

## Arispe Women's Christian Fellowship

by Bonnie Riepe

The Arispe WCF met at 9:30 a.m. on November 30, 2017. Four members packed and delivered sixteen Goody Plates for shut-ins, community friends in the Afton Care Center, college students, and other friends of our community.

Election of officers was held. Pennie Cheers made a motion to keep the officers the same. It was seconded by Bonnie Riepe and passed. Officers for 2018 will be President Shirley Staver,

Vice-President Patsy Arnold, Secretary Bonnie Riepe, Treasurer Darlene Wimmer and Afton Care Center Liaison Pennie Cheers. Cards were signed for Bob Arnold and Joyce Ross.

For our December meeting, we will go caroling at the Afton Care Center. Our tentative plan is to sing at 11:30 a.m. during their lunchtime and then go out for lunch. Pennie will check with Marcia to confirm a date and time for us to sing.

## Afton Federated Garden Club

by Monica Huddleson

Members of the Afton Federated Garden Club met at 1:00 p.m., November 10th, at the Butterfly Garden to clean it up for the winter. Our regular meeting was 1:30 p.m. at the Afton Community Center. President Shirley Wallace called the meeting to order with members repeating the Pledge of Allegiance to our USA flag and the Club Collect. Roll call was answered by fourteen members.

Minutes of the Fall Luncheon were read by Monica Huddleson. After corrections, Judy Weese made a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Donna Thomas seconded the motion. Bev Rowe gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept was made by Ginny Quick and seconded by Gwen Sandeman.

President Shirley shared a note from Bevington Garden Club member, Betty Anderson. She thanked us for a fun time of food, program, and door prizes.

Bev Rowe shared that she had returned the ballot vote to the Iowa Arboretum, Inc. Also, the Arboretum newsletter and a brochure from Wallace Center about upcoming events. Saturday, November 18th, is the Holiday Hop in Winterset. Saturday, December 2nd, is Afton Extravaganza.

Mike Bolton sent a clipping from the Osceola paper about their Diversity Community Garden that we visited in June on our tour.

Bev Rowe made a motion to elect Kathy Tapken to the position of treasurer. Audrey McDowell seconded the motion. All agreed - motion carried. Congratulations, Kathy!

It was decided to have our Christmas party on December 1st, rather than the scheduled date

of the 8th. We will meet at the Arispe Roadside Bar and Grill at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and grab bag gift exchange.

Our AFGC will team up with the Dragoon Trail Nature Center to help plant wildflower plugs the end of April or first of May (whenever the plugs come in).

Judy Weese had designed three versions of the cover for next year's program books. We voted on the one we liked best.

President Shirley shared a book Native Gardener with us with a proposal that we buy the book and place it in the library of local schools. After discussion, we decided on Mt. Ayr, Orient, Afton, Murray, and Creston. Judy Weese made a motion to donate the books, and Kathy Tapken seconded the motion. All agreed and motion carried.

Audrey McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ginny Quick. All recited the Conservation Pledge.

Judy Weese gave a program on recycling. She first gave us a test on how long it takes certain items to decompose in a landfill. Aluminum can take from 80 - 200 years, a glass bottle can take 1,000,000 years, and a cigarette butt up to five years! She laminated two decomposition sheets to be hung on our refrigerators. Judy and President Shirley got together and made decorations out of recycled books. Our club worked on folding pages of books to make table decorations for the Annual District Meeting.

Hostesses Judy Weese and Iris Smith served a delicious lunch. Our next meeting will be our Christmas party, 11:30 a.m., December 1st at the Arispe Roadside Bar and Grill.

## Highland Highlights 4-H Club

Respectfully Submitted by Clarissa Hoffman, Reporter

The Highland Highlights 4-H Club met on November 21, 2017, to serve the Creston community at Open Table. After the supper was served and cleaned up, the regular monthly meeting was held.

Re-enrollment and dues were discussed. Those who have not re-enrolled or paid their dues need to do that as soon as possible. Both of these items may be done online. Friends of 4-H has generously donated half of the cost of dues for each member again this year, cutting the fee from \$30 down to \$15.

Beef Weigh-in will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017, at the Creston Sale Barn from 1 - 4 p.m. It is being held in Creston, because the Union County Fairgrounds is under construction. The Swine, Goat, and Sheep Weigh-in will be held on April 14, 2018, in a location yet to be determined.

The Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., was discussed. All

9th-12th graders are encouraged to attend. In the past, some of the cost has been defrayed by Friends of 4-H and by the Highland Highlights 4-H Club for their own members. This conference is held in the summer.

Awards Night will be held either January 7th or 14th at the Creston Middle School. They are planning to include an ice cream bar, a snack bar, and possibly a pasta bar. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring your families for this fun, free event.

The old minutes were read and approved; the treasurer's report was read and approved. Pledges were recited. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017, at 4 p.m. at the SWCC Ag Site. Everyone should bring one dozen cookies, so the club can make up trays for nurse's stations, 1st responders, and other groups that take care of medical needs. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

## "Bone Up" on Wise Winter Weather Practices for Your Pet

by from the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute

Tips for taking care of your pet during the winter months:

- **Know your pet.** Different pets have different levels of tolerance for cold. When going out for walks, a short-coated, elderly or frail dog may need a jacket to weather the elements.

- **Forgo haircuts.** Let your dog's winter coat protect him against the chill. Save shearing for warmer months.

