

NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Birthdays and anniversaries: Amy Wentz, Ronald and Gerry Temple - Nov. 12; Mary Leslie, R.D. Thornton, Marvin Bailey - Nov. 13; Rea Magers, Howard Sumner - Nov. 14; Dewaine Stapp, Judy Shirley, Troy Marshall - Nov. 17.

Betty Reid returned home Nov. 4 after surgery at the Norton Hospital.

Thirteen attended Senior Citizens on Nov. 7. Winners were Kathy Van Meter, Twila Henry, June Jolly and Beth Johnson. Next meeting will be Friday at 7 p.m.

The News volunteers celebrated the October birthday of Dee Magers and the November birthday of Mary Leslie on Nov. 4. Present were K.G. and Dorothy Ward, Dee Magers, Lorretta Carter, Mary Leslie, Arlene Hix, Lula Hix, Goldie Brewer, Laverne Milner, Joyce Price and Marguerite Clark.

Nov. 6, Oran and Laverne Milner visited Fern Mapes in the McCook hospital and Ivah Alexander at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. Since then Fern has moved to the Good Samaritan Center.

Jay and Vi Gallentine and Gary Menges spent the last weekend of October in Olathe, helping Connie Lewis celebrate her birthday in her new home, as the very first occupant. They also visited granddaughters Jennifer (Shick) Reynolds and family of Overland Park; Amy (Shick) Yarkoni, Atlanta, Ga.; Randy Gallentine, Arizona; and granddaughters Candace Menges and family, and Renee Menges and family, both daughters of Gary.

Gary Menges is a new resident in Norton, having moved into an apartment there. After living many years in the Kansas City area, he is enjoying living away from the city traffic.

On Oct. 25, Royal Neighbors met at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. They presented the home with nine lap robes they had

made since the first of the year. Those attending were Estella Harold, Neoma Tacha, Lora Arnold and Dorothy Woods.

Lee and Lora Arnold attended church at Jennings on Oct. 26, to hear an ensemble from Southwestern College of Winfield. Those talented young folks presented a very inspiring worship service.

While attending the Lyle Bazaar on Nov. 9, Rea and Dee Magers enjoyed visiting with Bill Malone of Strasburg, Colo. He is a former Norcatour resident.

On Nov. 8, Fern Mapes suffered a fracture of her left leg and was taken to McCook for surgery. She is doing well and has been transferred to the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin, where she will be undergoing rehabilitative therapy.

The United Methodist Church has a new minister, Pastor Kathy Aeillo, from Almena. She will be doing services in Norcatour from 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday School will be from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

There are only a few weeks left until the annual Norcatour Christmas drawing. If you or your organization would like to donate items for the drawing, please contact Deb Marshall or Chris Dempewolf. Any monetary contribution or item can be left at the Norcatour City office. This event is sponsored by the Norcatour Preschool. The Decatur Community High School band department will be wrapping packages from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Bob and Bonnie Rapp donated a hand-painted cardinal picture to be hung in the city office. It was painted by Genevieve Brunk, and was donated in memory of the class of 1940.

A very good crowd attended the annual United Methodist church bazaar on Oct. 25.

The annual pheasant supper was held Nov. 8. There were 164 registered from Florida, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Missouri, Mississippi, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas.

LYLE NEWS

By HELEN HELM

The annual bazaar for the Lyle United Methodist Church was held Sunday afternoon. There was a good-sized crowd in attendance. The ladies were very grateful for the items donated and the spirited bidding. The auctioneering was donated by Bob Jones and the clerks were Ruby Cook and Dave Ward. Kathy Van Meter, Rhonda Jolly, Jennifer Blume and Virgil Price helped with presenting the different items for sale. A light lunch followed the auction, giving everyone a chance to visit.

Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby, arrived early enough Sunday morning to take Helen and John Helm to Mass at Indianola, Neb. They had a short visit with Florence and Jerry Uerling at their home and attended the Lyle Bazaar after dinner. Following that they all drove to the Mike Helm home in Norcatour, where Timothy Helm was celebrating his eighth birthday. Grandma and Grandpa Fossum also attended the birthday party.

The Star Valley 4-H Club was just finishing their afternoon of leaf-raking with a chili supper at the Mike Helms when the birthday guests arrived so for awhile there was a full house. They had raked leaves at a number of homes in Norcatour.

On Monday John Henry Rinehart, Colby, took his grandparents, John and Helen Helm, to the American Legion meeting at Lebanon. Ray and Myrna Haag served a delicious lunch.

