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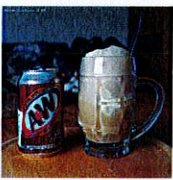


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August 2025

August 3 	9:30 AM Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) "Soul Investment" Luke 12:13-21 4-6 PM All Church Swim Party at the Vincent's
August 10 <i>Newsletter Deadline!</i> 	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School "Be Prepared" Luke 12:32-40
August 17 	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School Guest Preacher: Pastor Jim Skrobo Luke 12:49-56 10:30 AM Fellowship: Root Beer Floats! (Ruth Circle)—C 10:30 AM Church & Ministry Cmte. Mtg.—Rm. 128
August 24 	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School "Spark of Hope" Luke 13:10-17 10:30 AM Lemonade Stand: Kid's Quest Project—C 10:30 AM General Synod Presentation—Room 128
August 31 	9:30 AM Worship (No Sunday School) Holy Conversation with Leigh Powell Colossians 3:12-17



FAMILY GAMES & SNACKS!
 Saturday, August 23rd at 2:00 PM
 in the Fellowship Hall!



All ages invited!

*Come bring one-and-all of your friends and family to our
 "Games & Snacks" get-together!*

Bring your favorite board games and favorite snacks to share.



Questions? Please contact Kathleen Hammond at 402-981-3630.

*Deadline for articles/information for the monthly newsletter is usually the second Sunday for the next month's newsletter.
 Thank you in advance for your contributions!*



A BIG **THANK YOU** to Linda Chandler for her tireless efforts to keep our preschool playground area free of weeds with countless hours of pulling and spraying! You are just the best! And a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Steve Jacobsen and Jerry May for the

amazing transformation of the rear playground with fresh mulch, and removal of unsafe wood elements, and for "shoring up" and securing the outdoor play area to make it safe for the littlest of our friends & neighbors! You gentlemen are the best!

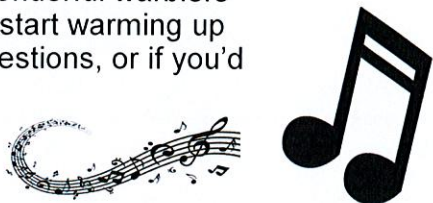
We donate to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Food Pantry (our community partner that we support year round). **This month the request is for canned soups and pasta.** Thank you in advance for your continued generosity in helping provide non-perishables to those in need and experiencing food insecurity in our immediate community. A bin is located in the Commons for this year round support.

CRAFTERS! Stop by Wednesday afternoons between 1-3 PM and join us! All are welcome! You can bring your own crafts, or we have several to choose from. No "super talent" needed: we will help you! Thank you for joining us as we build up our "inventory" for the big Craft Fair in October. Many hands make the work light. Come for an enjoyable time of creativity and fellowship! If you have any questions, please contact Leigh Powell.

Congratulations Northwest Hills Church for being a "5 for 5 Congregation!" See the actual certificate posted in the Commons. Truly our church is a loving, giving church!



CHOIR PRACTICE starts back up Wednesday, September 3rd, so you wonderful warblers mark your calendars and start warming up those vocal cords! For questions, or if you'd like to join the Choir, please contact Barb Renicker at 402-639-0714.



RUTH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, August 5th at 11:00 AM in the Commons for a great time of fellowship. Dessert provided by Ginger Broyles. If you have any questions, please call co-chair Kathleen Hammond at 402-981-3630.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION will have their August meeting on Thursday, August 7th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions by Linda Chandler; dessert provided by Kathleen Hammond and Judy Cratty. Questions? Please contact Kathleen Hammond.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet as needed. Questions? Contact Terri Burright, 402-659-6913.

