Good Samaritan News

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

Here at Good Sam the discussion of death and dying often comes up, especially when we have had to say goodbye to someone we love. This week we said goodbye to Irel Lohoefener. Her memorial service was held on Friday, with almost all of the residents in attendance.

During Bible study on Thursday we spent much of the hour reminiscing about the friendship and love we shared with Irel and others who have died. When the question was asked, "Are you afraid to die?" The answer was, "No, I am ready to die ... I look forward to it." Everyone

I then asked if aging was the reason they were ready. They all shook their heads and said, "No." They said this because of their belief in Jesus, and the promise of eternal

It is common to hear people say they could never work in a nursing home, because they couldn't handle losing people they care for. It is the hardest part of our job.

But because we are a Christian organization, almost all of our residents share the joy of knowing the hope and promise of eternal life, because they have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. When you embrace the reality of that, it is hard to grieve when you know they are in heaven free of the pain and suffering their frail bodies have endured, reunited with loved ones who have gone on before them. It truly is a day

of rejoicing!

I Thessalonians 4:13-14 says it around here! this way: "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep

This week we had a lot of celebrations. It was National Nursing Home Week, and the staff had fun with Crazy Hat Day, Pajama Day, Pet Pals, Crazy Hair Day and Twin Mary Depe, Trenton, Neb.; Jan

On Monday, Edla Olson and party with friends and family. The two families combined talent and sang some tunes, ending with the whole group joining together in singing "Amazing Grace."

Wednesday to celebrate a year of reading with the residents. Everyone met in the courtyard for the second annual Teddy Bear Picnic. The kids all brought their favorite teddy bear and we played with the parachute, bouncing those bears until they touched the trees. Among the squeals and giggles of the kids, the and Reid Fahrenholh, Hastings, residents' smiling faces could be Neb.; Jeanette Conway - Daisy seen thoroughly enjoying the noisy

Dorothy Hunt was the birthday honoree Saturday. Many friends and family members came to share **Dorothy Bryan** - Carol and John cake and ice cream with the resi-

Bryan and Eulaine Benda all had Helmkamp - Bernie Fred. Ruth great-grandchildren graduating. It Laidig: Deb Farr, North Platte, Neb.

seems every day is a day to celebrate

Don't forget to stop by on Memorial Day to see the Walkway of

Recent guests: Ethel Nemeth -Shelby Hackney, Helen Brooks; Thelma Spiers - Don and Joan Grafel, Todd Nelson Herndon; Ben and Lee Spiers, Winterset, Iowa; Tom and Pat Egli, Turo, Iowa; Violet Shaw; Roberta Urban - Sylvia Wachendorfer, Selden; Faye Unger, Stratton, Neb.; Harry and Badsky. Dorothy Hunt - Kara Haselhorst, Hays; Ron and Dixie Thelma Spiers had a wonderful Snyder, Colby; Tami Cook, Norcatur; Donnie and Tara Larsen, Sabetha; Martin and Ellen Osborne, Wichita. Mildred Black, Reva and Jim Marshall, Lawrence Marshall, Sarah Fringer, Aiden and Becky The First Hand Friends came Humphrey, Rodney Marshall, Joni Diederich, Robert Hessenflow, Helen Brooks, Robert and Penny Fringer, Leanna Bryan.

Opal Bryan - Sharon Slabaugh; Lucy Schissler - Margaret Fikan, Ralph Crim and Terry Mcguire, Atwood; Mert McEvoy, Eva Bryan - Elizabeth, Paige, Reilly Rhein; Kathryn Post - Gladys Geis. Mary Lemman - Jenny, Darren and Dylan Maclineetch, Salina; Rusty Newton, Salina; Barrett. Elaine Thomas - Col. Del Townsend of Maryland; Edla On Sunday, Dorothy Hunt, Opal Olson - Bernie Fred. Leona



By Dianne Bremer

Ralph and Violet (Spiers) Shaw, Don and Joan (Spiers) Grafel, Herndon, Ben and Leone Spiers, Winterset, Iowa, and Steve and Arian (Olson) Arnold, Herndon, hosted a joint birthday party Monday afternoon at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin for their mothers. Friends and family helped Thelma Spiers celebrate her 90th birthday and Edla Olson celebrate her 92nd birthday. Also attending were Ben and Leone's daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Tom Egli, Turo, Iowa. Homemade cake, ice cream, strawberries, and entertainment by Joel Shaw and Arian Arnold was enjoyed by all.

Fern Jording, and Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin Shields were Thursday

Wis., and Jack and Gerri Nedland, Rice Lake, Wis., arrived Friday to attend the high school graduation of their grandson and nephew, since Jessica was one of the pianists Cameron Nedland, on Sunday. playing Pomp and Circumstance They also attended a party at the during Oberlin's high school gradu-Nedland home Saturday evening ation Sunday afternoon. for family and friends in honor of Cameron's high school graduation. They will spend a few days visiting at the home of Dan Nedland and graduating during commencement Rhonda May and family before returning home.

Bremer and Jessica attended the chard and Delayne May, was cowedding and reception of Ben salutatorian of the graduating class. Bainter and Rachel Gottschalk at the Oberlin United Methodist party at their home Sunday after-Church Saturday afternoon. The noon in honor of Nolan's high evening dinner guests of Gaylord Bremers also attended a reception school graduation. Among family and Shirley Shields to celebrate for Ben and Rachel at the home of and friends attending were his sisthe bride's parents. Michael and ters. Brianna and Danica May.

Elizabeth McConnell, Minong, Lori Gottschalk, in Hays Saturday evening. After enjoying breakfast with Warren and Jan Bainter Sunday morning, they returned home

Regan Badsky, Brock Euhus, Nolan May, Cameron Nedland, and Jacob Unger were among those exercises Sunday afternoon at the Decatur Community High School Arthur May and John and Dianne gymnasium. Nolan May, son of Ri-

Richard and Delayne May held a

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

David Sattler and his wife, April (Portschy) Sattler graduated from Kansas State University on May 12. He received a degree in mechanical engineering and she earned a degree in human resource management. They will make their home in

Norton, where both are employed. Among those attending their graduation were Leon and Marita Portschy, and Tom and Myra Sattler, Joe and Jean Ann Leitner, Herndon; Amy Portschy, Dan and her mother, Mildred Kleidosty.

Gigi Sattler, McCook; Jennifer Leitner, Wichita; Charlotte Smith, Topeka; Travis and Cindy Brumback, Sydney and Jax Brumback and Renae and Ryan Bruning, Baxter Springs; and Jacob and Rachel Asbury and Haley and Tristan, Wamego.

Janice Sattler visited last Sunday

with Edie Pettera. Theresa Anderson of Denver spent Mother's Day weekend with

Herndon PRIDE has completed several community projects including a bake sale and basket giveaway with \$300 donated to Ron and Cindy Sattler after their house fire. The annual Clean-Up Day was held April 28 when crews picked up limbs, appliances and other items. New tennis and volleyball nets are up at the city park, purchased from Rawlins County Commissioners' monetary donation. Plans are to hold the Yard of the Month contest. LIGHT THE WAY TO A CURE



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