

MENUS

Coffey County
East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging program congregate meals are available Monday through Friday at the Burlington Senior Center (620) 364-2730, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Lebo Senior Center (620) 245-6166, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Waverly Senior Center. Reservation or cancellation for a meal must be made with your site by noon the day before. If you have any questions please call your local site for more information.
Monday: Chicken patty on bun, potato rounds, broccoli, strawberry cup and milk.
Tuesday: Beef tips and peppers, white rice, peas and carrots, oranges, whole wheat roll and milk.
Wednesday: Meatloaf, herbed red potatoes, mixed vegetables, ranger cookie, whole wheat bread and milk.
Thursday: Ham and beans, carrots, apricots, cornbread and milk.
Friday: Chicken and noodles, zucchini and tomatoes, spiced peaches,

white cake, whole wheat French roll and milk.
Lyon County
Lyon County Congregate Friendship meals can be picked up Mon. through Fri. at Olpe, and Mon., Wed. and Fri. at Neosho Rapids. Call one day in advance for Olpe meals, (620) 475-3384 and Neosho Rapids meals, (620) 342-8232. Home delivered meals will continue as usual. Please call before 9:30 a.m. to reserve/cancel a meal at (620) 342-8232.
Monday: Chicken tenders, potato wedges, steamed broccoli, fruit, hot rolls and milk.
Tuesday: Sloppy joe and bun, potato salad, baked beans, fruit, cake and milk.
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, mixed veggies, fruit, bread and milk.
Thursday: Beef stew, coleslaw, mandarin oranges, sugar cookie, biscuit and milk.
Friday: Pulled pork, baked sweet potato, baked brussel sprouts, fruit, bread and milk.

This Week in History

Compiled by the Coffey County Museum, 1101 Neosho Street, Burlington. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. See their YouTube channel, Coffey Museum, for videos about the history of Coffey County.

April 4-10

25 years ago (1996)
New speed limits on two-lane highways in the state have been determined by the Kansas Department of Transportation. There are approximately 9,000 total miles of state-maintained, two-lane roads in Kansas. State law mandates that a maximum speed limit of 65 mph can be posted on state-maintained, two-lane roads.
50 years ago (1971)
Since the weather has been

good for construction, New Strawn is really booming. At present under construction is one business building located next to the Custoglass plant, public restrooms, a laundromat, an apartment house which will house four good sized apartments, two three-bedroom homes and one two-bedroom house. Many others are in the planning stage.
Coffey County voters followed the statewide trend in the Constitutional Amendment vote by approving it by a vote of 1,131 to 697. The Amendment is to allow 18 year-olds to vote.
75 years ago (1946)
The Fashion Mode Shoe Store will have its formal opening in the Kingsbury building at 323 Neosho in Burlington.
The Coffey County Neosho-Cottonwood Flood Control As-

sociation was organized at a well-attended meeting held at the courthouse in Burlington.
100 years ago (1921)
The Excelsior Milling and Power Company and the Burlington Light, Power and Manufacturing Company have reached an agreement and entered into a contract to supply each other with electric current for lighting and power purposes for a term of years.
125 years ago (1896)
The Post, the new paper at Waverly, got out its first issue last week. J. S. McCartney, formerly of Yates Center, is the publisher.
The city (Burlington) election of Tuesday was the dulltest in the history of the town. Only about 150 votes were polled.

The Coffey County Republican
Devotional Page

Tender mercies in a pandemic

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It has been one year since our activities were restrained by a pandemic that came upon us completely unexpectedly. Much has been said and written about it, and if you're like me, you're getting pretty tired of it all. Having extra time on my hands has caused me to reflect on what has happened in my life in the last year and how God has guided me.

How has my life been different? Have I been able to see the hand of God in all the adjustments I had to make? Have I been able to spend this extra time in a worthwhile way? These are all questions I put to myself. The answers have been yes. My life has been different, and I have had to guard against isolation and loneliness. Yes, God has helped me make adjustments even if I didn't always like them. But most importantly, God showed me how I could use my time productively and still feel connected to my distant family, even though it was in a different way.

As I looked at the blessings I have received during this pandemic, I realized that they are "tender mercies." In Psalms we read of special blessings God pours out upon us in our daily lives, of which we are often not aware. The Psalmist proclaims in Psalm 119: 156, "Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord", and again "The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works." (Psalm 145:9) What is meant by "tender mercies", and how can we recognize them in our lives?

Elder David A. Bednar of the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The

mankind Himself.

So what have been my "very personal and individualized" tender mercies from God?

For many years I have been enthusiastically involved in family history research, putting together a family tree of as many of my ancestors as I could find. With extra time on my hands, I decided to really concentrate on this effort. The blessings soon came - I was contacted by a before unknown distant cousin from Germany who is diligently working on one of my lines on which I had not had a major breakthrough. We have established a wonderful email relationship in which we frequently share information about our common ancestors.

I was able to scan some ancestors' old pictures that I had brought back from Germany. What a delight to see pictures of ancestors whom I had never met in real life, for example, all of my great-grandparents.

Doing family history research is surely not everyone's interest. But to me, during this pandemic, it meant time well spent with family members who, while they are not alive anymore, still belong to my extended family. I consider it a great blessing that a loving God looked out for me and blessed me with a spiritual gift that made it possible to feel a sense of happiness and accomplishment.

All of us qualify for the Savior's tender mercies. For me, they were blessings related to my ancestors. They will be different for others. They might be big or small. Whichever is the case, we will surely discover them when we look for them in our lives, especially now.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints explains, "The Lord's tender mercies are the very personal and individualized blessings, strength, protection, assurances, guidance, loving-kindnesses, consolation, support and spiritual gifts which we receive from and because of and through the Lord Jesus Christ." He also explains that God's tender mercies do not occur by coincidence, but are specific blessings that we receive in our times of need.

To look first at Christ's life as recorded in the New Testament, we find that He frequently extended tender mercies to all. Healing the blind, the deaf and the dumb, casting out evil spirits, stilling the storm - these were all tender mercies extended to other people.

One of the most compassionate expressions of tender mercies is found in the Book of Mormon in Third Nephi. When the Savior appears among the native people, He asks them whether there are any sick among them and to bring them to Him so He can heal them. The sick all come forward, and with great tenderness the Savior heals them all. (3 Nephi 17: 7-9) Again, a great illustration of tender mercies from the Savior of hu-

Grow in grace

Watching children grow into adulthood can be a marvelous experience. From crawling to walking, from uttering sounds that make no sense to carrying on an intelligent conversation is almost breathtaking.

Growth is a gift of God and can bring blessings and happiness - especially when we grow into the likeness of Christ and share His grace with those around us.

The Amplified Bible provides a rich translation of Psalm 92:14. "Growing in grace," writes the Psalmist, "they shall still bring forth fruit in old age;

they shall be full of spiritual vitality and rich in expressing trust, love and contentment."

Growth, for the Christian, is a lifelong journey. And those who grow in His grace and are filled with His mercy have much to live for and share with others. Imagine the satisfaction of having lived a life that honors God's Word, lives God's gospel and expresses His love. Can there be anything more important for the Christian than becoming stronger in our faith, clearer in our convictions, warmer in our love, purer in our thoughts and kinder in

our words and deeds as we grow older and more mature in Christ?

We live in a broken world. Everywhere we look, we see people who have been betrayed by those whom they dearly loved and trusted. We see people writhing in pain and anguish as they search for someone to offer them hope and encouragement. We dare not let them down.

What a wonderful opportunity God has given us.

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