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Left: Becky Fitzgerald, Development Director, poses in pig ears with Meritrust Credit Union volunteer Misty Vinduska and Piggy, the Meritrust mascot. Becky made Piggy's mask from a past event T-shirt. Meritrust was once again a "Prime" sponsor for HOGtoberfest. Right: Teri Holmberg of Manhattan is the lucky winner of the \$2000 prize offered in this year's Cash & More Raffle.

HOGtoberfest 2020

7th annual event tops previous years' total food sales

By Becky Fitzgerald HOGtoberfest once again confirmed what so many of us know: good food and good friends are HOG-tastic ways to good fundraiser.

Despite COVID-19 concerns, 2020 was the best year yet in terms of food and beverage sales. The day's total topped \$10,000! The cooking Cox brothers, Bud and Bobby, took the event's Oktoberfest theme up a notch by offering a German sausage platter as a lunch special for dine-in customers.

"I thought we might sell 10 or 12 of those platters, so I prepped for 20," Bobby said. "We ended up selling 58!"

The sausage trio was added to the evening's hog roast buffet table, with German beer and polka music provided by Dave Lewis Entertainment adding authenticity to the event.

New this year were face masks featuring the HOGtoberfest logo, which were provided by Meritrust



A German sausage platter, boasting three types of sausage, warm German potato salad, and spätzle, was a favorite with the lunch-time, dine-in crowd.

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Veteran's Day Parade

Meadowlark invites all Veterans and nonveterans to join us on Wednesday, November 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Event Center, as this year's Veteran Day Parade will be live streamed on the big screen. We ask that you wear a mask and continue to practice social distancing while viewing the parade. Steady Yourself Exercise Class will be canceled for Nov. 11.

Food & Fund Drive

Meadowlark Ambassadors are hosting a Food & Fund Drive for the Flint Hills Breadbasket starting today until Monday, Nov. 16. Collection boxes are in the Game Room for those who would like to make food drive donations. If you would rather make a monetary donation, a glass jar will also be available at the Hospitality Desk for collection.

Flint Hills Breadbasket is an organization in Manhattan for the past 35 years has been distributing food to ensure no one in the community goes hungry. They receive no federal state, county or city funding, and rely heavily on donations.

Their goal is to put together at least 180 special holiday baskets this year for those in need this holiday season. Please consider donating the following non-perishable food items for these special holiday baskets: boxed stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, canned yams, evaporated milk, and canned fruit.

Other non-perishable canned and boxed food items are also welcome such as vegetables, baked beans, cereal, and boxed meals like Hamburger Helper. Expired items will not be accepted.

Sigma Kappa Sorority Pen Pals

Members from Sigma Kappa, a sorority at K-State, would like to create connections with interested residents during a pen pal opportunity through the remaining Fall semester and next Spring semester. Interested residents can expect a letter or two each month from their sorority pen pal starting this month through May 2021.

If you are interested in this opportunity, and getting to know someone new, please contact the Hospitality Desk at (785) 323-3847 to sign up. Sign up by Nov. 18, to be matched with a pen pal. Please direct any questions to Jana Armfield, Volunteer Engagement Specialist.

Thursday Entertainment: November

Dave 'Zerf' Zerfas will be this month's Thursday night entertainment featuring old time Kansas, Cowboy and classic ballads. You can sign up for one of two different dates, Nov. 12 or Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. in the Prairie Star Event Center. These Thursday Entertainment's will not include a meal. Please call the Hospitality Desk at (785) 323-3847 to reserve your spot.

2021 Part D Open Enrollment

submitted by Rita Harsch, Financial Counselor Each year, you have from Oct. 15, to Dec. 7 to review your current Part D plan to see if this current plan will meet your prescription needs in 2021. Please review any information you may have received in the mail letting you know what your new monthly premium will be in 2021.

If you need assistance with reviewing your drug plan for 2021, please contact the following:

- ~ Make an appointment at Riley County Senior Center to set up a face -to-face meeting . Appointments are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Call (785) 537-4040 to schedule your visit. Masks are required.
- ~ North Central Area Agency on Aging (Manhattan), (785) 776-9294.
- ~ Riley County Extension Office (Manhattan), (785) 537-6350.
- ~ Rita Harsch, Meadowlark Financial Counselor (785) 323-3891.

