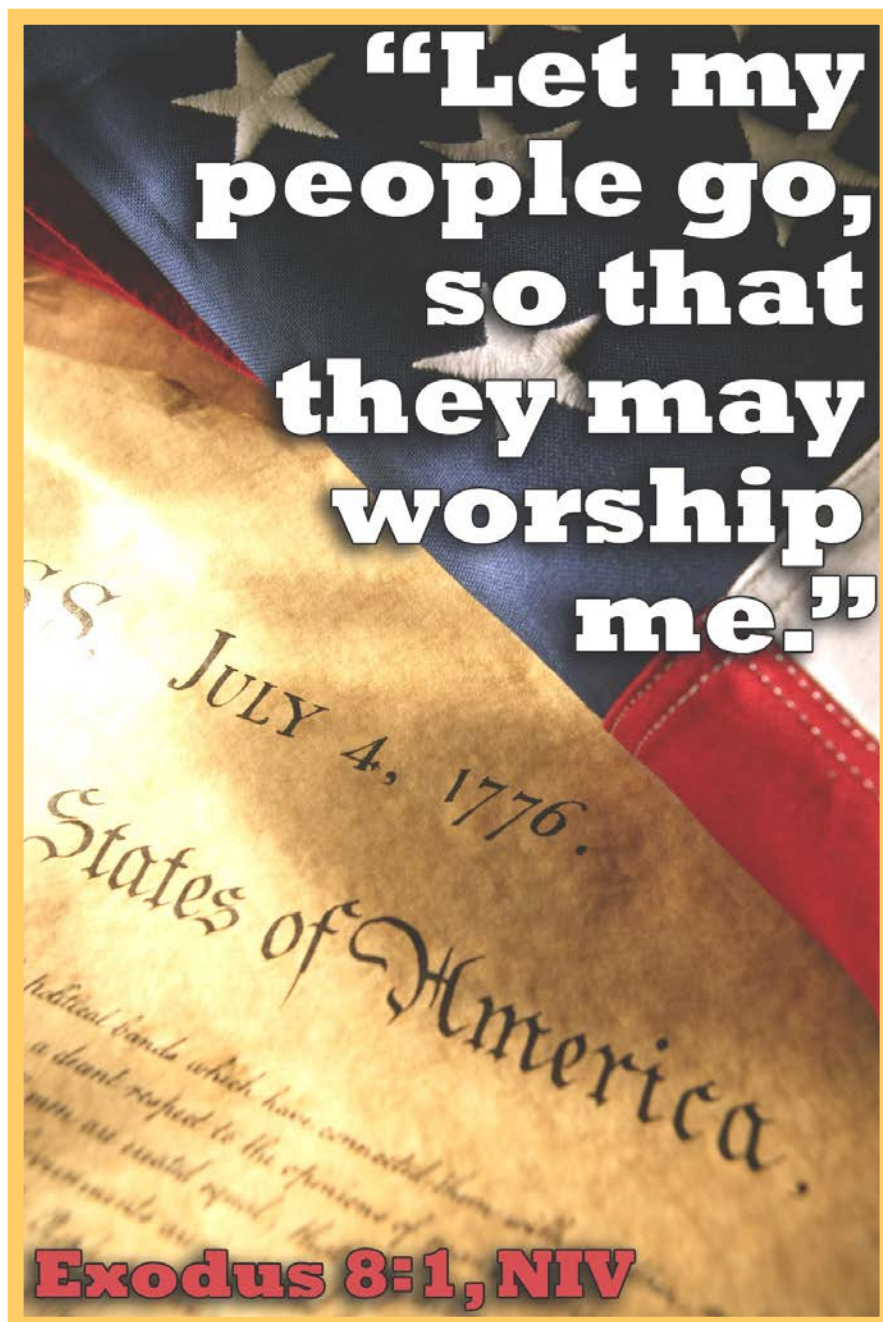


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## Instant Replay: Why Fathers Matter

We're moving quickly through summer; it's almost the 4th of July already. And thinking about our Independence Day ought to make us assess where we are as a nation in the year 2021.

