

Engagement



Keegan Breese announces the engagement of his parents, Autumn Tien and Dustin Breese. Autumn is the daughter of Jan and Dian Tien of Prairie View. Dustin is the son of Randy Breese of Logan and Nancy Molzahn of Agra. Autumn and Dustin will be married July 21, 2012 in Logan.

CLUB NEWS

By Beverly Kindler

The GFWC Mid Century Club celebrated its 60th birthday at the Spring Dinner meeting on April 26. Lynn Nelson and Judy Davis, co-hostesses, created the party theme with balloons, colorful place mats and birthday cupcakes. Dinner was prepared and served at Destination Kitchen. For the dessert course, candles were lit on the individual cupcakes and the group sang, "Happy Birthday To Us."

Four current members of the club were charter members when the club was organized in 1952. These members, Leta Donovan, Eunice Neiltopp, Doris Winteroth and Jean White, were honored with corsages. The club and members also received certificates of recognition from GFWC International and GFWC of Kansas.

Katelyn Skrdlant was a guest of the club. For the program she read the short story, "God's Hope" that she wrote and entered in the GFWC Creative Writing Contest. She received a first place in the state contest.

Darlene McEwen read the poem, "My Questions For Santa" written and entered by Rosalie McMullen. Rosalie received a second place in the club member section of the state contest.

Virginia Will, president, conducted the business meeting. Thank yous were acknowledged for

contributions to Operation Shoe Box, Post Prom, USD 211 Art and Music, Norton Cares and the Haven. The group voted to contribute \$200 for the proposed summer program for youths, "Breakfast 101."

Beverly Kindler reported on the GFWC of Kansas State Convention held in Wichita. She thanked members on behalf of GFWC of Kansas for their contributions of pop tabs, commemorative stamps and items for the hygiene bags prepared for soldiers returning to Fort Riley. Beverly presented the club with a purple ribbon award for excellence for the club year book.

Plans were discussed for a summer get-together and taking charge of the Plinko game at the Norton County Fair.

Darlene McEwen, historian, presented the club history for this year. This review reminded members of interesting programs and worthwhile community service through volunteer hours for the Federation.

Eighteen members and two guests, Katelyn and Sue Ann Skrdlant, answered roll call.

Members were reminded that the final club program will be participation in the Norton Community High School Exhibit Night and Band Concert on May 15.

by remembering a headline in the latest Norton Telegram.

Our next Wednesday morning coffee will be at Destination Kitchen on May 16 at 10 a.m.

The experience of being a foster parent/family was the subject of Jill Lively's program. She expressed the importance, joy and often sadness of caring for foster children. She encouraged all of us to promote foster parenting if we know of any good candidates.


The next meeting will be a morning brunch on Tuesday, June 12 at 10 a.m. at the home of Nancy Sebelius. Jen Hauser and Bev Kohfold will be her co-hostesses.

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Saving the starving by way of rural Kansas

By Ron Wilson,
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"Manna from heaven." That term comes from the Old Testament description of a time when the Israelites were lost and hungry in the wilderness, and bread miraculously appeared overnight. Today we'll learn about a modern day form of manna which also feeds the hungry. Sharing this food may derive from heavenly inspiration, but it comes by way of rural Kansas.

Rick McNary is CEO of Numana Inc., a non-profit, international hunger relief organization based in El Dorado, Kansas. For 20 years, Rick was the pastor of the Disciples of Christ Church in the rural community of Potwin, population 449 people. Now, that's rural.

In 2001, his church went on a mission trip to Nicaragua. While they were there, a little five-year-old girl climbed onto Rick's lap and said simply, "Please feed me. I'm starving."

"It touched me and changed my life," Rick said. He began studying how to deliver food to the needy internationally. After lots of research, a non-profit public charity was formed in August 2008. The mission statement was simple: To empower people to save the starving.

Based on the Old Testament story of manna from heaven, this new organization was named Numana. Rick McNary became CEO. But with all the start-up expenses, by August 2009 the organization was down to \$209.39 in its business account. Fortunately, a contact had been made with the Salvation Army which generated more support.

