

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Bee Nelson's daughter, Tara, and a friend, Anita Volskay, were her guests over the Thanksgiving weekend. They had dinner on Thanksgiving Day with Ron and Gerry Temple and family. In the afternoon, Tara, Anita, and Bee stopped at the new farm home of Jesse and Megan Carter and girls to visit with Max and Norma Ward and their families. Tara and Anita got in some blue rock shooting on Friday. Wayne and Norma McCallister were supper guests Saturday, followed by a brief visit with Wava Reames.

Peg Roe, a 1950 graduate of Norcatour Rural High School, observed her birthday on Dec. 5. She lives at 1008 N. Washington, Elk City,

Okla., 63644.

Birthdays include: Jade Elizabeth Tuttle, Dec. 10; Sheree Milnes, Dec. 11; Mindy Braun, Dec. 12. Happy Anniversary to Gwynn and Judy Ward, Dec. 13.

There were 15 players for cards on Dec. 2 at the Educational Building. Winners were Rea Magers, Margaret Magers and Pastor Ed Woods. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. Friday.

The annual Norcatour Christmas drawing will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday and Santa will be here. The drawing will also be held for the Tick-Tock Christmas clock, which is being raffled. There will be a benefit soup supper for Loretta Lawn Fowler for a freewill dona-

tion from 5 to 7 p.m. sponsored by volunteers.

Thanksgiving guests of Marian Dempewolf were Dave and Patty Stapp, Samuel Stapp, Norcatour; Kaitlyn Stapp, Michael Schamberger, Gabby Schamberger, Hoxie; Amber Dempewolf, Cody Smith, Topeka; Andrew Dempewolf, Jenna Braun, Hays; Greg Dempewolf, Darcie Zuck and Jayda, Culbertson, Neb.

Marian Dempewolf celebrated her birthday on Dec. 4. Family that met her for a birthday lunch at McCook were Dave and Patty Stapp, Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison, Greg Dempewolf and Darcie Zuck and Jayda.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

The secret is out! It really wasn't a secret at all, and I didn't know anyone thought so. I realize that for years, my daughter, Carol, has said she has trouble getting her dressing, or stuffing, as many call it, to come out like mine. I just accepted it as a compliment, as I like hers as well. One day, she mentioned how she liked my dressing, and I said, "I usually add a box of the Stove Top for the extra flavor and just add to it - bread, broth, eggs, etc".

She said, "Oh, I thought it must be a long-kept family secret, and couldn't quite figure it out."

Now, you know if I had an old family recipe, I would share it with my daughters especially. A few days later I saw someone on TV asking a famous chef for his stuffing recipe. He said to go buy a box of Stove-top. The one interviewing him asked, "And then what?"

The chef said, "Follow the in-

structions on the box." Do you suppose he was serious?

My son, Merlin, sent me a picture of his son, Michael, at his graduation. Michael just doesn't like the attention, but I told Merlin to tell him he had to do something for his old grandma. I don't understand the language, but the picture says "Graduated ITC 12-2-11" The award is the "Major General Merritt Edson Academic Award."

Another Christmas is just around the corner. Again, I don't know how a year could go so fast. The town lights are up, Christmas parties are taking place, cards are coming and cookies are baking.

I received a beautiful tray of goodies from the 4-H kids, bless their hearts, and the hearts of the mothers and helpers. I sampled them and they are as good as they look. Thank you so much!

My neighbor, Brandy came over,

brought me some things for future quilts and had coffee and a cookie with me. She, and other neighbors, have been good to take us places. I appreciate it all a lot.

Norma McCallister took me to The Red Hat Christmas party at Lenora at the home of Veda Heisel. We had a good time, elected officers, opened gifts from a grabbag and had Christmas goodies.

Kathy VanMeter and Lloyd Frandsen went to the annual Nebraska Cattleman's Convention at Holiday Express in Kearney, Neb., from Dec. 7 to 9. They had trade booths, workshops and a banquet on Thursday evening.

Judy and Charlie Easton visited Toots Magers on Sunday, had lunch and did some work for her.

