratch ticket that not only offers players a great chance to win cash and prizes, but also promotes the state's Scenic Byways and the arts in Kansas.

Painted Byways, the newest of the Lottery's Made in Kansas games, has original Kansas artwork on the face of the tickets, and players who purchase tickets will have a chance to win one

of the nine original paintings by Herd.

"We hope that Painted Byways helps to promote not only the beauty to be found along our byways, but also the great and talented art community in Kansas," said Kansas Lottery Executive Director Ed Van Petten.

Players can win up to \$10,000 instantly playing Painted Byways, which was sent out to approximately 1,800 Kansas Lottery retailers around the state last month. To have a chance to win the paintings, valued at approximately \$5,000 each, players will enter their non-winning Painted Byways tickets into a second-chance drawing to be held Nov. 13, 2009.

Atchison sits along one of the state's nine Scenic Byways, the Glacial Hills Scenic Byway. The byway begins at the intersection of K-7 and K-92 in Leavenworth and extends 63 miles north through the Glacial Hills of northeast Kansas. It traverses Atchison, Doniphan and Leavenworth counties, and visits the cities of Atchison, Leavenworth, Troy and White Cloud.

Atchison has a wealth of historic sites, from the Atchison County Historical Society Museum and the Cray Historical Home and Museum to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum and several Lewis & Clark markers and sites. For more information about Atchison, visit [www.atchisonkansas.net](http://www.atchisonkansas.net) or [atchisonhistory.org](http://atchisonhistory.org). For more on the Kansas Scenic Byways, visit [www.ksbyways.org](http://www.ksbyways.org). And for more information about the Kansas Lottery and the Painted Byways scratch ticket game, visit [www.kslottery.com](http://www.kslottery.com).

### Well, Who Are You?

by Chaplain Lila Wilson, Muscotah United Church

Christians, well who are you? We find in 1 Peter 2:9-17 that we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, and a possession of God.

As a chosen generation we are a chosen race. Peter is talking about the Church. The chosen generation includes people of all races and colors. For example, a favorite children's song is Jesus Loves the Little Children. "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red, yellow, black and white - they are precious in His sight."

The chosen are Christians. We are, as Christians, chosen. This is not because of anything we have said or done to deserve this choosing. But, God chooses us. If you are a Christian, God chooses you! Remember, as Christians we have done nothing to deserve to be chosen; however, God takes you for his own.

As Christians we are a royal priesthood --- a priesthood of all believers. We find this in

1 Peter 2:4-5. We do not need a human priest as we can go directly to the throne of Grace. Our lives are a spiritual service of worship proven through God's will found in Romans 12:1-2. "I beseech (beg) you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God."

We are a holy nation as Christians. We are holy because God was merciful to us when he saw us in our sin and drew us to himself. When we acknowledge our sins and ask forgiveness God saves us.

We are a people for God's own possession -- a peculiar people

proclaiming the excellencies of God who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. We once were not a people, but have become the people of God.

How do we live as servants, the people of God? The scriptures state "Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lust which engage in war against the soul."

For example, it is as two dogs are fighting from within. The one that gets fed the most is the one that wins.

We are to honor authority by submitting ourselves for the Lord's sake to those in authority over us. For such is the will of God that by doing right the ignorance of foolish men and women may be silenced. Freedom must not be used to cover evil but use it as bond slaves of God in acting as free men.

Honor all men and women, love the brotherhood, fear God, and honor the king. These teach Christians to submit to higher powers. Peter wrote to the church and advised members that they were not to be puffed up and rebellious with the governing powers.

Their great spiritual freedom and privileges were to quietly submit themselves to their heathen rulers giving them due honor or respect. By doing this they could claim protection if needed and not bring shame on the name of Christ by having the reputation as that of rebels. For example, we find in 1 Timothy 2:1-2 that prayer be made for kings and all in authority. (The kings were unbelievers.)

While living under particular governmental circumstances, Christians should make the best of their individual situation. How can that be done? It means even though we don't agree with our leadership, we need to pray for them and give them honor. This is very difficult to do in our present situations.

While honoring all men and women, loving the brotherhood, fearing God, honoring the king -- God puts us under his umbrella to protect, love, and guide. Thus, God is glorified.

