



McPherson County News

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Sweeter than the Honeycomb

ALICE LUTES

I have been thinking about the tea/salad luncheon at the Hall Church held last Monday night.

So many ladies came out and had "their night." Year after year, some are back, and we just know they will be there. We enjoy seeing them.

We love having this special night for the ladies and we look forward to the theme the Lord has in mind. Then we watch as He brings it all together.

It is not a "one man show," but God has given each lady a gift that she can use to His honor.

Long before Monday night, Lorna Dobbins and her team were making decorations and Renee Connell was designing the flyers and cards to be used in advertising.

As we arrive at the church, probably the first person to greet us is Linda Paxton. She has a smile, a welcome, and a name tag for each one of us to wear throughout the evening. Everyone signs their names in a book to show they were there and then we can look back at that notebook and remember the ones who came.

I have the privilege of

leading the service which means I get to stand up front and look out over such an eager, wonderful group of ladies as they anticipate what the evening holds, and to pray that each one will receive from God what they have need of.

Sarah Busch led this choir of beautiful voices as Tina Connell faithfully used her talent for playing the piano - which is one of her gifts God has given her. As we hear the praise go up to God in beautiful harmonious tones, I rejoice in that talent as well. As I prepare for my part of the evening which sometimes involves computer work, I need to call on my niece Deb Hall who always comes through for me and makes it look so easy. Tammy Harris and Megan Fiechtner will lead us to the Throne Room in prayer to thank God and to seek His favor on the evening. Geneva Connell was a "behind the scenes" person that I could 'bounce' ideas off of, and if you noticed, she also wrote the poem on the back of our programs.

This year Janice Huber and Teresa Schroder sang "Honeycomb" for our 'fun time' as the theme was

"Sweeter than the Honeycomb". Kristina Miller, Alyssa Magana, and Charissa Busch helped with a quiz on bees, honeycomb, etc.

Mr. Keith Nielson shared his gift with us as he so willingly made a gift of lotion for each lady and girl out of honeycomb and placed in a mold to make the different beautiful designs.

The ladies all made their best salads and brought them to share and it was a delicious feast. As one lady said "everything tastes better when somebody else makes it." I won't even attempt to name each lady or how many salads and desserts they brought, but we certainly did not leave hungry. Neither did we leave hungry spiritually because to top the evening off we were blessed by a song and message from the heart of Dawn Mockaitis of Stapleton. She used her gift to bless each of us. So as you can see this is a picture of all of those in the body of Christ in our particular Church bringing our gifts together to make the evening whole. Thanks to each lady who came for without you it would be nothing.

NPCC Phi Theta Kappa Members Help Out

North Platte Community College's Phi Theta Kappa members volunteered to cook and serve supper at The Connection homeless shelter in North Platte on Monday evening, April 9, as part of a community service project.

PTK Vice President Michaela Schultis, of Tryon, is pictured at right, helping prepare the meal.

Other members who helped were: Jordan Hajj, Ashley Linke, Isabel Arredondo, Marleine Emanuel, Robert Park and Advisor Dr. Glynn Wolar.



COURTESY PHOTO

McPherson County Election Update

Early ballots are now available in the McPherson County Clerk's office for anyone who will not be able to come to the polling place for the May 15 Primary Election.

If you have recently moved to McPherson County, gotten married, or had a name change since the last election, you will need to register to vote by 6:00 p.m. on May 4, 2018. April 30 is the

postmark deadline for a mailed in voter registration and also for completing a voter registration on-line.

May 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. is the deadline for the following:

- Deadline for in-person voter registration at the County Clerk's office.
- Last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit declaring

their intent to run. • Deadline to receive an application for early voting ballots to be mailed to a specific address.

Early voters can vote in the County Clerk's office until 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2018. Anyone having any election questions are encouraged to contact the McPherson County Clerk's office at 308-587-2365.

