

# *The Black & Gold*



*McCune Eagles*

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## **Special Honors**

The 50 year class of 1969 will be the special honored guests at the alumni meeting on Saturday afternoon, September 28, 2019.

If you graduated from McCune High School between 1898 - 1968 and have not yet received a 50 year McCune Eagle pin, see Jeff Han.

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## **All-Alumni Dinner**

### **Saturday, September 28**

Alumni and guests are invited to dinner Saturday, September 28, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at the McCune Community Center. Dinner will be served at 6:00.

David Hand will be Master of Ceremonies. Five \$10 door prizes will be awarded.

#### **Price of the dinner: \$12.50 per person.**

Chicken Mary's will be catering the dinner. Menu: fried chicken, pulled pork, bread and butter, an assortment of sides including, onion rings, cheesy potatoes, German slaw, potato salad, mac & cheese, baked beans, and green beans. An assortment of pies will be served for dessert.

#### **Make your reservations for the dinner by September 18, 2019**

Contact: Kathy Stewart: [kstewie@hotmail.com](mailto:kstewie@hotmail.com) or telephone 620.632.4992, or use the order form on page 7, and purchase dinner tickets along with your tickets for the drawing. A special "thank you" to all who help set up and decorate for the banquet.

## **Buy Your Tickets To Win \$100**

The Alumni Association has donated \$100 to be awarded to a lucky ticket holder. There will also be a second prize of \$50.00 and a third Prize of \$25.00

Tickets sell for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. You can order tickets by mail. Use the form on page 7 or, you can buy them on homecoming weekend.

The drawing will be held at the Alumni Reunion on Saturday afternoon, September 28, 2019.

**You do NOT need to be present to win any of these prizes. All proceeds go to the Alumni Fund.**

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## **Join the Steering Committee**

The only two requirements for being a steering committee member are:

- 1) You must have earned a McCune School diploma.
- 2) You must have a genuine interest in doing good things for the McCune community.

The Committee meets five times a year. Lately we've been meeting at Chicken Mary's, near Frontenac, to eat. Spouses and friends are welcome. We have a great time. The next meeting is August 21, 2019 at about 6:00.

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## **Check the McCune Alumni Website**

Please check the website for the latest information about meetings and the McCune Fall Festival

[www.mccunealumni.org](http://www.mccunealumni.org)

## 2019 Scholarships Awarded

Eight graduating seniors, from four different high schools, reside in the former McCune #57 school district. All were contacted and given information about the McCune Alumni scholarships. Five of the students applied. The Alumni Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipients:



### \$1,000 Alumni Scholarships

*Each will receive \$1000*

**Nathan Campbell**  
**Nicholas Campbell**  
**Kalyn Flaharty**  
**Trenton Hartman**  
**Kohlton Kirby**

### \$500 Science and Technology Scholarship

**Kohlton Kirby**

### \$16,000 Herman and Ailene Parsons Educational Scholarship

*\$16,000 to be divided equally among:*

**Nathan Campbell**  
**Nicholas Campbell**  
**Kalyn Flaharty**  
**Trenton Hartman**  
**Kohlton Kirby**

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### **Top T.V. Shows of 1969**

- Rowan and Martin's Laugh In*
  - Gunsmoke*
  - Bonanza*
- Mayberry R.F.D.*
  - Family Affair*
  - Here's Lucy*
- The Red Skelton Hour*
  - Marcus Welby, M.D.*
- Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color*
  - The Doris Day Show*
  - The Bill Cosby Show*
  - The Carol Burnett Show*