Well, who are you? A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession who are called out of darkness into his marvelous light.

#### **Workers of The Harvest** by Steve Kagin

I have noticed a trend in our society over the past twenty years of increased hurriedness. Everyone is always in a hurry to do something that has to be done. The daily routine of the American Society is busy with responsibilities and obligations. When we don't have anything to do, we create something to do, thinking that is what we should be doing.

The Bible says, "Be still and know that I am the Lord" (Psalm 46:10). In our busy lives how often are we still? How often do we take a moment to reflect upon and enjoy the lives God has blessed us with?

The hurriedness in society has really created a lot of problems when it comes to what people prioritize as being important. The hurriedness in life is causing many people to drift away from church. Church has changed from generations past. Church in America used to be part of the American family's lifestyle. Church was not seen as an "extra" thing that had to be done. It was not seen as a burden. Church was ingrained in what the family did and how they lived their lives.

Unfortunately, in today's society, everything comes before church. Church is not the priority anymore. With church not being the priority and not being part of one's lifestyle, it makes



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it increasingly more difficult to find volunteers to participate and be active in church. At times I get frustrated with this reality in our culture. When that happens, I am reminded by Jesus' teachings that it has always been that way.

Before Jesus sent out his twelve disciples to go out into the ministry field he explained to them the reality of the circumstances they were going face. The Bible says, "seeing the people, He (Jesus) felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest." (Matt. 9:36-38).

After telling the disciples that, Jesus gave all twelve of the disciples the authority over unclean spirits and the ability to heal every kind of disease and sickness. (Matt.10:1). (I wonder if Jesus gives anyone that ability today?) He then sent them out to do their work.

Jesus wanted them to know the reality of what they were up against. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." In reading this, where do you categorize yourself? If you are a Christian that regularly attends church, are you a worker? Are you actively involved in trying to build God's kingdom or do you sit on the sidelines waiting for someone else to do it? Are you out there in the fields sowing and reaping on the plentiful harvest or are you an inactive spectator?

Both exist in the world and they always will. It is the "few" who make the difference in the world. It is the "few" who are bold enough to work for their king and faith. It is the "few" who allow people to see God's love and grace in the world. If you are one of the "few" workers out there, know that God appreciates your service to Him. He knows that you are "sheep in the midst of wolves." (Matt. 10:16).



Continue on, plant the seeds of eternity and see what kind of soil they fall in. The world needs more workers. It needs more people to step up to the plate and engage in Christianity as a lifestyle, not an obligation. Continue on with your work and bring in that beautiful, abundant harvest. For when it is all said and done, God will say, "Well done my good and faithful servant." (Matt. 25:23). When it is all said and done you will reap what you have sown.

**EFFINGHAM POOL OPENS**



Monday afternoon the pool gates opened and several anxious patrons showed up to try out the new facility. Jennifer Hansen and staff was ready at the appointed time. Shown in the photo above is Joe Landwehr. He had the distinction of being the first to hit the clear crystal water.

The pool is furnished with some equipment suitable for small children. The items are shown in the photo below.



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On May 15, 1914, 500 intrepid souls braved a dusty, winding, meandering rural road through northern Kansas. It was the inauguration of the Kansas portion of the Great White Way, which stretched from Chicago to Colorado Springs. In honor of their feat--and just for the fun of it-- let's do it again on June 20, 2009. <http://kswhiteway.blogspot.com/>

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## My life as a 'Rosie the Riveter' by Lynn Anderson

To be perfectly accurate, Hazel Thomas was not a "Rosie the Riveter." She was a "Winnie the Welder"—a class A welder, who loved the work and was proud of it.

Hazel Wright was born in 1924 in Graham, Mo., one of five siblings. The family lived in Colorado for a time, but when Hazel was just 10, her mother died. Overwhelmed by the demands of earning a living while being a parent, her father scattered the children around the country with relatives. Hazel was entrusted to a "loving little aunt" in St. Joseph, who took her in for one year. Then she lived for brief periods with various relatives, including an aunt and uncle in Providence, R.I., where she moved after her sophomore year of high school. Hazel graduated there in June of 1942 and immediately returned to St. Joseph—where she became a National Youth Administration welder trainee.

