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A Passion To Serve Others With the Love of Christ

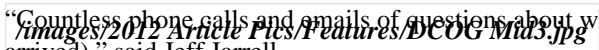
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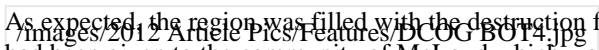
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McCloud, Oklahoma - There is nothing that brings forth the greatness of the human spirit more than when others are facing devastation and hurt. The natural reaction is the desire to find a way to help. Some talk about helping, others offer donations while others discover ways to climb directly into the action.

The Church of God in Dudley, Missouri found no hesitation among their congregation as a group of ten members loaded up campers and left their homes bound for Moore, Oklahoma to actively help with the tornado recovery efforts. The primary objective was to feed the victims of the tornadoes and volunteers in the area.

Three days before the group's departure, they were notified that volunteers from the Moore region were moving 20 miles east to the more sparsely populated area of McCloud, Oklahoma. Located in Pottawatomie County, McCloud is one of the poorest counties in the area.

 "Countless phone calls and emails of questions about what we would be facing could not equip us with what was ahead (when we arrived)," said Jeff Jarrell.

 As expected, the region was filled with the destruction from the EF5 tornado that occurred on May 20, 2013, but little attention had been given to the community of McCloud which was hit with tornado damage the day prior to the Moore event.

"The devastation in Moore is by far greater but they have plenty of volunteers assisting with recovery efforts," noted Taylor Jarrell. "However, the outlying areas got far less attention but have the same damage."

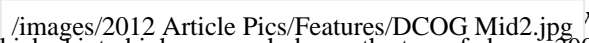
"A lot of the smaller towns in the area didn't get hardly any media attention so they didn't get much help," added Taylor. "Seeing the damage first hand almost seems as if the tornado hit last week in those places."

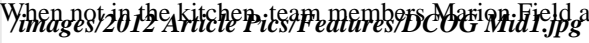
The group was confident their skills would be a blessing to the people of Moore, Oklahoma. A talented collection of workers in construction and general clean up, members of the group brought a gift of service that was perfect – their ability to cook and feed the workers and volunteers.

You may be well aware of the cooking talent of this group, as the Dudley Church of God is one of the favorite community vendors every year at the Stoddard County Fairgrounds. Their blooming onion receives raved reviews and is a crowd pleaser at any event.

Or you may be of the era when Mrs. Barbara Jarrell was busy in the kitchens of the Dexter Public Schools serving up their famous hot cinnamon rolls and no-bake cookies.

"We are pretty used to feeding people," commented group member, Jeff Jarrell. "We thought it was a good idea to put our words into action to help these people."

 was quickly directed to the kitchen of a local Baptist Church. Their talent kicked into high gear each day as the team fed over 300 individuals for lunch and dinner each day this past week. Their efforts was like the equivalent of feeding the entire population of Dudley at 317 people twice a day.

 When not in the kitchen, team members Marion Field and Jeff Jarrell were quick to get involved in the clean up efforts in the community. Pastor Josh Hester rolled up his sleeves as well and joined in to lend a hand removing trees and brush from creeks to help prevent flooding, constructing storage sheds to store personal items, installing tarp to damaged roofs of homes and cutting up mobile home frames for scrap metal.

"I can honestly say that this has been the best and worst week of my life," recounted Jeff Jarrell. "The experience of being blessed enough to come and help others in need has been most gratifying. But seeing the devastation and countenance of despair on the faces of those affected was heart wrenching."

In a world that volunteerism is challenging to find, Pastor Josh Hester has to be very proud that over 25% of his congregation is willing to sacrifice their vacations and personal time to help others.

"Our group did a lot of good while we were here, but we need to get the message out 'that our neighbors in Oklahoma are still in great need,'" added Jeff. "Our desire is that our local community will see how this trip has not only brought positive effects to the people we served, but the same effects to our lives through this mission work."

Team members included; Pastor Josh Hester, Marion Fields, Scott Townsend, Stephanie Townsend, Barbara Jarrell, Dean Jarrell, Nancy Jarrell, Jeff Jarrell, Jonathan Guite, and Taylor Jarrell.

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"Where in the world is Dudley, Missouri?" was something the group heard far too often. After all, such a small town church bringing a large impact to the lives of those that are working to put their lives back in order.

With a long satisfying week behind them, the group completed serving their last dinner Friday night to those that have continued to assist the people of Moore. They will begin packing in the morning and take the long trek home with a lot of satisfaction in their hearts.