That assessment might not be very positive or encouraging. If we're being honest, our nation seems to be in trouble. Crime in our major cities is growing; violent crimes in many large cities are off the charts, with many tragic stories of property destroyed, neighborhoods decimated, and lives lost, including the lives of too many children.



This is being blamed on racism by some, and the usual suspects seem to be ready to stoke those fires and label everyone based on the color of their skin, not the content of their character. Those who want to make "Critical Race Theory" a part of the public school's curriculum are getting a reality check from parents who are pushing back vociferously.

The Covid virus may finally be slowing down, but it has left plenty of casualties as well; some of those casualties caused not by the virus, but by lockdowns and other related decisions decided by health "experts" and government "leaders". If that seems like a snarky or critical judgment of those in charge, so be it—many Americans are now suspicious of how this whole pandemic was handled.

We saw the financial impact of lockdowns and closing so much of our economy; now we're experiencing the inflation that comes from printing lots of dollars from thin air to send out "stimulus" checks to try to fix our woes.

Finally, we're hearing of the impact on people's health beyond the virus itself. Many people missed their medical appointments, both for diagnosis and treatment. Children spending a year at home away from in person school became depressed. Suicide has skyrocketed across age groups, but especially among the young.

There is much more, but I'm pretty sure you're already depressed—or maybe even angry with me for this litany of woes. But as we approach July 4th, I think it's our moral duty to ask, "Where are we today? How are we doing? How do we move forward?"

On Father's Day my message focused on the truth that fathers matter. There are people a lot smarter than me who have diagnosed our nation's ills, and their prescription is simple; fix the family. The absence of a father in a home is costly for the family, for cultures and for nations.

Our culture has devalued men, fathers, fatherhood and intact families. We've learned that you can throw billions of dollars at domestic problems and social ills and not fix anything. Here's what God said about it in the last book of the Old Testament, Malachi:

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.

And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.

—**Malachi 4:5-6**

As we approach July 4th, my hope and prayer is that we move beyond political, economic and race focused "solutions" to our problems, and see our deep spiritual needs. We need to return to God's model for families, fatherhood and faith. Then we will begin to find healing for our personal lives, our nation, and our world. I pray that it will be so.

Pastor Mike



## Summer Worship Schedule

### Sundays

9:00am Worship

9:00am streamed on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/firstumcwindom](http://www.facebook.com/firstumcwindom)  
or [www.windomfumc.org](http://www.windomfumc.org)

11:30am KDOM Radio AM 1580

## Church Family News



**Congratulations** to Casey and Amanda Jandera on the birth of their first child, Oliver Louis, who was born June 10th.

Oliver's proud grandparents are Keith and Pauline Buresch and William and Terri Jandera.



In the last month, many from our church family have been recognized for excellence in a number of areas. Some of them are highlighted below, and we congratulate everyone who has earned achievements!

### Congratulations to.....

Delaney Smith for winning the State Class A shotput competition, and placing second in the discus. She also received the Performing Arts John Philip Sousa award.

Riverfest pageant winners: Kaylan Donchez on being chosen as this year's Miss Riverfest. Lucy Stevens was awarded Miss Photogenic, and the awards were presented by last year's Miss Riverfest, Jessica Ambrose and first runner up Alyssa Reisdorfer.

Richie Donchez for winning first place in the Riverfest fishing contest for ages 7—11.

Madison Green for earning a Citizenship Award by Windom Area Schools.

Kaylee Walklin for setting a new school track record.

The Windom Area Highest Honor graduate award was earned by Hunter Walklin and Delaney Smith, and Honor graduate awards were earned by Haley Ambrose, Jadyn Wormstadt and Ciera Visker.

A Honor Roll achievers include Ashlyn Altman, Rylie Raverty, Nyah Visker, Kaylan Donchez, Lucy Stevens, Jessica Ambrose, Kaleb LaCanne, Delaney Smith, Hunter Walklin and Jadyn Wormstadt.

