

NORCATUR NEWS

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Norcat United Methodist Church for Randy Allen, 52, who died Nov. 29.

Brandi Kohart said that she has a hero in her family. Earlier this week she took her daughter, Ashley Dillon and grandson, JJ Barker to town. They were on Highway 36 when she had a seizure. With Ashley's quick thinking, she put her left hand on the brake and the right hand on the steering wheel and pulled the car off the road to safety and called Tom Baker and the ambulance. Because of her quick thinking, we are alive!

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Bob and Anita Montgomery, Oberlin were; Blake, Amanda, Keegan and Kasson Shuler, Bartlett, Neb.; Blaine Shuler, Indianola, Neb.; Ron and Gina Montgomery, Jennings; Shane and Crystal Montgomery, Norton; Alyssa Montgomery, Curtis, Neb.; Brandon McChesney, Norton; Renee Harman, Oberlin; Scott Harman and friend Ashley, Norton; and Rusty Montgomery, Norcat.

Anita Montgomery and Renee

Harman attended the baby shower for Kynleigh Poire of Erie on Nov. 27, at the Educational Building in Norcat.

Bob and Anita Montgomery and Renee Harman have made several trips to Hastings, Neb., for doctor appointments for Renee, including minor surgery. On Tuesday, Nov. 30, they went by Kearney and visited Herb Shirley in the hospital, who had hip replacement surgery. He returned to Oberlin on Dec. 2.

Donna Knutson, Council Bluffs, Iowa, had cataract surgery on both eyes this past month, but says she can see now!

Wava Reames helped with the paper on Monday and her father was a dinner guest on Wednesday. Thursday callers were Larry and Penny Bishop of Denver, who were on their way to Branson to see a few shows. His parents are Paul and Verlene Bishop, and his grandmother is Bessie Kiou, joining them for supper in Norton were Bee Nelson, Dorothy Ward, Frank Ward, Leslie Ward, and Oran and LaVerne Milner. They spent the night with Leslie and Lynn Ward.

Marjorie Prince of Liberty,

Mo., and Sheryl Mulberry of Conway, Ariz., returned to their home on Dec. 4, after being here since Thanksgiving visiting Arlene Hix. Marjorie took Sheryl to the airport at Kansas City where she boarded a plane to Little Rock, Ark. While here the three of them visited Veryl and Vi Van Der Wege in Norton.

Scott Spencer of Kearney, M., came Dec. 2 to visit his grandmother Arlene Hix and his Uncle Gail Bailey and families. Scott and Luke spent Friday and Saturday hunting.

Happy Birthday to Sheree Milnes, Dec. 11; Mindy Braun, Dec. 12, and Happy Anniversary to Gwynn and Judy Ward, Dec. 12.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Nov. 24, were: Larry Lively, first; Rusty Montgomery, second, and James Dalziel, third.

Results of the pool tournament on Dec. 1, were: Joe Carter, first; Darin Amos, second, and Larry Lively, third.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to Norton on Monday night to have supper with Lila Rule and Carol's sister Peggy Mast who

was visiting there.

The Norcat drawing was held on Saturday, Dec. 18.

The Benefit Soup Supper for Chuck Forbes and his son Austin, followed the drawing. This was a free will donation supper to help with expenses incurred following Austin's bad vehicle accident.

Norcat Senior Citizens spent an enjoyable afternoon on Dec. 3 playing cards. They were happy to have Rea and Dee Magers join us. Winners were a tie for first, going to Virgil and Joyce Price, followed by Bob Strevey and Beth Johnson. No meeting was held on Dec. 17, due to the Randy Allen memorial service. The next meeting will be Dec. 31, with a potluck at noon and cards to follow, at the Educational Building.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller left on Dec. 9, for El Dorado to visit Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle. Melissa DeDonder and Sophia, Topeka, joined them to meet the new addition to the family. Jade Elizabeth Tuttle was born to Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle on Dec. 10 weighing in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. Besides the Stan Millers, grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Tuttle, Quinter;

Great Grandparents are Lila Rule, Norton; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin; and Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Ikenberry, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tuttle, Quinter.

