

Good Samaritan Center News

Many have come to the center to make this Christmas special through gifts and song. We appreciate all the loving things that the community and families do for our Good Sam family of residents and staff.

The day began Monday, Dec. 20, with devotions by Angela Musgrave. Christmas carols were sung. During Folding Fellowship, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Ivah Alexander and Jan Conway pitched in to help the laundry ladies. Mrs. Steinmetz' first-grade class came to read to the residents. The students had made snowmen ornaments to give to their special reading pals.

Also on Monday Lisa Stacy read "The Journey to Bethlehem" to Eva Cuthbertson, Agnes Chambers and Bernice Brown. Myrna Jones, Edla Olson and Lois Carlson played the organ, piano and harmonica in the afternoon. The singing group, Chanté, performed as part of the festivities. Social Hour followed.

Janice Shobe led Tuesday morning devotions. Crafters at Heart's Creation made sugar cookies with Lisa Stacy. Garrah Gaumer and Ivah Alexander helping with the colorful frosting. Don Farr led exercises. Residents' Council met on Tuesday. Co-chairman Dena Gillespie opened with a devotion entitled, "They are watching us." The Red Barn Gang shared Christmas medleys with everyone. Homemade sugar cookies and coffee were served.

Angela Musgrave led devotions

and morning songs on Wednesday. Bible study was led by Mert McEvoy. Edla Olson gave a grand performance at the Oberlin Elementary School for the first grade class. Edla, dressed as Mrs. Kris Kringle, shared the story. "Christmas Trolls", and a history of how Sweden celebrates the Christmas traditions.

Roxie Erickson and Dorothy Alstrom provided nail care Wednesday afternoon. During Social Hour, birthday cake was served for Garrah Gaumer, Mamie Unger, Everett Fisher, Lois Buchholz, Kathryn Post, and Florence Fisher. Ellen Horn served refreshments. Herndon Covenant Church members shared Christmas carols. Bingo concluded the day's events.

On Thursday Dennis Brown led morning devotions. Catholic Mass was held for Lois Buchholz, Bonnie Weskamp and Ruby McKenna. The Christmas story from the gospel of Luke was read. Holiday trivia about the origin of snow was shared with Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Ruth Laidig, and Alan Adleman.

Social Hour Thursday afternoon brought Christmas songs presented by Debbie, Hana, Ellie, and Chloe Withington of Chetopa. They are the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Neva Campbell and Genevieve Erickson.

On Christmas Eve morning, devotions were led by Lisa Stacy. The Folding Fellowship ladies, Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, Jeanette

Conway and Garrah Gaumer, folded clothing protectors and napkins. Gifts donated by Faith Lutheran Church were distributed to residents.

A Christmas Eve service was held by Dennis Brown and Lisa Stacy, beginning with several Christmas carols. Cheryl Miller accompanied on the piano. Lisa and Dennis alternated reading the account of Jesus' birth from Luke. At the conclusion, each resident brought a figure to complete a large nativity scene, symbolic of the way each of us comes to Christ.

Dennis Brown led Christmas Day devotions. Anita Hirsch and Jeanette Diederich sang. Social Hour followed in the afternoon.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church led Sunday services. Phil Erickson served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Hazel Flaska** - Myrna Lacina, Jan Collins, Don Karnes; **Leo Mooty** - Pat and Melody Wilshire and Megan, Rachele Gorrell, Connor and Logan; **Ruth Laidig** - Ernie and Janice Mehl, Logan and Eric; **Dena Gillespie** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Steve Hartzog, June Vavroch; **Garrah Gaumer** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Joan McKenna; **Ruby McKenna** - Ed and Gloria McKenna, Jerry and Fran Chambers, Donna and Anita Chambers, Joan McKenna, Hannah Hageman; **Eva Bryan**, Verna Mae Anderson, Helen Jaderborg, Janice Sauvage, Kevin, Debbie, Seth, Nate

and Jamie Kelley; **Edla Olson** - Verna Mae Anderson; **John and Muriel Ready** - Jody Betts, Norma Richards, Verna Mae Anderson; **Kathryn Post** - Nora Bearley, Nila Wesch.

Also visiting were Kathryn George of Brush, Colo.; and Elaine Bryan.

