

KAY KLIPS November, 2012



The 36 members of **Almena-Northern Valley** KAY club had an extremely successful fund raising campaign this fall. Far exceeding their goal of selling 725 dozen Krispy Kreme donuts their final sale count was 10,200 donuts (850 dozens). The money raised will be used for service projects such as their annual Veteran's Day Program, the Community Christmas Movie/soup supper, Heifer International and to send two members to KAY Camp.



Almena-Northern Valley KAY club held their annual Veteran's Day program Monday, November 12, 2012. Breakfast was served to the Veterans and their guests before the ceremony. Many attended and enjoyed this time of visiting and reminiscing. Pastor Becky Wynn-Saddler spoke of the respect and honor that should be awarded Veteran's. She emphasized faith and commitment and honor.

Arkansas City Middle School students collected 14,714 food items this year from the Ark City community for the school's annual KAY Club Food Drive. The food will be distributed to the local Salvation Army, Manna Ministries and area churches.

On Nov. 18th the **Chase County High School** KAY club took part in a scavenger hunt. Students went door-to-door in Cottonwood Falls and Strong City asking for non-perishable food items for the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. The hunt began at the High School at 2pm and lasted until around 3:30pm.

The **Chase county High school and Junior High** KAYS "Canned the Teachers" with approximately 2230 pounds of nonperishable food items. They also collected 88 pounds of turkey. Students donated enough food items to have a study hall in every class. Students exceeded last year's weight of over 1500 pounds of food. Food items were taken to the C4 Food Pantry in Strong City.

On October 3rd and November 20th some students from **Olathe-Prairie Trail Middle School** got the chance to go to harvesters and lend a helping hand. The KAY club members worked very hard while they were there and tried to make as many food bags as they could to help the community out. They packaged an amazing 710 bags and those bags were sent home with students to feed their family over the weekend.

The KAY students from **Maize Middle School** joined forces with their STUCO and had a Caring Hearts Food Drive. The students made the event a fun competition and were able to bring in 4948 food items and \$2563.82. Their efforts were very impressive.

The **Smith Center High School** KAY Club participated in Red Ribbon Week by conducting some activities at the grade school. The students were given red ribbons with different stickers to wear each day. On Thursday the KAY members did some activities in each classroom and then took the students out to tie red ribbons on the fence.

**'CAPTAIN
KETTLE,'
FROM
KANSAS
CITY, MO.,**
visited

Arkansas City
Middle School
on Wednesday
for the kickoff
of the 2012
KAY Food
Drive. It was
the first-ever
visit here
for Captain
Kettle, who
has traveled
around
Kansas for
the last four
years to raise
awareness for
the Salvation
Army's
Christmas Red
Kettle Drive.

What's happ'nin', Capn?

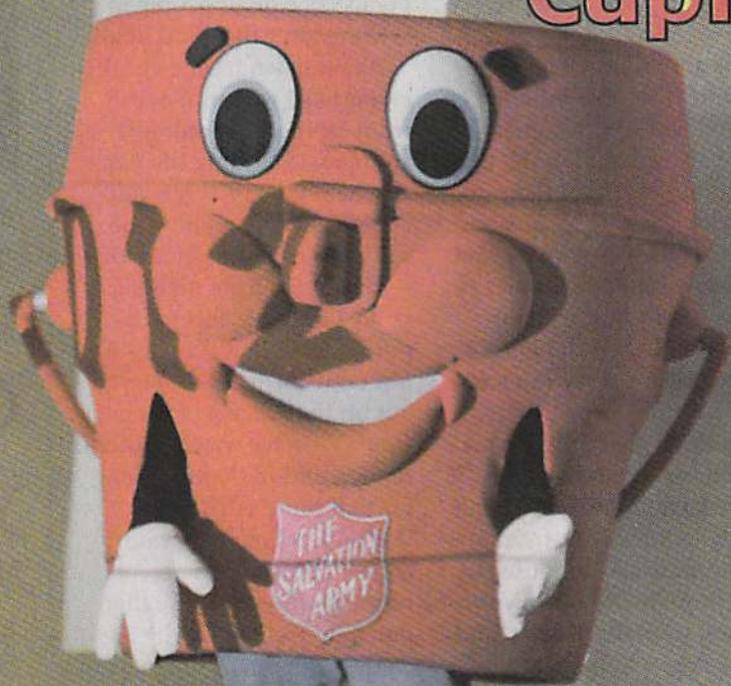


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As I listened to President Barack Obama, I heard a stirring reminder at the end of his message early Wednesday morning.

He said, "We are more than a collection of red states and blue states. We are and will forever be the United States of America."

He also reminded me that citizenship is more than our right to vote — it is our responsibility to be involved.

Today, I invite you to reflect upon that responsibility. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice!

We are privileged to live in a nation that provides us incredible freedoms.

We have in our power the ability to speak out from our churches, our houses of government and our own homes, to make change, and our voices will be heard.

We should rejoice in this privilege. However, we cannot and we must not let our petty personal perceptions become the focus of our future. We must let our gentleness be known in our actions and we must allow our concern for others to guide our every action.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we must continue to give thanks for all we have, and we must work together

Kingdom is and should be our ultimate quest. Instead of allowing our frustrations to flood our actions, we should seek peace.

Peace is not the absence of conflict, but rather is the persistence of all people in seeking after the good of all.

As we listen to one another, perhaps we can move from saying I am red, or I am blue, to finding the places where we can agree and — for those who know me, I can't believe I am saying this — become purple together.

We have seen this fall a purple team that is focused not on its own self-interest, but on the success of the team. We have watched them rejoice, and perhaps we long for that same satisfaction.

That kind of victory only comes as each of us accepts responsibility for more than our right to criticize. It comes with our willingness to work not just for ourselves, but for the good of all.

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable — those are things we should aspire to.

Together, we can turn our town, our state, our nation purple. Together, we can change the color of America.

It is more than our right, it is our responsibility.



CHRIS AND SONYA GOOD will be sharing what God is doing in their community is invited to visit North St., on Sunday and hear the couple to start churches in

UMC to celebrate 140 years in community

Special to the Traveler
SOUTH HAVEN

— The South Haven United Methodist Church has been sharing God's word and serving the community for more than 140 years.

The public is invited to join the church in a time of praise and worship Saturday and Sunday. Former ministers will be honored at a 3:30 p.m. worship service Saturday, followed by a celebration dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The night will conclude with musical entertainment at 6:30 p.m. and an auction