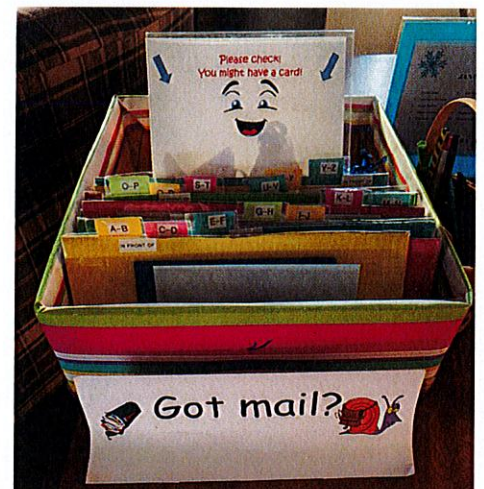
MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: We look forward to getting together on Saturday, August 2nd at 9:00 AM in the Commons for our BYOB: "Bring Your Own Breakfast." All men of the church are invited for this great time of fellowship!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES are held at 10:00 AM in Room 128, unless noted otherwise. All are invited to come and enjoy this great time of fellowship around the precious Word of God!



REMINDER: we are collecting "**white elephants**" throughout the year for our October sale! No clothes** or broken items, please. There is a large green bin in the Board Room (down the hall across from the main church office) for your items. Thank you for your contributions! **CLOTHES** are** being collected year-round for the Open Door Mission. New or clean, gently-used clothing can be deposited in the specially-marked bin in the Commons. Thank you for your kindness!

REMINDER: Please be sure to check out our "You've Got Mail" table, especially if you have a birthday or anniversary. Helps us as a church be wise stewards of our resources with saving on postage. Thank you!



**MISSION & SERVICE PROJECTS
ARE TAKING A BREAK
FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS
(June/July/August)**

**See you back in September when we start
gearing up for Trunk or Treat!**

Our Northwest Hills Church family is invited to support the **Kids Quest Lemonade Stand** on Sunday, August 24th at 10:30 AM in the



Commons! We will be available to serve you some yummy summertime refreshments! Thank you for your support! All proceeds will go towards our mission: Heifer Project.



**SAVE THE DATE!
Husker Football Watch
Party, Saturday, Sept.
13th at 11:00 AM**

Come watch the game between the Nebraska Cornhuskers and Houston Christian on Sat., September 13th at 11 AM at the church in the Commons. Bring your favorite tailgate food or snack to share. Pastor Alex will provide the drinks. No RSVP needed, just come and enjoy!



**ALL CHURCH SWIM
PARTY!**



*Come and join us for
one last summer swim...*

August 3rd, 2025

4-6 PM at the Vincent's

6196 Surrey Hills Dr.

Hot dogs, chips, fruit,

dessert & drinks

will be provided.

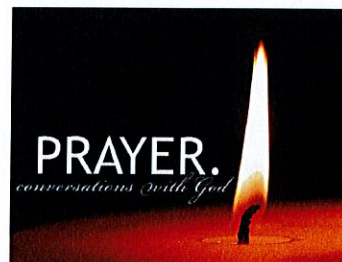
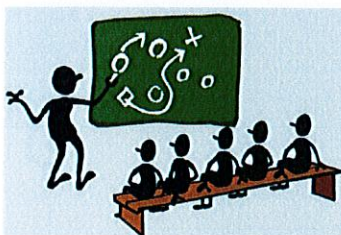
RSVP to the Church

Office by August

1st....thanks!



**CHURCH & MINISTRY
CMTE.** will meet Sunday,
August 17th at 10:30 AM
in Room 128. For any
questions, call Terri
Burrigh, 402-659-6913.



Prayer chain requests can be called to Ardell Reuter at 1-918-703-1068 or the church office at (402) 572-8392.

