

Park Theatre Group invites you to be their guest

Reception partners with Citizens Tri-County Bank

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Meet Belle and the Beast as the Prince at “Be Our Guest,” presented by the Park Theatre Group and Citizens Tri-County Bank, March 15 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the downtown location of the bank located next door to the Park Theater. The special event is being held for the opening night of “Beauty and the Beast,” which is opening at the Park Theatre, and will run through March 17. The production is directed by Logan Taylor, and features a talented

cast. Belle is played by Savannah Saylor, with the parts of the Beast and the Prince portrayed by Noah Brady. The meet and greet session is open for children 12 and under, for an admission fee of \$10 per child. Each child will receive a personal introduction to the couple, and will be given a photograph to be autographed by the stars. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and are available at the Chamber of Commerce. Attendance will be limited to 40 children, and refreshments will be available for guests.



Margaret Hobbs photo

Youngsters 12 and under are invited to “Be Our Guest” for the opportunity to meet Belle, portrayed by Savannah Saylor, and Beast as the prince, played by Noah Brady. Tickets are available for purchase for \$10 per child and can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held March 15 from 5 – 6 p.m. at Citizens Tri-County Bank.

Unconventional menu choices for weddings

Traditionally, one of the more memorable aspects of wedding receptions is the food. Whether it was fun, tasty or something entirely new for guests, food tends to leave a lasting impression. The experts at Boho Weddings say that, more than ever before, couples are seeking menu ideas that reflect their personalities as a couple as they seek to make a statement at their events. Celebrating with delicious, unique foods can make receptions that much more amazing.

BITE-SIZED BURSTS

Tapas and a movement toward small bites has started to take hold at wedding receptions. Such a choice allows guests to try many different flavors without filling up too quickly. From sliders to mini grilled cheese to soup shots to bite-sized pizzas, many of these small bites feature flavors borrowed from familiar comfort foods, just presented on a miniature scale.

COMFORT STATIONS AND BARS

Couples who love comfort food can put it on display with a crostini station, a mashed potato bar, a chicken and waffles station, a gourmet popcorn snack station, or a ramen noodle bar.

FOOD TRUCKS/CARTS

Outdoor weddings can be enhanced with the addition of trendy food trucks. These restaurants on wheels can inject burgers, sandwiches, international delights, crepes, noodles, and so many more flavors into a wedding.

HIGH-END OPTIONS

Couples may want to give guests a taste of the lavish with olive oil and vinegar tasting stations, whiskey bars, French hors d'oeuvres, Kobe beef sliders, lobster tails, risotto stations, and more.

CHILDHOOD FAVORITES

When it comes time for dessert, some couples opt to avoid or downplay wedding cakes in favor of something simpler. A cookie-and-milk bar, doughnut holes, soft pretzel stations, pie pops, or dessert shot jars push creativity and sweetness to new levels. Do-it-yourself dessert stations, such as s'more-making and ice cream sundae stations, also can be big hits.

Couples are increasingly feeling less beholden to traditional wedding reception menus as they look to infuse their personal tastes into the foods they plan to serve their guests. Many catering managers and chefs welcome the chance to work with couples looking to create unique reception menus.



Photo provided

Taste reigns supreme at weddings featuring creative menus, and can make receptions more fun and amazing.

HICKORY CREEK FCEC

Hickory Creek FCEC met Feb. 1 for the regular monthly meeting in the Magnolia Room at the County Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Gibbs at 10 a.m. She welcomed county agent Hilda Lytle. Chaplain Ann Whitman read a poem entitled “Drinking from the Saucer.” We were led in the pledge to the flag by Gibbs. Secretary Phyllis Hillis was asked to call roll. The 14 members and agent Lytle finished the statement my favorite food made with cherries is. The minutes from the January meeting were read and approved. The