## Donations Given in 2018-2019

### \$1000 or More to the Science/Technology Scholarship

**Anonymous**

**\$500 or more**

**Anonymous**

**\$200 to \$300**

**Carol Sue Clarke Duesi**  
**Harold Millard**  
**Mark Smith**

**\$100 to \$200**

**Paul & Karolyn Johnson**  
**Sheila Johnston Johnson**  
**Bryan and Kim Schulz**

**Kathy Chambers McAuliffe**  
**For the Science/Technology Scholarship**

**Alan and Linda Hobson**  
**In Memory of**  
**the Deceased Members of the Class of 1957:**

*Allan Baldwin*  
*Ella Lahey York*  
*Larry Long*  
*Frank Metcalf*  
*Bonnie Rentfro Wheeler*  
*Darrold Rose*  
*Joyce Sartin Rose*  
*Jeanette Wheatley Bolden*  
*Norma Jean Wright Burns*

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### **Some Popular Movies of 1969**

*Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* • *True Grit* • *The Wild Bunch* • *Midnight Cowboy* • *Support Your Local Sheriff!*  
• *The Undefeated* • *On her Majesty's Secret Service (James Bond)* • *Easy Rider: The Ride Back* • *Paint Your Wagon*  
• *The Shoot Horses, Don't They?* • *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*  
• *Cactus Flower*

## From the Class of 1969

The class of 1969 will be celebrating their 50th class reunion during the McCune Fall Festival. Our Class has always been close. Our president, Bill Lahey, reminded us that the school had good classes ahead of us, and good classes behind us. It was all good. We liked our teachers. We cared about each other.

We were interested in sports and all the activities. We did the usual things such as the Senior Trip to Kirkwood Lodge. Our proms and banquets were at the school. The girls created beautiful decorations.

We look forward to the Fall Festival. The weekend will start by enjoying beans and reconnecting with old friends and classmates at the McCune Memorial Park. The bean feed will be Friday, Sept 27th starting at 5:00 p.m. On Saturday, September 28th, we will take our place in the parade as the 50 year class of MHS. We will be honored and presented with our 50 year pins at the school Alumni meeting at the gymnasium on Saturday afternoon.

We've already had a lot of fun preparing for the festivities. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

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### Some Top Songs from 1969

<i>Aquarius</i>	The 5th Dimension
<i>Sugar, Sugar</i>	The Archies
<i>I Can't Get Next to You</i>	The Temptations
<i>Hot Fun in the Summertime</i>	Sly and the Family
<i>Suspicious Minds</i>	Elvis Presley
<i>A Boy Named Sue</i>	Johnny Cash
<i>In The Year 2525</i>	Zagar and Evans
<i>Proud Mary</i>	Creedence Clearwater Revival
<i>Sweet Caroline</i>	Neil Diamond
<i>These Eyes</i>	The Guess Who
<i>This Magic Moment</i>	Jay and the Americans

## 50 Years

## The Class of 1969



*Glenn Allen (unknown)*

*Ella Barton Adams*

*Melvin Boor*

*Nicky Dauron Davidson*

*Betsy Davidson Holland*

*Larry Dunnick*

*Judy Gilpin Miller*

*Pattie Graver Leonard*

*Bill Lahey*

*Martha Lyth Smith (unknown)*

*Darrel Markley*

*Joyce Mishler Verdin*

*Edward Nutt*

*David O'Neal*

*Roger Parsons*

*Wanda Pool Steffens*

*Joan Rhemart Walsh*

*Glenda Shouse Beckwith*

*Carolyn Thomson Summerville (unknown)*

*Vernon Ulbrich*

*Roger Wells*

*Jeanne Zimmerman Dent*

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### The Way It Was in '69

- On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to set foot on the moon.
- From Aug 15 - 18, 1969, the Woodstock Music Festival was held on a 600 acre dairy farm at Bethel, White Lake, NY. An estimated 400,000 attended.

## **A Community That Cares = Success!**

*~by Morgan Blanchard-Zimmer & Roy Parsons*

It's wonderful to still be active and be a small part of a very successful library and museum operation here in McCune Kansas. Success, as you may know, is what happens when there are very responsible and caring people in charge of an operation. The accomplishments over the past few years are extraordinary for a town and community the size of McCune.

