

Presidents Report

6/30/2026

1. Computer class is ongoing.
2. Volunteers deep cleaned and painted the Kitchen and Bathroom.
3. School building auditorium work is ongoing. Seats have been installed. Walkway flooring is completed.
4. Grant update.

We received a grant of \$500 in gift cards from Lowes through MANNA for repairs and facility improvements.

We were approved for the Gym electrical upgrades.

We did not get the Grant for the Cannery.

We did get approved for the Gym grant that provides another basketball backboard and refinishing of the gym floor.

We applied for a grant to upgrade the kitchen and furnish a fire suppression system.

We applied for a grant to complete the Cannery building.

5. The Acidified Foods Manufacturing School class was completed by four of our community members.
6. Two community members attended four webinars by NCST titled "Navigating your food business" in May. These cover food safety related topics.
7. MANNA hours have changed to 9-10am.
8. Sheree Sorrells donated a deep fryer.
9. Volunteers installed the new Horseshoe pit.
10. Welcome two new businesses to the FCCC, Whitewoven weavers and This n That thrift store.
11. A special addition rifle celebrating the country's 250-year anniversary was purchased for raffle at the fish fry. Additional items are needed for the silent auction.

12. HCM is no longer a sub-distributor of MANNA. We will no longer be receiving food items from HCM since they cannot distribute MANNA items outside of their own organization. We are working with HCM and several other organizations including Bethel CC, Pigeon CC, Haywood pathways, Salvation army and several others to start The Rural food access network to help all with additional food resources. We are also buying more local produce as discussed at prior meetings to supplement the produce we get from MANNA, which is sometimes not so fresh.

13. A board member attended the Rural Food access summit.

14. In addition to open Gym on Tuesday's a group of community members are playing Pickleball once a week.

15. Volunteers built three planter boxes for peppers and spices to be grown.

16. A security camera was added to the building's interior.

17. Adam Blanton has agreed to be the POC for the ERN network and fill one of the three volunteer roles.

18. David Carriker from the Salvation Army approached a board member and would like to establish a relationship with the local branch of the Salvation Army. The Major in charge of the local branch is retiring. LT.Simpson will be taking over and will be making contact.

19. Haywood Pathways would like some of our canned items if possible.

20. Gym floors will be refinished from 11/16 to 12/4. Electrical work will begin on August 3rd.

21. The Holy cow food truck is expected to be operational again in August. It will be on a rotating schedule of different churches. The food van will continue to serve Fines Creek and Cruso.

22. Stephanie from the Bethel community center thanked us for the thank you letter regarding the shared grant. We were the only group that showed our appreciation.

23. Food lockers are pending an Internet issue with the county. Three of the five locations are up and running.

24. Two community members are taking the FEMA ICS (Incident command system) course.

25. The Solar company postponed our meeting until next week.

26. A Facebook post was made by a board member stating that we were no longer receiving MANNA produce. We have never stopped receiving MANNA produce and just received an order yesterday. We receive produce from MANNA twice a month.

27 . A dog incident was reported on 6/16/2026. Animal control was called and came out the next day but would not remove the dog from the owner. They were giving some form of ticket or warning. The FCCA had previously installed “dogs must be on a leash” signs as recommended by animal control and the sheriff’s office to allow enforcement.

28. Laura Suich of The Wider circle called today asking if we could take items to can. They are part of Clyde central Methodist Church and part of the Rural Food Network. I told them once we had

the Kitchen Completed we would start taking some of their products as it was available.