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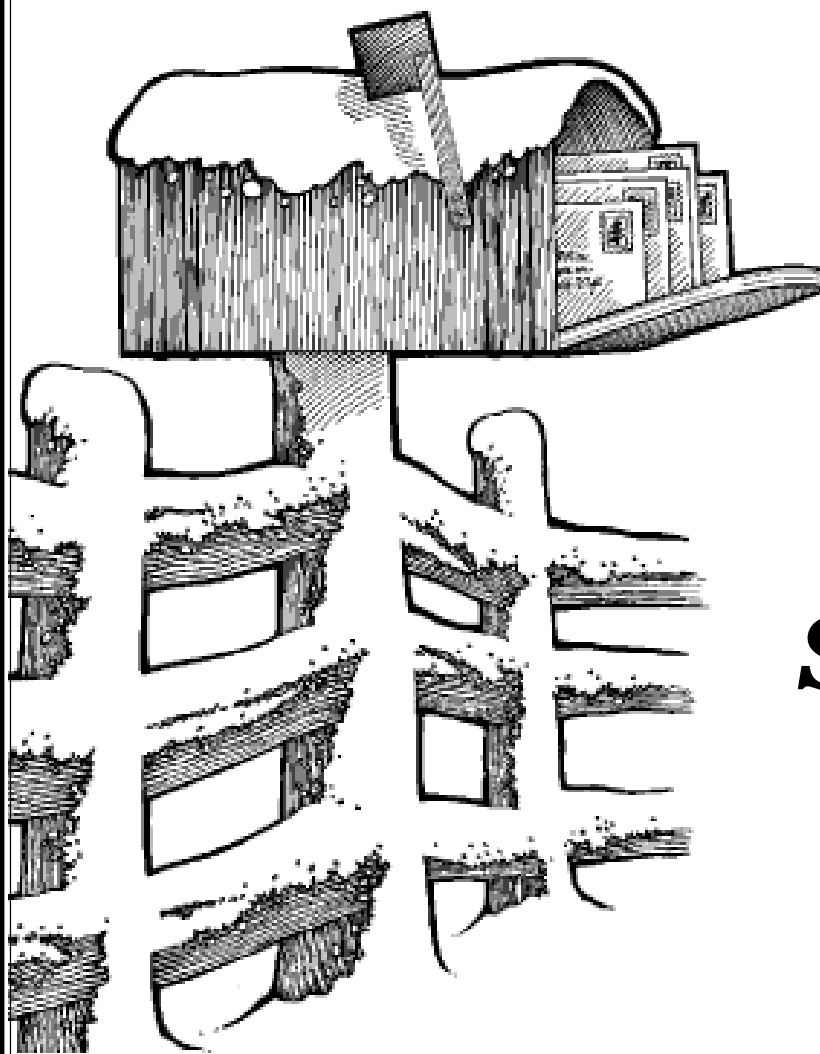
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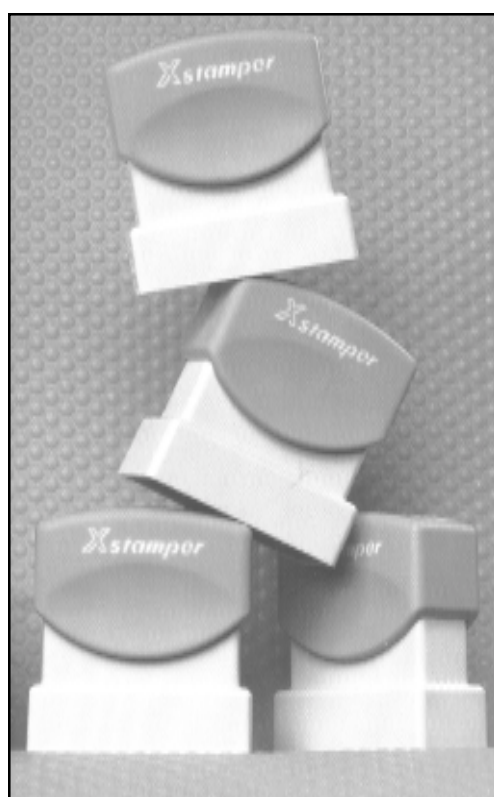
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