Norma Ward, Clayton, had back surgery on Dec. 7 at Kearney, Neb., and is receiving physical therapy at the hospital. Mail will reach her at: Good Samaritan Hospital, 31 and Central Ave., room 3296, Kearney, Neb. 68847.

Veda Wood accompanied Wava Reames to McCook on Tuesday and they visited Dwight Wood. On Saturday, Wava, Mrs. Wood, Mary Leslie Mary Leslie, Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson headed to the cafe on a freezing, super-windy evening to try prime rib. Before they went home, they drove around Norcat taking photos of Christmas decorations with Bee's camera. There are some beautifully decorated homes.

On Sunday, Wava visited her dad, Frank Ward, in the hospital, who has a stubborn infection. They also did some recording for her daughter, Shawna, who says that all she wants for her birthday and Christmas this year is for Dad and I to record into a digital recorder anecdotes about

our lives.

There was a misunderstanding with the Weed Department in Oberlin. He had a small list and thought he had all the residents that were wanting sprayed. Unfortunately, many of you who were hoping to get sprayed this fall, did not. He said they will come back in the spring to get those that they missed. They use a contact herbicide that only kills what leaves it touches, so he says it will be safe. If you would like to have your name removed from the list, please call the City Office.

Happy Birthday to Bryndon Wentz, Dean Thornton, Dec 16, and Paul Welch and Justine Tuttle, Dec. 17. Happy Anniversary John and Carol New, Dec. 17 and Tom and Betsy Jakowski, Dec. 19.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Dec. 8, were: Larry Lively, first; Don Relaford, second, and Fred Molzahn, third.

Virgil and Joyce Price express their appreciation to the Prairie Dog 4-H Club members for their box of goodies and Christmas decorations which were delivered on Sunday evening, Dec 12, by Mary and Carissa Wentz.

NORTON MANOR NEWS

Clara Shewey accompanied her daughter Rosie Lentz and son Daniel to Topeka on Nov. 24 to the home of Helen Shewey and Karen Edelman where they spent the night. On Thursday, they went to Julie and Larry Jellison, Tonganoxie for Thanksgiving dinner. Julie's son, Jared, was there. Others were Gerald Shewey, Davenport, Iowa; Amanda Davis and three children, Almena; Jennifer and Ross Kramer and two little ones and Shirley who is Julie's helper. They returned to Helen's on Sunday. Monday, Clara had a Doctor's appointment and then they returned home.

Deloros and Bozie Bozarth

remained home Thanksgiving Day and their daughter, Denise and Dave Whiseman, Plainville and their son, Curt and Marla Bozarth, brought their dinner to them. Hayli and Eli were also there. Friday, they went to Curt's to see Brian and Brea and three children.

Dorothy Campbell fixed Thanksgiving dinner for her son Bill. Turkey and all the fixings.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greving hosted the Thanksgiving dinner. Those in attendance were Mary Keith, Norton; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Keith, Almena; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Nesvaras and boys, North Platte, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Colby Grev-

ing, Prairie View; and Mr. and Mrs. Todd Slavik, Long Island.

Doris Mizell accompanied Ray Mizell and Lester Mizell to the home of her son Bob and Diane Mizell, Nickerson, on Thanksgiving. Others guests were Patty and Jerry Foster, Jennings; Roberta and Dennis McAllister, Clayton; Michael Mizell, Topeka; Carolyn Linsenmeyer, Beatrice, Neb. and Peggy Foster, Salina.

Darin Richmeier was a Thanksgiving guest at the home of his sister, Laura Frickey.

Alma Schulze went to the home of her grandson's Brian Schulze for Thanksgiving dinner. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gale

Schulze; Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Schulze; Tim Adrian and son Gary, Colby.

