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Resident Housecall



Share Cornerstones
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Gail Swallow, Volunteer for the National Wildlife Program, gave an informative program about the Mexican Freetail Brown Bat which inhabits the Selman and Alabaster Caverns near Alva. **2 million** bats fly over the area every night from April through October! Kenneth Yates (above) is looking over the felt replica which Gail brought to display.



Lori Johnson and daughter, SCH employee, Gwen Burroughs - photo on the right. Mrs. Johnson's story is on page 3.



OSU Extension Agent, Kourtney Coats, did a great job this month, informing us about how the wheat crop was turning out and also fielding questions from the Residents. Thanks, Kourtney!

Everyone enjoyed the Petting Zoo here at the nursing home June 12th.

Here you see a photo of Billi Marriott showing Zipper, a patient and beautiful horse.

Check out that braided mane!





Jane's Corner

Jane Gaskill, Administrator

Greetings...

Time is going so fast, wheat cut, alfalfa cut, where are those watermelons?? Can't afford to drive to pick them! Oh well, I bet you could tell stories of times

harder than this.

Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate the new Share Medical Center van party. The nursing home received a grant that allowed us to have such a nice vehicle. If you have ridden in it...wow... nice and seems very safe.

I have attended more education provided by the State Governing Agency. There are many changes we will be looking at implementing. You will not necessarily see anything but there will be MORE paperwork.

There is a new compressor on the equipment in the basement that helps the air-conditioners run. Important for you to know we strive to keep equipment safe and running.

The Alva Fire Chief was here to do his yearly inspection of the facility and cleared.

The facility has requested application to complete yearly license renewal and then await inspectors.

I hope you have lots of family or friends stop by this Summer. We will plan events to celebrate the season.

HAPPY 4th OF JULY!!!

Until next time, *Jane*

Resident Council Minutes

The Share Convalescent Home's Resident Council met Wednesday, June 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the solarium. The meeting was called to order and opening ceremonies completed. Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. Complaints and concerns from the May meeting were reviewed, two residents stated their blinds had not been replaced since the last meeting, a resident also still has a faucet that is dripping and another stated his toilet seat was not clean all of the time.

New business included a request for the housekeepers to do a deep cleaning once a month and want to remind staff that they need to knock regardless if the door is open or shut. A discussion about privacy and having the doors open or shut, the residents worked it out for themselves. If a resident does not want their door open and the roommate does the privacy curtain can be pulled. No other business was brought before the council so the meeting was adjourned.



Welcome New Resident:
Ronnie Heaton

In Sympathy and Remembrance:
Hazel Pfleider
"Hap" Pearson
Kathy Buckley
L.D. Steffen



Meet Lorraine Johnson

It was 1943 - halfway through WWII. In Chicago a beautiful young gal named Lori, in her first year after graduation from Carl Schurz High School, met a handsome young Air Force Cadet, named Monty, at a dance on the campus of the University of Chicago. He was from Boulder, Colorado, and doing his military training in meteorology at the university. The story of Lori and Monty Johnson's lives, how they met, fell in love and then married, was similar to the experiences of many other young couples during those war years.

During high school Lori worked at Musket and Hendrickson's Drugstore in Chicago. She was a clerk and also worked the soda fountain. Her brother also worked there - training to be a Pharmacist. Lori's mom was alone, raising seven sons and also caring for a blind mother. All the kids worked to help out the family. After high school Lori worked for the Kemper Insurance Company until she and Monty were married.

Robert Maynard Hutchins was the father of Lori's best friend. He was, at that time, president of the University of Chicago.

When war threatened, Hutchins opposed it, but after the attack on Pearl Harbor he offered the government the resources of the University. Millions of dollars in government contracts poured in to support specialized training programs for military personnel in languages, radio technology, and meteorology, and for research vital to the war effort. The Manhattan Project which developed the atomic bomb was only one of many projects operating on the University campus during the war years. ([Http://www.lib.uchicago.edu](http://www.lib.uchicago.edu))

On a purely collegiate level President Hutchins was worried one evening that there wouldn't be enough girls at a particular dance being held at the university, so he convinced his daughter and her best friend to change their plans for the evening and attend. Although Lori had come over to her friends house dressed to go to the movies she allowed her girlfriend to dress her up like a real live Cinderella and they headed to the 'ball' - where Prince Charming awaited her.