We have received questions now and then throughout the years, "How do you do it?" It is done by nothing more than proper fund management by good library board members, both past and present, and now a terrific library director. When something comes up or a new project takes place, they put their heads together and 'gitter'done.' There are those who have worked tirelessly the past fifty-one years to help make the McCune Osage Township Library a great asset to McCune.

Funds received above the budget from the county level play a large part in the success of the library. Funds received from family memorials, donations and grants all help the library operate on an even keel. If it wasn't for the memorials, donations and grants, the library probably would not be here or only open one day per week instead of three. The library and patrons are very grateful for the generosity shown towards the libraries future.

The library does get used all year long. It has been used for family gatherings, special programs, tating classes, a Christmas Bazaar to a Pinewood Derby race. All of a sudden this past winter and spring, there has been an explosion of new young families with two or three small children move into the McCune area. They all are making use of the story times, programs and the every year Summer Reading Program. This year's theme was 'A Universe of Stories.' They have traveled to outer space and back, had an alien spaceship crash and take off again in front of the library. Little aliens were found all over McCune by the kids and brought back to their ship before they took off. And the kids are reading books!

The museum and history department are doing very well. We have been able to provide much historical information to family researchers from all around the country since opening in 2007. There are no major projects at this time, but a lot of little ones going on. Lots of items have been donated again this past year and we keep busy trying to find places to properly exhibit them. If we can help you with any local family history or history of any kind, please let us know.

A while back we were approached by a fellow from Iowa, Jim Kenyon, who was researching information for a book he was writing on school closings in Kansas. He had picked one town from each county in Kansas for his book. McCune happened to be one of them. His book is finished and he will be in McCune sometime during Fall Festival in September for a book signing. Watch the library Facebook and Neighborhood News for more information ..

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The McCune History Department also edits and publishes the Neighborhood News newsletter monthly. It takes more time to put it all together than you realize so please don't put it in the bottom of the bird cage before everyone gets to read it. You might miss the articles sent to us by some character by the name of Chicken Hawk who provides us some fascinating, intellectual, semi-factual, sometimes very weird stories to print in the library's Neighborhood News newsletter. All of the other correspondents who send regular articles are greatly appreciated. They are Paul Troop, Fred Giefer, Jim Mechling, Steve Cooper and Rev. Kelly Klubek at this time.

The Neighborhood News has been printed since November 2002. It was voted to start it by then library board members: Jean Morey, Kathy Allen, Martha Mitchell, Kathy Shouse, Judy Brown, Paul Troop, and Kathy Coonrod. Maxine Allen was the Library Director at the time. Kathy Coonrod and Kathy Allen took on the responsibility of editing and publishing the newsletter until May 2011. From May 2011 to Nov 1012 Kathy Allen and Roy Parsons did the job. From May 2012 to the present, the McCune History Department has edited and published the newsletter.

That's it for now. The library and museum are a great place to hang out. Watch for us on Facebook, our website and the Neighborhood News!

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### **A Quiz: From an anonymous member of the class of 43)**

1) The first electric lights for the football field were installed during my highschool years. How were they funded? (*answer on page 6*)

2) In 1946, where in McCune was the bus depot located. I bused in there from the Marines in California in May 1946. (*answer on page 6*)