B Honor Roll achievers include Karson LaCanne, Alex Altman, Zach Espenson, Madison Berhow and Alyssa Reisdorfer. Way to go!



United Methodist Women will be holding a White Elephant Sale September 18th. You are welcome to bring donations of your gently used household items to the church any time starting August 1st or later. They will be collected in the lobby's east coat closet.



The following devotionals are available in the church lobby..

- Our Daily Bread (regular print) June—August
- Our Daily Bread (large print) July—September
- The Upper Room (regular print) July—August

Salad Recipes  
April 2021



From the Ladies and Friends of  
The United Methodist Church  
Winston, MN

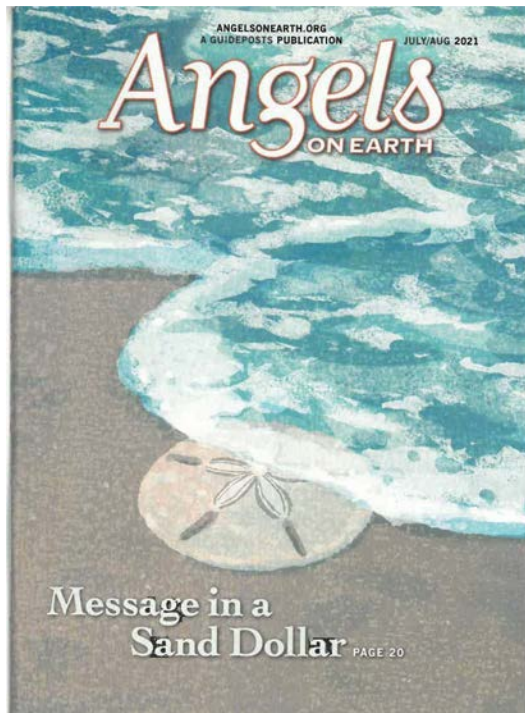
If you haven't yet purchased your Salad Recipe book, they are still available in the church lobby for \$7.00. This is a fundraiser for our sanctuary air conditioning rehab.

## American Independence



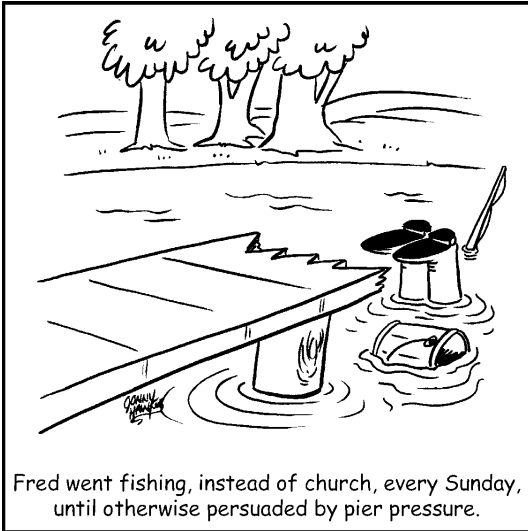
John Adams, who became America's second president, was so elated when the United States was about to celebrate independence from England that he wrote:

"It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, forevermore."



The July/August edition of Angels on Earth magazine has arrived and is available in our church library. Previous issues are also available for you.





Fred went fishing, instead of church, every Sunday, until otherwise persuaded by pier pressure.



Our **Church Softball Family League** plays Sundays through August 1st, except for July 4th. Tournament games will be played August 6—8th.

If you have any questions, call Robin at 831-3284 or email [umcyouth@windomnet.com](mailto:umcyouth@windomnet.com) if you would like to play.



First Things Radio Ministry airs Sundays at 11:30am on KDOM AM 1580. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, there are forms on the information wall in the church lobby, or contact the church office. The cost is \$34, payable to First UMC Memorials. As of our newsletter publishing date, there are sponsorship openings August 15, 22, and 29. In September there are openings September 19 and 26th. Thank you to everyone who has made this radio ministry to our community possible.



Thank you for supporting this ministry with your gifts, your prayers, your service, and your Christian witness.

Ways to give...

