

# Many partake of 90th birthday dinner for Carol Shaw

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Guests throughout the weekend at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw included Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Downs; Elliott and Tamara Gillespie, Alex and Emma, Belton, Mo.; Aaron and Tara Gillespie, Hays; Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Kyle and Lisa Bollers and Tyce, Lochbuie, Colorado; Brandon Wagoner, Rosa Ward and Noah, Neosho, Mo.; Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, rural Logan; Cindy Black, Logan and Bowan, Carlsbad, N.M.; Zach and Katie Golemboski, Colby; Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton; Nick Wahlmeier, Hays; Kerrie Olson, Ellis and Adam Wahlmeier, Norton. The above group attended a family dinner to celebrate the 90th birthday of Stan's mother, Carol Shaw, at the Community Center in Selden on Thanksgiving Day. On Friday the group celebrated an early Christmas at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw. On Saturday the ladies attended a baby shower for Katie Golemboski, Colby, at the Sacred Heart Church basement, Colby.

The United Methodist Church held a potluck dinner Sunday and decorated the church afterwards.

Sunflower Senior Citizens Potluck dinner will be held December 9, at noon. If you would like to bring items to be taken to the Food Pantry in Oberlin, please do so.

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Wayne and Louise Cressler went to the home of their son, Russell, for Thanksgiving Day and stayed over night. Other family members enjoying the day were: Amber and Johnny Klassen, Keith, Landon, Issac and Leah, Salina; Nicole Schroter, Wichita; Robert Cressler, Zach and Trenton, La Crosse. Friday morning they all awoke to a white Friday not a black Friday. About 4 inches of snow fell in the night, making a beautiful winter scene.

The Jennings Tuesday Study Club met at the El Dos de Oros Restaurant in Colby on November 18th. Violet Foster, Joan McKenna, Joan Metz, Helen Muirhead, Helen Rhodes, Jean Skubal, Neoma Tacha and Lynn Tacha answered roll call with facts about sunflowers. Ann Gallentine sent a thank you for the donation she will use to make baby caps and booties for the newborns at the Norton Hospital. Lynn and Joan Metz will arrange a shopping trip to buy for the Angel Tree project and the club will wrap the gifts at the December meeting. Salads and desserts were divided up for the December 16th luncheon. Each member should also bring a \$5.00 wrapped ornament. Neoma will check with the management of BCI about our January meeting. Chuck Plumisto gave us a tour of the Red River Commodities

plant. The sunflower seeds are tested for weight, size, foreign matter, insects and disease before they are unloaded. A sample is even shelled and deep fat fried to check for disease. The process of cleaning and sorting separates the seeds for several confectionery companies all over the world. Sunbutter is even being made for people allergic to peanuts.

The Lions Club will be serving soup at the Community Hall on Saturday December 13 starting at 11 a.m. Santa will arrive about 1:30 p.m. There will be a drawing following Santa's visit.

Terri Hanke returned November 6 from a two week trip to Israel, Jordan and Egypt. Terri and her mother, from rural Phillipsburg, went with 4 others led by Pastor Tom Krause of the Lord of Life Lutheran in Kansas City. They landed in Amman, Jordan and toured Jericho for one day before crossing the border into Israel. The group stayed in Tiberias and Jerusalem for five days visiting Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Sepphori, Megiddo, Masada, and Jerusalem. They enjoyed a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, waded in the Jordan River as well as the Dead Sea. They rode from Jerusalem to Petra, Jordan where they spent a day exploring the city of Petra, carved entirely in the stone canyon. The carvings are over

4000 years old and are described as the "Rose Red City half as old as time." The next day they traveled to Cairo, Egypt by crossing in a tunnel under the Suez Canal. This took the group back into a corner of Israel and everyone had to show their passports 5 times in an hour to successfully cross the borders. Arriving in Cairo they waded in the Red Sea and stayed in a hotel with a wonderful view of the Nile River. They spent the first day in Giza seeing the pyramids and Sphinx. The next day they visited the Egyptian Museum of History and viewed the Treasures of King Tut as well as a newly opened display of ancient mummies. That evening the group enjoyed a dinner cruise on the Nile River with belly dancers and a whirling dervish dancer. The next morning the group began the 27 hour journey home, returning to Kansas City exhausted but with many wonderful memories.

