



NEWS FROM THE NEST



JayFest delivers good time, raises money

The JayFest fundraising event for Guardian Angels Central Catholic was another success. The event was held Friday, June 4, the night before the Alumni Banquet. Pictured above is the JayFest committee that put in many hours of planning to make this year's event another success.

Pictured to the right is Brenn Kai and Fr. Matt Niggemeyer who soaked in all of the festivities that the 2021 JayFest had to offer. This year's theme was Oktoberfest. See Page 2 for a more detailed story about JayFest.



Another big success

JayFest takes on Oktoberfest theme while raising money for good cause

By Delores Meister

The Jayfest fundraiser took on an Oktoberfest celebration theme June 4 at the Nielsen Community Center as the Der Glucklichen Spieler, alias the Happy Player Polka Band, Fremont middle-school students, spun out the familiar Pennsylvania Polkas, the Too Fat Polka and the Beer Barrel Polka with the Blue Skirt Waltz meshed in between.

Of course, 'In Heaven there is No Beer' was on the list. Chairperson Kelly Steffen Din-

slage extended a German welcome and Father Steve Emanuel prayed Grace in German.

Four hundred diners enjoyed the German menu: beef tenderloin, roasted potatoes, green beans, roll, and German Chocolate Cake (of course) prepared by Donna and Mike Graybeal and served by the the GACC Junior class-to-be (class of 2023).

The band played on committee member fraulines in white puffed sleeved blouses and checkered skirts, embroidery dresses, and

guys with knee hose, short pants, suspenders, and perk hats, added to the festivities.

Silent auction items were displayed on tables around the room. Dinner was followed by a live auction and more music.

Through the overwhelming donations of time, cash, gifts and talent to support Catholic education the fundraiser was a success.

This year 10 percent of the JayFest proceeds will be donated to the Neligh Park Inclusive Playground Equipment.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Attention: Alumni Banquet will be held June 4, 2022

Knights of Columbus has 100th Anniversary

By Delores Meister

The Knights of Columbus 100th Anniversary Dinner was held at the Nielsen Community Center on May 23.

Since 1921 Knights of Columbus have become a social, recreational, prayer leading and fund raising organization supporting our church and our schools, families and individuals.

They are helpful in disasters such as the flooding cleanup, at funerals leading the rosaries and burying the dead, at pro-life events, at fish fries raising funds for the community, at sporting events as KC basketball for kids and bowling for adults, and aiding people with family financial planning through insurance purchases.

Their presence surrounds and enriches multigenerations of the church, school and town commu-

nity. It is fitting to recognize and honor them.

“What an honor to survive that many years,” said Past State Deputy Tony Hergott, Columbus. “Your council stands out across the state. We are a family organization.”

Grand Knight Todd Dorsey said, “We service the community. The state. The whole world. We service the world through the Tootsie Roll Drives for the challenged, the One Rose, One Life drives for the unborn, hundreds of wheel chairs, the ultra-sound machines and in the areas hit by natural disasters, the Knights are there.”

Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael McGivney in 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut, to meet the desperate needs of the times when immigrant factory men were working in unsafe conditions resulting in too many widows and children being left with

no livelihood. There was no social security, OSHA, or insurance.

Father McGivney called on the men of his parish to step up to care for those in need and step-by-step the fraternal organization which is now global, was established.

Gradually, through filling the need for Christian charity the insurance program came about.

Thirty-nine years later after the beginning of the Knights, the West Point organization was chartered.

Today multigenerations of families have supported and benefitted with membership.

In West Point in 1921, Monsignor Joseph Bosheck organized the West Point St. Joseph's Council #2272 on May 8, 1921, for Catholic men who have served their families, the Church, the school, and the betterment of their community both spiritually and financially.



Catholic Daughters celebrate 75 years of service

The Catholic Daughters celebrated their 75th anniversary Sunday with Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church and a social at the Nielsen Community Center. Among the members who were able to join the event were, from left, front: Arlene Langhorst, Irene Guenther, Maureen Schorn, Mary Jean Hagedorn, Valeria Schlecht, JoAnn Aschoff, Bonnie Brachle, Jeanette Polzer, Delores Meister; 2nd row: RaNae O'Brien, Bonnie Emanuel, Jolene Peatrowsky, Stasia Stokely, Donna Brunnert, Jean Stieren, Joan Kreikemeier, Marlene Knobbe, Jan Aschoff, Margaret Wordekemper, Roxanne Schmaderer; back: Kim Meduna, Lavina Steffen, Carol Franzluebbers, Connie Eilerts, Eileen Knodel, Karen Plagge, Eunice Cantrell, Diane Leffler, Lana Wolf, Joleen Renner, Rose Buse, Carol Wiechman, Mary Timmerman.