- Lobby Collection Boxes
- Postal Mail
- Direct Deposit
- [www.windomfumc.org](http://www.windomfumc.org)
- Give + app
- Thrivent Choice Dollars

**GIVE+**  
Electronic Giving Options



Large  
Print  
Available



**Newsletters** and some other items are available in large print. Please contact the church office if you are interested in large print publications.

## Church Office Schedule

Monday—Friday

9:00am—Noon and 1:00—4:00pm

Closed Monday, July 5th in observance of the 4th



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Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way with serving or providing funds for The Dinner Table since its beginning in 2019. This meal is available to anyone who comes, and is served on the 4th Tuesday of each month. At this time we are still doing drive-through meals in the alley behind the Presbyterian Church. Our next event will be Tuesday July 27th, starting at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

The Southwest Crisis Center is a nonprofit agency that provides hope and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Southwest Minnesota. Their services are free and confidential, with offices in Windom, Jackson, Worthington, Pipestone and Luverne. Donations are always welcome; the funds provide services and safety to clients in our community.



Hope 4 Kids International is a nonprofit charity that provides support to children and their communities in a number of countries. This is done through child sponsorships, providing water wells, health support, education, and more. Clean water is the passport to their futures! To date, 788 wells have been drilled, and our congregation has been involved with funding a number of them. Girls often must be their family's water carriers, and if there is no nearby clean water, they are kept out of school to go get water out of necessity. When a clean water well is provided, the girls can go to school, and the community enjoys much better health. If you choose to support Hope 4 Kids' mission, please designate whether you would like it to be for wells, sponsorship, the Crisis Fund, where most needed, or the area of your choice. For more information online, go to [www.h4ki.org](http://www.h4ki.org) or [www.hopeforkidsinternational.org](http://www.hopeforkidsinternational.org).

If you would like to make a donation to any of our missions, please make it payable to First UMC and designate it for the mission of your choice. Donations are combined and sent to the missions.

Ruby's Pantry, America's Rural Food Pantry, will have a food distribution on Monday, July 19th from 5:30—7:00pm. All are welcome; come to the Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroads Drive, Sherburn. For a \$20 cash donation, you receive an abundance of groceries. This is a drive-through distribution, so please have your trunk cleared, and volunteers will place the food in your trunk. You can find them on Facebook: Ruby's Pantry—RWC—Sherburn.





**2021  
RE-NEW**

*Isaiah 43:19*

**SATURDAY JULY 31—FRIDAY AUGUST 6**

*For more information, go to [www.OkobojiConference.org](http://www.OkobojiConference.org), or  
Get a conference schedule from our church lobby.*

The Okoboji Bible Conference is a fantastic yearly event where people from far and wide gather for an uplifting time of worship, renewal, and learning. Many opportunities are available from morning Bible studies and workshops to evening worship music and renowned speakers. The conference speakers come from around the region, and sometimes from around the world. If you haven't experienced this gem of a conference before, please make a point of checking it out. There is no registration for this free conference; they operate solely on free will donations. And if you have been there before, you know what a wonderful opportunity this is.

**The schedule includes...**

Weekday mornings: Morning Bible Hour with Skye Jethani,  
an award-winning author, speaker, consultant, and ordained minister.  
Adult Christian Life Workshops\* (*see below*)

Weekday evenings: Worship Music Team  
Special Speakers  
Fellowship and refreshments on the Terrace

**Opening night concert** features Selah and The Skit Guys for an evening of comedy and worship.

For more information on special Concerts, see the schedule online or in the church lobby.

\**Adult Christian Life Workshops* (each workshop is held Monday—Friday 10:30—11:45 am)

- *Renovation of the Heart: Becoming Like Jesus* with Ryan Harmon, pastor at Lincoln Berean Church, Lincoln, Nebraska
- *Acts: Awakening to God in Our Everyday Lives* with Melissa Spoelstra, Bible study author
- *The Enneagram: a Christian Perspective* with Lisa Vischer, Certified Enneagram coach/consultant, Chicago, Illinois

If you have questions, you're welcome to check with our church office, or you can visit [www.okobojiconference.org](http://www.okobojiconference.org), or contact the OBC: office @okobojiconference.org or 712-332-2883. There are some OBC schedules on our lobby's info wall.