The Community Hall has been beautifully decorated for Christmas. Thanks go to Dona and Eugene Mrstik who loaned us many of the lights and larger decorations. Those helping with decorating were; Carla Latimer; Bob Jones; Dona and Eugene Mrstik; Wayne and Louise Cressler.

The Tuesday Study Club met at the United Methodist Church in Jennings. President Helen Rhodes opened the meeting. Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Violet Foster, Carla Latimer, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Helen Rhodes, Jean Skubal, Lynn Tacha and Vendla Tacha answered the "Knit and Purl" roll call. Ann Gallentine began her program by saying that her knitting is interwoven with her life history, from learning with her grandmother to making her own grandbaby clothes and in between the steps it took to become a Master Knitter in the Knitting Guild Association. She has a web site, sells her patterns and shares her love of yarn to classes and clubs. The November meeting will be in Colby with a

visit to Red River Commodities and their Sunflower processing plant.

The Historic Building Preservation Committee is making plans to install new windows in the old theater/ Masonic Hall building. Bids have been offered and the windows are ordered. The cost per installed window varies from \$330 to \$500, depending upon the size of the window. Some local citizens have pledged to buy an installed window and these will have a brass memorial plate attached to the window sill. If anyone is interested in assisting with this project, contact Marge Hartzog or Louise Cressler. Someone has already pledged to purchase a new door and if money is available, a new back door will also be installed.

On Friday, Earl and Jan Treat, Fort Collins, Colorado visited at the William and Rachel Carters. Earl is a nephew of William. Lawrence and Carol Carter; Dave and Diane Carter and Ken Carter all joined them for lunch. The Treats are missionaries and have worked at starting a school in the country of Georgia. They were home on furlough.

We enjoyed a beautiful day Saturday. The breakfast at the Masonic Hall and the supper at the United Methodist Church were attended by many hunters and local people. Alfred and Betty Cressler appreciated all the cards and phone calls from relatives and friends for their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, November 1. They enjoyed dinner at the home of Roberta Petracek on Sunday.

Sunflower Senior Center potluck supper was Tuesday, November 11 at 6 p.m. Bingo was played.

The meeting with Sunflower Wind Energy LLC, Goodland, was held Tuesday evening in the Community Hall. Approximately 40 people attended. Some came from Gem and Norcatour. Jill Strand, Small Wind and Leasing Director, gave a presentation. Bro-

chures were handed out explaining the company's technology and policies. Many questions were asked on rental and purchase of a wind tower.

Louise Cressler attended a recent luncheon with Oberlin Herald employees and correspondents at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin.

The meeting of the United Methodist Women was held November 5 at 2 p.m. Pastor Carrie opened with a prayer. The program "Gratitude" by Pastor Carrie was an interesting program. Scriptures from Hebrews, the Psalms and 2 Corinthians were read. Questions she asked "What were we grateful for?" and did it have a Silver Lining. Kay Brown, President, opened the business meeting. She reported a \$540 clear profit from serving the Hunters Supper. We discussed some changes we might want to do before next year's supper. The new church sign to be put at the highway has arrived. Kay will call KDOT about placement of it. A person in our church to receive "Special Membership" pin was chosen. Thank Offering was taken. We discussed sending a box to Operation Iraqi Children and a box to Iraq for the soldiers to distribute. Box will be placed in the church for this. A list of items we can send is at the church. Anyone may bring their donations to the church. Members present were: Helen Rhodes, Kay Brown, Pastor Carrie and Louise Cressler. Kathy Nauer joined us at 3 p.m. Helen served crackers, cheese and coffee.

Several in the Jennings area have been sick recently with a flu like respiratory illness.

The community extends sympathy to Eleanor Morel and family. Cora Lea Hachmeister, Hill City, sister of Eleanor died Wednesday November 26, 2008. Funeral services were held in Hill City.

Graveside services for Dorothy Bainter, WaKeeney, were held at the Jennings Cemetery. Dorothy and Norman lived in Jennings for many years.

## Royal Neighbors to host feed

Royal Neighbors will be hosting a ham and bean with cornbread dinner at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Norcatour City Building. The community is invited and a dessert would be welcomed. Donations are accepted. Funds go to the Decatur County Food Bank. Come join us for dinner!