Thank you for your kind responses regarding updating our prayer list. We are always encouraged to hear when our loved ones are much improved. Please continue to let us know of any changes so that we can update our list and assure that the prayers going out weekly are the most current and urgent needs expressed. Thank you in advance. The ongoing list is below:

Continued Prayer Requests: Sandy Christopherson, Dianne Hasch (Dianna Cupps' friend), Jeff Walton, Susie Ryan, Cierra Ervin, Kyle Hurt & Jacoby, Marchelle Conrad, Peg Hawkins (friend of Annie Kuti), Steve Swift, Jerrie Wilcox, Tom Vincent, Nikki Heim, Elaine Jenkins, Cindy Key, Joanne Mears, Vicky (Nikki Heim's daughter); Suzy Salonen, Linda Nelsen, Urban family, Benita Davis (Deb Hahn's mother)

On-Going Cancer Treatment: Mike Lambert, Mary Larson, Patricia Gename (Mary Hinman's daughter), Dave Merriam, Sue Day, Sharon McNutt (Ruth Negus' friend's sister), Betty Benskin, Judy Intlekofer, Gail Formanack (friend of Bev Ambrosius), Gary Dutton, Ena Nolan, (Leigh Powell's niece), Bill Owens, Pat Mixan

"He sent His Word, and healed them"

— Psalm 107:20

**"But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities: the
chastisement of our peace was upon him; and
with his stripes we are healed."**

— Isaiah 53:5

**HE HEALED THE ONE
WHO ARRESTED HIM,
SERVED THE ONE WHO
BETRAYED HIM, AND
LOVED THE WORLD
WHO CRUCIFIED HIM
THAT'S MY JESUS**



FROM PASTOR ALEX WOLF

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I was at a store recently and I found myself in an aisle full of mirrors. As I walked through the aisle, it was interesting looking at all the reflections of myself. In one reflection, I thought I looked pretty good! In another reflection, the view was not all that flattering. Depending on some of the angles of the various mirrors, I sometimes looked a little taller and other times I looked a bit shorter. Of all the reflections I saw in that aisle, I'm not sure which one was the most accurate.

Scripture says that, in life, we see our circumstances in a similar way. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity" (1 Corinthians 13:12a, NLT). As we go through life, we don't always understand why certain events happen, often thinking of them as unfair, harsh, or painful. We wonder what purpose God sees in these things.

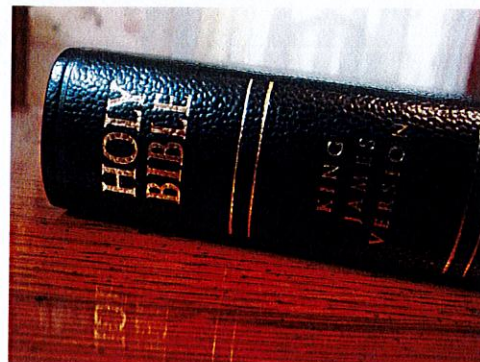
We may not understand now, but we can know this—someday Jesus will set it right. Paul continues his thought, "All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely" (1 Corinthians 13:12b, NLT).

All of us have experienced some kind of heartache or found ourselves in some puzzling circumstance. And when that happens, questions arise, doubt begins to surface, and hope struggles to survive. But what we see is just a contorted image of what's really happening.

In the midst of these circumstances, may we be assured that Jesus knows the end from the beginning. We can trust that all things are in His hands and He uses them for our good. Even though we may not understand everything in our lives, we can be confident that someday Jesus will make everything clear.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Alex