Barbara Whitehead and son Ridge were overnight guests of her Mom, Alice Raile, of Oxford, Neb. Sister, Becky Long and family enjoyed Thanksgiving Eve, supper and cards.

Justina Smith - entertained out of town family of Beth and Conner Saath Off from Florida. Lee and Sandy Smith had family from Colorado, Mark, Susan, Navaeh and Uriah.

Galen Hicks accompanied his sister Mary Hicks to the home of another sister, Sherri Lee, Osborne for the weekend.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving Doris Mizell was a guest in the home of Ray and Ruth Mizell. All five of the boys were home at the same time. Jordan and Simone, Manhattan; Aaron and Priscilla, Lenexa; Stephen, Papillion, Neb.; Karlynn Kent, Hays; David and Jacob of the home, and Lester Mizell.

Mary Lue Archibald's daughter, Becky Knackendoffel, was here from Sunday until Tuesday. She had come to attend her Aunt Wava Donovan's funeral.

The week before Thanksgiving Mary Keith; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greving and Josephine Murphy attended

the funeral for Mrs. Myrle Keith Knapp at Blackwell, Okla. She was Mary Keith's sister-in-law.

Amy Slavik and Torea spent Saturday visiting Mary Keith.

Doris Mizell accompanied Ray and Ruth Mizell and Lester Mizell to Hays to take in the Kansas Music Educator's Association Concert. David and Jacob Mizell were singing in it. It sure could have been nicer weather.

I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas.

LYLE NEWS

Wava Reames sings the old army song that goes, "Oh, how I hate to get up in the morning." You know how it is when a tune keeps rattling around in your head, so this is what I've been thinking.

Oh, how I hate to get up in the morning,

I told my Sarge that I'd rather stay in bed.

But my point he just didn't see then kicked me out quite noisily And so, I guess I'll have to get up instead.

A few members of the Liberty Star Club held their meeting at the community building on Wednesday, revealing secret sisters and sending Christmas cards to past members.

Oh, what a bitterly cold day Sat-

urday was, with that hard wind.

My son-in-law, Larry (and Sandra) went to his sister's memorial service in Pomona. Larry and his two sisters had been adopted at a very young age and had finally found each other a few years ago. She was a very sweet lady and will be greatly missed. Sandy and Larry visited her mom, Veda, Sunday afternoon and brought

early Christmas gifts.

Judy and Charlie Easton visited Toots Magers on Sunday.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the First State Gold Bank supper and dance at Holbrook, Neb., on Wednesday evening.

June Jolly, Dean and Rhonda Jolly, and Dennis and Linda McFarland ate at the new Mexican

Restaurant in McCook one day, played cards on Monday and Friday, and went to a charity auction at the Eagles one evening.

Joyce Sumner took several of the Lyle quilts to Norton after church on Sunday to donate to a worthy cause.

Guests of Dave and Patty Stapp on Dec. 10-13 were Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Kynleigh of Erie;

Jeff and Drake Deiker, Iola; Kaitlyn Stapp, Hoxie, and Sam Stapp. Friday and Saturday visitors were Dewaine Stapp, Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin, and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison, McCook; Chris Claussen, Olathe, and friend visited at the Stapp house on Dec 7.

Lady Jays junior varsity had two close games in WaKeeney

By DICK BOYD

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Despite two losses, the Norton Community High School girls junior varsity basketball team was competitive in the Junior Varsity Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 18 in WaKeeney.

Norton was edged 45-43 by Quinter and lost 31-23 to Trego.

Quinter

In the loss to Quinter, Norton trailed 8-5 after one quarter but outscored the Lady Bulldogs 13-9 in the second quarter to take a slim 18-17 halftime lead. The third quarter went to the Lady Jays as well by a 21-13 advantage which extended Norton's lead to 39-30 with one period left. Quinter put

together a nice rally, however, outscoring the Lady Jays 15-4 in that final quarter to win by two points.

Johnnye Ruder hit 16 points and Bailey Ambrosier tallied 15 to lead Norton in scoring. They were followed by Darcy Bainter, 7; Alec Melvin, 3; Marisa Maddy, 2.

