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Patti Brace at the Pretty Prairie City Office/Library said all 17 volumes of Barclay's Commentaries are in and available for check out.

Barclay's Bible Commentaries Available in Pretty Prairie Library

By Jane Siebert

Rapha Bible Study is pleased to share a wonderful resource with the Pretty Prairie community in memory of their founder and wise woman, Doris Stucky. The New Testament Daily Study Bible series by William Barclay is available in the Pretty Prairie Library.

These in depth commentaries are written for the general public and bring the words of scripture to life, just as Doris did as she led the weekly Bible study. She was an avid reader, teacher and listener and she asked the best questions. Her style was not to tell us what to think but to make us think for ourselves and "ponder them in our hearts".

William Barclay was a Scottish author, radio and television presenter, Church of Scotland

minister, and Professor of Divinity and Biblical Criticism at the University of Glasgow.

While professor, he decided to dedicate his life to "making the best biblical scholarship available to the average reader". The eventual result was the Daily Study Bible, a set of 17 commentaries on the New Testament. These commentaries do not set a program of regular study. Rather, they go verse by verse through the New Testament, listing and examining every possible interpretation known to Barclay and providing all the background information he considered possibly relevant, all in layman's terms. The commentaries were fully updated with the help of William Barclay's son, Ronnie Barclay, in recent years and they are now known as the New Daily Study Bible series.

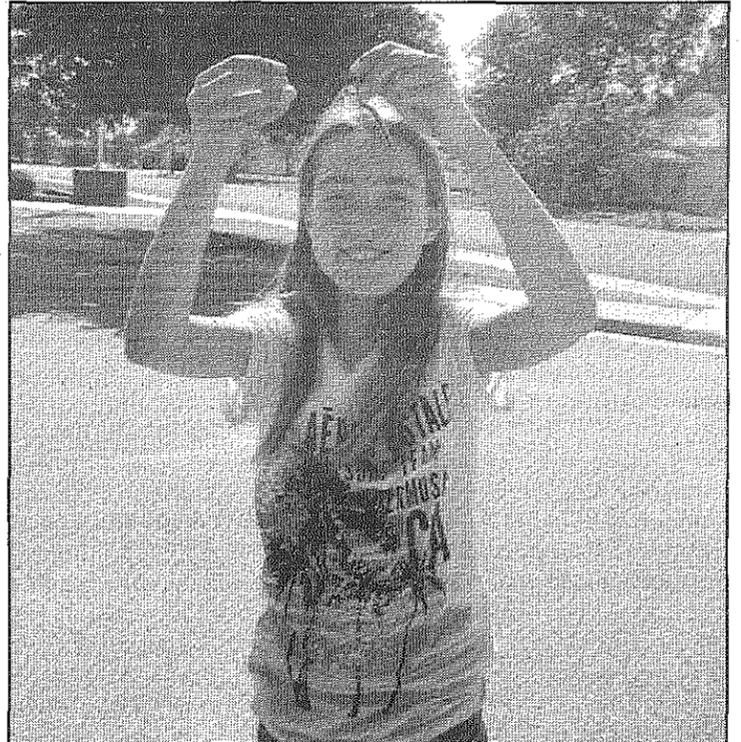
(Wikipedia)

Doris introduced the Rapha Bible Study women to these wonderful resources that apply the truths of the Bible to the circumstances of daily life. Like Barclay, Doris stressed that studying the scriptures is only the first step to a Christian life. Living and practicing the teaching of Christ is the path that opens our heart to our neighbor and to God.

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Santa Claus is coming to town

The Pretty Prairie Community Association and the Booster Club are once again sponsoring Santa Claus Day at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8th at the Civic Theater. "A Fairy Christmas" will be shown at 10:00 a.m. followed by a drawing for Christmas prizes, and a visit with Santa Claus himself. We hope to see you there!



Gabi Unruh got up close and personal with an earthworm while Elise Stucky (below) examined water moving through soil.