Sermon Topics and Scriptures for August

August 2025 Sermons

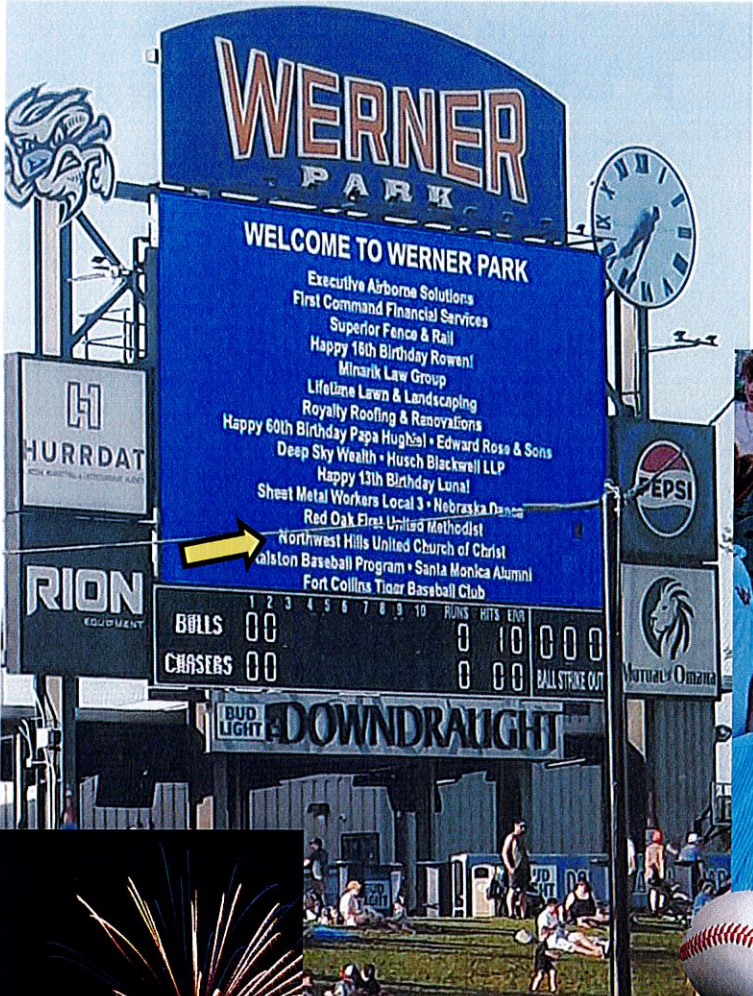
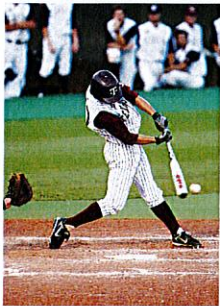
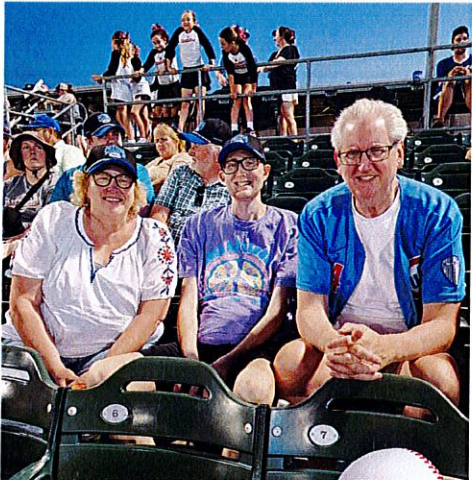
- August 3 – Luke 12:13-21, "Soul Investment"
- August 10 – Luke 12:32-40, "Be Prepared"
- August 17 – Luke 12:49-56, "Drawing the Line"
- August 24 – Luke 13:10-17, "Spark of Hope"
- August 31 – Colossians 3:12-17, Holy Conversation with Leigh Powell



*eat, drink,
be merry.*



Thanks to all who braved the excessive heat and humidity to join us at Werner Park on Friday, June 20th for our annual Storm Chaser's game (and fireworks afterwards!)...the ice cream melted pretty quick, but we all stayed hydrated and were grateful for every little breeze! Join us next time for this family-friendly event!



Adult Learning Opportunities

Please join us on August 24th in Room 128 after the morning service! Pastor Alex will be giving a presentation on his recent trip to General Synod in Kansas City. Come hear first hand about the latest updates from this nation-wide United Church of Christ gathering of pastors and lay members.

Then join us after morning service on September 21st for our last in a series of Sunday Morning Adult Education classes to grow and learn together as a community of faith on the Polity of Northwest Hills Church. We meet in Room 128 (the Choir Room/Community Room).

