

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Herndon Pride will not be sponsoring the City-Wide clean-up this year. It is suggested for everyone to clean up their property and check with the landfill for available drop-off times. Thank you for taking pride in keeping our town neat and clean.

The Grapevine Gals met Monday afternoon at the Sunflower Villa, celebrating the birthdays of Julie Hafner and Esther Pennington. While Esther couldn't be with them in person, she was thought about and missed. Cards were opened and the war baby asked the group questions about her birth year. The birthday table goodies consisted of hot cheesy dip with Fritos; assorted crackers; Chex mix; cheese and meat trays; veggie tray with hot pepper dip; ham salad sandwiches; cucumber sandwiches with sliced seasoned tomatoes and pumpkin pie cake, all very delicious. These gatherings make growing old seem like fun.

Michaela Ann Rippe received her First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart in Atwood on Sunday. Father Nick Parker was the celebrant. She wore a long white dress made by her Grandma Cheryl Steinert and a veil handed down from her great-great-Grandma Eva Schmid. The Fourth Degree Knights formed a guard for the communicants and the Knights of Columbus Choir provided the music for the Mass.

Those attending to help her celebrate were her parents, Kevin

and Megan, and siblings, Lilly, Allison, Kimberly, and Connor, grandparents Richard and Theresa Rippe, Ludell, and Cheryl Steinert, Lyons. Also joining her were Tim and Wyatt Rippe, Ludell, and Lindsey Meixner, Lincoln, Neb., Rodney and Katelyn Rippe, Hays, and friends Michael Frie, Caitlin and Robbie of Denver. Family and friends were treated to a delicious dinner after mass, compliments of Sacred Heart Altar Society, and cake made and decorated by Megan Rippe.

Spring cleaning is happening at Herndon Pride Park. Volunteers Deb Humphrey, Rita Marintzer and Joyce Gibson are working at weeding, fertilizing and will plant later a variety of blooms. Thanks, gals for sprucing up Main Street.

The Herndon Alumni Association Banquet is being planned for Saturday, May 25. The potluck dinner will begin at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon. The Hall will open at 4 p.m. for visiting. Honor classes will be meeting at various places throughout the day so plan on spending the day reminiscing with classmates and friends. The officers would love to have a good attendance this year with decisions needing to be made. Hope to see you there.

Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs, Lexington, Neb., spent Wednesday and Thursday with Bob and Julie Hafner. Thursday afternoon visitor was Janice Sattler, Atwood, and all

enjoyed a game of Apples to Apples. Saturday, Marlene and Tommy Cook, Littleton, Colo., and Janice Sattler joined the Hafners for a visit and lunch with Ron and Cindy Sattler, Eric and Jayda Sattler, Chase and Dana Juenemann; Mary Clark and Katelyn Rippe at Roger's Bar and Grill.

Esther Pennington, Herndon, celebrated her special 99th birthday over the weekend with family and friends. Those helping her enjoy dinner and birthday cake and ice cream were Mary Rushing, Sacramento, Calif.; Mark, Kurt and Kaci Pennington, Arvada, Colo.; Matt Turner, Denver; Mat Anderson, Hurst, Texas; Katie Wills, Mukilteo, Wash.; Alan and Ann Solko and Lucinda Dawn, Esther's two-month old great-grandchild. The birthday joy will continue when reading the many cards and thinking about so many birthday wishes.

Deb Portschy, Peach Beims, Jennifer Davis, Destiny Schroeder and Pam Stuczynski were among the Scrappers that attended the First Annual Scrapppin' Fiesta Scrapbooking Weekend at Columbian Hall over the weekend. They worked on their personal scrapbooks while visiting with friends and playing games. Plans were made to attend again next year.

Saturday morning Katelyn Rippe, Mary Clark, Dana Juenemann and Cindy Sattler participated in the 5K in The Boonies, south of Herndon. These runners and runner Justin Davis were then treated to a brunch at the Sattler ranch. After brunch the gals made songbook flowers.

Sunday, Ron and Cindy Sattler attended the dance recital in Colby in which their granddaughter, Payton Juenemann, performed.

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church. St. Mary's celebrated the Crowning of Mary at the church grotto Sunday following Mass. Father Nick Parker led the dedication of prayer and singing and Ceanne Schroeder was crown bearer.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A blanket of snow did not dim the enthusiasm of the Jennings Tuesday Study Club on April 23. After a pot roast lunch at the Broken Wheel in Jennings, club members went to the United Methodist Church for their business meeting. During new business, members paid their \$10 dues for the 2013-2014 year and elected Sheila Rhodes as the club secretary/treasurer.