Local Blood Drive Meets Quota

In spite of the blustery weather, the McPherson County Blood Drive held Friday, April 6 in Tryon, was a success and met its goal. They had a steady flow of donors keeping the staff busy.

Twenty-two donors presented and were collected from. Four power red and

13 whole blood donations were taken.

The donors were treated to slow cooker lasagna, tossed salad, several different kinds of cheese cake, all provided by Wanda Waits. Snacks of oatmeal bars, brownies and cornflake candy were provided by Karen Lick-

ing and Elaine Miller.

Early morning help to unload the Red Cross van was Karen Licking and Russell and Elaine Miller. Dan Arensdorf, Joyce Snyder, Janelle Blake and Jill McNutt helped with cleanup and readying the van at the end of the day. (Continued on page 12)

-- Graphic Files --

TEN YEARS AGO
APRIL 17, 2008

A spring storm in the area left behind 8" of snow that thrilled two foreign exchange students at MCHS. Tui Bogo Borowicz of Brazil built his first snowman along with Petar Pavlovic of Serbia.

Kelli Stille and her son, Tucker, were pictured presenting Lee Ann Nielsen and Amber McNutt with a check totaling \$1,167.00 that was collected at a soup supper held in conjunction with the Joy Club closing program at the First Presbyterian Church. The money would go towards siding and guttering for the Bridge of Hope Advocacy Center.

"Deep Sea Enchantment" set the mood for the MCHS prom. Seniors pictured were Duell Arensdorf, Jalyn Starr, Tui Bogo Borowicz, Meka Melvin, Petar Pavlovic, Amanda Morgan and Ben Cochran.

Births: Chad and Mindy Wilkins were the parents of a baby boy, Bryson Cooper, born March 30.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 23, 1998

Seventh and eighth grade students at District 4 in Tryon were cleaning up the Tryon City Park. They were soliciting donations to be used only in the park, and would be presented to the county at the Arbor Day Program.

Darla Rae Arensdorf had been selected to participate in the prestigious U.S. Eastern Regional basketball competition for the summer of 1998.

Wayne McNutt established a new meet record in the 1600 meter run at the Sutherland Invitational with a time of 4.44. This placed him first and

he also placed 5th in the 400 meter dash with a time of 55.04.

The 1600 meter relay of Megan McNutt, Micki McNutt, Renee Munson, and Lucy Abel improved on their time at the Sutherland Invitational meet and ran 4:29 which placed them fourth.

Mike Popham and Tim Schmidt were featured in this week's senior spotlights.

Tara Connell and Tyler Neal, seniors at McPherson County High School, have accepted \$500 Foundation Board scholarships to attend Chadron State College.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 14, 1988

Esther Smith received a beautiful engraved plaque from Harold Arensdorf, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners. She was honored at a surprise retirement party after being employed as courthouse custodian for the past eight years.

Ronald Arlan Paxton was one of more than 2,000 students who were cited as honors scholars at UNL's 60th annual All University Honors Convocation.

Ron Sowders attended a "Revitalizing the Rural Economy," workshop held at Lincoln on March 25.

Craig Neal was featured in this week's senior spotlight.

Casey Connell won the 1600 meter run at Venango. Craig Connell was second and Zane Connell finished fourth with times of 5:32, 5:34 and 5:45.

FORTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 20, 1978

Jerri Jean Shimmin and Ken Tidyman were plan-

ning a May 14 wedding.

Kelvin Sharp, a junior at Chadron State College, won the trophy saddle at the B-D Arena. The saddle was awarded to the top money winner of the three saddle ropings.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nicholson were the parents of a son, Curtis Leroy, born April 18; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jameson were the parents of a baby girl, Jana Lynn born April 15; Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCormick were the parents of a baby girl, Heather LeAnn born April 17.

Ringgold School students toured *The Stapleton Enterprise* office. Those pictured in attendance were Hannah Doyle, Billy Rundback, Winnie Cochran, Sarah Bauer, Lee Ann Neal, Kay Neal, Jamie Cochran, Becky Schmidt, Susie Neal and their teacher Tina Christensen.