August 24 – General Synod Presentation

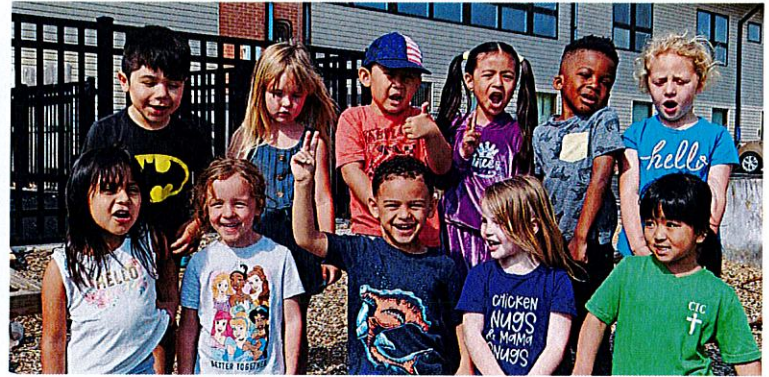
September 21—Polity of Northwest Hills Church



The **CANASTA CLUB** will meet on Thursday, August 21st in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to arrive in time to start playing by 10:00 AM. Please bring your own lunch. Dessert will be provided by Team #7 (Ardell and Carol Olsen).

If you have any questions, or would like to join, please contact Deb Shafer at 402-999-1052 or ddshafer@outlook.com.

We still need subs (men or women). Please contact Ardell Reuter at 1-918-703-1068.



SPOTLIGHT: Northwest Hills Preschool Update

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Friday, August 22, 2025
6-7 PM

Happy summer, everyone! We are gearing up for another awesome year being a blessing to diverse families in our community. What a great opportunity to share God's love — not only with the 3-5 year-olds entrusted to our care — but to their moms, dads, siblings, and extended families and friends. The love and care demonstrated to these families by Preschool staff (and church staff too! We love our little ones!) result in great impact as demonstrated by the gratitude we receive during our holiday programs and graduation/end-of-year celebrations!

With the new school year not that far away, the Preschool staff are asking the members of Northwest Hills if they can donate specific items used in the Preschool. On the next page is a list of specific items. You can bring your donations to the church anytime and leave with Cheryl, and she'll be sure to get it to us, so we're prepared for the little ones! Or, if you are downstairs, there is a donation basket in the preschool area. Thanks for all you do to support our outreach to the community!

How fast was this duck going?!?



Northwest Hills Church Join us!
Sunday September 14th, 10:30 AM

You're invited to the Annual
FAMILY & FRIENDS
"HOMECOMING"
CHURCH PICNIC



Picnic will be in Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Meat and Drinks will be provided.

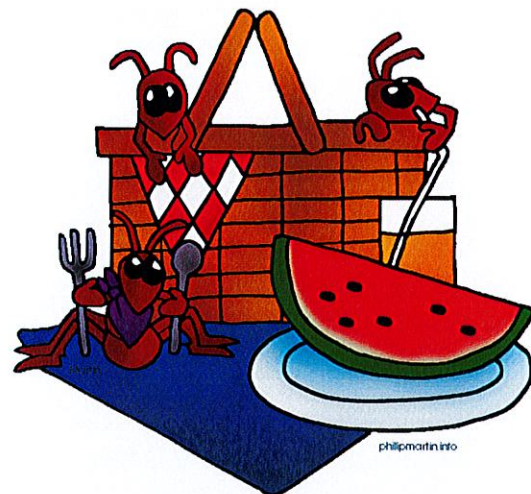
Last Names beginning with A-J bring dessert.

Last Names beginning with K-Z
bring salad/vegetable.

Please bring your own table settings.

ALSO: 8:30 AM Coffee & Donuts in the Commons;
9:30 AM Worship/Communion and the return of
the NWH Choir; 9:45 AM Sunday School after
Children's Message; 10:45 AM Bingo (with prizes!)
in the Commons.

We will have a free will offering which will be used
for upcoming Church Projects.