Members reviewed program idea choices for next year and signed up to be on the program committee. Marie Miller, Patty Foster, Lila Jennings, Paula Krizek, Alice Mizer, Lynn Tacha, Joan McKenna, Joanie Metz, Sue Long, Pat Hall, Violet Foster, Helen Rhodes, Carla Latimer, Ruth Chance, Helen Muirhead, Louise Cressler, Kathy Nauer, Sheila Rhodes and Neoma Tacha answered roll call with their favorite flower or plant.

When the business meeting was adjourned, club members carpooled to Mona's Market in Dresden for a taste of spring. Inside the toasty warm greenhouse, Mona Amlong explained the process of establishing and expanding her greenhouse business. Growing flowers and other plants includes lots of hard work, planning and research, and creativity. The first seeds are planted in December and flourish under grow lights. Some plants are started from cuttings and others must be purchased as sets. Trees, shrubs, roses, bulbs and potting soil are also available for sale. In addition, Mona grows pumpkins to sell in the fall and utilizes a variety of fun containers to create wonderful floral arrangements.

Surrounded by an array of amazing and colorful flowers and plants, Tuesday Study Club members experienced visions of delicious vegetables on their plates and beautiful floral containers decorating their front porches. Thanks to Mona and her magical indoor taste of spring, the snow outside was forgotten.

The Jennings City Library board voted to have Carla Latimer, the librarian purchase a container to be used as an outside book drop at the library. Thanks to Tom Votapka, Jason Rowh and Dean Robinson for setting it up and securing it to a frame stand.

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the birthday party on Sunday honoring their great-granddaughter, Lenzy Golemboski, on her second birthday. The party was held at the home of her parents and sister, Katie and Zach Golemboski and Lexy, Colby. Grandparents attending were Cindy Black, Carlsbad, N.M.; Tony and Kathy Surmeier, Mark and Jackie Golemboski, Colby. Additional great-grandparents attending included Dennis and Marilyn Wahlmeier, Cambridge, Neb. In the afternoon they enjoyed attending Lexy's dance recital at the Colby High School gymnasium.

Enjoying card playing Wednesday at the Sunflower Senior Center were: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Elea-

nor Morel, Diane Carter, Scott Taylor, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Some members of the Christian Motorcycle Association came to give the message at the United Methodist Churches of Dresden and Jennings. Our minister, Barbara Patterson, was enjoying a visit with their family in Illinois Sunday.

Congratulation to Jesse and Megan Carter on the arrival of their son, William Thomas, born Thursday at the McCook Community Hospital. He has two sisters to welcome him home. Grandparents are Ken and Julie Carter; and great-grandmothers are Rachel Carter of Jennings and Norma Ward of Clayton.

The Jennings Lions Club will be sponsoring the Mother's Day dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, May 12, at the Sunflower Senior Center. Donations will be accepted.

Visiting Wayne and Louise Cressler on Sunday was their son, Russell Cressler of Bison.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Kelsey May, daughter of Chris and Kasey May, and Miranda Long, daughter of Brad and Shanna Long, were confirmed Sunday morning during worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin with Pastor Brad Rick officiating. A brunch followed in the fellowship hall to honor the confirmands.

Kelsey's baptismal sponsors are Sarah May Shaw and Andy May; grandparents are Marvin May, the late Candy May, Penny Smith, and Danny and Cindy Black; great-grandparents are Martin and Evelyn May, Theda McKee and the late Fred McKee.

Miranda's baptismal sponsors are Linda Wade and Nancy Corder; grandparents are Marilou Long, the late Elden Long and Eugene Wurm, Beverly and Wayne Smith and Larry Lively.

Chris and Kasey May and Hunter, Martin and Evelyn May, Brad and Shanna Long, Marilou Long, and Dianne Bremer were among those attending Kelsey and Miranda's confirmation questioning Thursday evening at the church officiated by Pastor Rick.

Brian and Sarah (May) Shaw, Caden and Landon, Andover, attended confirmation services for their niece, Kelsey May, at St. John's Lutheran Church Sunday morning.

Mark Shields, Tucson, Ariz.; and Phil Shields, Salisbury, M.D., arrived Thursday to spend a few days visiting their parents, Gaylord and Shirley Shields. Mark and Phil visited Mike and Nancy Shields of Omaha on Monday before flying home.

Dante Robertson placed first in the 200 meter run, the long jump, the 4x4 relay, and fourth in the pole vault at the junior high track meet held Thursday in Oberlin.

Ryan May took first place at the junior varsity golf tournament held Friday in Oakley.

The Decatur Community High School senior high girls track team took first place at the Quinter Invitational track meet Friday. Cassidy and Caitie Shields and Hannah May are among the team members of the track team.

Erin May placed first in the mile, second in the long jump, and third in the 100 meter race in the fifth and sixth grade competition at the Goodland track meet on Saturday.