The Methodist Church of North Platte was the scene of the March 17 wedding of Judith Rae Ham and Roger Harold Neal.

Deaths: Edna C. Garrett, 89, died Sunday morning in a Mullen nursing home.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 18, 1968

Jerry Tucker of Tryon was injured by a horse at his ranch. He was feeding the horse when it knocked him down and stepped on him.

Marie Wright entertained Home Builders Club at her home with president Hazel Haase conducting the meeting.

Carl Compton visited school in District 28. In the school he attends in Wichita there are 100 pupils in first grade.

Deaths: William (Bill) (Continued on page 11)

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Opinion has caused more trouble on this little earth than plagues or earthquakes."

Voltaire

"And the earth moved under their feet"...I imagine that is how some of the Arnold area folks were feeling with the earthquakes. A geologist friend, Jennifer Davis Balmat of the Chadron State College Geology Department, commented that there are quite a few center pivots clustered in that area, plus it is near the South Loup River and it is not too unusual for a river to follow a fault line. She mapped the previously unknown Spotted Tail Fault up in the Pine Ridge area for her Master's thesis so she does have experience reading satellite images and topographical maps. Her explanation impressed me because it is in language we can understand. "Because the rocks that contain the aquifer lay on top of the fault, they would be impacted by the fault and any movement on the fault. The rocks being saturated with water become important because the water acts as a lubricant in the fault decreasing the friction that holds the rocks on either side of the fault in place. So faults can be open or closed. A closed fault means that the pore spaces in and between the rocks in the fault are filled with clay which seals the fault plane. That seal doesn't let things like water or petroleum move through those pore spaces. An open fault doesn't have the clay minerals acting as a seal so water or petroleum can move along the fault plane. Since we are talking about being beneath the aquifer, it's probably water moving along the fault." The saturated sand of the aquifer or the surface rocks in the area can then amplify the seismic waves produced by the earthquake which

could make shaking seem worse or make it stronger. The rocks below the aquifer have to be faulted at the depth that the earthquake first released the energy. So in this type of case, the rocks down there store and transmit energy that's released when movement occurs on other faults. Usually the rocks store the energy and slowly release the energy like a stretching and releasing a rubber band. But if something in the system changes (like extra lubrication along the fault

plane) then an earthquake can happen. That is also why we see aftershocks following large earthquakes and the rocks further along the fault plane adjust to the energy that the earthquake released."

"God speaks to me not through the thunder and the earthquake, nor through the ocean and the stars, but through the Son of Man, and speaks in a language adapted to my imperfect sight and hearing."

William Lyon Phelps

TIME AND NATURE

Mother Nature and Father Time
Hatched a diabolical plan
They thought quite sublime
To make people think
It was Judgment Day
And watch them tremble
In panic or kneel to pray.

Forgetting one thing-God's in control
And only He can time
When we come or when we go.
He wasn't pleased
That they presumed on His place
But He sat back and waited
To intervene by His Grace.

The earth trembled, with tsunamis fraught
Rivers flooded and buildings fell.
People wept and thought
"Surely this is hell."
Chaos continued and didn't abate,
Destructive forces all held sway,
It seemed life was over, it was too late.

A few folks responded with prayer,
Asked the Lord for more time
That friends and family be spared.
God listened to these earnest pleas,
Quietly waited a bit
Then all was at peace.
Time and nature were in a pouting snit!

Some folks rejoiced and thanked the Lord,
Others mocked in derision.
Even on them grace was poured.
They let Time heed their decision
And let human Nature
Define their conviction.
Man can be such a perverse creature!

J.R. Trumbull 5 August 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

McPherson County
Courthouse
will be
CLOSED
Friday, April 27
for the State Holiday
of
ARBOR DAY



Plant a tree!