## Historical Items

In this 150th year of our congregation, we would like to invite anyone who has information on the items in the lobby's historical items cabinet to share information with the church office. How does each item relate to the ministry of First UMC? Some items are apparent, like the Rev. Babcock memorial, but for many items, information would be helpful. For instance, do we have the tiny organ because it was played in our congregation's first meeting place? Thank you for any information you can provide on any of these items.





# Christian Education

July 2021



## Upcoming Dates!

**July 18th—20th: Be Brave, Love Jesus for youth at BARC**

**July 28th: All Day Fore Africa event in Worthington. Sign-up with Robin.**

Thank you to Everyone who helped with  
*TREASURED! Discovering you are priceless to God! 2021*

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Nicole Inman

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Heather Olsem

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Travis Hansen

Stephanie Hansen

Jeff Wright

Saydie Raverty

Alyssa Reisdorfer

Jody Derickson

Lilly Derickson

Pastor Mike

Julie Donchez

Liz Walklin

Everyone who donated snack items!

Miranda Schunk

Kaylan Donchez

Aaron Walklin

Tammy Crowell

Delaney Smith

Kaylee Walklin

Sharron Tibodeau

Judi Ray

Madison Green

Aren King

Lindsey O' Brien

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Marlee Fester





God chooses you.

# BE BRAVE

FREE

Gr. 7th-12th

LOVE JESUS. Acts 4:13

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3-DAY YOUTH RETREAT

**JULY 18-20** at the BARC

[ 1012 5th Ave, Windom, MN 56101 ]

Sunday: 4-8:30pm

Monday & Tuesday: 2-8:30pm



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**GUEST SPEAKER & WORSHIP LEADER**

**Josh Edwards** with Revive MN

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Bring your own sack lunch for supper  
T-shirts will be available for \$15

**SCAN THE QR CODE** to get signed up

Have questions call Robin Snyder at 507-831-3284



# Youth

If anyone is interested in going to this event, please contact Robin. This event will be free as part of our donut fundraiser. Check out <https://www.theabanafoundation.org/adfa-schedule-of-events> to see the schedule. There is a TON of fun things to do! We will leave the FUMC parking lot at 9:15 on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> and return around 9pm.

## JOIN US FOR OUR 12TH ANNUAL **All Day FORE Africa** Summer Event

The ADFA Summer Event is an exciting Kids Fore Kids movement where kids across America are using their talents and time to make a difference in the lives of people in the village of Kibeho, Rwanda.

Our goal for this fun day is to raise \$40,000 which will fully fund the Abana Feeding and Scholarship programs for another year!



Want to have some fun AND make a difference in the world? Join us for the 12th Annual All Day FORE Africa Summer Event....a time where kids (young and old) get out and do something fun to impact the lives of children in Rwanda. You may be asking "How do I get involved?" Well, it's easy! Check out our easy registration link (QR Code below) to get signed up!

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28TH**



SCAN ME

Registration for this day of fun is \$30 (Individual) and \$60 (Family). Once you're registered, you'll receive your FREE Abana T-shirt and personal Abana passport that will give you access to all the fun All Day FORE Africa Summer Events!

As you "travel around Worthington" you'll collect stamps for your passport at each ADFA event! What do you love to do? Swimming, Tennis, Reading, Rock Climbing or maybe Rock Painting? We've got a prayer wall, biking, a puppy party and MORE! Each stamp you collect will give you a chance to win some fun prizes at the End of Day Celebration where you can enjoy some ice cream and hear the talented indie pop artist, Kalea Jordan. You won't want to miss it!

*We really hope you can join us!*

**INFO@THEABANAFUNDATION.ORG**

# July

## 31 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

EACH OF THE SCRIPTURES BELOW TAKES TEN MINUTES OR LESS TO COPY OUT. COMMIT TO SPENDING TEN MINUTES EACH DAY LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE AS YOU SIMPLY COPY THESE TEXTS OUT OF YOUR BIBLE.

