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### Gerald Bruggeman April 27, 2011

died April 27, 2011 at his home in Colorado Springs, Co. A funeral Mass was held April 30, 2011 by Bishop Michael Sheridan at St.1 Mary's Cathedral in Colorado Springs, Co. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs. Co.

Father Bruggeman was born in north Graham County, KS the tenth of thirteen children, to Gerhard and Mary Ann Dittlinger Bruggeman. He attended high school at the Conception Abbey in Coception, MO, later attending St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, Co. He was ordained on May 29, 1949. His first Mass was said in-New Almelo, KS.

He was in the Pueblo Diocese until the Colorado Springs Diocese was formed. He spent time in Pueblo, Lamar, LaJunta, Monte Vista, Salida, Buena Vista, and Colorado Springs at Cor-

Father Gerald Bruggeman, pus Christi Parish. The last 17 years he was a regular fixture at Penrose-St.Francis Hospital and a number of other health care facilities. His last public Mass was offered at the hospital chapel on April 10th before a crowd of friends and with the presence of Bishop Sheridan. Father's service to the Penrose-St. Francis will be honored in the new hospital park at the corner of Cascade and Jackson, across from Corpus Christi Parish where he served.

Father's greatest gift was the return of his missing chalice in December 2010. He felt it was a Christmas miracle.

Father Bruggeman is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth Brinker, Glen Elder; and Regina Riedel, St Peter; a sister-in-law, Carroll Bruggeman, Phillipsburg, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

# Northern Valley youth nominated for scholarship and given an award

Matthew Dole, a Northern Valley senior, has been nominated to compete in the national NASSP/ Herff Jones Principal's Leadership Award (PLA) scholarship program, cosponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and Herff Jones, Inc.

George Griffith, principal, Northern Valley High School, today announced the nomination, which places Dole in the national competition. One hundred national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive college scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000.

High school principals from across the country were able to nominate one of their student leaders. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs; achievements in the arts and sciences; employment experience; and academic record. They were also required to write an essay.

"Academic excellence represents an aspiration for all students, leadership exemplifies an essential skill to possess in the 21st century, and service to others symbolizes the spirit of America. The qualities recognized by the PLA scholarship and demonstrated by Dole have never been more important than

now. Students like Dole face the Student of the Month, as well as lead us to a better tomorrow", All of these things are the makings director, NASSP. "We warmly for their continuing support of to study Beef Production. this important program.'

PLA scholarship recognizes the Jostens of Kansas.

importance of a well-rounded education. Cocurricular activities are an essential part of the school curriculum.

While at Northern Valley, Dole has been active as Student Council Vice-President, FFA Vice-President, December

challenges of today head on and participate in Football and Track. said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive of a well-rounded student. This fall he plans to attend Nebraska thank our partner, Herff Jones, College of Technical Agriculture

Matthew Dole has also received In recognizing leadership in the Dale Dennis Excellence in co-curricular activities as well Education award sponsored by as academic performance, the United School Administrators and

George Griffith, principal, announced today that Dole has demonstrated the characteristics necessary to receive this annual award given in honor of one of Kansas'educational leaders. Winners of this award throughout Kansas high schools are those individuals who have displayed the citizenship, community and school service, scholarship and common sense characteristics that make them a quality person. The Dale M. Dennis Excellence

in Education Award was established in 1996 by Kansas school administrators to honor the long and valuable service that Dale Dennis gave to Kansas education. The individual characteristics that helped establish Dale M. Dennis as a friend of education and more importantly as a first class citizen are the basis for determining the recipient of this award. Dale Dennis is the Deputy Commissioner of the Kansas State Department of Education.

### ub News

Mid-Century GFWC journeyed to the Land Mark Inn in Oberlin, on April 28, for their spring dinner. Preceding the dinner, Beverly Kindler, president, conducted the business meeting. She called the meeting to order with the theme of the evening, "The Gift of Fellowship". The quote "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves" by James Barrie.

Lynn Nelson reported the Pie Sale made a nice profit. This was the 20th year we had conducted the sale. This year there were 37 pies and 23 different kinds. This may be the last year that we do the sale. Eunice Neiltopp reported the week of delivering Meals-on-Wheels went very well and thanked everyone who had volunteered their time. Several members reported that their "pink tulips" for Breast Cancer Awareness were blooming and

Beverly presented to the club the Kansas ADT II coin and the flag from Afghanistan that Dallas McMullen had given to Mid-Century following his talk about his service in Afghanistan. He also told how the money we had sent with him had been used. He purchased cooking supplies for the girls school.

Leta Donovan asked that because of her health her membership be changed from "Active Member" to "Associate Member". Judy Davis asked that since she is returning to live in Norton, that her membership be changed from "Associate Member" back to "Active Member". These requests were granted.

