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Heifer International
“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”
Hebrews 13:16

This last Saturday (September 27), our church held our Annual Breakfast for Heifer in conjunction with the Ransom Community Oktoberfest. With that fresh on my mind, I thought I would share a little history of Heifer International with the readers. Heifer International began in 1944 as a vision to tackle hunger around the world by Dan West. West volunteered to help feed refugees during the Spanish Civil War and experienced first hand that “giving food to people was only short-term solution, whereas providing them with animals offered a steady supply of nutritious food for an entire family.”

Much has remained the same since that vision was born. Heifer International continues to this day to provide animals, seeds, economic opportunities, and many other things not as hand-outs, but as a way to help bring people out of poverty and end the cycle of hunger. It is a worthy cause that has rich roots in our local church. There were members of the Ransom Mennonite Church that signed up with Heifer after WWII and took shipments of livestock to war-torn areas. These men were referred to as “Seagoing Cowboys” who used their expertise to care for these animals during the long trip from the United States.

There is much more to say about Heifer International but it would take too much ink! In a couple of months, we will take the proceeds of our breakfast and with the help of the youth in our church will begin to select what we would like to send. Some of the picks in previous years have been livestock, bee hives, drilling of water wells, and sending a girl to school. We at the First Mennonite Church are happy to team up with an organization like this. Additionally, we are proud of our past members who took time out of their lives to serve a greater purpose than themselves. May we all look to serve others as we have been called by our Lord and Savior.

Scott Briand, First Mennonite Church of Ransom

Runnin’ Eagles to host Cross Country this week at the Ness County Country Club

The Ness City High School Runnin’ Eagles Cross Country team invites everyone to their home meet this Thursday afternoon. Races will begin at the golf course at 4:00 p.m.

Western Plains Homecoming Royalty



Western Plains fall spirit week and homecoming took place during the week of September 22 - 25. Student Council was in charge of planning the week, and STUCO and the WP cheerleaders worked together to organize a great pep rally on Thursday. In the “Super Thursday” athletic competitions against the Weskan Coyotes, the results were mixed with the junior high volleyball and football teams and the high school football team all falling to the highly competitive visitors. The high school volleyball team accomplished a three set sweep against the Lady Coyotes. The crowning ceremonies took place before the football game. Jonathan Solis and Madelyn Kraus were crowned king and queen.

Pictured above are the WPHS 2025 fall homecoming court: Back row, l. to r.: Tate Burrell, Maya Counts, king Jonathon Solis, queen Madelyn Kraus, David Kraus and Rebecca Strickler; front row, Adrya Cole and Michael Kraus.

Heartfelt thanks from the Bauer family



The Bauer family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of Dee Von Bauer’s 2nd annual memorial ride. Your support and involvement have made a significant impact, and your presence helped honor Dee’s memory in a special way.

We want to extend a special thank you to all the ALR 392 riders, family, and friends who participated in the event. Your dedication and kindness greatly contributed to the success of this memorable occasion.

Thanks to the generous support of all who attended, we were able to raise

\$4,150.00 for Ness County EMS. Your contributions ensure that Dee’s legacy continues to benefit others in our community. As Kathy said, “It’s like Dee is still here, helping us out in her own way.”

The memorial ride featured 44 motorcycles, 12 vehicles, and approximately 100 participants. The Ness County EMS plans to use the funds raised to purchase a security camera system designed for emergency medical services. This system will monitor all areas inside and outside the ambulance during responses, enhancing situational awareness with critical alerts related to driving, traffic conditions, and incidents involving patients in the compartment. Kathy Clouston stated, “We are committed to providing a safe response to every incident in Ness County and during all transfers.”

Pictured above in the back row l. to r.: Hunter Stenzel (student of EMT), Broxton Gall (student of EMT), Wyatt Sutton (student of EMT). In the front row: Kamille Sutton (EMT), Dee Von Bauer’s

Wichita Children’s Theater

The Ness City Public Library will again be hosting the Wichita Children’s Theater on Wednesday, October 15, at the Ness City High School Auditorium.

The feature presentation will be “The Three Little Pigs” and is open to all students grades K – 6th. All Ness County schools have been invited to bring their students to the performance. Home school families have been invited, as well.

We are looking forward to another wonderful performance.

American Legion motorcycle vest, Kathy Clouston (EMT), Brady Bauer (ALR rider and husband of the

late Dee Von Bauer), Alan Hagans (ALR rider), and Dave Woods (President of ALR Riders).

WEATHER

Monday, September 22	89	...	62	.....	0.00
Tuesday, September 23	77	...	60	.....	0.32
Wednesday, September 24...	78	.....	55	.....	0.36
Thursday, September 25.....	84	...	50	.....	0.11
Friday, September 26.....	86	...	54	.....	0.00
Saturday, September 27	84	...	56	.....	0.00
Sunday, September 28.....	91	...	54	.....	0.00
Precipitation for September.....					3.63
Precipitation for 2025					25.73
Normal thru September					18.55

Ransom community holds annual Oktoberfest



Last Saturday, September 27, Jared Cook was spotted wearing his Oktoberfest outfit on Main Street in Ransom. Many attendees remarked that the parade was better than ever, and the weather was beautiful. Approximately 250 people were served at the lunch.