"I was so tickled to fall into this," Hazel recalls of the government-sponsored program. Her small welding class, of about seven students, was all female. That's how things were, with all the men who could be spared from non-essential jobs off at war. She was just a girl—a dark-haired beauty—and throwing herself into the war effort was exactly what she wanted.

When she finished her three-month course of study, she went job hunting. To be placed in a war factory, the girls had to meet two requirements: receive a smallpox vaccine and have \$20 in cash. She got the shot but didn't have the money.

"Since Dad was in the Army, the Red Cross provided my \$20," she said. She quickly was hired at Rearwin Aircraft of Kansas City, Kan., building CG-4 cargo gliders—lightweight, disposable planes with metal tube frames covered by a fabric skin. The gliders, loaded with war parts and equipment, were flown into isolated places where regular air traffic couldn't land and, after completing their mission, were abandoned.

Rearwin is where the tubing was welded together.

"At each plane's nose was a big plate; my job was to climb into the nose and weld the plate on," Hazel remembers.

She lived in a boarding house at Seventh and Quindaro with many of the factory's other women workers. Each day they would be bused to the plant in the Fairfax district of Kansas City, Kan.

Hazel says that the men and women in the plants were paid the same during the war, based on their classification. The top wage was \$1.35 per hour for class A welders.

Soon after starting at Rearwin, Hazel began dating a handsome young co-worker named Laddie Bowman and within half a year, they married. Because Laddie was her supervisor, they couldn't both continue to work there—so they embarked on an adventure.

"We tripped on down to St. Louis and went to work in the old Anheuser Busch wagon shop, making the same kind of glider," Hazel recalls. But because Laddie had been temporarily unemployed, the Army snapped him up and sent him to Sheppard Field in Texas, so she returned to her home territory.

This time, Hazel put her gas-welding talents to use at North American Aviation, where the B-25 bomber was being assembled. The plant ran three shifts and Hazel worked all of them at one time or another. She remembers that the factory walls were adorned with posters urging the workers on and encouraging tight security. ("Loose lips sink ships" was a popular motto.) She and the other workers had special badges for plant access and they were kept in a fragmented work environment, never told which parts of the plane they were working on.

To earn and maintain class A welder status, Hazel had to obtain certification training, pass an exam, be recertified every six months, and take a difficult course in the properties of weldable metals. Throughout the war, Hazel was a proud member of United Auto Workers Local 31.

Doing "men's work" wasn't the only change on the home front. As Hazel puts it, "Everybody sacrificed." She remembers saving all kinds of metals, planting gardens, and yearning for the coffee, sugar, shoes, tires, pork and beef, and nylon stockings that were so tightly rationed.

When the war ended, in August 1945, Hazel rejoiced. But she and all the other woman workers got telegrams informing them that they were not to return to the plant. She wasn't surprised.

"My general foreman had a very stand-back attitude toward us girls," Hazel said. "One day I heard him remark, 'When the boys come back, you gals are going to have to stay home.'"

Banished from airplane manufacturing, Hazel was determined to use her welding skills. One day she saw a newspaper ad for manufacturing heavy-gauge cooking utensils at Vita Craft in Kansas City, Mo. There she used silver solder to weld aluminum pans—touchy, highly skilled work.

"To do aluminum, you had to be good!" Hazel says with pride.

By this time, many widows and single mothers were performing paid labor, Hazel recalls of the years right after the war.

"In my opinion, this is where things turned around in terms of women in the workforce," she said.

Hazel married again, this time to Orville Thomas, a man in the construction trades, and followed him all over the country, living in trailer houses and raising their three children. Orville died in 1981. Their children are Amy Sue Lees, of Overland Park; Charles Thomas, of Leavenworth; and Danny Thomas, of Lawrence. She has six grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

