

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



One hundred six people were present for the Thanksgiving dinner at the senior center Nov. 17. Six meals were taken out. Joan Ployhar won the free meal ticket, Alberta Johannes the door prize and Dallas Craber the guest gift. Members of the Seventh Day Adventist and Nazarene churches served.

The menu for the senior dinner Dec. 1 will be spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, relish tray, pears and cookies. Members of the Methodist church will serve. The Nutrition Site Committee will meet following the dinner. There will be hearing aid assistance, blood pressure and a foot clinic also.

Twenty-seven seniors and driver Gene Cole made the trip to Golden on Thursday, Nov. 18, with nine seniors riding on the Stokes Landing bus. A delicious fried chicken dinner was enjoyed at the senior center. The seniors made everyone feel welcome with reserved tables and fiddle and piano music. Merri Reamer had arranged for an old mansion museum to be open. This is a lovely old building with many antiques.

Both busses then went up to the observatory for the overview of the town. The astronomer in charge happened to be there and he opened the building and showed the telescope, opened the dome and rotated it to demonstrate how they worked. He invited the group to come back, for an evening when they could observe the stars and planets.

The seniors were saddened by the death of Clayton Ayers. Their thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

There was one table of cards played Friday afternoon. The Sunday movie was shown in Irene Swanson's apartment.

The Red Cross will have a blood drawing Dec. 9 at the senior center. It will be sponsored by the Forest Service.

The quilters will not meet until after New Year's. Tickets are still being sold at the center office for the Christmas tree skirt. The drawing will be at the Artfactory Dec. 4.

Remember: Mondays, Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Tues. & Thurs., exercise 10 a.m.; Fri. cards, 2:30 p.m. Sun., movie 6 p.m.

Ione Elementary celebrates Children's Book week



Costume winners l-r: Daniel Nolan, Katie Vosberg, Mrs. Kincaid, Bud Drummon, Cyd Tullis and Molly Barrow (not pictured).

The Ione Elementary School celebrated Children's Book Week Nov. 15-19. Students spent extra time during the week on reading activities. Each student carried a favorite book during the day and when school librarian Betty Carlson, announced, "Read Out" everyone stopped all activities, including eating lunch, to read in their book.

Each class decorated their classroom door to resemble a book. Mrs. Rietmann's Kindergarten/first grade class door was "Are You My Mother?" by P.D. Eastman; Miss Jones second grade "The Brentown Musicians"; Mrs. Collin's third grade "Aesop's Fables"; Mrs. Kincaid's fourth grade "The Boxcar Children"; books, by Gertrude Chandler Warner; Mrs. Pointer's fifth grade "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain.

Instructional aide, Cathy Halvorsen decorated the resource room door as "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allburg. Mrs. Carlson's elementary library door depicted "Little House on the Prairie" by Laura Ingalls Wilder and elementary aide Pam Minster decorated the elementary office door with Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are".

Thursday was dress-up day and students and teachers dressed as a favorite character from a book. At an assembly for parents and friends, each person modeled his costume and told who they were with two plays by the third grade class titled, "Six Foolish Fisherman" and "Who Can Count to Ten?"

Teachers said they felt the week was an entertaining way to raise student interest in reading.

Grange planning activities

By Delpha Jones

Willows Grange is busy planning for the annual turkey dinner and bazaar to be held Sunday, Dec. 5 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is the annual money-making project and proceeds are used for the up keep of the hall. Dinner is \$5 for adults and

\$2.50 for children 6-12 years. The Grange is used for many community projects and is an important part of the community, said a spokesperson.

The Grange held their election of officers at their last meeting with the following elected: master-Willard French,

overseer-Wilma Martin, lecturer-Helen Crawford, steward-Loretta Lantis, A.S.-Lee Palmer, L.A.S.-Marianne Palmer, chaplain-Loree Hubbard, treasurer-Jim Swanson, secretary-Dot Halvorsen, gatekeeper-Margaret Akers, ceres-Geneva Palmer, pomona-Lucile Rietmann, flora-Nyna Knighten, ex committee-Berl Akers, Anna Ball, Mary Wilkins, GWA Chairman-Dot Halvorsen, Leg chairman-Wilma Martin, Ag chairman-Lee Palmer.