## MRHS Class of 1949

*Pauline Autem*

*Evelyn Irene Baldwin Heavin*

*Charley Billington (decea. May 2012)*

*Peggy Blackburn Maxwell*

*Arthur Bratton (deceased Feb 2011)*

*Mary Ann Brenner Stevens (decea. Oct 2013)*

*Ora Brintall*

*Don Clugston*

*Marvella Davis Markley*

*Keith Goedeke (deceased June 1996)*

*Bernard Harrington (decea. May 2001)*

*Sam Heryford (deceased Dec 2004)*

*Oleta Hodge Troop (decea Apr 2013)*

*Vern Hollandsworth*

*Lynn Jones (decesed Sept 2003)*

*Dean Kelley (deceased Jan 1996)*

*Artie Shepard Lewis*

*Robert Long (deceased Dec 2009)*

*Merle Markley*

*William McElwain (deceased Sept 1960)*

*Fred McMillian (deceased Feb 2012)*

*Patsy Miller Bennett*

*Lola Lee Millard Cleavinger (unknown)*

*Bill Moore*

*Betty Morrow Ledford*

*Pearl Nelson Rhine*

*AnnaBell Nutt Stark (decea. July 2003)*

*Gordon Nutt (deceased Nov 1996)*

*Robert Parsons*

*Delores Powell Hoheisel*

*Glenn Arlie Rose (decea Apr 2011)*

*Roberta Shanholtzer Nutt (decea. Dec 2016)*

*Johnny Sumpter (deceased Nov 1998)*

*Lloyd Thomas*

*Eileen Ulbrich Powell (deceased Aug 2018)*

*Dean Ulery (deceased Dec 1995)*

*Editor's Note: There's nothing better than hearing from an alum we thought was lost.*

Dear Alumni Association,

This is Marie Treadway Cook speaking to you from the great "unknown." We are very old, but we're still doing fine. John is 90 and I am 88. We live in a very comfortable Senior Complex. We stay quietly busy.

Our son, Jeff, is retired but he is still a consultant for the Ford Motor Company. Our daughter, Carla, has published over 150 books under the name of Carla Cassidy, and she is still writing. She is 65 and Jeff is 63. (How can that be when that's what we are?)

We have five grandchildren: Frank, Jr. Carla's son. We've had him since he was five years old. He's in construction. Carla's daughter, Darlene, is 41. She lives in Manhattan, Kansas.

Jeff, our son, has two boys and a girl. Jeffrey John lives in Kansas City and works for a supplier of Ford. Brian and his wife live in Pasadena, California. He is a manager of a fitness center. They are expecting a baby boy in January, and the family is thrilled.

Now, this is probably more information than you needed or wanted but my younger sister, Marilyn Treadway Millsbaugh, was very upset when she learned that I was "unknown."

I send my good wishes to you all. God Bless each and every one who reads this letter.

Sincerely, Marie, Class of '48

## MRHS Class of 1959

*Judy Baker*

*Leona Kay Baldwin Ashley (dec Jan 1981)*

*William Barnes*

*Karolyn Bell Johnson*

*Juanita Brintnall Shepard*

*Larry Brown (decea. Jan 2003)*

*Harvey Davidson*

*Frankie Dunnick (decea Oct 2014)*

*Galen Emmons (decea Mar 2018)*

*Jim Frazier*

*Mary Ann Gemmell Simpson (decea 2004)*

*Darlene Gardenhire DeJulio*

*Zora Ann Getman Baldwin*

*Richard Ironside*

*David Leonard*

*John Maffei*

*James Mansfield*

*Richard Morgan (decea Aug 2007)*

*Steve Mosler (decea Jan 2011)*

*Mary Ann Rauniker*

*Marilyn Sartin Wheatley*

*Nancy Sears Rasmussen (decea Aug 59)*

*Luanne Shipman Brennan*

*Sondra Spangler Winniger (decea Jan 200)*

*Norman Sumpter (decea. Feb 2015)*

### **Thank You!**

### **Sheila Johnson**

For the past 20 years or so, Sheila Johnston Hensley Johnson has printed the McCune Alumni newsletter, tickets, and programs at Pitsco, where she was in charge of the printing department. She has recently retired from the position. We wish her the best as she enjoys the "golden years." Thank you, Sheila, for everything.

