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McPherson County Bloodmobile Exceeds Goal

The August 24th McPherson County Blood Drive had a warm, but productive day with four power red and eighteen whole blood donors, which exceeded the goal.

One high school student and one college student were among the donors. Both of these young people are following in the footsteps of their grandparents, who are faithful blood donors.

At the June blood drive there was a grandmother, her daughter and her granddaughter all donating.

We appreciate young people seeing the need and stepping up to answer the call for blood.

The donors were treated to barbecue riblet sandwiches, scalloped potatoes, garden salsa, chips and a yummy cake provided by Wanda Waits.

Snacks, coffee and tea were provided by Karen Licking and Elaine Miller.

Karen Licking and Elaine Miller met the crew to help unload and also helped re-load the van and clean up at the end of a busy day.

Tentative date for the next blood drive is November 9, 2018. Mark your calendars and roll up your sleeves and give blood!

McPherson Co. Oldsters' Party set for September 16

The FCE Clubs in McPherson County are busy with plans for the annual Oldsters' Party held at the McPherson County High School gymnasium. The Sandhills Craftique club will be serving a delicious meal with a pumpkin dessert on Sunday, September 16. The Willing Workers are planing to decorate the tables in a fall theme.

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TEN YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

The Tryon United Methodist Church was planning their annual Fall Festival on September 20. Denis and Betty Neal would provide Gospel singing.

New students attending MCHS were Joseph Devitt, sophomore; Mollie Sailors, junior; Casey Williams, junior, and Zak Reavis, junior.

Ashley Bessmer was pictured with her pencil drawing that received a top purple at the McPherson County Fair and was state fair bound.

Jaxton Starr was pictured with his peewee bucket calf entry.

New Arrivals: John and Laura Kaspar of North Platte were the parents of a baby boy, John Charles Kaspar III, born September 2; Steven French and Lisa Cochran were the parents of a baby girl, Heather Gloria French on September 4.

The Longhorns opened their season at Arthur. MCHS lost the game 0-66. With only six boys eligible to play for the Longhorns, there were 16 suited up for Arthur.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 10, 1998

Billy Haney participated in the carriage driving event at the Nebraska State Fair. He tied for second in one class and was fourth and fifth in the other two.

Russell and Tony Fisher, great-grandsons of Olive Neal, received minor injuries in a car accident.

A baby shower would honor Kort Steele, son of Scott and Melissa Steele.

Christian Life Club began at Ringgold Free Methodist Church. Trackers were Remington Cutler and Nicole Gutz with Traci Frey, teacher; Pathfinders were Regis Gutz, Kourtney Cutler, Eric Garrelts, Levi Brown, Taylor Frey, Garrett Daly and Jordan Lovitt, with Marcia Hora, teacher; Trail Blazers were Anna Licking, Dave Christopher, Terry Tobiasson, Joe Christopher, Taylor Lovitt and Amy Salisbury; and Guides were Ryan Mumm, Liz Licking, Ben Schmidt, Sharon Christopher, and Josh Tobiasson with teacher, Lorene Corbett.

Deaths: Margaret A. Dobbins, 80, lifelong resident of McPherson County died September 5.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 8, 1988

The final roping of the season at the Tryon Arena drew 44 teams. Fast time in the first go went to Doug Powers and Trent Neal. The season end all-around buckle went to Trent Neal.

Arlan Paxton, student at the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture was awarded two additional scholarships. He received the $500.00 Chancellor's Award for having a 4.0 average the first semester.

New McPherson County High School Improvement Club officers would be Kathy Starr, president; Ilene Daly, vice president; Sandra Black, secretary-treasurer; and Pat Finney, news reporter.

Myron Kugler of Stapleton and Donna Cutler of North Platte were married August 6 in North Platte.

FORTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 14, 1978

The Longhorn spikers dropped their second match of the season to Stapleton. Jill Snyder led the Longhorns with eight points and Alisa Bullington scored three.

There were 113 people present at the 16th annual Oldster's Party. Chairman Pauline Waits welcomed those present.