GWA met recently for their regular meeting at the grange hall. Elected to new offices were: chairman-Dot Halvorsen, vice chairman-Helen Crawford, secretary-Geneva Palmer, treasurer-Lucile Rietmann.

The GWA Christmas party will be held Friday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. with an exchange of gifts. Christmas dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with a program. All grangers are invited to attend.

Off the Wall By Marilyn Robinson

It's time to count our Thanksgiving blessings. If you can still read this, or something more interesting, that has to top the list of reasons to be thankful.

My special thanks to a warm house and all its conveniences. One didn't have to grow up in a drafty old house where your name could be written in the frost on the inside of windows—but it helps. Bathroom facilities were probably invented by someone who tarried too long out back when the thermometer was stuck below zero. For that I give special thanks, not just from the bottom of my heart but from other parts often subjected to southern exposure.

Freedom of choice offers many blessings. A choice I enjoy is living in the country where 'grungy' outfits and weird activities aren't too closely observed. A garden can now be grown for pleasure without being dependent on the outcome for a food source. I remember hoeing endless rows of potatoes that became a winter food supply and with the help of a milk cow provided gallons of potato soup.

Families are another blessing even though regardless of age, sometimes you'd like to pull out their hair. I now understand my mother's reasoning and her energy level when she would keep any one of the grandchildren, but only one at a time.

Good health is a reason to be thankful, even if you wake up with aches and stiffness. Somehow the springs get rusty with age if you have been a "hop out of bed and get bouncing" sort of person.

Good friends are an asset who often give you a pat on the back or lend a helping hand. Whether it's for dining, sports or just chatting, most people enjoy a get-together. Communication can be stimulating, especially a good old family argument.

Remembrances of holidays past were when candles were clipped to Christmas trees before rural electrification. Though we never got to light those candles, a match-happy youngster could have caused quite a bonfire. But if the thought had occurred to me during some black night, I wouldn't have risked chilblains by leaving a warm bed.

Bountiful food is a blessing with grocery stores open every day of the week. Our food is the cheapest commodity of most any country in the world. However I still can't break the habit of squirreling away from food stores resulting from the days when country roads became almost impassable during winter.

At about age five, I remember falling off into a snow mound while riding with my father who used horses and a homemade V-drag to break out drifted-in roads. That was before insulated clothing which now enhances the fun of snowmobiling or skiing or the wintertime chore of feeding livestock.

Convenience foods come in all types of packaging. And now one can order a complete Thanksgiving dinner pre-cooked. Colorful flowers are also available year around. However growing flowers is a definite pleasure for those who have time. Even though most of the tomatoes froze on the vine this year, one must be thankful for any type of growing season.

Holiday packages wouldn't be as festive without colorful wrappings, aided by scotch tape and ready-made bows. It beats dabbling paint on old paper sacks or using the Sunday comics to make colorful wrappings stuck together with paste made from flour and water.

Though there are nostalgic thoughts about traveling by sleigh to go 'over the river and through the woods to grandma's house,' that mode of travel today could lead to an overcooked turkey. Yesteryear's home-grown turkeys were more legged up and took a lot longer to cook, not to mention to chew.

Although I should be doing something about our surplus goose population that holler about being fed, I don't have to rush out to capture, pluck and dress a bird anymore. The thawing process is underway, though like the aging process, it seems to take longer now-a-days. But anyway spare a few moments to count all your blessings, both big and small as we celebrate Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to all the door prize winners during our Open House Saturday

Adult Wish List

1st-Joy Krein
2nd-Jean Bennett
3rd-Vie Oliver

Children Wish List

1st-Kelsie Fox
2nd-Julie Proctor
3rd-Kylee Disque

Door Prizes: Shirley Connor, Millie Hurt, Sue Jones, Roger Arntt, Elizabeth Allen, Gretchen Berretta, Linda Dutcher, Mary Hagewood
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Thanksgiving Basket-Celita Strouse

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