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Resident Housecall

Meet Virginia Ross

You have heard of *Rosie The Riveter* and now you are going to meet one such “Rosie” by the name of Virginia (“Virgie”) Ross, of Dacoma, Oklahoma. But first just a little history to refresh our memories:

“Rosie the Riveter is a cultural icon of the United States, representing the American women who worked in war factories during World War II, many of whom worked in the manufacturing plants that produced munitions and materiel. These women sometimes took entirely new jobs and sometimes took the places of the male workers who were in the military.”

“...Shirley Karp Dick (who was the original Rosie) was part of the movement that motivated over 11 million women to join in World War II, by doing the paperwork, making guns for soldiers, or doing other service in the war effort.

“The actual image of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on a Norman Rockwell cover of a 1943 *Saturday Evening Post*... named for the women who were popping rivets on the West Coast, and making bombers and fighters for aeronautical companies like Boeing.”
[Http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosie_the_Riveter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosie_the_Riveter)

Virgie Ross was just 18 years old in 1943 when she worked at the Boeing plant in Wichita, Kansas as a “rivet checker”. Now YOU know a “Rosie the Riveter”! Maybe there are some others here at Share?

Virgie was the daughter of Charlie and Alma Haltom. She was the youngest of 9 children in the family. She as born on December 22, 1924 6 miles SW of Dacoma, Oklahoma (two miles south of Greensburg) on her folk's farm. She is now the only surviving member of her family of origin.

She married Loyd Ross in 1943 when he returned from his military service enlistment. To their union two sons were born: Dale and Terry.

After their marriage Virgie worked at the Dacoma Telephone Office, then the Whittet Locker Plant. Before she retired in 1992 from full time work she had been an employee of the Hopeton State Bank for 28 years.

Loyd Ross passed in 2000 after they had enjoyed nearly 57 years together. He had farmed and worked for Woods County District # 3 for many years.

Dale Ross lives in Dacoma. After graduation from NWOSU in 1969 (and four years on the NWOSU Basketball team!) Dale taught and coached at Burlington. Then he became the principle of the Carmen Dacoma schools and now he is the Superintendent of Schools at Waynoka. Dale and Sharon have two sons in Tulsa and one son living in Oklahoma City. The Ross's have four grandchildren.

Terry Ross graduated from NWOSU in 1973. He first worked at Central National Bank for 15 months. Then he worked at First National Bank of Carmen for over 9 years. On July 16, 1983 he became the opening president for Community Bank here in Alva where he continues in that capacity and where they have just celebrated 25 years of service to our community. Terry has two daughters: Joanie, who will soon be moving back to Alva; and Jennifer, who will be getting married in a couple of weeks.

Virgie has been a resident at Share since April. When asked about her hobbies Virgie was declared to be a great cook by her son, Terry, “Especially her Chicken Fried Steak!” Yum...maybe we can get her recipe?!



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Left:
Virgie
and son
Terry.
Right:
Loyd &
Virgie in
1943.





Jane's Corner

Jane Gaskill, Administrator

Greetings...

Time goes by so fast. We are already into August. Some of the cooler weather has been nice, but we need rain of course. We tried so hard to have flowers but eh buckwheat and hot wind has not been kind to us. It is so sad that we will lose the

pine trees that have been here since the 1960's. They were beautiful and an nice wind break.

I forgot to mention something very important last month. We survey residents and some are tired of this, but the one most important thing we learned: residents state over and over again that they are **lonesome for their family**. We do what we can but we cannot replace you. Do not forget that a phone call or just a note can go a long way.

The Code Alert system had a Battery Pac replaced, monitors should be working fine now. Tests are done on the personal monitor on Sundays as the little monitor has a battery also. The door will lock as a deterrent but according to the Life Safety/Fire Code it must release after about 15 seconds of pushing on it as there could be a real fire.

Welcome to Debbie Stoner, in the Activities Department. She will be replacing Natasha Foster. Debbie brings lots of experience to the job and we are looking forward to new ideas. Until next time..... *Jane*

If there is an employee that you would like to honor with a Star, on the dining room bulletin board, for service "above and beyond"the call of duty, please fill out their name and the reason that you are awarding them this star. Thank you!