Year of St. Joseph celebrated in 2021

By Delores Meister

Year of St. Joseph in West Point is a given as St. Joseph's presence is in a multitude of places, so much so that we take his presence for granted.

Pope Francis proclaimed 2021 a special "Year of St. Joseph."

It is a time to become aware of St. Joseph's presence in our community, to increase our love and to encourage us to implore his intercession as we attempt to imitate his virtues.

Archbishop George Lucas celebrated Mass at St. Joseph's Elder Services.

St. Joseph's Elder Services is the umbrella over St. Joseph's Retirement Community and St. Joseph's Hillside Villa skilled nursing care. Tours of both facilities were available. A barbecue noon meal was served.

ST. JOSEPH STATUES

Reminders of St. Joseph are present in the many statues of St. Joseph in our local churches.

Famous, and a masterpiece, is the St. Mary's Church statue "Death of St. Joseph" and a mystery surrounds the artist.

The life-size intricately carved



statue of St. Joseph on his death bed surrounded by Mary and Jesus and an angel holding a gold crown and a St. Joseph lily is made of huge slabs of wood laminated together estimated to weigh 350 lbs.

This statue is unique and one of a kind. The carver is unknown at this time. Several persons have researched the origin.

Fr. Weeder comes to St. Mary's Parish

As of July 1, Fr. Weeder has taken over as pastor of St. Mary's Parish. He will also serve as President of GACC School.

Fr. Weeder grew up on a farm by Albion. He recently served at parishes in Atkinson and surrounding areas.

Alumni banquet returns for GACC School

By Delores Meister

You can't turn back the clock but you can remember the joys of youth, while renewing acquaintances from teenage high school years. That was done in a joyful, happy way for 440 alumni June 5 at Nielsen Community Center.

Tours of the school, Mass at St. Mary's Church and class pictures taken by Kelly Steffen Dinslage, preceded the dinner prepared by Mike and Donna Graybeal.

The microphone was passed from table to table as class memories were reported.

Oldest alumn present, Nick Wieler, Class of 1941, spoke of what life was like for him. Henry Druke, 90 was the lone member of the Class of 1946.

Due to the covid cancellation in 2020, joint classes were honored.

Thanks and appreciation go to the Alumni Coordinating Committee chaired by Deanne Reson Wieneke and Deb Brunsing Bailey who were assisted by Jayne Wortman Mowinkel, Patty Hunke Meiergerd, Patty McMahon Slagle, Alice Hagedorn Heimann and Chris Kreikemeier.

BIRTHS

Carly (Manley) '10 & Brady Nelson: son Briggs Alan - Date of birth 1/30/21

Emily (Steffen) '11 & Jack Arterburn: daughter Josie Joan - Date of birth 3/10/21

Trevor '08 & Michelle Spenner: son Luke David - Date of birth 4/27/21

Patricia (Guenther) '06 & Troy Pribnow: son Treycen Jeffery Gene - Date of birth 4/29/21

Andrew '08 & Kelly Wiechman: daughter Maeley Marie - Date of birth 5/7/21

Allison (Steffen) '03 & Connor Bramlet: daughter Waverly Walker - Date of birth 5/7/21

Emily (Ridder) '09 & Ryan Mascarello: son Joseph Paul - Date of birth 5/27/21

Chelsea (Franzuebbers) '08 & Taylor Werner: daughter Drue Elizabeth - Date of birth 6/4/21

Emily (Petz) '13 & Cody Howser: son Hudson Robert - Date of birth 6/6/21

Tatem (Kreikemeier) '10 & Tony Edwards: son Myles Alexander - Date of birth 6/9/21

DEATHS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD
David Schinstock '71: Date of death 4/17/21

Christopher Batenhorst '43: Date of death 4/23/21

Judith (Bruning) Schenkelberg '61: Date of death 4/30/21

Gerald Spanel '72: Date of death 5/2/21

Joanne (Gentrup) Leriger '58: Date of death 6/18/21

Rita (Fisher) Ellinghausen '36: Date of death 6/18/21

WEDDINGS

Katelyn Schlautman '10 married Ross Johnson on 5/22/21

Eric Klitz '16 married Hannah Esch on 5/29/21

Emily Knobbe '13 married Eric Wietfeld '14 on 6/26/21

Bluejay athletes achieve success at state track, golf



GACC sent four athletes to the 2021 State Track & Field meet held in May at Omaha Burke. Bluejay qualifiers were: Paige Rolf (Long Jump, 4x4 relay), Jocelynn Skoda (4x4 relay), Emerson Ortmeier (4x4 relay) and Sophia Hass (Long Jump, 4x4 relay). In long jump, Rolf placed 4th and Hass 5th.

GACC junior Livia Hunke qualified for the Class C Boys State Golf tournament held in May at the Kearney Country Club. She finished 28th overall.



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