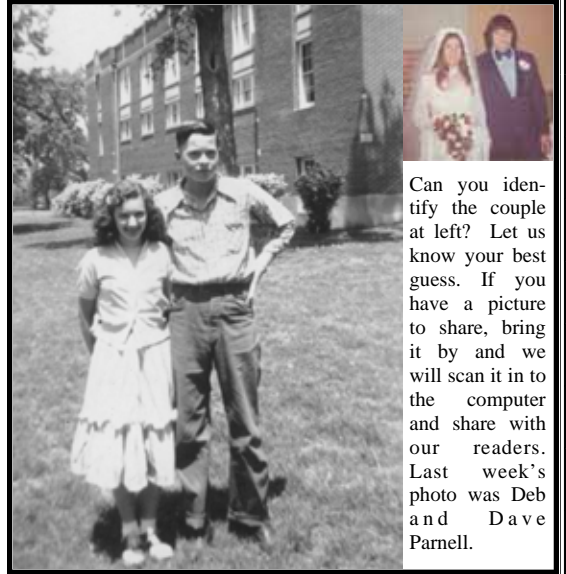
Hazel's memories of her Winnie the Welder years are vivid as can be, helped along by 18 years of welder reunions that occurred from 1988 to 2005. She's also had many chances to verbalize those memories. In recent months, she has spoken on three occasions to elementary school students and teachers about her work during the war. She was also featured in a video about the home front (see sidebar). Thank you, Hazel, and all other unsung heroines.

Lynn Anderson is the editor of *The Best Times*, a monthly newspaper provided for all Johnson County residents aged 60 and over.

### Over here: Kansas City and World War II

When the United States entered World War II after Pearl Harbor, the entire country gathered its resources to create a unified effort against the Axis powers. Men and machines were sent to the fronts all over the world.

The home front, which provides the weapons, supplies, transporta-



Can you identify the couple at left? Let us know your best guess. If you have a picture to share, bring it by and we will scan it in to the computer and share with our readers. Last week's photo was Deb and Dave Parnell.

tion, and political and moral support, rarely gets equal credit with the fighting fronts. But World War II required such a massive buildup in such a short time that in some ways the home-front effort was as impressive as the fighting in Europe or the Pacific. The Kansas City home front was no exception.

A "sleeping industrial giant," Kansas City played a central but little-known role. It was already a major transportation hub, with men and materials flowing both east and west. This naturally allowed other opportunities to flourish.

Through shrewd lobbying, city administrators secured government defense contracts from companies including Pratt & Whitney, which built airplane engines, and North American Aviation, to build B-25 bombers at Fairfax. Local companies eagerly shifted gears and began producing war materials ranging from airplanes and gliders to landing craft, boats, steel tanks, gun stocks, bullets, radio equipment, wire rope, tents, steel, and batteries. Ultimately, 1 percent of every American dollar went to firms in Jackson, Clay, and Wyandotte counties.

**For the duration.** Kansas City civilians, although with no immediate threat to the area, mobilized to do their part. Programs such as Red Cross blood drives, war rallies, war bonds, rationing, victory gardens, and civilian defense programs proved that Kansas City wholeheartedly supported the war effort. And a hefty share of women and minorities went to work in the factories in place of our fighting GIs. Kansas City learned to do without, make do, and save pennies for war bonds.

**A little-known story.** Once America was fully entrenched in every theater of battle, the heartland was the recipient of prisoners of war, with camps in Liberty, Mo., Lawrence, Kan., and other areas. Despite some opposition, they provided much-needed farm labor as the war trudged on.

**Our most valuable assets.** Our region sent "over there" our most valuable assets—the men and women who willingly went into the service and dedicated themselves to the American cause of liberty and justice for all peoples. But first they were trained, at places like Fort Leavenworth, the Olathe Naval Air Station, and Camp Crowder in Neosho, Mo. Flying fields rapidly became training grounds for fledgling pilots. Universities added special programs for the military.

The scrapbooks and memories of the people who lived the war are shared in a video titled "Over Here: The Story of Kansas City and World War II," a lively look at Kansas City's role on the home front. It was produced by KCPT Public Television 19 and is periodically re-broadcast. For information, call 816-756-3580.

1 Hazel Thomas (front row, second from right) with her work team at Rearwin Airplanes. An aviation museum at Whiteman Air Force Base in Warrensburg, Mo., shows the history of the gliders.

2 Hazel Thomas, welding at North American Aviation.

3 Buttons proving Hazel Thomas' class A welder status and membership in UAW Local 31. "If you were welding," Hazel recalls, "you'd better have a button on."