"They told us, 'if you feed schoolchildren, we'll get volunteers and money,'" Rick said. Numana Inc. set out to organize a lot of volunteers in a special event to package the food supplies which the organization had acquired.

Based on the research, Numana had procured meal components consisting of rice, soy-protein, freeze-dried vegetables, and 21 vitamins and minerals targeted to help the immune system of malnourished people. But as a practical matter, how could these products get packaged and shipped at an affordable cost?

On Dec. 29, 2009, Numana and the Salvation Army launched its first food packaging event in El Dorado. Churches, citizens, and other organizations were invited to participate and send volunteers.

"In two days, 4,000 people showed up and helped us fill a 40-foot trailer (with meals)," Rick said. The ingredients were measured into bags, sealed, boxed, and prepared for shipment to Haiti.

The trailer was being driven to a ship at a port in Virginia when a snowstorm hit and the food had to be put into storage. But then came another event: On January 12, 2010, a catastrophic earthquake hit the island of Haiti.

"Two hours later, the Salvation Army director called and said, 'I need that food. Can I get it right now?'" Rick said. "We airlifted that first load into Haiti."

The need was immense. Three million people were affected by

the earthquake. Numana organized another food packaging event, and the concept took off. Subsequent food packaging events have been held from San Francisco to Philadelphia. Volunteers are asked to donate non-perishable items for local food banks also.

In its first full year of operation, Numana Inc. involved 125,000 volunteers and produced 21 million meals.

The cost of each of these meals is only 30 cents. The meal comes in a plastic pouch which has printed on it: "Not to be sold. This food is to be given freely because Jesus loves little children." Through the Salvation Army World Service Office, these meals are distributed to school feeding programs in nine countries of the most impoverished areas of the world.

In Kansas, the City of El Dorado sold Numana two buildings for one dollar. Those buildings house Numana's operations. Numana is now working on a locally-grown, healthy foods project in El Dorado, plus much more. For more information, go to www.numanainc.com.

In February 2012 in Washington, D.C., the Alliance to End Hunger presented its Innovation Award for Hunger-Free Communities to Numana Inc. and Rick McNary.

"Manna from heaven." That's a historic phrase from the Bible, and now Numana is making history. We commend Rick McNary and all those involved with Numana Inc. for making a difference by serving and saving the starving.

Deadline approaches to enter amateur art show

The final date for entering artwork in the Juried Amateur Art Show to be held by Colby's High Plains Art Club is May 25, so artists need to get their entries in. The show will be held on June 8-10 in Colby's Heartland Christian School gymnasium at 1995 W. Fourth Street.

Money prizes will be awarded for first and second places in each of these eight groups: (Group 1- Oil) (Group 2- Watercolor) (Group 3- Acrylic) (Group 4- Pastel and charcoal) (Group 5- Graphite pencil and

colored pencil) (Group 6- Mixed media)

(Group 7- Sculpture) (Group 8- Ceramics and Pottery). There will also be a money prize given for Best of Show. Ribbons will be awarded for the People's Choice Award and the Judges Merit Awards.

Age limit for the show is high school age and up. An entry fee of \$15 will be charged for every two entries. There is no limit on the number of entries each artist may submit. Every effort will be made to sell the artwork des-

igned to be sold. The art club will charge 20 percent of the sale price.

They will not accept shipped artwork. Each artist or their representative must bring their artwork and pick up their work. All paintings must be wired to hang or will not be accepted. Final date for entries is May 25.

For more information or a brochure of the upcoming show, contact: Alice Wolf 610 W. Oak St. Colby, KS 67701. E-mail, gawolf@st-tel.net, phone, 785-443-3707 or 785-460-8148.

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

May 3
March 21-Laurel Massine, Norton; Charge: 3 dogs running at-large, no city tags; Plea:

Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$25 per dog=\$75, costs \$76, total \$151. Ordered to obtain and show court proof of registering dogs.

April 15-Donald Boldan, Lincoln, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 45 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

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