Ice Cream Treat

Substitute a Turtle Ice Cream Bar for your dessert this week when you order a special or order it anytime for just \$2!

NEW HOURS

Starting Wednesday, Nov. 11, the Hospitality Desk hours of operation will return to 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. daily. If you have any questions, please contact Resident Services Leader, Monte Spiller, at (785) 323-3801.



Friday, December 4, at 4 p.m.

A special dessert will be delivered to your door!

Tune in to Channel 1960 for a community holiday variety show,

with performances by:

Linda Uthoff, Joe Braun, Jane Boys, and Thom Jackson First United Methodist Bells Little Apple Chorus Bourbon and Baker

Manhattan Arts Center MAC Academy Youth Theater Students
Manhattan High School Choir
Manhattan High School Chamber Orchestra

Hosted by







Work That Brain!

ACROSS

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- 6. Qualified
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Meal of the day

- 14. Steam bath
- 15. Regrets
- 16. Lack of difficulty
- 17. Boredom
- 18. Snare
- 19. Type of cereal grass
- 20. Displease
- 22. Press
- 23. Sticker
- 24. Legions
- 25. Psycho
- 29. Asserted
- 31. Greed
- 33. Tall Indian palm
- 37. In style
- 38. Discover the

location of

- 39. Distended
- 41. Historic ship
- 42. Spray can
- 44. Pervert
- 45. Defeats
- 48. Bogs down
- 50. Climax
- 51. Place where medicines are

handed out

- 56. French for "Black"
- 57. Kitty (poker)
- 58. Eagle's nest
- 59. Seaweed
- 60. Noxious plant
- 61. Noodles
- 62. Loyal (archaic)
- 63. Infamous Roman emperor
- 64. Drive

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- 2. Hindu princess
- 3. Backside
- 4. Rectum
- 5. A nymph of lakes
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- 8. Pamphlet
- 9. Catch a glimpse of
- 10. Magazine
- 11. Dens
- 12. Cravat
- 13. Adolescents
- 21. Instructor

- 24. Serf
- 25. Water barriers
- 26. Affirm
- 27. Portuguese folksong
- 28. Involving three parties
- 30. An area of northern Israel
- 32. Small islands
- 34. Piece of glass
- 35. Ear-related
- 36. Engineering
- school

- 40. Candidate
- 41. Underwater missile
- 43. Female sibling
- 45. Hackneyed
- 46. French school
- 47. Girlfriend (Spanish)
- 49. Breaks
- 51. Sunup
- 52. Chair
- 53. Backside
- 54. Liturgy
- 55. 365 days

A Note from Michele Riter

During the past two and half years, I have met amazing people, made some of my favorite memories, and learned so much from this Meadowlark family. The recent events of this topsy-turvy world we live in have taught me that nothing in life is guaranteed, take care of



yourself first, and all things are what you make of them good or bad.

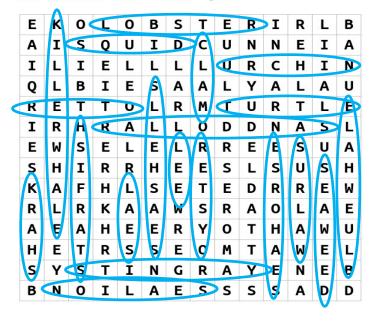
With these lessons learned, it is my time to act on them. And for me that is finally saying a big YES to a dream I've had and

answering a certain call. That is: the mountains are calling; And I picked up the phone, said yes, and have decided to move to Colorado.

I would love the chance to have a cup of coffee in Verna Belle's with each of you to say goodbye and share best wishes, if only we could! But as I pack up my bags and boxes in the coming weeks, I'll include my memories of Meadowlark, tucked in, labeled "handle with care."

