

Church to celebrate its 75th anniversary

The Mingo Bible Church is celebrating its 75th anniversary Sunday at the church, 420 Main in Mingo.

Pastor Tom Peyton said everyone is invited to the celebration. There will be a sharing time at 9:30 a.m., with morning worship at 10:30 a.m., followed by a carry-in fellowship dinner at noon. The church is about 10 miles southeast of Colby; one mile west of Interstate 70 off exit 62.

Several families from Goessel came to this area 92 years ago to take advantage of farming opportunities. Although they didn't come as an organized group, they decided to start a Sunday school on Sept. 3, 1920, meeting for about a year before any church services

were held.

Several years later, on Sept. 3, 1937, with the help of Pastor John Epp, Meadow Mennonite Church was organized with 18 charter members, one of whom, Ethel Franz, is still attending.

Both the Sunday School and the church met in the Antelope School south and west of Mingo. Within a year the church decided to rent a vacant church building closer to Mingo and in 1940 decided to hire a standing minister.

In December of 1941, the group bought and moved the Prairie Bell School building, which was three miles south and 10 miles west of Mingo, to their present site in Mingo, put it on a full basement, remodeled it, dedicating it in May,

1942.

After 11 years, the congregation had outgrown that facility and built the present one, which was dedicated on Nov. 30, 1952. Most of the work was done by members and friends. In 1971 the members left the Mennonite denomination and changed the name to Mingo Bible Church. A new parsonage was built in 1973 and annex was added in 1976.

Heartland Christian School was started in 1995 using the church's facilities. It moved to its present location in Colby in 2001.

Mingo Bible Church has been affiliated with Village Missions since 2000. The church also has a website now at www.mingobiblechurch.org. The church kitchen

was remodeled in 2010, and the parsonage kitchen was remodeled earlier this year.

Many missionaries have been produced from this church family; and the congregation financially supports a number of missionaries both overseas and here in the states.

Pastors who have served the church include Epp, William and Mathilda Voth, Walter and Ruby Regier, Jacob and Martha Bergen, Raymond and Damaris Unruh, Herbert and Jeanie Johnson, Leon and Dorothy Hofer, Dale and Sue Janzen, Gene and Florence Mullen, Jon and Deb Hansen, Chris and Tracy Schubert, Pat and Jo Colley and Tom and Kathie Peyton.



The Mingo Bible Church

Rexford students are ready to start school

The weather is cooling down, and Golden Plains students are preparing to head back to school this week.

The teachers have been getting ready, too, attending an inservice on Monday held at Shepherd's Staff. They also got to tour the historic Philip Houson house during their lunch break. The historic house will have its official open house and dedication from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12, with dedication and ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

If you've driven down Main Street during the past week, you've probably noticed activity at the ranch house. For years the old stone foundation has been crumbling, and now Shepherd's Staff is in the process of removing it, leveling the building, and pouring a new foundation.



Gwen Griffiths

• Rexford Correspondent

The Spuds and Splits group met on Thursday evening. This is a fun time for the 40-and-over crowd to hang out and enjoy baked potatoes and banana splits.

The Golden Plains soap scrimmage will be Friday. Bring a bar or two of soap or other locker room supplies and then watch the volleyball and football teams play intramural games.

Volleyball players will play a scrimmage against each other at 5:15, then the football team will play at 6:15. There will be a free barbecue after the football game. Sponsors are the Rexford Lions Club and the Golden Plains



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Leon Ball of Belleville spent all last week scraping out dirt and foundation under the Ranch House in Rexford. The building was moved to Rexford in 1888 and onto a stone foundation, which has been crumbling.

Booster Club.

That's the news for this week. Call 687-2076 or e-mail griffiths-gang@gmail.com with news you want to see published. Have a great week!

Water restrictions lead to ticketing in Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) – Authorities ticketed several dozen Lincoln residents or businesses for watering their yards or washing cars in violation of the city's drought-forced water restrictions, police said Tuesday.

Police spokeswoman Katie Flood said the department registered 58 citations Monday, but that more were likely.

Historic low water levels in the Platte River prompted Lincoln to suggest voluntary cutbacks on outdoor water use earlier in the summer, but those restrictions became mandatory Aug. 9.

Outdoor watering is banned on Mondays. Addresses ending in even numbers must limit outdoor watering to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays and addresses ending in odd numbers must water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The regulations aim to restrict water usage to 60 million gallons a day.

Before Monday, police had issued 470 warnings.

"We've cut people some slack,"

Public Safety Director Tom Cassidy told the Lincoln Journal Star. "But excuses aren't going to cut it anymore, and we're going to enforce the law. I think they've had plenty of time to adjust."

The citations require people to appear in county court, where they face fines of up to \$500 and/or as much as six months in jail. Lesser punishments were expected.

City Attorney Rod Confer said he's working with the county court on an option that would let people pay a set fine instead.

The restrictions apply to businesses as well.

Automatic sprinklers came on early Monday at Carlos O'Kelly's restaurant in north Lincoln. Manager Jay Runge told the newspaper that the ticket he got "was unfortunate and unexpected," in part because the business hadn't received any warnings. He said he was unaware that police would start issuing citations this week.

The sprinklers have been re-programmed for the proper days, Runge said.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Nicholas Wade Henry, 22, Colby, July 27, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff's Office/Court Services of Thomas County, released Friday for time served.
- William Joseph Luetke, 41, Salina, Aug. 13, failure to appear/

child support, Thomas County Sheriff, released Aug. 14 on court order.

- Rodney Lee Boyce, 61, Kanorado, last Wednesday, driving under the influence (second offense), no proof of insurance, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Friday on recognizance.
- Nicholas Paul Tubbs, 27,

Colby, Friday, failure to appear, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.

- Brady William Broski, 18, Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of paraphernalia, Highway Patrol, released same day with charges pending.
- Jarrod Kenneth Ferguson, 32,

Colby, Sunday, driving with license suspended or revoked, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

- Caleb Andrew Sulzberger, 18, Kansas City, Kan., Sunday, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, possessing paraphernalia, Highway Patrol, released same day on recognizance.

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