Sam Haworth, a sophomore at MCHS, received several severe cuts when his right arm went through a glass in a door at the school.

Freshmen class officers were Kerry Kramer, president; Patrick Arensdorf, vice president; Marsha Bullington, secretary-treasurer; and Hannah Doyle, news reporter.

Cheryl Lutes and Warren Crouse were married September 2.

Sophia Masters would be honored on her 90th birthday with an open house.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 12, 1968

Around 80 oldsters attended the dinner in Tryon. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Danker of Ringgold were honored as the oldest married couple.

New teachers, Mr. Terry Wiles and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Knapp, sponsored a school dance for about 20 high school students in the fair building.

Home Builders Club met with Barbara Gragg. Five members were present and three guests, Louelva Hatch, Alice Bassett and Lois Connell.

Mrs. Irene Kemp attended the dedication service at the Wesleyan Methodist Church in North Platte where Rev. B.D. Hunn was pastor.

Jean Snyder and Reva Cotton would be attending junior college at North Platte.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 11, 1958

The new highway east of Ringgold toward Stapleton was starting to look like a highway as oil crew men started laying the oil surface.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Espino were the parents of a girl, Rebecca Loraine, born September 6. Mrs. Espino is the former Euardi Fisher.

Ernie Chambers and a driver moved in the furniture of Rev. and Mrs. Rounkles and daughter last Wednesday.

Ranchers from this community joining the North Platte delegation on an agricultural tour of Jones County, Iowa farms were Clayton Huffman, Wayne Connell and J.W. Trego.

Army Reserve PFC Larry J. Cash completed two weeks of training at Fort Cason, Colorado.

Robert L. Schmidt, airman USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert T. Schmidt was serving on the aircraft carrier USS Washington.

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Best In County Awarded At McPherson County Open Class Fair

COURTESY PHOTO

McPherson County future 4-H Youth show at the fair horse show on Friday, August 10, at the McPherson County Fairgrounds

The 2018 McPherson County Open Class was judged during the McPherson County Fair August 8-11. Best in County was awarded in several different categories.

Linda Paxton received Best In County Textile Arts for her counted cross stitch picture of a barn, entitled "Long Forgotten."

Dana Songster received Best in County Photography for her colored picture entitled "Vietnam Monument".

Dana also received champion in Garden Produce with her Jalapeno Peppers.

Jensen Bassett received department champion with Dalia 4" and under.

Abigail Goosey had the department champion with her Prairie Appreciation arrangement of fresh wildflowers.

Keith Nielson was champion in canned goods with honey and Grace Ryland was baked goods champion with quick bread muffins.

Dave Hora was the Hand Crafts champion with his leather crafted saddle.

The American Legion Auxiliary had the champion booth.

Following is the complete results of the 2018 McPherson County Fair Open Class exhibits.

GARDEN PRODUCE

Grapes: blue – Jailyn Miller; red – Jensen Bassett; white – JoJo Miller

Plums: white - Lance Viter

Green Beans: blue – April Gaedke; red – Lorna Dobbins; white – Darla Sautter; also – Hudson Sautter, Gladys Henry

Pickling Cucumber: blue – JoJo Miller; red – Jersey Bassett; white - Jensen Bassett; also – Jailyn Miller

Slicing Cucumber: blue – Dana Songster; red – Isaac Goosey; white – Kade Songster; also – Carson Songster

Sweet Corn: blue – Eldon Starr

Egg Plant: blue – Jersey Bassett; red – Jensen Bassett; white – JoJo Miller; also - Jailyn Miller, Sheila Viter, Cherry Bassett

Red Onions: blue – Jensen Bassett; red – Jersey Bassett; white – Abigail Goosey

Yellow Onions: red –Abigail Goosey

Bell Peppers: blue – Hudson Sautter; white – Eldon Starr

Jalapeno Peppers: blue – Dana Songster; red – Carson Songster; white – Kade Songster; also – Hudson Sautter, Gladys Henry

