



**Risen Son Christian Village**

Greg Witte spoke at the Optimist Club on June 23. He has been Executive Director at Risen Son Christian Village since October 2003. Greg is from Nebraska.

Risen Son has 50 garden homes. This is independent living. They have 44 apartments with 1-2 bedrooms. This is for independent living with some support, such as for medicines and laundry.

They have 23 assisted living rooms for people with dementia and similar problems.

They have 102 nursing home rooms. 28 of these are for short stays, averaging 32 days. They also include long term care. Risen Son currently has five centenarians. There are five nursing homes in the area.

**Calendar**

- June 27 - Can Kennel – TBD time
- July 26 – Westfair help (noon – 3:00 and 3:00-6:00)

**Birthdays**

- Jun 5 – Bob Abbott
- Jun 16 – Dale Willenborg (recognized)
- Jun 20 – Jeff Jorgensen
- Jun 22 – Kevin Elwood

**Anniversaries**

- Jun 1 – Kevin & Shana Elwood (recognized)
- Jun 3 – Arlyn & Wanda Norris (recognized)
- Jun 5 – Steve & Debra Irvin
- Jun 15 – Steve & Jeanie Chambers (recognized)
- Jun 28 – Mick & Judy Guttau

**Speakers**

- June 23 – Greg Witte, Risen Son Christian Village
- June 30 – Pending

**Programs**

- July – Jeff Jorgensen
- Aug – Arlyn Norris

Greg explained the difference between Medicare and Medicaid. Medicare started about 1965 and was a very unpopular program. Part A covers hospital stays, short term nursing home, and rehab for up to 100 days. A 60 day well period is needed before another 100 days.

Part B covers doctor's visits and necessary equipment for recovery. Part D is for prescriptions.

Medicaid is administered by the state. It is a safety net for people who have spent all their resources. Medicaid determines what you can pay toward your expenses. Patients must be reassessed every quarter. Medicaid pays \$169 per day. It is the biggest state budget item. 35% of long term care patients are on Medicaid.

Risen Son has 175 staff. It is a not for profit.

**Meeting Minutes**

Chuck Nielsen opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken Graham offered the opening prayer.

There will be a Zone meeting on July 2 at Zion church at 6:30 p.m. Food will be provided by the Pickle Barrel.

Judy Guttau said that Annie at the Macedonia Gristmill was excellent. It is sold out.

Greg Witte won the 50/50 drawing and Dee Guttau won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 11 members and one guest at the meeting.

- Sept – Steve Irvin
- Oct – Chuck Nielsen
- Nov – Gary Guttau
- Dec – Bill Vorhmann

**Prayers**

- July 7—Bill Vorhmann
- July 14—Kirk Vorhmann
- July 21 — Judy Guttau
- July 28 — Richard Vorhmann
- August 4 —
- August 11 — Ken Graham
- August 18 — Mick Guttau
- August 25 —
- September 1 — Dennis White
- September 8 —
- September 15 — Gary Funkhouser
- September 22—Kirk Vorhmann
- September 29 —
- October 6 — Steve Irvin

**HEAT WAVES CAUSES RANCHERS TO SELL BARBECUE DIRECTLY FROM THE FIELD**

Ranchers in southern states hit by sweltering heat are selling fully cooked barbecue right from the livestock. "We let the customer choose the cattle and then we hose it down with sauce and send it out into the fields. Within twenty minutes the barbecue is piping hot and ready to eat," said a Texas rancher.

Barbecue restaurants are crying foul over the direct sales of the product to the public. "This heat wave is killing the cattle and our business. We can't compete with the lower overhead of the rancher when we provide our customers with a table, chairs and fan as well as swat flies," said waitress Flo Moore of the "Greasy Fat Dripping Spoon" restaurant in Amarillo.

The heat has also changed business for farmers who are using their former crop fields as giant baking pans for brownies. "It's the only way I can put my land and this heat to any use so I'm baking white chocolate, espresso brownies with macadamia nuts for those rip-off coffee houses, said a farmer in Oklahoma.