Solutions from 11/2

Animals of the Sea



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Credit Union, and the Cash & More Raffle. In addition to a cash prize of \$2000, three other prizes were offered, and 1,372 tickets were sold at \$5 each. The 2020 ticket total bested last year's 50/50 Raffle ticket sales of just under 1200. Here are this year's prizes and winners:

- ~ \$2000, Teri Holmberg. Teri has attended HOGtoberfest and purchased raffle tickets since the inaugural event in 2014.
- ~ Portable Traeger Pellet Grill, Solana Rios. Solana lives in St. George and is a CMA at Riley House.
- ~ 40-Pound Pork Bundle, Frances Holcombe. When Frances, a Meadowlark resident, learned her name had been drawn for the pork bundle, she asked if she could donate the meat. She agreed that an employee's name could be drawn for the prize, and the new winner is Nick Haverkamp, the Stolzer House coordinator.
- ~ \$50 gift cards for Cox Bros. BBQ, Coco Bolos, and Powercat Grill, Cindy Sloan, a Meadowlark Foundation board member.

In addition to 10% of sales donated by Cox Bros. BBQ, purchases of raffle tickets, T-shirts, and face masks, as well as sponsorships, and additional donations prompted by the event combined to generate slightly more than \$12,000 in revenue. Meadowlark residents ordered nearly 70 meals for delivery. Thank you!

All proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Fund, which assists residents living in a Meadowlark healthcare household who have outlived their financial resources.

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Weekly *Face-to Face* Opportunities Calendar *Nov.* 10 to *Nov.* 13

Tuesday • Nov. 10

Trash & recycling pick-up

9:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, PS EC

11:00 a.m. ~ Steady Yourself, PS EC

1:00 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Exercise, PS EC

2:00 p.m. ~ Memory Activities Class, PS EC

Wednesday ◆ Nov. 11

9:30 a.m. ~ Veteran's Day Parade, PS EC

11:00 a.m. ~ Weights 101, PS EC

1:00 p.m. ~ Memory Café, PS EC

Thursday • Nov. 12

9:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, PS EC

11:00 a.m. ~ Steady Yourself, PS EC

1:00 p.m. ~ Staff Spotlight: Kourtney Williams, PS EC

6:00 p.m. ~ Music with Dave "Zerf" Zerfas, PS EC

Friday • Nov. 13

9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, PS EC

11:00 a.m. ~ Weights 101, PS EC

1:00 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Exercise, PS EC

Virtual Programming, 11/10 & 11/11

Tuesday, Nov. 10

	Parkinson's Exercise Class URL: us02web.zoom.us/j/87980256567 Meeting ID: 879 8025 6567
2 p.m.	Memory Café URL: us02web.zoom.us/j/82043111342 Meeting ID: 820 4311 1342

Wednesday, Nov. 11

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10 a.m.	Memory Care Partner Support Group Contact Bridget Larkin, LMSW for the log-in info by calling (785) 323-3837.				
1 p.m.	Memory Café URL: ksu.zoom.us/j/92215181862 Meeting ID: 922 1518 1862				



Tuesday, Nov. 10

10:30 a.m.	Steady Yourself Exercise Class
11:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Exercise Class
1:00 p.m.	Sweat It Out Aerobics Exercise
2:00 p.m.	Steady Yourself Exercise Class

Wednesday, Nov. 11

9:30 a.m.	Seated Strength Exercise
10:30 a.m.	Weights 101 Exercise Class
	Worship Service: "Waiting for the Groom"
11:30 a.m.	"Waiting for the Groom"
2:00 p.m.	Weights 101 Exercise Class

Thursday, Nov. 12

10:30 a.m.	Steady Yourself Exercise Class
11:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Exercise Class
1:00 p.m.	Sweat It Out Aerobics Exercise
2:00 p.m.	Steady Yourself Exercise Class

Friday, Nov. 13

9:30 a.m.	Seated Strength Exercise
10:30 a.m.	Weights 101 Exercise Class
12:00 p.m.	Channel 1960 News
12:30 p.m.	Update with Lonnie Baker
1:00 p.m.	Parkinson's Exercise Class
2:00 p.m.	Weights 101 Exercise Class
5:00 p.m.	Channel 1960 News, Re-run
5:30 p.m.	Update with Lonnie Baker, Re-run from 12:30 p.m. 11/13

Face-to-Face Opportunities are open to independent living residents in the new Prairie Star Restaurant Event Center (PS EC). When entering the main building for events, residents must be screened. Masks are required. **Prior sign-ups are required for Bingo, Worship Service, and Thursday Entertainment. Please contact the Hospitality Desk at (785) 323-3847 to register.**