Beverly gave a short report of the GFWC convention help April 8 in Newton. She had taken art projects from several other clubs and that our Geraldine Packer received a blue on her countedcross stitch picture. Bertie Leigh Compaan, vice-president presented to the club the "Certificate of Appreciation, - In grateful appreciation for the valued contribution to our organization this certificate is presented to Mid-

Duplicate Bridge

There were three tables with two

winners in this week's Duplicate

Bridge. First place went to Nor-

man Walter and Janice Persinger and second place went to Jackie Porter and Joyce Sumner.

May 9: Baked fish, macaroni

and cheese, spinach, bread, cook's choice fruit. May 10: Taco salad,

citrus slices, chips, fruit cobbler.

May 11: Paprika chicken, mashed

potatoes and gravy, cucumbers

and onions, bread, peaches. May 12: Bierock casserole, seasoned

carrots, orange pineapple salad, cookie. May 13: BBQ pork sand-

wich, potato rounds, broccoli/cau-

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liflower salad, bread, fruit mix.

Senior Menu

### Century GFWC Club." Signed Gladys Shook, GWC president. Also, the club's year book for

2010-2011 was awarded a purple

Ribbon as Best of State.

Roll Call was answered by the 20 members with "A thought for the day". The business meeting was closed with the Collect.

Membership Recognition was conducted by Beverly. Mid-Century was chartered in the fall of 1952. Four of the charter members were in attendance at the dinner; Leta Donovan, Eunice Neiltopp, Doris Winteroth and Jean White. Other memberships range from these girls 59 years down to the most recent, Cheryl Scott and Margaret Thomas with 2 years to Shirley Farber and Lyn Linde, just this year. All new members were presented with GFWC Membership pins.

Darlene McEwen presented the club history as a gift in three packages. Each package held gifts of the activities of the club during the year.

Jean White conducted the installation of officers for the next club term. New officers for 2011-2012 are: Virginia Will, president, Cheryl Scott, vice-president, Lynn Nelson, treasurer, Fonda Lawrence, corresponding secretary and Darlene McEwen, recording secretary. Each new officer was presented a gift that was a symbol of their office.

A delicious meal was served from lovely spring decorated tables. Each guest received a butterfly note pad and a bookmark, gifts from Beverly.

Following the dinner, a rousing "Thank You" was given Beverly for her years of faithfully serving Mid-Century as president. She was presented a jeweled pin in the shape of a key, "Keys" was her theme while she was District 6th GFWC president.

The next gathering for Mid-Century will be May 17, 7 p.m. at Norton Community High School for their night of art exhibits and band concert. We will enjoy "The Gift of Art and Music".

#### Make gardening a fun filled family project **Kay Melia** vkmelia@yahoo.com if he wished. Indeed, he wished. My 5 year old Great Grandson Cole is in pre-school this year, and will be a full-fledged Kindergartener next fall. He has spent a lot of time during the summers of his short life "helping" his Grandad Marty in Marty's spacious country backyard. Several weeks ago, Cole was

playing in his backyard over on College Street with his little sister Lauren, and was observed doing some digging in his large sandbox. He announced to his parents that he was working in his garden. When Grandad Marty received

word of Cole's backyard effort, he proceeded to mark off a small area on the north side of his garden and told Cole he could have that plot for his very own garden Marty explained very carefully to Cole that there was more to having a successful garden than just planting the seeds and harvesting the crop. He must water the plants when they came up, and he must keep the weeds pulled as well as watching out for those bugs who wanted to eat his lettuce as much

Cole and his Grandad planted most of the cool-weather crops the day before Easter, and left space for cucumbers and zucchini when the soil warms. He planted a lot of green things like lettuce, may have had some serious input on what he planted since she is an admitted greens freak.). And now comes the waiting for plant emergence and the road to maturity. The family will learn a lot about Cole's early age patience as the spring merges into summer.

I, too, learned about the gardening process when I was about Cole's age. In those days some 75 years ago, my early experience in the garden was not necessarily intended to teach me the finer points of gardening. It was more like an annual "sentence" to spend the summer in the garden where the results would determine whether or not our family would have pressure cookers.

What a nice project for parents of young children (or grandparents) to encourage the youngsters to join them in preparing a small space in the backyard for a garden. It doesn't have to be an area the size of Logan Township, and it doesn't have to consist of only vegetables. Flowers from both seeds and plants can teach children a lot about nature's beauty and the earth's ability to produce wonderful things that are to be enjoyed by everyone.

There's still time! If you're a newcomer to the gardening mystique, remember that there is plenty of help out there. Pose a few questions to an experienced friend or neighbor. Make it a true family garden this year!

#### spinach, mescluns and also a enough to eat, not only during couple of broccoli plants. (Cole's the summer, but for the following mother, a registered Dietician, winter, thanks to canning jars and

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