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I hope everyone was able to share Thanksgiving with friends or family. I enjoyed a wonderful meal at the hall and am still "stuffed" from all the food. The park is filling with returning friends and neighbors. Several of you have written notes that I would like to share:

Thanks as always for keeping us informed about news at the Tip. I am sure glad to see that the Park will do more recycling from now on. That is great!!

We hope to be down at the Park around the first of December. We have our early family Christmas this weekend. We have just had a good lot of snow fall overnight. So it will seem like Christmas if it stays

for the weekend! Safe travelling for everyone on their way south.

Mary and Don Mitchell

A note from the Bramletts:

Nice being back in park.

Update on our kids: David is doing chemo now. It caused blood clots in lungs, but caught it with blood thinner. Then blood got too thin and put him in hospital for a night. His shoulder has been hurting him and he has 2 holes in it. But he is in good spirits-dealing with whatever.

Our daughter-45, has trouble walking and most words are slurred, but can understand some of what she says. Her memory isn't good. She asked me one day if their 19 month old son was really hers. And don't remember holding her grandson. But where there is life, there is hope. Both are covered with prayer from all over the country, Canada, and Ontario. Thanks so very much.

Sharon Bramlett

Several still need our prayers. If you read in yesterday's minutes, Lauri Mustonen and Lil Graham are especially in need.

On a lighter, chillier note, the Warrens wrote:

HAPPY THANKS GIVING TO YOU TO, PAM! I understand you have been having wonderful weather with a "bit" of a cooler stretch coming. Well, it is cooler here to with 25 to 35 mph winds blowing today and a -25 degree wind chill. So don't let any of those wimps out there complain with a 60 degree reading. But, it will be warm inside here with about 20 of us gathering to celebrate. See you about mid December and thanks for all that you do with the news letter. It is appreciated so very much! Warren and Jan Martin

And we complain of 40*s and having to cover the plants, just in case it dips to freezing. You noticed the negative in front of the 25 degrees. Don't you dare bring any of that cold down with you, Warren. Please have a safe trip and we're expecting you soon. The tennis courts are calling you..

Donna and Rene St. James are hopefully on their way down from Canada.

Howdy ALL'Y'ALL.....

We have good news and bad news.... We were on our way to Texas early this A.M. BUT and a very lucky BUT,

instead of making a right turn towards Texas, I decided to make a left turn to get our mail at our son's house.. We get there, stop the car go in to get our mail and as I was backing out to finally head south my son noticed a piece of the tensioner that tightens the main belt that runs the power steering, the alternator etc.. that belt is the heart of the motor.. I had no more power steering, my battery light came on and the motor overheated on my way to my mechanic which luckily was only about a 5 minute drive..

My mechanic said he would put a rush on the broken part with a new belt etc.. We hope to be on our way around 1 P.M.

Take care.. Hope to see Y'ALL in Texas..

Donna joins me in sending all our Love and Hugs...

Rene.

A note from the Carlson's:

I am in the middle of a crisis with my elderly Mom, we are moving her from the south to the north in the middle of winter. We have airline tickets to the Tip on Jan 5 if all goes well but have to be ready to be called home.

Thanks for being a contact person and also for sending the minutes it helps us feel connected.

Hello to all,

Mary Jo Carlson

We wish only the best for Mary Jo's mother.

So that's it for this week. I do want to remind all tennis players of our monthly meeting this Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts room. Hope to see many of you there.....Have a good one....Pam

MONDAY MORNING MEETING – November 29, 2010

All newcomers please stand

Would everyone please stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the Star Spangled Banner

Hospital Report – Connie Harmon – Lill Graham is having surgery on her arm either today or tomorrow. Lauri Mustonen had a stroke. He is still in the hospital and doing well. The Sherbenaut's Charley and Barb will not be coming to the valley anymore. Her health is to bad.

Thank you to Jackie Ridlon for chairing Thanksgiving.

I also want to say thank you to all those who have been letting me know by Friday that they want to be on the MMM.

Luncheon today – time: 11:30 am. Main hall. Price: \$4.00 Menu: Soup/Sandwich, dessert, drink.

Clogging – today – 1 pm – Arts & crafts room - \$4.00 per person.

New Years Eve Dance Tickets are now available to people outside the park. Evie Phipps is available for ticket sales by the post office 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. daily.

Also this weekend is the first end of drive sale - Saturday, Dec. 4th, starts at 8:00 am.