Rhubarb: blue – Lorna Dobbins

Spaghetti Squash: blue – Levi Goosey

Summer Squash: blue – April Gaedke; red – Hudson Sautter

Zucchini Squash: blue – JoJo Miller; red - Jailyn Miller; also – Hudson Sautter, Jersey Bassett, Jensen Bassett

Red Tomatoes: blue – Jensen Bassett; white – Jersey Bassett; also – Eldon Starr, Jailyn Miller, Eldon Starr

Small Tomatoes: blue – Jersey Bassett; red – JoJo Miller; white – Jailyn Miller

AO Grain or Vegetable: blue – Hudson Sautter; red – Darla Sautter; white – Joe Gihon

Largest Cucumber: blue – Lorna Dobbins

Largest Squash: blue – Hudson Sautter

Largest Zucchini: blue – Doye Miller; red – Lorna Dobbins; white – Joe Gihon; also – Hudson Sautter

AO Largest Vegetable: blue – Doye Miller

Herb

Single: blue – April Gaedke, fresh bee balm; Red – April Gaedke, fresh chives

Herb Garden – Collection: blue – April Gaedke, Wooden Crate; blue – April Gaedke, Dry Herb Spices in 5 Jars

FLOWERS

Dahlia, 4" & Under: blue - Jensen Bassett; red - Lance Viter

Gladiola, Small: blue – Jersey Bassett

Marigold, Extra Small: red – Lorna Dobbins

Marigold, 3" Under: blue – Lorna Dobbins

Red Salvia: blue – Jersey Basset; red – Jensen Bassett

Tiger Lily: blue – Abigail Goosey

Potted Begonia: blue – April Gaedke

Potted Impatiens: white – April Gaedke

Unusual Potted Plant: blue – Jailyn Miller

Potted Succulent: blue – April Gaedke

Any Other Potted Plant: blue – April Gaedke; red – Jersey Bassett

PRAIRIE APPRECIATION

Fresh Wildflower Collection: blue – Abigail Goosey; red – Hannah Goosey

CANNED GOODS

Grape Jelly: blue – Jersey Bassett

AO Jelly: blue – April Gaedke, Raspberry Jalapeno

AO Vegetables: also – April Gaedke, Sweet Potatoes

Bread & Butter Pickles: white – April Gaedke

AO Standard Variety Pickles: white – April Gaedke, Dilly Beans

Honey: blue - Keith Nielson

AO Honey Product: blue – Keith Nielson, Lotion Bar; red - Roxie Nielson; Lotion Bar

BAKED GOODS

AO Bread: blue – Grace Ryland

Clover Leaf Rolls: red – Grace Ryland

No-Bake Cookies: white – Kamilla Johnston

Oatmeal Cookies: red – Darla Sautter; white – Joe Gihon

Peanut Butter Cookies: white – Kamilla Johnston

Birthday Cake &/or Cookie: blue – JoJo Miller; red – Mazie Johnston, Deion Johnston, Jailyn Miller; white – Josiah McBeian, Kamilla Johnston

Anniversary Cake &/or Cookie: blue – Jensen Bassett; red – Jersey Bassett

AO Special Occasion Cake &/or Cookie: red – JoJo Miller; white – Jailyn Miller

Collection of Candy: blue – Jailyn Miller; red – JoJo Miller

FANCY WORK

Crocheted Rag Rug: red – Lorna Dobbins

Afghan, Crochet: blue – Linda Paxton

Counted Cross Stitch Picture: blue – Linda Paxton

Jewelry, Wearable Art: red – Lorna Dobbins

Quilted Article: blue – Lorna Dobbins

HAND CRAFTS

Hand Painted Article: red – Abigail Goosey

Jewelry: red - Abigail Goosey

Leather Crafts: blue – Dave Hora

Rubber Stamped Article: blue – Lorna Dobbins

Rubber Stamped Card:

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COURTESY PHOTO

Some of the McPherson County beef animals shown by the 4-H youth during the 2018 McPherson County Fair livestock show held on Saturday, August 11.