- **Check ears, paws and tails regularly.** You're looking for signs of frostbite or raw spots from ice and snow. Remove any clumps of frozen debris from between the paw pads each time your dog goes outside.

- **Wipe down your pet's belly, legs and paws.** Have a clean towel ready each time your dog comes inside to remove ice-melting chemicals, which can irritate and cause serious illness if licked or swallowed.

- **Clean up anti-freeze spills.** Due to the sweet smell and taste, pets will lick or drink antifreeze if they find it puddled on sidewalks or garage floors—but antifreeze is toxic to cats and dogs. Clean up spills and

consider using a brand made from propylene glycol, which is less toxic.

- **Keep the water flowing.** Dry winter weather can be dehydrating, as well as freezing. Keep a fresh supply of water inside for your pet and break up any ice accumulation on her outdoor water bowl.

- **Provide a warm place to rest.** Winter days can be drafty and cold, so ensure your pet has plenty of elevated places inside to warm up. A cozy pet bed works beautifully.


- **Leave Fido at home.** You've probably heard a lot about the dangers of leaving a pet in a hot car during the summertime, but the practice can be just as hazardous in the winter. It's always best to leave your dog at home when you're running errands.

- **Keep them leashed.** More pets get lost during the winter than any other time of the year. Snow covers familiar scents, making it harder for your dog to find his way home. Keep your dog on a leash when you're out and about and make sure his tag and microchip information are up-to-date in case he escapes.

Home is where the dog hair sticks to everything . . . but the dog.

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## Attend the Church of Your Choice

### Afton

**Assembly of God Church:** Browning and Filmore Streets, William Richardson, Pastor. Sunday-9:30AM Sunday School, 10:30AM Worship Service, 6:30PM Service. Wednesday- 7PM Bible Study, Royal Rangers, Missionettes. Saturday- Radio Devotional "In the Mirror" - 7:25AM on Creston Radio.

**St. Edward Catholic Church:** 104 W. Union St., Rev. Ken Halbur, Pastor. Sunday- 10:45AM Mass with reconciliation afterward. Wednesday- 6:30PM devotions.

**United Methodist Church:** Hwy 169 South, Joel Sutton, Pastor. Sunday-9:45AM Morning Service, 5:30 Potluck-Open to All, 6:30 Evening Service. ASPIRE Food Pantry Drop Off Site.

### ARISPE

**United Methodist Church:** Division and Dutcher Streets, Joel Sutton, Pastor. Sunday-8:45 AM Worship Service, Quilters meet Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 - 4:00.

### HOPEVILLE

**Hopeville Community Church:** Dwayne Henrichs, Pastor. Sunday - 10AM Worship Service

### JERUSALEM

**United Methodist Church:** Jim W. Morris, Pastor. Sunday- 9AM Worship, 10AM Bible Study.

### LORIMOR

**Church of God:** Ben Turner, Pastor. Sunday- 9:30AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship Service.

**First Baptist Church:** Orville Terry, Pastor. Sunday- 9AM Sunday School, AM Worship Service.

**United Methodist Church:** Joel Sutton, Pastor. Sunday - 11:00 AM Worship, 10 AM Sunday School. (No Adult Sunday School in June, July, or August)

### MURRAY

**Murray Church of Christ:** Brian McCracken, Pastor. 9:30AM Sunday School, 10:30AM Worship Service, 6PM Evening Bible Study, Wednesday - 7PM Youth Group

**Murray Baptist Church:** Alex Bauman, Pastor. Sunday School, 8:45 Worship Service, 10:00 AM & 6 PM Wednesday 7:00

**Murray United Methodist Church:** Pastor Sandy Smith & Lay Minister Brandon Campbell. 11:00 AM Worship Service

### SHANNON CITY

**Shannon City Comm. Church:** Lila Greene, Pastor. Sunday- 9AM Worship, 10AM Sunday School.

### THAYER

**Pleasant Valley Christian Church:** Dwayne Henrichs, Pastor. Sunday-9AM Worship Service.



of the peoples this one was born in Zion" - referring to the community of believers - which for us is Heaven.

After dark one night a religious leader named Nicodemus went to visit Jesus. As their conversation unfolded, Jesus said, "No one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again."

"Nicodemus," Jesus said, "your earthly birth record will not allow you entrance to heaven. You need a birth certificate that has been issued by God!"

When we are born the first time, we are born into an "earthly family" because we have an "earthly father." It is only when we are born a second time - "born again" - by accepting Christ as our Savior that we are assured of "seeing" the Kingdom of God. "I am the Way," said Jesus, "if You want to be a citizen in My Kingdom."

I am a multi-tasking procrastinator; I can put off a bunch of stuff all at the same time.

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## Union County Genealogical Society

from Jackie Shafar

Twelve members of the Union County Genealogy Society met on Monday, November 27, 2017, at the Gibson Memorial Library for their annual holiday party and meeting. Finger foods were enjoyed before president Jane Briley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roger Nurnberg reported that the society has been reinstated as a non-profit organization for tax-exempt status. Roger, with the assistance of Kathy Parmenter and Sandra Leininger, demonstrated features of the new society webpage. December 1st is the goal for the webpage to go

live. Sandra requested that members send the surnames that they were researching to her to be included in the webpage.

Election of officers for 2018 are Tessa Hull president, Jane vice president, Jackie Shafar secretary, and Lynn Schlaht treasurer.

Tessa shared the name Blaine T. Bettinger who has written information on the interpretation of DNA results.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 22, 2018, at the Gibson Memorial Library.