## McCune High School Class of 1979

(the last MHS class)

*Stephen A. Baldwin (unknown)*

*Carla Bronson Buntin*

*Christy Rose Carter*

*Kathy Chambers McAuliffe*

*Mike Clark*

*Cindy Crumpacker Alexander*

*Alan Egbert*

*Bonita Egbert Cole*

*David Davis*

*James Depue*

*Mark Flood*

*Jane Shouse Hastings (unknown)*

*Cindy Hey*

*Johnna Hiller Shirley*

*LeeAnn Johnston*

*Beth Jones (unknown)*

*Theresa Maffei Tollett (unknown)*

*Laura Neblett Kirk*

*David Parsons (unknown)*

*Mark Platt*

*Jim Rowland*

*Anita Bunn Sailsbury*

*Rick Satzler*

*Bruce Schulz*

*Rick VanDorn*

*Brad Varner*

*Wanona Ulery Brennon*

*Kelly York Duffin*

## McCune Grade School Class of 1979

*Karla Beesley Thomsen (unknown)*

*Karla Jo Darland Williams (unknown)*

*Lori Fox Brake*

*Linda Gilpin Lane*

*Shelley Henson Gray (unknown)*

*Suzie Jacquinet Endicott*

*Donald Otto*

*Kim Smith Schulz*

*Charles L. Stotts, Jr. (unknown)*

*Sheila Winger Mapes*

*Stacy York Ewbank*

## McCune Grade School Class of 1989

*Zachary Cooper*

*Daniel Harris (unknown)*

*Miranda Johnson*

*Jeremy Kennedy (unknown)*

*Kimberly Kester Abram(unknown)*

*Joe Maffei (unknown)*

*Doug Mercer (unknown)*

*David Napier (unknown)*

*Katrina Parsons Fox*

*Melissa Phillips (unknown)*

*Seth Stewart*

The following alumni passed away  
between July 1, 2018 - July 1, 2019:

*Margaret Sale Wheat (class of 1939)*

*Virginia Millard Dutton (class of 1944)*

*Loren Powell (class of 1946)*

*Eileen Ulbrich Powell (class of 1949)*

*Delbert Rentfro (class of 1953)*

*Peggy Kious Cuthbertson (class of 1955)*

*Gloria Lloyd Morris (class of 1955)*

*Joyce Sartin Rose (class of 1957)*

*Allan Ray Baldwin (class of 1957)*

*Richard Parsons (class of 1960)*

*Judy Harrell Bicknell (class of 1965)*

*Patricia Stephens Bruenenn (class of 1966)*

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**See You  
at the  
Alumni Dinner  
on Saturday evening,  
September 28.  
Ask Kathy Stewart to  
reserve a table  
for your class at the  
dinner.  
We have a lot of fun,  
and each year there's  
something different.**

## Answers to the Quiz on page 4

1) The first electric lights for the football field were funded by scrap iron - mostly garnered from area farmers.

2) The bus depot was at the Harold Jones Gas Station. Even my buddy Frank Page didn't know the answer to this question. Hope you didn't have to cheat.

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### 2019 Seniors

*Katura Amershek*

*Jaret Brumback*

*Nathan Campbell*

*Nicholas Campbell*

*Kalyn Flaharty*

*Trenton Hartman*

*Kolton Kirby*

*Brooke Span*

Five of these seniors applied for Alumni Scholarships. Several of them are grandchildren of McCune High School graduates.

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### Subscribe to the McCune Library Newsletter

Once a month the staff and volunteers at the library put out a newsletter filled with local news of McCune and its history.

Anyone can subscribe to the newsletter. However, the subscription fee **MUST** be sent to the library.

**The Alumni Association cannot accept checks or money for the library newsletter. So, send \$6.00 once a year to:**

McCune Osage Township Library  
PO Box 73 509 6th St.  
McCune, KS 66753

## Did You Know that in 2019. . .

- There are 2431 names in the McCune Alumni Database
- That the status of 305 of those alumni is unknown?
- That 1,010 alumni and staff are listed as deceased?
- That the Association was begun in 1989 by the class of 1939?
- There were 33 on the class roll for the class of 1939?

