

AROUND THE ANDBE HOME

By DARLENE McEWEN

Every month in a nursing home can be long but the winter months can be really long when a person doesn't have the opportunity to get out and away. The Resident Resource Department plans outings to help life have some color within the nursing home. One activity outing is going to the Norton Theatre for the Sunday afternoon movie every once in a while. I'm a real movie lover but I don't really go too often.

I decided why not incorporate such an adventure into an activity, get paid for it and still get to see the movie. I do not know what the movie will be when the activity schedule is made so I just set the movie time for a Sunday I work and hope something suitable is showing. Our first movie was Sinbad, an action packed fairy tale. It was loud and animated but wonderful.

The second scheduled movie found "American Wedding" playing and I thought it would be OK. What could be so wrong with an American wedding? Some of the staff had seen the "R" rated movie and did not think the Andbe Home population would appreciate the story so I showed a video here. You know, it is just not the same. There is something about the big screen, the smell of popcorn, the noise and actually going to the movie theater that cannot be matched.

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as I asked them. Evelyn Lyon wanted to see it but her husband A.W. didn't know if he wanted to go but finally decided yes. When I checked with Fannie Heitz about going, it had been a long time since she had been to the movie so she thought it would be fun. With volunteer, Duane McEwen, we boarded the Andbe Home Van and took off.

First major problem was some other vehicle with a handicapped plate was parked in "our" spot. Imagine that. I parked in the street to unload and it was a little scary. It took longer to get into the movie due to the long line at the ticket office. By the time we got the last of us in, the movie had started.

It was dark and it took a while for my eyes to adjust but I was trying my best not to draw any attention to seating the last resident and not to bother the others at the show. Let me tell you I was a complete failure at both. If you were there you know what happened. I put the theater seat down and proceeded to help my resident sit down. The only problem was, the seats in the theater are automatic up and when I went to help the resident down, the seat was not there. Down to the floor the resident went.

"Oh, my gosh, what do I do now," flashed through my head.

It was exciting, but with a little effort and help from Duane and the moviegoer in the row ahead, the resident was up and in the seat in a few minutes. I reported the incident to the nurse in charge at the Andbe Home, which is routine.

I was about ready to sit down thinking, "It's OK, no one is hurt, just enjoy the movie, when it dawned on me, I still have the van sitting in the middle of the street.

I bolted out of the darkened the-

ater and into the night air. What a relief, it was still there and no one had hit it. I parked it and returned to the theater to find the movie in the opening scenes. The first scene I saw was this young gal taking off her clothes and jumping on this old man and I thought, "Oh my goodness, what have I done now." One of the residents had poor eyesight and at each roar of laughter from the movie goes or when I would catch my breath or cover my eyes at the scene unfolding on the screen, that resident would want to know what was happening.

Well, it was almost more than could do to explain but I tried. I turned to Fannie and asked how she was doing and she said, "This is quite a story, isn't it?" I agreed 100 percent. It was a longer movie than usual so it was a late supper for those who went.

Hearing their comments when they returned as well as when they were discussing the movie with other residents was interesting. One comment was, "young people seem to think they invented sex!"

Isn't that just precious?

Residents pay the admission at the theater and for the treats they eat. However, organizations and individuals have donated money for those who cannot afford the charge so they can go.

Norton County has such wonderful organizations and people who give generously when there is a need. Just going to the movie seems such a little thing when you can just go but to residents at the Andbe Home, it is an outing you think about and relive who you saw, who spoke to you, how it smelled, and what kind of show it was for many weeks later. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible for residents.

Deadline arriving to order your low-cost trees, shrubs

The Norton County Conservation District is offering low-cost trees and shrub seedlings for use in conservation plantings. The

deadline to order is March 30. To place an order or learn more about conservation plantings call the Norton office at 877-2623.

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

The regular meeting of the Lone Prairie 4-H Club was held Feb. 16 at the home of Gloria DeWitt. Joell Yocum, president, conducted the meeting. Tim Jansonius let the flag salute and the 4-H pledge was led by Jordan Girard. Roll call was answered by 11 members, three leaders, three parents and two visitors. It was reported that the story of the January meeting was in the newspaper. It was announced that the club needs workers and food for the food stand at the Gun Show on Feb. 21. Members voted to renew the subscription for "Copycat" magazine for the Library. Club Day will be March 19 with an alternate date of March 22. Members discussed performing a group number and individuals signed up for entries. The Club signed a thank you note to the Farmers National Bank for the \$100 donation to the Club.

It was announced that members should bring their Red Wheel Food Orders to the next meeting and it was decided to have the basketball game and skee-ball for the carnival. After the meeting was adjourned Jordan Girard gave a demonstration; Joell Yocum and Aaron Tien gave project talks. For recreation, members picked up trash along the streets of Prairie View. The Woodside family served refreshments. Eric Woodside, Reporter.

Several members and friends of the Prairie View Reformed Church went to Logan last Tuesday to have the program at Logan Manor. Attending were Brandy Iron, Norman and Rose Erickson, Bart and Erma Soodsma and Dean and Grace Dillon of Phillipsburg; the Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele, Hazel Jansonius, Goldie Barker and Vivian Jansonius, Prairie View. Linda Van Der Weele and Philip joined the group for supper in Phillipsburg.