The swinging singles club invites all singles to come to their meeting, 5:00 pm, Arts & Crafts room. November 30th will be the election of officers for the coming year. Everyone is invited.

Starting Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010 - biscuits and gravy will be every Wednesday morning 7:30 - 9:30.

I still need a volunteer for the Senior Olympic Board.

BUS TOURS:

Les Lundgren, is in charge of the buses at this time. He would like for someone from our park to become a bus driver. PLEASE let me know if you are interested.

Tropic Star has a bus tour to the Brownsville Canal or the Port of

Brownsville going tomorrow. Tuesday, November 30th. The bus will leave at 7:30 am from Tropic Star - stop for early coffee and rolls, head on down to Padre Island and board at 10:45. This will be a 4 hour cruise returning and having dinner at Dirty Al's. The price of \$38.00/person includes the coffee and rolls and also Dirty Al's. If you wish to go, please let me know right after the MMM as Les needs to call them to let them know how many will be there by noon Friday.

December 1, 2010 - Festival of Lights - We will see concert and then see the lights.

McAllen Symphonic Band on Tuesday December 7 - Joy to the World. I have 6 tickets left for the concert. The Bus is FULL.

December 9 - LaJoya Independent School District presents a Classic Guitar Concert on Thursday. Please sign up in the activity office.

Don't forget there is no cost for the bus trip except for the event's and tipping the driver.

OTHER INFORMATION;

Donna & Jim Hall – park managers-When taking your dog's potty, you either have to carry them or drive them to the nearest gate. The 2nd Town Hall meeting will be December 6th after the MMM. We have some volunteers that are planting the flowers and I would like to thank them. Also thank you for recycling.

Beth Stagdon – pictures – The dates for pictures are January 17 & 18. If you need a time please call me at 956-702-8110.

Mary Raasch – Talent Show – Will be March 3rd. There will be a sign up sheet on the board. We are starting on December 14th. If you are going to be a soloist, please bring in your music. We also need help to put the show on.

Nancy Beilke – Chorus – Tuesday – November 30th at 3:00 in the A/C room. We have fun, come and join us.

Pat Horak/Marilyn Strandberg – mermaids – If you have any bells, please bring them to the outside pool. Mermaid's meet at 4:30 – it will be December 7th.

Jeannice Walters – Outpost – We have ice, candy, chips, hats, visor, fruit cakes and Bio Freeze for the joints. Come on in and shop.

Gail Temple – Christmas Eve Party - 50th Anniversary – The 50th will be February 6th at 2:00. There will be a sign up sheet on the boards. The Christmas Party will begin at 6:30 after church. Please bring finger food, snacks, we will have a sing along also.

Gary Thain – Wood shop – They are going to be giving lessons on the machines.

John O'Brien – He talked about the recycling, asking if you could crush some of the plastic bottles. Event schedule is up on the boards. He is trying to rearrange the boards so that there won't be so much on the doors.

Janice Noranbrock – Decorations for the hall. They will be putting them up today. Please help.

Jane Head – Children's Home – There are 207 children in the home. They are asking for donations. If you want any information about the home please give me a call.

Mary Kitkowski – Thank you to the first responders for helping when she need it.

Joe Strain – Talked about an ingredient that is in a lot of cold medications that is very harmful. It is Phenyl Pro Pano Lamine. Please read the labels and do not take this medication. He has the information on the Health Board. Please read it. The Blood drive will be December 3rd, in the Al Barnes Friendship Hall. It starts at 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Bring you drivers license, list of medications and please eat something before coming. Monday December 6th – Flu Shots- 8:00am. Bring you Medicare card and if you are not on medicare, please bring money. Friday December 10th – Wellness Screening in the A/C room at 7:00am It is a fasting blood test. Do not eat or drink anything for 12 hours. When you call 911 you have to tell them you are in Pharr and that you want Med Care.

Jim Merten – 50/50 took in \$113.50 – gave away 55.56

REMINDER: STOP SIGNS – PLEASE STOP AND OBEY, ESPECIALLY IN YOUR CARS AND ON YOUR BIKES. IF YOU ARE WALKING EARLY IN THE MORNING – PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING OR HAVE A LIGHT SO THAT YOU CAN BE SEEN. KEEP LIGHTS ON CARTS, BICYCLES, ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIRS AND . THANK YOU.

