

The Manor Highlights

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Celebrating November

Aviation History Month

Native American Heritage Month

Adopt a Turkey Month

Polar Bear Week
November 1-7

Cliché Day
November 3

Veterans Day: U.S.
November 11

Rock Your Mocs Day
November 15

International Men's Day
November 19

Thanksgiving: U.S.
November 26

Square Dancing Day
November 29

Psalm 119: 17-19

Be good to your servant while I live,
That I may obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may see

Wonderful things in your law.

I am a stranger on earth;

Give me clear direction.

How often in this unsettled year I have heard the lament, "I don't know how to live in this world." These words are echoed in today's Psalm, "I am a stranger on earth." We don't belong in this world, we long for the way things were created to be. We have eternity written on our hearts.

A recent testimony from a grieving resident demonstrates a faith filled way of navigating difficult times: "I pray every morning that no matter where God leads in the day ahead, He will be in it with me, and will give me everything I need to make it through." What an amazing example of open-handed surrender. Everything is entrusted to God's care, knowing He will faithfully bless with strength and peace. This resident also claims God's promise to walk alongside, to be with us right in the middle of whatever we are experiencing. In God's presence we find rest.

God ABIDES with us. God is present wherever we are, "open our eyes that we may see."

Hear again the prayer of today's Psalm: "We are strangers on this earth, Lord. Open our eyes that we may see you abiding with us, right in the middle of everything we are facing. We trust your way and your clear direction. Help us to "run in the path...for you have set our hearts free! (vs.32)"

I trust in God's unfailing love; I will sing! (Psalm 13)
Amen.

-Chaplain Sheri

Craft Corner...

We've been busy doing special crafts for the fall season to decorate around the building!



Thirsty for Customers

The Monday after Thanksgiving is widely known as Cyber Monday. It was created in 2005 by the National Retail Federation as a way to encourage people to shop online. E-commerce businesses are sure to lure hungry holiday shoppers with exclusive Cyber Monday deals and sales. The gimmick worked better than anyone could have hoped. In 2019, online sales surpassed traditional brick-and-mortar store sales for the first time, showing just how far e-commerce has come in the past 15 years. But not all businesses shared the economic success.

Fed up with the declining revenues suffered by traditional stores, a local bookshop in New Hampshire renamed Cyber Monday as *Cider Monday* in 2015. In an effort to draw customers away from their computers and back to main street businesses, Toadstool Bookshops offered free apple cider to shoppers. It did not take long for not just bookshops but all manner of small businesses across the country to follow suit. If you venture out on November 30 to do some local shopping, arrive thirsty for some cider.

Remembering Old Clem



November 23 is a special holiday for metalworkers and blacksmiths. It is St. Clement's Day, more casually known as Old Clem's Night, honoring Pope Clement I, the patron saint of metalworkers and blacksmiths. Celebrating the holiday, or "Clementing," has died out in all but a few places. The festivities began at sundown with the firing of the anvil. Gunpowder was packed into a small hole in the anvil so when it was struck by a hammer, it exploded in a shower of sparks. Then the smith (or often an apprentice) dressed in a wig, cloak, and mask transformed himself into "Old Clem." Old Clem led a procession through the streets, visiting tavern after tavern, soliciting donations of ale and money to pay for the holiday dinner.

Thank you to Karen's Horse Connection for bringing out Sunshine and Peanut to visit us, and to Farm Animals on the Go for bringing their petting farm! We loved interacting with the animals, and we almost kept a few!



Rights on "The Rock"

In 1963, the infamous prison Alcatraz, known as "The Rock," closed its doors. Soon after, local Native American groups began lobbying for the island to become a cultural center and school. According to the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie, Native Americans—referred to as Indians at the time—were allowed to take control of surplus federal lands. So, when a fire destroyed San Francisco's American Indian Center in October of 1969, a group of 89 activists, calling themselves "Indians of All Tribes," occupied Alcatraz island during the morning hours of November 20, 1969.

The occupation lasted 19 months, with numbers on Alcatraz growing to 600. President Nixon chose to leave the peaceful occupiers alone. Officials visited to negotiate, but the occupiers demanded nothing less than the island itself, upon which they hoped to build a school, cultural center, and museum. Slowly, though, the political will of occupiers waned, and many departed, leaving behind a disorganized ragtag band. The activists may have given up Alcatraz, but they had propelled their rights movement forward and transformed Alcatraz into a symbol of Native American pride.

Nature Shows the Way



It's hard to believe in this digital age of GPS systems and hand-held cellular phone mapping that explorers once knew how to navigate without a compass. On November 6, Marooned Without a Compass Day, you, too, could learn how to find your way. At night under clear skies, it is easy enough to find your direction. Simply look to Polaris, the north star. During the day, find your way by planting a stick in the ground. Mark the end of its shadow with a rock. Wait 30 minutes and mark the new end of the shadow with another rock. The first rock is west. The second rock is east. Bisect the two to find north and south. You've just made your own compass!

Happy Birthday!

Mary Helsel-7th

Keith Brower-8th

Fran Stavedahl-16th

Steve Kwiatkowski-20th

Dorothy Mull-23rd

Linda Giszewski-28th



Welcome!

Audrey Koschmider

Kathleen Priest

Thanksgiving Brain Teasers

1. When does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?
2. Why did they let the Turkey join the thanksgiving band?
3. What smells the best at thanksgiving dinner?
4. Why did the turkey cross the road?

Answers: 1. In the dictionary. 2. He had the drumsticks. 3. Your nose. 4. To prove he wasn't chicken.

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Volunteer Opportunity

Outdoor visits are coming to a close-but we are working on indoor visits and how those could work. We are looking for volunteers to help us with our indoor visits!

These individuals must be able to keep people within guidelines set to keep everyone healthy! We will provide HIPPA and covid training. Please call the manors at 616-791-0111 if you are interested!