"The most impressive part to me was that people came from all over the country to help others," noted team member Taylor Jarrell. "I've been able to meet volunteers from West Virginia, Canada and even the Virgin Islands."

"It sure has been quite the experience," add Taylor. Taylor is a 2010 graduate of Dexter High School. "I'm sure all of us wish we could stay longer as there's so much still to do."

"The relationships that I have acquired through this experience will never be forgotten and will last a lifetime," added Nancy Jarrell. "I will be forever touched by the devastation seen, and all the people with so much lost and yet so much resilience."

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Annual JAKES Day a Success!

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Dexter, Missouri – The Annual JAKES Day Event was a huge success Saturday with 73 children between the ages of 4 and 17 attending as well as approximately 40 adults. The Missouri Department of Conservation, National Wild Turkey Federation, American Outdoors, Crowley's Ridge Limbhangars of Dexter and the Crowley's Ridge Blackpowder Club of Dexter volunteered their time to reach out to the younger generation of our community to give them an opportunity to get outdoors and try hands-on activities.

Several stations were set up throughout the Bloomfield Holly Ridge Pavilion area.

The Conservation Department presented a gun safety demonstration where youngsters were given a chance to shoot a shotgun at clay birds or they could choose to shoot a BB gun at balloons.

Shannon Collier was on hand from the Missouri Fur Trappers Association to teach students about fur trapping. Cougar, bear, beaver, mink, raccoon, possum, bobcat, coyote, and skunk hides were on display for them to touch and hold. There were several real traps available to set.

The Wappapello Corps of Engineers set up a station for Water Safety. They had a bucket of ice cold water to explain how hypothermia causes you distress, just like the Titanic. Most of the people froze to death in the water when the Titanic sank, not from drowning, a common misconception. They also had many different styles of life preservers for them to try on and wear properly.

The Crowley's Ridge Blackpowder Club had four primitive skills stations set up for those who wanted to learn how to start fire with flint and steel or a magnifying glass. They learned how to shoot a slingshot and also throw a tomahawk. Curtis Waggoner and Amanda Koehler of Four Corners Archery helped students throw an atlatl and shoot a primitive bow. Popcorn Linda was on hand giving away FREE kettle corn! YUM! The parents enjoyed that as much as the children.

American Outdoors owner, Mark Jacques, along with Bobby Shipman helped students shoot various 3-D targets with modern bows. Each child also received a free Diamond Archery bracelet.

The Missouri Department of Conservation volunteers also had a fishing demonstration set up where children could cast a few plastic hooks to reel in

brightly colored “fish” or Hula Hoops. Some of those kids could really cast across the parking lot! One student shouted, “I have never fished before and I caught my first fish!”

Lunched could not have come sooner, hotdogs, chips, bananas and apples and ice cold water were engulfed quickly and everyone was ready for the great CANDY CANNON! Many parents have had the pleasure of attending a Rendezvous and watched the little ones run for the candy after the big boom! Children scramble to gather candy after it has been shot out of the cannon.

They day ended with a .22 cal Cricket gun given away to Caleb Pierce from Wappapello. He was the first name drawn, but not to worry each child received a prize, a very nice tackle box from the Missouri Conservation Department and a kite from Crowley’s Ridge Blackpowder Club.

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Many kids stated they couldn’t wait until next year when they could return and go on the nature hunt. Students found plastic spiders, frogs, snails, and snakes on the trail and also learned to call turkeys. Some even found real turkey feathers to take home. All had smiles and no one wanted to leave.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the JAKES Day Event especially to Tyson Foods for donating the lunch and helping to cook! This makes for a wonderful experience and each year seems to get bigger and bigger!

It takes many volunteers to host this event as well as donations from the community. Please support your local JAKES program by supporting the local NWTF Limbangers Chapter by attending their annual banquet in January and by becoming a member of NWTF. Follow them on Facebook for the latest announcements and photos of their events.

All JAKES participants will have their name submitted as a JAKES Member and will receive four issues of a full-color JAKES Magazine, NWTF Membership Card, JAKES decal and a chance to win a Hunt of a Lifetime.

So get involved by introducing young boys and girls to the beauty and wonder of our natural resources! The NWTF challenges each of you to take an active part in participating in a JAKES Conservation Field Day event and make a difference in a the life of a child.

JAKES stands for Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship!

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Dig Into Reading at Keller Public Library

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Dexter, Missouri – The Keller Public Library is presenting all summer long, Dig Into Reading. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend this exciting Summer Reading Program sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Look What's Digging Underground was presented on June 12 with over 125 people in attendance. Reita Lebeau was wonderful with her guitar and singing along with the children. Even a few parents were heard singing!