### Week 1

- DAY 1- PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9
- DAY 2- JOHN 14:23-27
- DAY 3- JOHN 14: 28-31
- DAY 4- 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-12
- DAY 5- PSALM 94:12-15
- DAY 6-PSALM 94:16-19
- DAY 7- JOSHUA 1:7-9

### Week 2

- DAY 8-1 PETER 5: 5-8
- DAY 9- 1 PETER 5: 9-11
- DAY 10- LUKE 12: 22-26
- DAY 11- LUKE 12: 27-30
- DAY 12- LUKE 12: 31-34
- DAY 13- LUKE 12: 35-40
- DAY 14- PSALM 55: 1-8

### Week 3

- DAY 15- PSALM 55: 9-15
- DAY 16- PSALM 55: 16-23
- DAY 17- PSALM 118: 5-9
- DAY 18- PSALM 118: 10-14
- DAY 19- ROMANS 8: 1-5
- DAY 20- ROMANS 8: 6-10
- DAY 21- ROMANS 8: 11-15

### Week 4

- DAY 22- ROMANS 8: 16-21
- DAY 23- ROMANS 8: 22-27
- DAY 24- ROMANS 8: 28-33
- DAY 25- ROMANS 8: 34- 39
- DAY 26- ROMANS 15: 1-6
- DAY 27- ROMANS 15: 7-13
- DAY 28- ISAIAH 26: 3-8

### Week 5


- DAY 29- ISAIAH 26: 9-13
- DAY 30- LUKE 12: 6-10
- DAY 31- CHOOSE YOUR OWN VERSES

*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.  
Psalm 119:18*

# First United Methodist Church ~July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Additions or corrections? Please let the church office know.			1 6:30a Men's Breakfast	2	3
4 Independence Day 9:00 Worship Service 11:30 First Things on KDOM	5 Independence Day Observed – Church Closed	6	7	8 6:30a Men's Breakfast	9	10
11 9:00 Worship Service 11:30 First Things on KDOM 6:45p Church Softball @ Eagle Field	12	13	14 7:00p Staff Parish 7:00 Trustees 7:30 Finance	15 6:30a Men's Breakfast	16	17
18 9:00 Worship Service 11:30 First Things on KDOM 8:00p Church Softball @ Bergen Youth Retreat	19 Ruby's Pantry – Sherburn MN Youth Retreat	20 Youth Retreat	21	22 6:30a Men's Breakfast	23	24
25 9:00 Worship Service 11:30 First Things on KDOM 6:45p Church Softball @ Bergen	26	27 5:30 Serving The Dinner Table	28 Youth Event: All Day Fore Africa – Worthington	29 6:30a Men's Breakfast	30	31 7:15p Okoboji Bible Conference Opening Night with Selah Concert

# First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Black: Birthday Blue: Anniversary			1 Jady Wormstadt	2 Kim Anderson	3 Barb Axford Becki Wormstadt
4	5 Ralph Sweigard  Greg & Cathy Peterson	6  Steve & Sharon Glidden	7 Cathy Peterson  Jeremy & Renee Green	8  Tom & Dori Hansen	9 Travis Mattson  Luke & Emily Buresch	10
11  Austin & Rhonda Crowell	12 Megan Mathiowetz	13 Jason King	14	15 Madison Berhow Jody Derickson Marlee Fester Carolyn Paulson Barb Torkelson	16 Lisa Ambrose Lauren Thiessen  Harold & JoAnn Caviness	17 Daron Buresch
18 Nyah Visker	19 Missy Edmundson Judi Ray	20	21  Bruce & Judy Rhoda	22	23 Sharon Glidden	24 Tori Vesey
25  Greg & Peggy Pfeffer	26 Shannon LaCanne Patti Palm	27	28 Floyd Axford	29 Chadlin Branch Houston Buresch	30  Paul & Donna Crowell	31