Preschool Donation Request List

Elmers Glue sticks
Liquid food coloring
Watercolor paper
Pink liquid watercolor paint
White finger paint
Paint daubers
Solid tempera paint sticks
Googley eyes - various sizes
Various colored packs of tissue paper
Laminating sheets (we go through a TON!)
Reams of white copy paper
Clear tape (refills are great!)
Craft size paper bags
Various colors of pipe cleaners
Disinfectant wipes
Snacks - LOTS OF SNACKS!

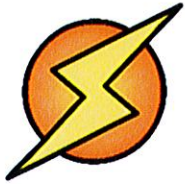
We appreciate all donations! Donations help keep tuition costs down so we can reach as many children as possible. Thank you for your support of our little school!

A donation basket is set up downstairs by our large bulletin board. Have a great summer!

~ Jacque, Lori, & Robin



AUGUST 2025



KIDS QUEST!!
EPIC Youth
PK-High School



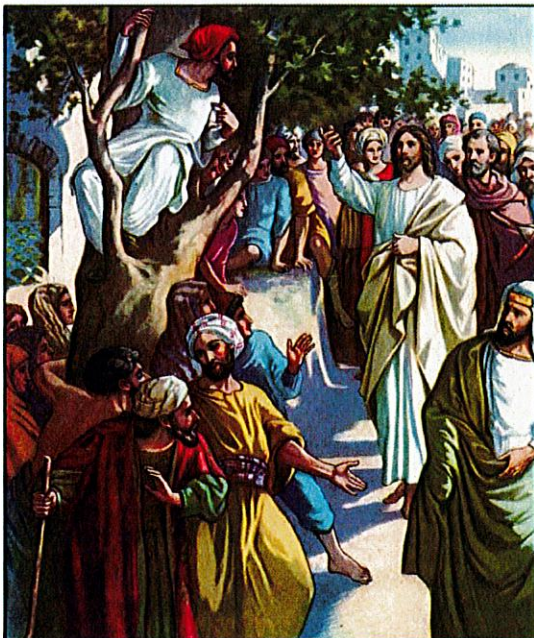
AUGUST 3 No Sunday School: enjoy the service with your family!

AUGUST 10 Mission Project!

AUGUST 17 "Jesus Friend of Sinners"

AUGUST 24 "Zacchaeus"

AUGUST 31 No Sunday School: enjoy the service with your family!



AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9 AM Men's BYOB—C 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer
3 9:30 Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) 4-6 All Church Pool Party at the Vincent's	4 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	5 11 AM Ruth Circle Meeting—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	6 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	7 12 noon Women's Assoc. Mtg.—FH	8	9 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D
10 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	11 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	12 7 PM Scouts-FH	13 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	14 7 PM Church Council Mtg. Rm. 128	15	16 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D
17 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Root Beer Floats (Ruth Circle) - C 10:30 C&M Mtg—Room 128	18 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	19 7 PM Scouts-FH	20 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	21 10-2 Canasta—FH	22	23 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D 2 PM Game Day—FH
24 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Lemonade Stand - C 10:30 General Synod Update: Room 128	25 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	26 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	27 10 Bible Study—128 1-3 Crafting—128	28	29	30 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D
31 9:30 Worship (No Sunday School)						S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Janet Nitsick	8 Brandon Hultman	16 Steve Jacobsen
2 Diane Fields	10 Brooke Cooper	19 Jodi Infante
2 Rachel Truckenbrod	10 Rick Scofield	19 Bobby Bergamine
6 Mark Allen	11 Taylor Markuson	21 Clay Massa
7 Jerry May	12 Elaine Jenkins	22 Matthew Key
7 Christine Burrigh	12 Aubriella Urban	26 Alondra Vincent
7 Linda Nelsen	13 Bonnie Grimmett	27 Linda Burnham
7 Nicki O'Neil	13 Judy Stockfleth	

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

7 Steve & Debbie Shafer	20 Jay & Phyllis Johnson
12 Roger & Nan Schwes	20 Peter & Laurie Massa
14 Bob & Julie Dean	21 Bill & Suzy Parsons
20 Darwin & Jean Barker	24 Dennis & Terri Burrigh