treasurer report was given by Brenda Clark. Vice president Davis asked for member reports and demonstrations. Lytle presented a program from the “Eat Well, Feel Well” series on “Souper Nutrition.” Favorite soups were discussed by the members and were given food cards and asked to make a healthy soup. It was a very informative program on to be healthier. Janis, Victoria and Vicki attended the global meeting and reported International Day will be May 9. The country and theme will be England and the “Celebration of a Royal Wedding.” Brenda Clark

showed a patchwork quilt top she had completed. Thirteen members reported reading since the last meeting and Clark gave a report on “Smash Cut” by Sandra Brown, and Phyllis Hillis reported on “The Lucky One and A Bend in the Road” by Nicholas Sparks. With no other reports or demonstrations the meeting was turned over to President Gibbs. Gibbs reported 9 members went to McMinnville Boarding Home to play Bingo and celebrate birthdays. Vice president Davis reported the annual year end reports had been turned in to Lytle on

time, as well as the secretary book and the scrapbook. President Gibbs thanked members Robbie Prater, Marian Jacobs, Phyllis Hillis and Carolyn Belcher for working the Bloodmobile in January. President Gibbs reported Davis and Clark will be helping Janis with the scrapbook for 2018. Martha McBride passed out a tally sheets that will help members keep up with state project activities and CVU's. Martha will also be attending the special projects leader training this month. Undated information was given on Crafting Then and Now and Clark explained the quilting

101 class. Brenda and Irene Fuston reported attending the regional information day in January. Brenda told about several craft projects that will be included in the 2018 leadership retreat to be held in May. Plans were also made for FCE Visitation Day on March 13, with Gibbs asking each member to bring a guest that may be interested in joining the group. Members volunteered for food and prizes for that meeting. Gibbs reminded everyone we will be playing Bingo with the residents at Fannie B's. Alda Bandy has asked members to save soda and water bottle plastic lids which can

be turned in to help pay for cancer patient treatments. Everyone took a few minutes to update gold stars sheets in their yearbook. Remember to continue logging CVU's, hours spent on state projects and collecting drink can taps for the state project. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Several members enjoyed lunch at Billy's Restaurant before going to Fannie B's for an afternoon of activity with the residents at the facility. Janis Darnaby served homemade German chocolate cake to celebrate the January birthday.

MIDWAY FCEC

Betty Grissom and Elva Dean Bell were the hostesses for the February meeting of Midway FCEC. President Dian Greene welcomed everyone to the meeting at the CIC. Guests included Dale McDaniel, Jeanette Martin, Wanda Evans, Linda Fisher and agent Hilda Lytle. Roll call was answered

with a favorite food made with cherries by 15 members and guests. The devotional was led by Paula Barnes, with the thought of the day being “respecting your talents.” Brenda Blocker led the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Irene Fuston read the minutes of the January meeting and were approved.

Treasurer Mary Rubley gave the financial report. Lytle presented her program, “Eat Well, Feel Well,” providing “souper” nutrition steps to make great soups. Our members pledged to try something different in their favorite soup recipe, either a different spice or vegetable. Sue Adcock attended the basket making class, and Sharon Bennett and Adcock attended leader training in February.

Plans for our upcoming FCE countywide visitation was discussed. We turned in our can tab donation for the Ronald McDonald House. The FCE county council meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on March 19, with the grab gag activity being an Easter craft. Bonner FCE will prepare lunch that day, with members asked to bring bleach or detergent to donate to a homeless shelter.

Reading reports were given by Greene, and Bennett gave some history on the song “Somewhere Over the Rainbow.” Vice president Betty Whitlock conducted a fun game with us guessing the number of chocolate kisses in a jar, with Betty Grissom winning. International Day is set for May 9, with England chosen. We will be celebrating

the upcoming royal wedding, and members are asked to bring a tea cup and a wedding photo. The hostesses decorated the tables with hearts and candy in observance of February. Everyone enjoyed a lunch of spaghetti, and Fuston's cherry pie. It was noted February's tree is the cherry tree, and symbolizes death, rebirth and new awakening.

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