Name: _____

Reason for the star: _____

Welcome to our
New Residents:
Powell McGuire
Nell Carver

In Sympathy
and Remembrance:
Nellie Burnham
Peggy Dunlap
Katherine Nunnelee
Myrna Allen



Resident Bob Cloyd
graciously filled in for the
Sunday services on August 2.
He spoke from Matthew 6:33

Resident Council Minutes

The Share Convalescent Home's Resident Council met Tuesday, July 28, 2009 in the dining room. Opening ceremonies were first on the agenda and led by the current chairperson. Minutes of the June meeting were read by the social service manager and approved by the group. In reviewing the complaints from the June meeting the water temperature is no longer a problem in the showers on either shift, and the showers being disinfected and cleaned was again discussed.

One resident stated the nursing home need to purchase more wash clothes because the disposable are expensive and she didn't like them. A request was made that staff members remember to knock before opening a closed door. The only complaint for the dietary department was the soup needed to be heated longer. Residents attending agreed the housekeeping department is doing a good job. There was no further business brought to the council so the meeting was adjourned.



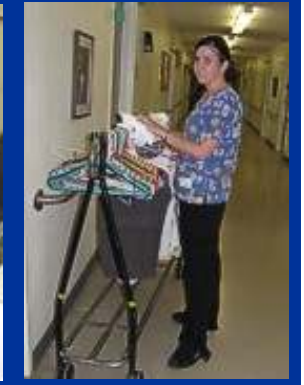
Share has a new Activity Director

Welcome to Debbie Stoner, of Carmen, our new Activity Director. Debbie comes to us with experience from working at the Carmen Nursing Home, where she worked until it closed in 2001. She worked for a year at the Waynoka Center and worked for six and a half years with Scott Schwerdtfeger, P.A., at the Waynoka Family Clinic.

Debbie began her duties here at Share on July 20th.

"I spent the first three days following Jeannine and Rita around," shared Debbie. "They are wonderful! They showed me what I needed to do and where I needed to be and when. I think I've got it now! And I've enjoyed my first week here - meeting all of the residents."

Debbie is married to Gary - who works for Chesapeake in Waynoka. They have two married children and three granddaughters.



SCH Volunteer Taylor Waggoner (at left) is following in his family's footsteps and has been collecting antiques and novelties for some time now.

He held a one-man show this month at Share - bringing some of his things to display for the Residents enjoyment.

Taylor's grandparents (left) are SCH residents Ruth and Pete Nutter.



A One-Man Show



Share's Community Bulletin Board

(If you have something to post on the bulletin board call Patti @ 327-2938)

Announcing a new item for our newsletter The Community Bulletin Board. Let us know if you have anything to post here!



(This space could be yours next month!)

Attention All! August 27th we will be having an activity called "All about Aprons"

*Cost of admission: **Wear an apron!** Please bring old family aprons to show - any kind - men's or women's. butcher, baker, candlesticks maker, carpenter, cook, even a cowboys best chaps! See you there!!!*

We are searching for a missing quilt. It is lap-sized and has safety pins in it - as it is an unfinished project.



Sundays

3:45 pm... Church Services

2nd...Assembly of God

9th...Friends Church

16th..First United Methodist

23rd...Bible Baptist

30th...Zion Lutheran

Mondays

10 am... Games

3:00 pm ... Bingo



**Birthday Party:
August
21st
3:00 pm**

Happy Birthday!

Merle Dean Glasgow - 3rd

William Bissantz - 19th

Bob Cloyd - 24th

Clarence Rackley - 27th

Pete Nutter - 30th

Ethel Rathgeber- 31st

August Activities

Tuesdays

10 am

Word Games

11th...Resident Council

3:00 pm

Story Time

4:30 pm... Happy Hour

Wednesdays

10 am... Bingo

3:00 pm...Bible Study

Thursdays

10:00 am...Singing

10:30 am...Bible Stories

3:00 pm...Game Time

3:30 pm

6th...Root Beer Floats

Fridays

10 am... Bingo

3:00 pm...Munchies

Saturdays

3:00 pm

8th & 22nd...Games

15th & 29th...Movies and popcorn

Evening Activities:

6:30 PM

Tuesday evening:

18th...The Williams

Thursday evenings:

5:30 pm

19th...Ice Cream Social

6:30 pm

20th...Methodist Service



*School days, school days,
Good old golden rule days...*