The Lyle road was not too bad to have church on Sunday, and Larry Van Otterloo scooped snow from in front of the Community building, which helped a lot.

Cedar Living Center News

By Teresa Shaughnessey

Most of the residents have returned to good health after a short bout with the flu and we are ready for the holiday season to go into high gear. The trees are trimmed, the Christmas programs have begun and we hope that many of our friends and family will visit during the busy month of December.

Our biggest party of the season is just a few days away. The residents, Santa, and a 100 or so of our favorite family and friends will meet in the Cedar Living Center dining room at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18. There will be lots of music, good food and old-fashioned fun.

There is always room for an extra guest or two if anyone wants to drop in on the party.

Tuesday was our first day to return to a normal schedule of activities following the flu. The afternoon

was especially fun when residents met to decorate the big tree in the dining room. The group listened to Christmas music during the decorating and enjoyed refreshments when the work was completed.

A group of young carolers from Oberlin Elementary School dropped in before lunch on Wednesday to sing a medley of holiday tunes before a delighted audience of residents and staff. The children left a large handmade greeting card signed by the students.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to put together a beautiful Christmas wreath.

Bible study was held before supper on Wednesday with the lesson focusing on the Advent season.

Christmas stories and traditions were shared during the social hour on Thursday afternoon. Residents

also showed their skills playing trivia games.

Friday afternoon we enjoyed chocolate chip cookies fresh from the oven. Myrna Jones showed up just as we were emptying our coffee cups to get us in a festive mood by playing a variety of Christmas tunes on the piano. As always, we sang and laughed along with Myrna.

The Oberlin Community Fellowship gave the Worship Service on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Gary Anthony, Norcatour; Eileen Portschy, Herndon.

Carol Kompus, Dolores Deperschmidt, Juanita Williby, Gerry Neff, Debbie Pearson, Robert Fringer, Marilyn Gamblin, Gene and Helen Gee, Doris Yacovetta, Oberlin.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Mark Shaw and Ethan, rural Logan, spent from Wednesday through Friday of last week at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw to do some deer hunting.

Guests at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw over the weekend for pheasant hunting were: Brandon Wagoner, Granby, Mo.; Brent Finley, Joplin, Mo.; Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs. Saturday evening guests were Rick and Tammy Shaw and their grandson, Skylar, from Selden.

Card players gathering at the Senior Center on Dec. 7 were: Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Diane Carter, Alice Wagoner, Carol Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler and Alice

Mizer. Refreshments of cookies, candy, nuts and drinks were served. Anyone is welcome like to join us. Today, Dec. 14, will be our Christmas dinner at noon. Main dishes are being prepared at the center. If you would like you may bring a salad or dessert.

A large crowd attended the Lions soup and dessert lunch Saturday at the Community Hall. Santa arrived shortly after 1 p.m. and the gift drawing was held afterwards. Two turkeys and two hams were given by the City of Jennings; one smoked turkey given by Fleckensteins and a \$20 envelope given by Daryl Hartzog were drawn last. All the gifts, donated by individuals for the drawing, were very much

appreciated. Without individual donations this could not have been a successful day. We thank everyone who helped decorate and those who donated gifts.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The children's Christmas program will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church followed by treats for everyone.

Jeani Hengst of Mechanicsburg, Pa., plans to arrive this week to visit her mother, Mildred Holmdahl, and help with the open house which she and her sisters, Janeil Jensen and Janet Vermillion, plan to have for her from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Golden Age Center in Oberlin in observance of her 90th birthday.

Weekend hunting guests of Orrin and Beth Holle and family were Jeff and Nancy Holste and Cody, Colorado Springs; Steven and Teresa Mazouch, Josephine and Meredith, Great Bend; Kurt Holste, Alex and Chris, Ludell, Brandon Leubbers and friend, Ashley, Leoti, and

friend, Troy, Golden, Colo.

Congratulations to Kurt Olson, who graduated on Saturday from Kansas State University. He received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Agronomy.