A carry-in dinner was held Feb. 18 at the Prairie View Senior Citi-

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By VELMA HOLTZE

They say no news is good news. This week has netted very little news; some good and some not so good!

Velma Holtze traveled to Oshkosh with Linda Sandman of Cambridge. Mrs. Holtze is staying with her daughter, Ivalene, for a few days and will return the first part of the week.

News has come to Ginger and Kendall Rice of Justin Rice, son of Lonnie Rice. This past few days Justin has been able to walk up to 270 feet! Justin is still in Australia in the hospital due to a surfboard accident. Ginger was told that Justin will have more tests early this week and may be in stable enough condition to travel to a unit in Chicago. Justin is still suffering from paralysis of his upper extremities. Justin was placed on the Prayer Chain this past week.

Also placed on the Prayer Chain on Saturday is Ethan Adkins. Ethan is the four year old grandson of Delbert and Laurie Laws. Ethan has tested positive for Cystic Fibrosis. Ethan has two sisters one is 8 months old and the other is 7 years old. They will also have to be tested for the illness.

4-H NEWS

By TIMOTHY BECKER, reporter

The monthly meeting of the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club was held Feb. 15 at Rainbow Lanes for the annual bowling party. Members were asked to guess their bowling score for roll call.

Members all brought food to donate to God's Pantry as part of the club's community service project.

After bowling, club members and their families enjoyed refreshments.

Club members will participate in County Club Days on March 13. The next meeting will be a pizza party on March 21.

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zen/Community Center. They were Melinda Schroeder of Norton; Arlene Childs of Phillipsburg; John and Doreen Hoffman, Logan; Burdett and Belva Leydig, Warren and Hazel Sidman, the Rev. and Linda Van Der Weele, Rodney Jansonius, Tom and Berta Van Diest, Keith Erickson, Faith Van Diest, Calzine Engelsman, Freda Rupke, Julianna Lasniewski, Vivian Jansonius, Hazel Jansonius, Linda Hultgren and Erma Jean Nyland.

The Vacation Bible School Committee met Feb. 18 at the Luctor parsonage. Those present were the Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele, Arlo Tien, Cher Greving and Vivian Jansonius. They discussed when to have VBS and what material to teach.

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Steve and Suzanna Barker of Kearney, Neb., recently spent the weekend at the home of his mother, Goldie Barker.

The Gleaners Circle of the Prairie View Reformed Church and the Sunshine City Library are sponsoring a representative of Kid-Link of the Developmental services of Northwest Kansas. The meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., March 4 at the Sunshine City Library, Prairie View.

Kid-Link aids in the development of the young child based within the home with parents actively involved in the program. This agency serves Norton, Phillips, Rooks, Smith, Osborne, Russell and part of Decatur counties. Come for an informational meeting. Refreshments will be served.

The Sunshine City Library Board met Feb. 16 with Danny and Carol Short, Darline Brown and Gloria DeWitt present. It was reported that Dian Tien will try to go to the Spring Meeting and that the library will request two CDs of graphics offered by the state library. April 18-24 is Volunteer Week and the Appreciation Party will be held at 7 p.m., April 19. The Kid-Link meeting was held at the library March 4 with the Gleaners furnishing lunch. It's official, the outside drop box has been approved and ordered. Author Tom Mach, has communicated with the library regarding his recent book. The staff is checking to see if he is available for a presentation during the summer. Board terms for Gloria DeWitt and Linda Hultgren expire this year. If anyone is inter-

ested, they should let a board member or City Council member know, so they can be considered.

A quilt made by Hazel Jansonius is on display at the library as well as one belonging to Anne Jansonius.

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The Prairie Homemakers Family and Community Education unit met Feb. 23 at the Long Island Center. President Anissa Kats conducted the meeting with 13 members answering the roll by telling about Valentines they had received. It was announced that the Hospice Supper will be held April 17 in Phillipsburg. Door prizes were won by Belva Leydig and Linda Hultgren. Those receiving gifts from their Secret Pals were: Diane Greving, Belinda Thalheim, Judy Van Der Veen, LaVon Kats and Linda Hultgren. Wanda Schemper gave the lesson before lunch.

Others attending were Pat Hammond, Beth Ponstein, Gloria DeWitt, Bev Schemper, Julia Schemper, Wanda Schemper, Dian Tien and Vivian Jansonius.

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Normal High		51	Sunrise 6:50 to 7:00am			
Normal Low		25	Sunset 6:41 to 6:47pm			

Rain last week and 60 degree weather this week have us thinking about the local fishing hole or golf course. Cool fronts tomorrow and Saturday will drop temperatures back to normal readings for this time of year, but chances for any rain are slim to none. A West Coast ridge will keep the Jet Stream to our north and Gulf moisture south through the middle of the month. It looks like we will have to wait a week or so for the ridge to weaken, then hopefully we can put chances for thunderstorms or spring snow in the forecast.

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