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Resident Housecall



Share Cornerstones
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My Forgetter

My forgetter's getting better
But my rememberer is broke.
To you that may seem funny
But, to me, that is no joke.

For when I'm "here" I'm
wondering
If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,
Say "what am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
You're right, it's usually me!

When shopping I may see someone,
Say "Hi" and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, "who's that?"

Yes, my forgetter's getting better
But my rememberer is broke.
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.

Author Unknown



*Crafts on August 25th:
"Clothing Protector Clasps"*



"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." - Albert Camus



Jane's Corner

Jane Gaskill, Administrator

Greetings...

.Time has gone by so fast and it is raining.....Nicer than 103 degrees outside. How the rain and storm will stop soon so we can get started on our new roof. If you saw the Alva Review Courier you could have read the report regarding the

roof. There are a lot of things we would love to do, just like at home.

I really do not have a lot of information to share this month, we are waiting for our annual survey the Pharmacist that comes monthly tells us that the latest number of deficiencies cited is now 13-16, that is so different that previous years and beliefs. The Federal Inspectors are following the State Inspectors around this is what is driving the numbers. The Local Fire Chief has been here and conducted his annual inspection, we needs to make sure storage was 18 inched below the fire sprinklers, remove a tree from a fire hydrant and replace a fire bell cap. If you want to know any information in this process please come and ask me.

Until next time *Jane*

*Welcome to our
New Residents:
Elizabeth Zoth
Martha Jones*

*In Sympathy
and Remembrance:
Jack St. Clair*

*"It's a sure sign of summer
if the chair gets up when
you do."*

Walter Winchell

*"It's difficult to think
anything but pleasant
thoughts while eating a
homegrown tomato."*

Lewis Gizzard

*"Winter is an etching,
spring a watercolor,
summer an oil painting
and autumn a mosaic of
them all."*

Stanley Horowitz



"Come with me," requested Jane Gaskill, SCH Administrator, with a note of determination in her voice, "I want you to take a picture of a tree." We walked to the East wing and out the doors. "This tree is awesome! Only God can make a tree! It was here before I began working here over 37 years ago. It will be here long after I am gone. It has sheltered people and given shade - and it gives off a beautiful fragrance in it's season."

Stop and "smell the roses" - or consider a tree!

Resident Council Minutes

The Share Convalescent Home's Resident Council held their monthly meeting on August 18, 2009 in the solarium. Opening ceremonies were completed and the minutes were read and approved. When asked if there was an activity they would like to have added there was no comment. The social service manager asked if she could talk to the group and explained a possible new program staff would like to implement in the home. Plans are being developed to have a type of "store" that would offer different items such as fresh fruits, donuts, fresh baked goods even greeting cards to the residents one day a week. Residents expressed interest in this and a suggestion was made to make it mobile to allow everyone access to it. Staff will continue to work on this project with September as the target date to open.

When the dietary department was discussed the problems brought up were not food related. A request was made to replace the caps on the legs of the chair so they glide easier and also not rock, and to clean all the chairs as many have sticky on the arms. A concern was voiced about the cushions on the chairs, some of them are wet when someone has been incontinent while sitting in the chair. It was mentioned that the soup could be warmer at times, and they would like a choice of tater tots or a baked potato when tater tots are to be served. A request was also made for more salads to be served at noon.

Housekeeping was the next department discussed, the only item discussed was the housekeepers not sweeping under the beds to get the tops from the breathing treatment medications that miss the trash cans when the treatment is given. The final decision was the nurse doing the treatment should make sure the lid is put in the trash, not on the floor. East wing residents voiced that there still is a shortage of washcloths on their wing. A discussion was held about some of the agency staff that have worked at SCH recently and the problems the language barrier caused.

There was no further business, meeting was adjourned.

One of the wonderful things about getting to produce this newsletter is meeting the families and Residents in a more personal way by interviewing them for these short biographies. This month I got to meet Cathy Hummell and Karen Watson, two of Pete and Ruth Nutter's daughters. It was delightful!

Ruth and Pete Nutter came to Share from their farm in Waynoka. Pete was born in Waynoka and Ruth was born in Avard. The story goes that years ago Ruth was dating another young man. He was leaving town for a time and asked Pete to "keep an eye on my girl" - and being the conscientious guy that he is, Pete is still doing his job - well over 50 years later!

They have three daughters living in Waynoka: Cathy and her husband Sam Hummel; Karen Watson; and Sharon and her husband James Inman. The Nutters lost a daughter, Cindy Ann, when she was just nine months old. Several years later they adopted a daughter, Ellie, who now lives in Tulsa. Ellie is the adoptive mother of Taylor Waggoner (14) who is a Volunteer here at Share.