PP 4th grade students learn about soil and water quality

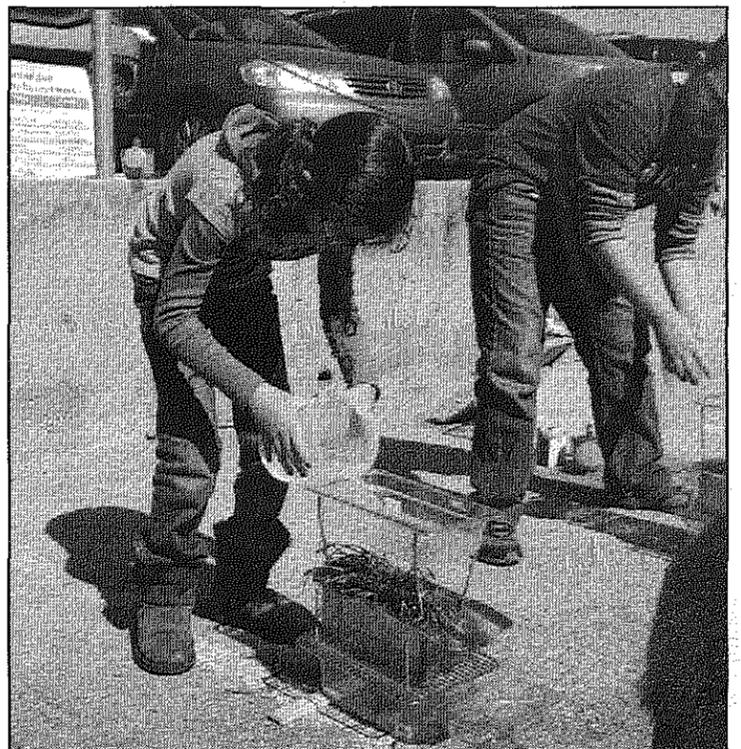
By Lisa French
Cheney Lake Watershed

Ask any Pretty Prairie 4th grade student whether you can get two worms by cutting one in half and they will tell you that they have learned that is not true. DeAnn Presley, KSU Research and Extension agronomist, and Peter Tomlinson, assistant professor in Agronomy at KSU, recently partnered with Lisa French from the Cheney Lake Watershed to lead activities on soil and water quality for 4th grade classrooms at Pretty Prairie, Partridge, and Fairfield. The classes at Pretty Prairie are

taught by Dennis Detter and Stephanie Gehring.

The first session on October 9th included a rainfall simulation over soil samples that included living plants, tilled soil, and undisturbed cropland with heavy vegetative mulch. The demonstration showed dramatic differences in the amount of water that moved through the soil, the amount that ran off, and the cleanliness of the water. The highlight of the day was the opportunity to get an up close look at earthworms and learn about their biology and their

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Angel Tree Tradition continues in Pretty Prairie

In the true spirit of the season, Jessica and Jess Stucky are continuing a program to bring Christmas joy to those less fortunate.

With the ups and downs in our economy, it has been another rough year for many people, including some in our Pretty Prairie community. Most of us know someone who has been negatively impacted by unemployment, reduced work hours, or medical conditions that have created financial hardship. For those facing these types of hardships, the holiday season brings new worries as they try to figure out how they will provide their kids with even a simple gift. We want to help make the holidays special for as many families as possible.

This year, we look to continue the tradition of a Pretty Prairie Community Angel Tree.

Community members that have experienced hardships outside of their control are strongly encouraged to complete the attached referral form and turn it in either at the City Office Drop Box, or at First Mennonite Church. Referrals may also be mailed to: Pretty Prairie Community Angel Tree, 216 S Plum, Pretty Prairie, KS 67570

Referrals must be received by

Friday, November 30th in order to be included on the Angel Tree. All information on the forms will be kept confidential, and delivery information will only be shared with the sponsors of the Pretty Prairie Community Angel Tree. If you, yourself have not suffered a hardship this year, but are aware of a family that may need some assistance with Christmas, PLEASE feel free to refer them.

Here's how it works:

* By December 2nd, Angels will be placed on Christmas trees located at the Pretty Prairie City Office, and First Mennonite Church

* To participate, simply remove an Angel ornament from a Christmas tree. Purchase at least TWO gifts for each Angel Tree child - one article of clothing and one toy/fun item. Depending on the request/price, it may be possible to supplement the original gift idea with additional items.

* Try to keep the total value of the gifts combined at a minimum of \$40 but not exceeding \$50. We want each child to receive gifts that are approximately the same value.

