

P.E.O. Sisterhood Meets

by Jerri Wall Yeargan

Chapter AY of the P.E.O. Sisterhood met for a regular business meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the home of Denise O'Connor Munsey. Annette Karr and Lori Havens served as co hostesses.

Laura Willems, presided at the business meeting with seventeen members and two guests present. Four "Golden Girls" were celebrated for their fifty years of membership in P.E.O. Lynne Lichty, Kathy Hawkinson, Kristen Schmidt and Jeanne Ediger.

Angela Wall Decker brought greetings from Chapter BR, Texas. Janet Samford brought greetings from Chapter M, Mississippi.

The program was presented by Gail Malaby and Cindy Griggs. They showed a video entitled, "Belonging in P.E.O." A discussion was held promoting ways to include more women in our Sisterhood and how to ensure that all are welcome.

The next meeting of Chapter AY will be on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 12:00 noon at the Presbyterian Church.



Three of Chapter AY's four "Golden Girls". Left to Right: Kathy Hawkinson, Kristen Schmidt and Lynne Lichty. Jeanne Ediger was unable to attend. Jerri Wall Yeargan

Tornados and severe weather are well above average



Tornado photo via NOAA

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The severe weather season has had an early and active start this year and according to USDA Meteorologist Brad Rippey, it is expected to continue.

"We still have two-thirds of the peak of the season ahead of us," Rippey says. "That being May and June before we start to settle down in the mid to late summer months with less severe weather at that point."

Rippey says in the month of March an estimated 300 tornados were seen across the United States, which is well above average and most of that activity focused across the Mid-South and lower Midwest.

As active as March was, April topped it with over 300 tornados and has pushed the season to date for the United States to nearly 700 tornados during the first four months of the year.

In April severe weather was spread out across most days of the month with a big outbreak early in the month when flooding was seen in the Ohio valley and into the lower Midwest.

"More recently we've seen kind of a daily number of severe weather outbreaks starting back during the second half of the month and pretty much continuing every day to the present," Rippey says.

April's severe weather outbreaks have shifted into more traditional Tornado Alley areas of the Central and Great Plains, however Rippey

says there has still been a fair share of storms in the Mid-South and lower Midwest, with most of those have been confined to the southeastern half of the Midwest.

"Only recently have we seen those storms extending farther north," Rippey says. "There have been isolated tornadoes from Nebraska to as far north as Minnesota and Wisconsin." Rippey doesn't expect any real change, in that severe weather will be seen daily somewhere in the country.

"Now we are back to the areas that have been hit repeatedly in March and April," Rippey says.

Monthly averages in the U.S. include 269 tornados for May and 191 for June. With over 300 tornados in April, severe weather is well above the average of 190.

Obituaries

GAYLEN RODGERS

Gaylen Max Rodgers, 90, Topeka KS, passed away on Friday, May 9, 2025.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at McPherson First United Methodist Church, 1200 E Kansas Ave, McPherson KS 67460. Burial will follow in McPherson Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church or McPherson Senior Center and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

Full obituary may be viewed online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com



LEWIS DORRIS

Lewis M. Dorris, 89, of McPherson, KS, peacefully passed away on Thursday, May 15, 2025. Arrangements are with Stockham Family Funeral Home, McPherson.

RONALD HUNT

Ronald G. Hunt, 74, of Hutchinson, KS and formerly of Marquette, KS, passed away May 18, 2025, surrounded by family at the Hospice House, Hutchinson. Arrangements are with Stockham Family Funeral Home, McPherson.

McPherson Center for Health recognized for Quality Laboratory Services

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McPherson Center for Health has met all the criteria for Laboratory Accreditation by COLA Inc., a leading national laboratory accreditor, whose program and standards enable clinical laboratories and staff to meet United States Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) and other regulatory requirements. Through a mentoring approach using education to improve quality and patient safety, accreditation is given to laboratories that apply the highest standards of quality in day-to-day operations, demonstrate continued accuracy in the performance of proficiency testing, and pass a rigorous on-site laboratory survey. McPherson Center for Health has earned COLA Inc. accreditation to provide quality service to patients.

Kettle Queens meet

provided by Dorothy Otte

The Kettle Queens met Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the Moundridge Public Library.

Seven ladies answered roll call with "What did you do for Easter?" The FCE Creed was spoken.

Clare Galle had the lesson on "Understanding Hospice." Hospice focuses on comfort, not curing. It addresses the health and well-being of the whole person, including managing pain, assisting with daily tasks, and prescribing medications, plus many other things. People become eligible for hospice when they have been diagnosed by a physician with a terminal illness having a prognosis of six months or less to live if the disease runs its normal course.

Kathy Preheim read from "50 Funny Mom Quotes" that highlight the hilarity of motherhood.

Teresa Neufeld served refreshments.

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