Pete comes from a family of 11 kids - 8 boys and 3 girls. Ruth had one brother and two sisters. Her sister, Elsie Shipley lives here in Alva.

Pete and Ruth ranched and farmed - cattle, wheat and alfalfa, and milk cows. But the unusual thing about their farm is that they also raised ostriches for a time. "They kind of pioneered the industry," shared daughter Cathy. "There was a high mortality rate with the ostrich babies." Daughter Karen explained, "Dad built a room off of mom's kitchen with a heat lamp set up for the babies, and they would take 20 babies at a time to raise. Sometimes it was a 24-hour a day job. The by-products of the ostriches: feathers, meat, and leather for things like Ostrich boots."

As the girls were growing up the Nutters would buy 100 baby chickens every Spring. They raised a garden and the girls also remember sitting in front of the television after school - churning butter.

Pete also pumped gas wells - getting up at 2-3am (Ruth getting up to help him get ready to go), then by 5 a.m. he was back home and the whole family was up and out to move irrigation pipe. "It was the old style pipe, that you picked up and carried", declared Karen. "We had to move it everyday at 5 a.m. And 5 p.m." Now that already sounds like a full days work to this writer, but no - after doing that there were cow's to milk and **then** Pete went to the field to work.

Ruth worked at the grocery store in Waynoka for a time, and at the Dairy Queen. Then she became a nurse's adie at the Waynoka nursing home for several years.

This is a family that did not use credit cards. "Dad paid cash for everything," continued Karen. "And if he needed something from town and sent us girls in to get it, all we had to do was say "I'm Pete Nutter's daughter" - and it was a done deal."

Now lest you think that all they did was work, work, work - there is another side of the Nutters to consider - Pete in particular - who loved to tease and scare the girls, and all the cousins that came to visit, and then in later years the grandkids too. Pete kept masks hidden in the hay in the barn and when kids were around he would secretly put on a mask and then come growling toward them - and scared to death, they would run screaming (sometimes crying!) to the house.

Cathy remembers a time when they were all out playing near the shelter belt, and some old guy, all wrapped up and dragging a foot, was walking towards them. The dogs hackles were raised and it was barking up a storm - until Pete got closer and then the dog started wagging it's tail - a dead giveaway that it was their dad.

Another time, after the grandkids came along, the families were having a day at Ft Supply Lake. Ruth called ahead and told Cathy to tell the kids that she heard on the radio that someone had escaped from the mental hospital. Pete showed up in costume and had a great time playing the part of the "escapee". It was actually the youngest grandchild that said, "Hummmm, I think that is grandpa!"

There were always lots of cousins around and they all loved going to Pete and Ruth's. One cousin told Cathy, "Uncle Pete always made me feel like I was the only one there."

"They had such a great capacity to love unconditionally. You never had to be afraid of getting in trouble - the only thing I worried about was disappointing dad," shared Cathy. (Welcome to Share, Ruth and Pete!)

Meet Pete and Ruth Nutter



Cathy, Karen, Sharon, Pete and Ruth

Share's Community Bulletin Board

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

*"It takes a long time
to grow an old friend."*

John Leonard



*Don't forget!!!
Please mark
all clothing and
personal items
with residents
name. Thank You!*



*Don't forget to
attend the church
service of your choice
here at Share
Sundays at 3:45 PM*

*Y'all Come...
We're going to the
Woods County Fair!
Friday
September 11th
At 9:00 A.M.*



**Sept 13th
National
Grandparents
Day**

Sundays

3:45 pm... Church Services

6th...Cedar Grove Wesleyan
13th...Town &Country Christian
20th...College Hill Church of Christ
27th...Nazarene Church

Mondays

10 am... Games
3:00 pm ... Bingo



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

Happy Birthday!

Jeanette Detwiler...4th
Darlene Harth...7th
Dorothy Rackley...11th
Nadine Keitel...18th
Donna Hodgden...20th
Kenneth Wolgamott...28th

September Activities

Tuesdays

10 am

Word Games

8th...Resident Council

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

10:30 am...Bible Stories

3:00 pm...Game Time

Fridays

10 am... Bingo

3:00 pm

4th & 11th...Munchies

25th...Share Fair

Tuesday Evening Activities:

6:30 PM

15th...The Williams

17th...Methodist Service

Saturdays

3:00 pm

5th & 19th...Games

12th & 26th...Movies and popcorn

Summer's last blooms