Jessica Schneider led Quinter with 19 points and Katie Kuntz scored 12 points, 10 of them in the fourth quarter.

"Even though we lost, this was our best game of the young season," said Norton assistant basketball coach George Rossi.

"For three and a half quarters, our girls played very solid basketball. During about a four minute stretch, we lost our focus and poise

and let Quinter back in the game and they took the lead at the end of the contest.

"Our girls took a big step forward in this game, showing at times the players and team they are capable of being."

Trego

Norton held a 14-11 lead over Trego after the first half but a two-point third quarter really hurt their chances of winning. The Lady Golden Eagles scored 11 points in the third period to match their halftime total and take a 22-16 lead. The fourth quarter was fairly even with Trego tallying 9 points and Norton 7 as the Lady Jays were unable to make up for the third quarter deficit.

Leading scoring for Norton was

Ruder with 12 points, followed by Maddy, 4; Bainter, 3; Ambrosier, Melvin, 2 each.

Haley Weigel was top Trego scorer with 12 points.

"We looked tired both physically and mentally in this game," said coach Rossi. "Our girls look good for few minutes and then lapse back into a dull mode that we must overcome.

"We have so much work to do. The great thing about these girls is that they want very badly to get better both individually and as a team. They are willing to put in extra work to get better and that is why I know they will become better down the road."

Oakley

Norton trailed early in the game with Oakley and stayed within striking distance throughout the contest but couldn't catch up and lost 41-29.

Oakley held quarter leads of 10-5, 19-11 and 32-22.

Ellis was leading scorer for Norton with 11 points, followed by Millan, 8; McKenna, 4; Renner, Bigge, Furbush, 2 each.

"This game was a complete opposite of the first game," said coach Stover. "We did not adjust to Oakley's height and fell behind early. We made a run early in the second half but Oakley held on

and pulled away at the end.

"Oakley took us out of rhythm offensively and that was the difference in the game."

Final comments

"Overall, we saw improvement in our team today," said coach Stover.

"We had played four games in a span of 48 hours and there was definite improvement from the beginning of this stretch until the end.

"I was very pleased with the overall effort of all of our players. We will use the Christmas break to improve in all areas of the game."

The boys C-Team to play in Hill City tourney next week

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The Norton Community High School C-team boys basketball team will compete on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 29-30-31 in the annual Joe Green Invitational Tournament in Hill City.

Competing in addition to Norton and Hill City will be teams from Northern Valley, Quinter, Lakeside, Ness City, Phillipsburg and Osborne.

Play will begin on Wednesday at 1 p.m. with the Norton versus Quinter game. Following will be Hill City versus Northern Valley at 2:30; Lakeside versus Ness City at 4:00 and Phillipsburg versus Osborne at 5:30.

The winner of the Norton/Quinter game will play the winner of the Hill City/Northern Valley contest at 4 p.m. on Thursday. The

losers will play at 1 p.m. on Thursday in the consolation bracket.

Games on Friday will begin at 10 a.m. with the seventh place contest, followed by the fifth place game at 11:30; third place game at 1:00 and championship contest at 2:30 p.m.

The tournament champion will receive a plaque and medals will be presented to members of the top three teams. A 10-member All-Tournament Team will be chosen by the Hill City Booster Club and each player honored will receive a medal.

This holiday basketball tournament has evolved from its original concept as a freshman boys tournament and is now played each year in honor of longtime Hill City High School Coach and Athletic Director Joe Green.

The Junior Jays win two of three contests

On December 9 the Norton Junior High boys basketball teams faced Ellis, winning two of three games played.

The seventh grade Junior Jays fought a hard game only to come up short and lost to Ellis 29-17.

The eighth grade team had a much better turn out winning 31-19.

The Junior Varsity Junior Jays took on Ellis in a very close game and pulled off the win 13-11.

From all of us, to all of you, Merry Christmas!