* Gifts need to be wrapped and turned in by Friday, December 21st for delivery on Saturday, December 22nd. They can be dropped off at the Pretty Prairie City Office Monday thru Friday,

8 am - 5 pm, or at First Mennonite Church, or at 216 S. Plum, Pretty Prairie.

Should you have questions, please contact Jess or Jessica Stucky at 620-615-1606 or 620-615-2319, or email at: prairiefirepointers@yahoo.com

Thank you for helping others this holiday season - we look forward to helping many with the Pretty Prairie Community Angel Tree.

Rapha ladies collecting for PPGS students

The Rapha Bible Study ladies will set up boxes that you may donate items in for our Pretty Prairie Grade school children.

The needs are: hats, gloves, mittens, small sweat pants sizes 5-7 and 7-8; socks, hooded sweat shirts small-medium kids size 3-4 on up, back packs, underwear, and general school supplies.

So many children lose these items through the year. These items will be placed in the Grade School office for appropriate distribution.

Donation boxes will be located at the City Office/Library, Strohl Oil and Walt's Repair.

Soil and Water

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contributions to soil health and water quality.

The scientists returned on November 2nd to talk about water testing. Students brought water samples from streams, water faucets, and dog bowls to test for nitrates and phosphorus. Darrin Unruh was invited to talk about the relationship between his farm management and water quality. Unruh emphasized soil testing and the use of cover crops to capture nutrients and build soil health.

The project was funded in part by a grant from the Sustainable Ag Research and Education (SARE) Program at USDA.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

FIRST PUBLISHED ON THE 16th day of NOVEMBER, 2012 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RENO COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEITH ALAN PETERS, Deceased Case No. 2012 PR 38 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Melanie Deterding, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Keith Alan Peters, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the Estate, approval of her acts, proceedings and accounts as Administrator, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled

to the Estate and assignment to the persons entitled thereto pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; the administration of the estate closed; the Administrator be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 10th day of December, 2012, at 9:30 o'clock A.M. on said day, in said Court, in the city of Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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GRRR! GRRR! GRRR!

Do you feel the title today is any indication that I am angry? Well, you got it right! With a December 1st birthday, this is the month for renewal of my driver's license. Last Thursday I had a morning appointment with my optometrist and, being out for that, I decided that was as good a time as any to go to the License Bureau and get it done. Since it had been four years since the last time, I wasn't prepared for all the changes.

Upon entering, I was appalled to find the huge room FULL of chairs filled with people waiting. I walked to the information desk and asked, "Where do I go? What do I do?" Her response was "What do you want to do?" I wanted to ask, "Well, is this the License Bureau?", but I calmly answered that I wished to renew my driver's license. She asked, almost rudely, "What's your cell phone number?" Not, "Do you have a cell phone?" but a short, snippy "What's your cell phone number?" Having no clue why she asked, I gave it to her. Her next utterance was "OK, you're in. It will be about two hours." My mouth dropped open, but I was there, I decided to wait. No other information was forthcoming so I found an empty, hard chair and sat down. The lady sitting next to me was very nice and began chatting immediately. She had her cell phone open and I could see there was a message regarding how many people were ahead of her and the time left to wait. 77 people and two hours. I opened my cell phone and had virtually the same message. I had not been informed of any of this, but I glanced at the clock, and found it to be 12:30.

Suddenly, there was a tone, and a gentleman saying, "We

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DOTTIE JONES

are now serving phone number 1234 at booth number 9." They called what we were getting service. My, My. Being human, we listened for our number with every announcement, even though we had 110 more minutes to wait. Finally, it was 2:30 and our two hours was up. We literally hung on every announcement. No luck.

At 3:38, they called my cell number being served at booth #4. I left the place at 3:45. Four years ago the system would have accommodated the same amount of people in probably thirty minutes, no more than an hour. This is progress as our governor sees it. There were employees manning four of nine stations. The state budget for this service was cut, yet the front page feature story of the 11/15/12 issue of the Eagle carries the news that the state has given the green light for 1.1 billion dollars worth of road projects in Wichita alone. Roads on which the drivers on them are being punished for the license to drive on them by a stupid, asinine, ridiculous system that wasn't broken in the first place. Yes, I'm angry and feeling that if brains like this are all that is required for the office, I just may run!

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