Aaron Helm read his essay he had written for the Voice of Democracy Veterans of Foreign Wars contest sponsored by the Herndon chapter at Herndon on Veterans Day. He received a second place plaque.

Mrs. Kathy Van Meter and Mrs. Margaret Magers played cards at the Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin Monday afternoon with Mrs. Garrah Gaumer and Mrs. Ruth Laidig.

Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Magers visited Van Cozad at the nursing home in Beaver City Tuesday. He was not feeling as well as they usually find him.

On Wednesday afternoon the Liberty Star Club held their Thanksgiving dinner at the Lyle

Community Building. Each year one-half the club fixes dinner for the other plus the guests each invites to join them. This year there were 17 present for the traditional turkey and dressing dinner. Their meeting followed the dinner. Teresa Reves played her hammered dulcimer for everyone. It is a beautiful instrument and makes beautiful music. One of the guests, Barb Hitt, joined the club. Mrs. Magers had a "Strain your Brain" quiz which was most entertaining.

After the meeting Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Magers went to the Good Samaritan Nursing Home to visit Mrs. Marguerite Fullerton, who is now a patient there. She is happy to be where her many friends can visit her and still able to continue with her therapy. The Lyle ladies also visited Fern Mapes who is a new patient there.

Mrs. June Jolly played cards in McCook Monday evening and attended a bingo party there Wednesday.

Mrs. Magers was the guest of Mrs. Van Meter at a Thanksgiving dinner Thursday evening provided by the First Security Bank of Holbrook in appreciation of their customers.

They were entertained by the Sweet Adelines of McCook.

Repairs on the south door of the Lyle Community Building and caulking the windows were made Thursday afternoon. This will be paid for from the Lyle Community Building Fund.

Mrs. Veda Wood attended a scrapbook party held at the Educational Building at Norcatour hosted by Terese Reves. Callers this week at the Wood home were Dwight Wood and John and Carol Moyer.

Donna and Earnest Huff attended the memorial services held for Neil Reeves at Almena Saturday. Sympathy is extended to his family. He and his wife, the former Grace Bell Eckhart, were well-known in the area.

John and Helen Helm visited Van Cozad Friday afternoon at the nursing home in Beaver City. Both of his daughters, Karla Classen and Ruth Vise were on hand for a visit.

Rebecca Helm spent Saturday helping her grandparents at the farm.

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have our Heavenly Father in our hearts because we do not take advantage of His promises to us, His children. Some of us are not aware of God's promises. We read in Hebrews 10:35-36...

"Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that you may do the will of God and receive what is promised."

When we worship God each week at our chosen church or synagogue, we can learn of His promises to us. Don't refuse your prize. Claim it this Sabbath as you come to know your Creator.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Psalm 145	Psalm 146	Psalm 147	Psalm 148	Psalm 149	Psalm 150	Revelation 7:9-17

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Weekly Sermonette

By Kathy Aeillo

Phillipians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

As I write this there are lots of changes taking place in my life. There was a time in my life, not all that long ago, when death of a loved one or change in employment status would have made me fret but the presence of Jesus Christ in my life has helped me see everything in a much different light.

Paul wrote this letter to the church at Philippi from his prison cell. He had formed this church and it was thriving. They had sent him a gift to ease his poverty so he was writing to thank them and to encourage them in their faith. The feeling that is most evident in this letter is joy. Though he was in jail and very poor, Paul was filled with joy for the faith he had, the faith others showed, the care he was given, and, most importantly, that he was doing God's work.

Paul writes that *in everything* we should give thanks. There are some circumstances in which I think it might be very difficult to give thanks. When a diagnosis of terrible illness is given, when drought doesn't give a crop a chance to grow, when a job opportunity is lost, those are the types of things that might make it difficult to thank God. But even Job, with all his woes, told his wife that, since they accepted the good things from God, they must also accept the bad things.

God doesn't cause bad things to happen but, when they do, we have a chance to grow in our faith, to reach out to God for the strength and courage we need to get through the hard times. God is with us, in us and around us, constantly, loving us and caring for us. We simply need to pray for awareness of His presence.

In a few days we'll celebrate Thanksgiving Day. The list of things for which we give thanks is long indeed - life, family, friends, food, shelter. Even the poorest in this country have so much more than tens of thousands in other parts of the world. As we sit down to celebrate with our families and friends, let's remember to pray for those who have no meal to eat nor place to live.

Even if it seems you have little for which to be thankful, thank God anyway. Remember that, if we can turn to God with prayer and thanksgiving, no matter what the circumstances, we will be blessed with that peace that passes all understanding.

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