The United Methodist Women of Norton are sponsoring a "Cookie and Candy Walk" to be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Norton Senior Center, 208 W. Main.

A variety of cookies and candies, made and provided by church families, will be displayed on trays so you can make the selections you want. Cookies will be sold for \$4.50 a pound and candy for \$5.50 a pound. The proceeds will go to mission projects. You can also purchase your morning coffee and a homemade cinnamon roll at the center. This is an opportunity to get a variety of holiday sweets for family and/or holiday entertaining.

We filled the recycle trailer, recycling 1,500 pounds!! WOW!! Keep saving your items, the trailer will be back Monday, Dec. 1 through Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Happy Birthday to Timothy Helm, Nov. 29; Troy Wentz, Dec. 1; and Ruth Dickey, Dec. 2.

The Senior Citizens met Friday, Nov. 21. There were 10 players present. Winners were Joyce Sumner, Beth Johnson, and Claudia Bridges. The next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Educational Building.

In celebration of Bula Kelley's 90th birthday on Thursday, Dec. 4, her sons are presenting her with a birthday card shower. She would be honored if you would send a birthday card to her at Juniper Village, P.O. Box 191, Lamar, Colo., 81052.

Darrel and Alice Barnett have a great-nephew on the swim team at Blue Springs, Missouri High School. The weekend of Nov. 15, the team qualified for the state meet held at St. Louis, Mo.

After Saturday's preliminaries, *The Blue Springs Examiner* titled their article "Wildcats put themselves in Wright position for state trophy." Our nephew's name is Jameson Wright. Jameson finished sixth in the 200 yard freestyle, eighth in the 100 yard butterfly, and third in both the 200 and 400 yard free style relay.

Jameson is a junior in high school and we look forward to next year. Jameson's dad is Ren Wright of Blue Springs and his grandparents are Tom and Mary Wright of Salina. Mary is a sister of Alice Barnett.

On Saturday, Frank Ward visited with Wava Reames, Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson for lunch at

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the Hidden Dragon in Norton.

We had a rather frightening event in Norcatour this past Sunday. A little boy had a serious accident while playing.

The ambulance, local fire department, and sheriff's department responded.

He was then medi-flighted to Kearney by helicopter. The helicopter landed on the blacktop coming into town.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family and especially with the little guy.

On Nov. 16, a family birthday party was held for R.D. Thornton at the Good Samaritan Center. We had a pizza party and cake and ice cream. Family members that were able to attend were Chris Dempewolf, Sharee Dempewolf and Aaron Mann, Laci Leichter, Ralph and Lynn Streit. On Nov. 22, Lisa and Laci Leichter were visitors of R.D.'s.

Word was received that our good friend, Robert L. "Bob" Crabill had the misfortune to break his hip on Nov. 9. He is painfully progressing at the rehabilitation center at the Hays Medical Center. We wish him lots of fortitude and a speedy recovery.

You can reach him at Hays Medical Rehab Unit, 2220 Canterbury Dr., Hays, Kan., 67601.

Prairie Land Food will be offering not only their usual food pack but several special holiday food packs. You must order before Monday, Dec. 8 and payment is required when the order is placed. By purchasing a food pack, you will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a free food pack for January, February and March. For more information, call Terri James at 693-4261; Bee Nelson, 693-4569; or The Bank of Norcatour.

**Museum Tid-Bits**  
Thanks to John and Carol New for the Reid Lumber Yard ledger books that they bought at the Leichter estate sale. What a great find!

Thanks to Alice Rubendall for the cardinal banner that she donated to the museum.

Also donated was a piece of cloth that has all the signatures of the Norcatour Rural High School Senior Class of 1955 on it.

We received a desk that was in the Citizen's State Bank from the Leichter estate. Thanks so much! A BIG HUGE thanks to Gary and Chris Bushey and Doug Dempewolf for helping move the desk to the museum.

Thanks to Doris Clydsedale for the Norcatour Centennial Ribbon. Thanks to the Norcatour News

ladies for copies of the wonderful pictures that have been in the news the last few weeks.

If you have any pictures of Norcatour, we would love to have copies of them!



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