Betsy Taylor did a wonderful job presenting herself as THE MOLE! Mary Ann Taylor, John Ringer, Lindsay Schlieff, Kim Cook, Sarah Miller, and Jean Rahn were on hand to perform many characters including Squirmin' Herman, as the Earthworm!

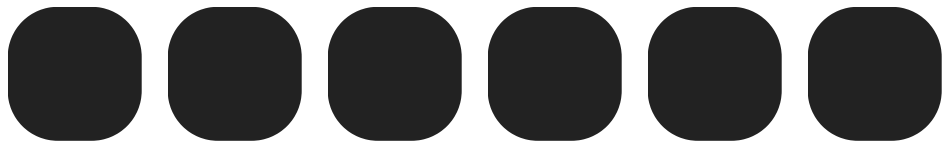
Each Wednesday morning around 11:00 a.m. you find more fascinating characters reading and singing at the library. This week, on June 19th, "The Magic Underground" with a real magician Marty Hahne who will have a few tricks up his sleeve.

June 26th, "Lets Rock on Down"! July 3rd will be "Do The Dinosaur Stomp!" July 10th there will be "Live Animals Underground" with Jared Bakers and on July 17th will be "I Dig Crafts!" Should be a fun and exciting summer for all ages.

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Dexter, Missouri - It's the Grand Opening of Holey Cow Cafe!

The invigorating and inviting aroma of brewed coffee and the cafe' atmosphere has made Holey Cow an instant success in Dexter.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this electrifying event on Saturday, June 15th from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Join Aaron and Misti McBride, owners, for incredible give-a-ways, FREE samples and entertaining events for all ages!

They are now offering a 10% Senior Discount!

Have you "chomped" on one of their delicious salads? The Strawberry Pecan Salad with fat free dressing is absolutely scrumptious! Customers can choose a salad and soup or a salad and 1/2 sandwich and a drink for just \$4.99. What a great price that is!

Each of us gets so busy these days with the hustle and bustle of ordinary life, jobs, sporting events, and summer yard work. Text or call a few friends and meet them at the Holey Cow Cafe for lunch or dinner. It's conveniently located! It's decor is charming! And the prices are reasonable! Not too mention the food is exceptional!

The staff are courteous, professional and attentive. The owners are absolutely delightful people. The customers so enjoy watching the ladies behind the counter mix the ice cream on the slab, adding the various nuts and candies.

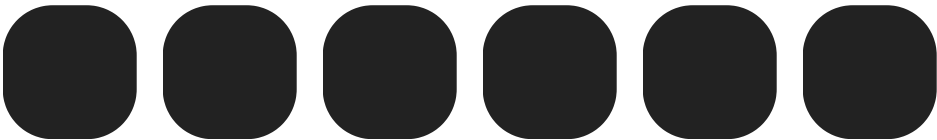
You'll be glad you came! Holey Cow Cafe' will become your new favorite place to eat!

Holey Cow Cafe is located in the old Wendy's building at 1119 North One Mile Road in Dexter. Call ahead and order for pick-up or dine-in at 614-5048.

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Dexter, Missouri – Starting today, June 10th, we are having a 20% off photo sale. Order prints and gifts for Dads and Grads and everyone in between today through Wednesday, June 12 at 11:59 p.m. CDT to save a bunch.

As with all sales and special offers there is no coupon code necessary to get 20% off as long as the order is made from your Zenfolio account. Most ShowMe Times photos are available on Zenfolio.

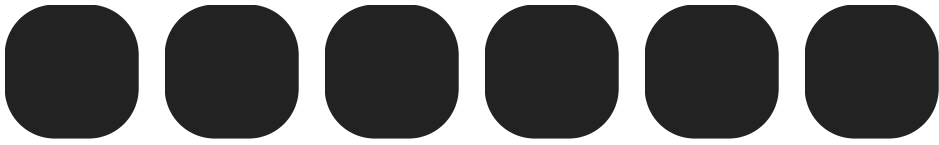
Just go to showmetimes.com and look for the tab PHOTOS and click. There are over 22,000 photos to choose from. Some of our most recent photos are from the Keller Library Story Hours, BA All Star Extravaganza, DHS Softball, Relay for Life 2013, TS Hill Middle School Volleyball, DHS Baseball, TS Hill Middles School Baseball, and more.

There are great gifts for dad such as coffee mugs, key chains, magnets, and calendars. One can even make baseball trading cards for sports and special event tickets. Order him a wonderful t-shirt with a special photo. Either way you can't go wrong with special memorabilia items for Father's Day!

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