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### Presidents of the Association

Frankie Dunnick 1989 - 1991

Mary Ann Gemmell Simpson 1991- 1994

Roland Dalrymple 1994 - 1997

Sheila Johnston Hensley Johnson 1997 - 2000

Evelina Stewart Wright 2000 - 2003

David Han 2003 - 2006

Paul Troop 2006 - 2009

Frank Page 2009 - 2012

Carolyn Stewart Michael 2012 - 2015

Richard Parsons 2015 - 2018

Jeff Han 2018 -

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### Scholarships Awarded Through the Years

The first scholarships from the Alumni Association were awarded to five students in 1992. Each senior received \$200. Ten years later, in 2002, eleven seniors were awarded \$300 each. For the past several years, each applicant who met the criteria received \$1000 from the alumni.

The first Science and Technology scholarship was awarded in 1999 at \$500. It was and continues to be endowed by a single anonymous alum.

In 2008, the Parsons Educational Scholarship was added from the generous legacy of two McCune graduates, Herman Parsons and his wife Ailene McGown Parsons. Each scholarship has averaged over \$2000, depending on the number of eligible students who apply for it each year.

By September 2019, the Alumni through its donations and its memorials will have bestowed to 226 McCune area high school seniors scholarships in the total amount of \$353,820.

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**Check out the  
McCune Memorial Park when you're in town. To contribute, contact: The City of McCune 620.632.4299  
or mail to Box 87: McCune, KS 66753**

## Order Blank

**Remember: We are now a tax-exempt organization and all checks must be made to the McCune Alumni Association INC.**

**Please clip and mail with your check to:  
Kathy Stewart • Box 122 • McCune, KS 66753  
by September 18, 2019.**

**Please help Kathy by sending one of your return address labels (if you have some) for EACH ticket you purchase.**

Name:

Address:

Phone/email:

### Tickets For \$100:

Six for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Reservations for the Alumni Dinner :

Cost per person = \$12.50 X \_\_\_ dinners = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Alumni Donation (\$10.00)** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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## Donate Your Memorabilia

After the final days at the McCune Grade School, the Alumni Association acquired the pictures, trophies, plaques and all historical items in the building. These are on indefinite loan to the McCune Osage Township Library.

Other items at the library include pictures from the Country Schools, and McCune School yearbooks. Donations are appreciated. If you don't know what to do with those old photos, scrapbooks or collections dealing with the McCune area, talk to Roy Parsons. You can reach him at the library.

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**Log on to the McCune Alumni Website at:**

**mccunealumni.com**

**We'll keep you posted on coming events.**

**July, 2019, Newsletter**

***Please Note:***

***If we are to continue our custom of awarding scholarships to McCune kids, we need your donations- \$10.00 per alum is suggested. Send your donations to Kathy Stewart.***

***Why not consider a memorial donation in honor of a loved one, or as a class legacy? Contact Kathy or Warren McGown.***

***Address Changed? Addition to a class list? Something for the 2020 newsletter? Update for the web page?***

***Contact Sharon Leonard:***

***295 W 570 Avenue•Girard KS 66743***

***620.724.8531***

***email: aleonard@ckt.net***

***We need articles for the newsletter. Why not write about your years at McCune High, or about the town.***

***Tell about your prom, your favorite teacher, your sporting seasons and events. Or, tell us what you've been doing since graduation, or, write good things about a McCune friend or classmate.***

***Send your items to Sharon Leonard.***

**McCune Fall Festival September 27-29, 2019**

- September 27, Friday evening after 5:00:  
Bean Feed; McCune Memorial Park.  
Bring your own lawn chair, dish and spoon, and money for cornbread and pie.
- September 28, Saturday morning:  
Grand parade. Main street, 10:30 a.m.  
(Bicycle and pet parade held before)
- After the parade:
- September 28, Saturday afternoon 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
All-Alumni and guests meeting  
McCune School gym. Doors open about 1:00 p.m.
- September 28, Saturday evening:  
All-alumni & guests dinner- \$12.50 per person  
McCune Community Center: 5:30, eat at 6:00.
- September 29, Sunday morning:  
Community Church Service: 11:00  
McCune School gym