If you saw the photo of those in attendance at the dance that evening, standing together on the steps of the building in which the dance was held, you would see the smiling faces of some of America's finest young military men before they learned first hand what it meant to 'serve your country'. You would also see some of the beautiful young women who would be left behind and waiting for those same men to, hopefully, return from war.

Lori and Monty survived those war years. Although he was stationed in the Aleutians part of that time he returned safely to the states and in 1948 the couple, along with daughters Karen and Gwen, moved to Alva in response to a request for help in his father's new insurance business. Their son Kent was born in Alva.

Lori was a stay-at-home mom, believing that just as Monty had a meaningful job to do everyday at the insurance office, she shouldered the at-home part of their shared responsibility. She also worked at keeping the romance in their marriage alive - by never allowing Monty to come home without finding her in a fresh blouse, newly applied lipstick and a powdered nose. They shared over 60 years together before Monty passed away.

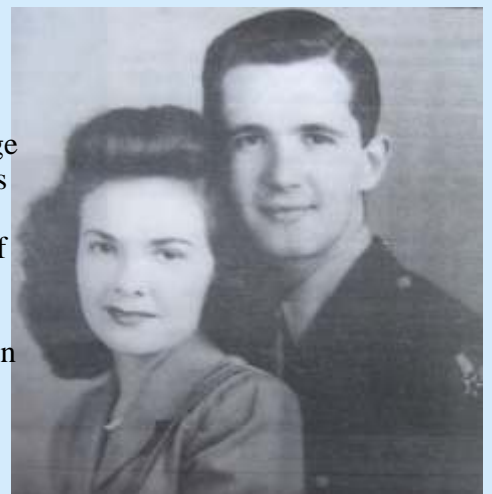
"She was a 'scratch' cook - no box mixes," shared daughter Gwen, "Everything was homemade and she didn't serve anything from a bottle either - not even salad dressing - everything was put out in glass dishes. There was no dust on her furniture and no weeds in her yard."

She's a member of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority, and an Honorary life member of Presbyterian Women. She

sang in the church choir and managed the church kitchen for many years.

Wednesdays were reserved for her hair appointment and her bridge club. And, in the evenings of years gone by, you might have caught sight of Lori and Monty walking their dogs around their Alva neighborhood hand in hand.

Lori still has one of the broadest and sweetest smiles imaginable. Partly the result of a great love!



Wedding photo: Monty & Lori Johnson



Carl Schurz High School is located on the northwest side of Chicago, Illinois, at the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Addison Streets.

It is a Chicago Landmark and is also listed on the National Register



Chevrolet Braun Entervan

Thursday June 27th (new van for SCH) Left to right: Dr Kirt Bierig, Chief of Staff- SMC; Dr. Troy Smith, Alva Hospital Authority, Jean Rose, SCH Social Services Manager, Arden Chaffee, Mayor of Alva, Jane Gaskill, Administrator SCH, Barb Oestmann, CEO Share Medical Center.



New air conditioning unit for the kitchen sits proudly atop the building - as viewed from the patio.



Happy 4th of July!

Celebrate America!



After- hours Dominoes - a serious but enjoyable game!

Sundays

- 3:45 pm... Church Services
- 6th... Wesleyan
- 13th... Church of God
- 20th... Cedar Grove Wesleyan
- 27th... First Presbyterian

Mondays

- 10 am... Support Group
- 10:45 am ... Music & Motion
- 3:00 pm ... Bingo



**Birthday Party:
July
18th
3:00 pm**

Happy Birthday!

- Lorene Devery - 1st
- Katherine Nunnlee - 16th
- Lester Hager - 17th
- Jr. Quinn - 18th
- John Robinson - 29th
- Joy Davidson - 30th

July Activities

Tuesdays

- 10 am
- 1st, 15th & 29th... Word Games
- 8th & 22nd... Crafts
- 3:00 pm... Story Time
- 4:30 pm... Happy Hour

Wednesdays

- 10 am... Bingo
- 3:00 pm... Bible Study

Thursdays

- 10:00 am... Singing
- 3:00 pm
- Game Time
- Wii Games



Evening Activities:

6:30 PM

Tuesday evenings:

15th... Williams

Wednesday Evenings:

Movie Night

Thursday evenings:

5:30 pm

Ice Cream Social

17th... Methodist Service

Fridays

9:45 am

Morning Stretch

10 am... Bingo

3:00 pm

4th & 11th... Munchies
25th... Homemade Ice Cream

Saturdays

9:30 am

12th & 26th... Donuts

3:00 pm..

5th... Wheel of Fortune
19th... Balloon Volleyball