State Music for class 2A schools was held Saturday on the Kansas Wesleyan University Campus in Salina. Students going to State Music qualified by earning I ratings at Regional Music held earlier this April. Among those competing were Cassidy Shields, Elizabeth Nedland, Zach May, Ryan May, Hannah May, Alexandra Waterman, Dakota Tate and Caitlin Shields.

Ratings: Cassidy, vocal solo, 1; vocal trio, Cassidy, Morgan and Mollie Jansonious, 1; Elizabeth, French horn, 1, vocal solo, 1; Hannah, flute solo, 1, woodwind ensemble, 1; girls ensemble 2; Zach, vocal solo, 1, men's quartet, 1; Ryan, men's ensemble, 2; Dakota, saxophone ensemble, 1; Alexandra, vocal solo, 2, clarinet solo, 2; girls ensemble, 2, mixed ensemble, 2, woodwind ensemble, 1; woodwind trio, Alexandra, Hannah and Darbi Rouse, 1; Caitlin, percussion ensemble, 2; Cassidy, Elizabeth, Zach, Ryan, and Hannah are members of the DCHS Singers which received a 1 rating.

Following State Music Saturday afternoon, Pam May and Hannah met Pam's brother and nephew, Tim Jorns and Gavin in Kansas City and drove on to Norman, Okla., where they attended confirmation questioning at Trinity Lutheran Church for their nephew, Logan Jorns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jorns, during Sunday morning worship services. Pam and Hannah returned home Sunday evening.

Dakota Tate, a member of the Decatur Community High School Jazz Band, played saxophone at "Jazz in the Park" Sunday afternoon in Oberlin.

John and Edith Tate and the Jay Tate family attended the Nichole's School of Dance recital Sunday afternoon in Colby where Gracie Tate performed a solo dance as well as performed in a group dance. Following the recital, they went out to dinner to celebrate Becky Tate's birthday.

Poetic Psalms reveal confidence in God

Jesus cried out on the cross with the first line from Psalm 22, "My God, my God! Why have you forsaken me?"

Like Jesus, we wonder where God is when bad things happen. Pastor Frederick Buechner once said, "When horrors happen we can't use God to make them unhappen any more than we can use a flashlight to put out a fire or Psalm 23 to find our way home in the dark." Yet Psalm 23 follows Psalm 22's, "Why have you forsaken me?" with "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want."

The Psalms are poems that declare confidence in God's love and care using metaphor, simile, innuendo, and double meaning in order to express profound truths in a way that newspaper articles just can't. There are so many possible meanings in Psalm 23 that it is hard to pinpoint when it was written. It could be a prayer of confident hope that God will bring relief from suffering. It may be a prayer of thanksgiving for current bounty. It's probably both of these and more. And this

is what gives this Psalm so much power. What makes us think he will undo what happens in our lives?

When tragedy strikes, when it seems that God is not there and we are wondering "why," Psalm 23 tells us, God is there! "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, because you are with me." It is God's sustaining presence that gives us the strength to go through the valley, even though we know He won't undo it.

The valley is always there before us. There are always enemies around us. But in the midst of the valley, in the presence of our enemies, He prepares an abundant table where we may sit and be filled, refreshed, and find relief. This should give us tremendous comfort whenever we face accidents, tragedies, and horrors. He cares about this world. These two Psalms remind us that God cares about us intimately. We need not fear.



Pastor Roy Matthewson
Lund Covenant Church

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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Fr. Mark Berland,
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Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m. Sunday

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Barbara Patterson
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

DRESDEN
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Nancy Proffitt
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST
102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Nancy Proffitt
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.m.

OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
The Rev. Royce Leitner
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastor: Judi Stricker
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Choir practice every Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Gene Gee
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

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Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

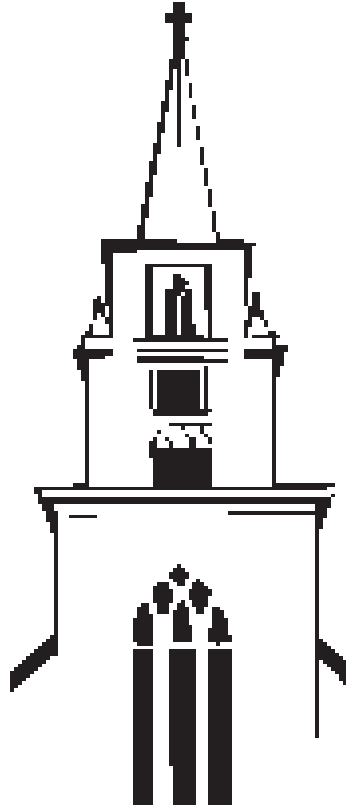
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510 North Wilson
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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 North York Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas
The Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053
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