Among those who attended commencement exercises at Bramlage Coliseum and a reception which honored him at the Holiday Inn were Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary, and Spencer Rose, Hoxie; Brandon and Sarah White, Gardner; Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland; Joel and Abby Krause, Gracelyn and Jada, Dallas; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Daryl and Shirley Maresch, Nathan and Tim, Nekoma; Bev Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette; and Keith and Mary Lou Olson, and Clay and Jennie Anderson, Herndon.

Bible Stories continued

By Doug Mason, pastor Teens for Christ

Last week we started the story of the Old Testament leading us to the need for the New Testament. We so often hear nice moral stories from the Old Testament, but fail to see that they are all connected. In part I we learned about Creation, the fall of mankind, and the wrath of God. As the story ended we were introduced to Abram. His story continues.

Part II

Time goes on and Isaac became an adult and went looking for a wife. His servant discovered a woman who helped him get water at a well, which was an omen of sorts. After securing permission from her family, Rebekah returned with the servant and married Isaac. Rebekah gave birth to twins. These were no ordinary twins. We know them as Jacob and Esau. Esau was born first and he was large and hairy. For the sake of not mixing them up we'll just call Esau, Harry. Jacob was born a close second, actually holding onto the heel of Esau. Can you see that? Jacob actually grabbed on to Harry, so we'll call Jacob, Grabby.

Since Harry was born first he had the rights to his father's inheritance. Grabby wanted to get the inheritance, so while Harry was out hunting for food, Grabby cooked up a nice bowl of alphabet soup. When Harry got back he was really hungry. Harry loved alphabet soup.

Grabby told Harry that he could have some soup if Harry would relinquish his inheritance.

Harry said OK, not really paying attention to the weight of the conversation.

Later, a famine came to the land and God told Isaac to go to Egypt to wait out the famine, and that Isaac would have lots of descendants in keeping with God's promise to Abraham. So Isaac, Rebekah and the boys go to Egypt.

Grabby still needed a blessing from Isaac to complete the inheritance, so he put on animal skins and pretended to be Harry, while Harry was out hunting. Isaac was blind at this point, so Isaac, unknowingly, gave Grabby the blessing meant for Harry. Jacob got worried that his brother would kill him for this dirty little trick, so he left town.

Jacob, while away from home, discovered a beautiful woman and boldly inquired about whom she was and finding out that she was a distant relative asked Rachel's dad, Jacob's uncle, for her hand in marriage. Yah, I know what we call that, but it's the way it was. The uncle said yes, but Jacob first must work for him for seven years. Jacob agreed and waited those seven years. Finally on the wedding night Rachel's father played a dirty trick and got Jacob married to his uncle's other daughter and, as a result, required Jacob to work for him another seven years. Jacob agreed to this because he loved Rachel so much and finally, after a total of 14 years of waiting, married Rachel. God had them move on to the land of Haran, which we know as Syria.

How does life go for Jacob and Rachel? Find out next week.



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The Rev. Linda Willey
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Pastor: Dennis Brown
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102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Linda Willey
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The Rev. Royce Leitner
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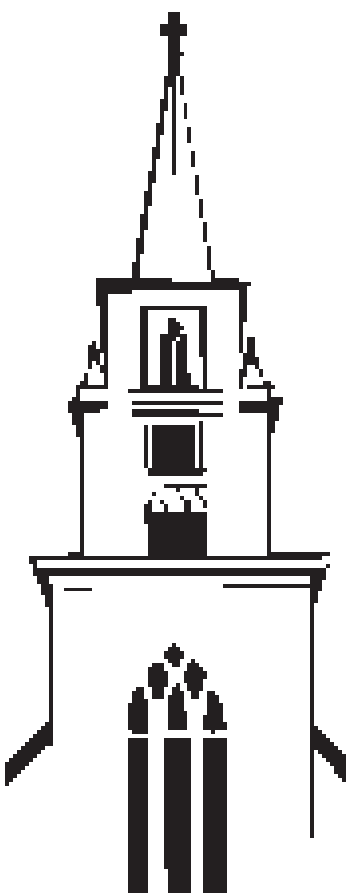
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