

News From The Haven

May/June 2012



Mildred Brucker (right) enjoys spending time with her friend, Linda Shannon, in the Tranquility Room.



Betty Niesmann (right) reads a story with her third-grade pen pal at the Dr. Seuss Day party. See story on page 4.



Tom Golladay is boarding the bus to attend an educational seminar in Bloomington. Accompanying him are Julia Earling (left) and Lisa McDonald.



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Evan and Collin Hartman took on a tough opponent in air hockey. See photo on page 10.



Reflections From Rick

—Rick Plattner, Administrator

We've sprung a leak! Well, not a big one ... but we really need help!

When we think of spring, we think of rain. When we think of rain, we think of the great outdoors. At least — one hopes the rain is outdoors!

Unfortunately, at Fairview Haven, we have sprung a few leaks in our sprinkler system in the last year. This likes to happen on a weekend and is very costly for repairs (thousands of dollars).

Over the last few years, we have gradually been replacing old sprinkler pipes. This is a slow and costly process. We have diligently been working at this, but we are now facing a cost of over \$50,000 to complete the work. None of it will be visible and we hope we never have to use it, but we are required to be safe.

I am told that the current system was installed over 30 years ago. Most of us find we need an oil change or two and a checkup or two in that amount of time. Like it or not, we are in need of sprinkler repairs.

It has been said that Fairview Haven always has its hand out and ... I suppose we do. You have spoiled us. When we have a need, you always come through.

So now we have a new idea ... Would you like to 'adopt a sprinkler pipe?' You could adopt an inch of pipe for about \$10. Would you like to adopt a foot or two? Would you like a 20-foot span of the system "named in your honor?" Could you sponsor a hallway?

Adoption is quite popular today. Many families are adopting children. We see opportunities for folks to adopt a puppy or a kitty. We can drive down the highway and see where people are even adopting stretches of the road to clear and beautify.

What I have never heard of adopting, however, is a piece of sprinkler piping. It doesn't have floppy ears or a waggly tail! In fact, it is rather ugly and might be packed with sludge. It isn't like a Cabbage Patch doll; you won't

get any adoption papers or a biography with it. Did I mention that you can't even see it (it is up in the attic)?

Did I mention that you might, with your six inches, get an elbow piece or maybe a part of the pipe that extends below the ceiling line and fits into the actual sprinkler head? Sorry, but we don't plan to engrave name plates to show who adopted what.

We are looking at expenditures of over \$50,000 in the coming months to keep our system up and running. We would only need 5,000 people to each adopt an inch of pipe and we would be there. Unfortunately, the circulation of *News From The Haven* is only a little over 1,000 households. Yikes! That means we need each reader to adopt almost a half a foot of pipe to meet the goal!

What will you get? A *Thank You* from us for helping us to keep our building safe and in compliance.

We are just asking that you help us meet a need that doesn't seem real fun or interesting, but a need that will help us keep our loved ones safe. If you are willing to help, please send a check for whatever part you want to adopt. Twins, triplets or whatever. Any amount is helpful and can be made out to the Sprinkler Fund. Thanks!

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GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

As of March 31, we have completed nine months (3/4) of our fiscal year. To date, the State of Illinois has paid for two months out of the nine (July and August). Miraculously, we continue to operate and we give God the glory and praise and you, our precious supporters, many thanks.

We can see the days ahead are murky, but we are so glad we can pray and trust in God to continue to lead us. If you can assist us in meeting our residents' needs, we would appreciate it. Any amount is helpful to aid us in providing quality care.



Loving Loom Hand-Woven Rugs

A recent new venture at Fairview Haven is Loving Loom Hand-Woven Rugs. It all started when the McLean County Nursing Home called to ask us if we would like a loom. They had one that was not in use and they offered to donate it to us.

Volunteer receptionist Tom Steidinger became enthused and learned how to use the loom from Friedora Wiegand of Eureka. Now the loom is set up in Tom's garage and he is turning out beautifully woven and durable denim rugs. (See photo at right.) He is also weaving rugs from the curtains that were recently replaced at Fairview Haven. These are made of fire-resistant material.

Rugs are displayed at Fairview Haven and can be ordered from Tom also. Proceeds from the rugs benefit the Good Samaritan Fund of Fairview Haven. Special thanks to the McLean County Nursing Home, Friedora and Tom for all your efforts!



Archie Perkins celebrates 100 years!

On June 26, 2012, Archie Perkins will become a centenarian! A **Birthday Open House** will be held in his honor on **Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 2-4 p.m.** in the Fairview Haven Family/Activity Room. All are welcome.

The world was still reeling from the April shipwreck of the Titanic when Archie Theodore Perkins was born on June 26, 1912. He was the second child of Elisha and Ida (Deck) Perkins. Archie had one sister, Verna Hoxworth, who is deceased, and one brother, Elery Perkins of Chatsworth.

Archie has vivid memories of his youth on his parents' dairy farm in rural Chatsworth. When he was little, he remembers playing with his little wagon and riding Bessie, the family pony. When he was 10 or 11 years old, he began waking up every morning to help milk the cows. He remembers his father's morning wake-up call, "Boys, wake up; it's quarter till four!" The Perkins family had up to 23 cows on their farm. They ran a milk route in Chatsworth, delivering milk and cream door-to-door. Archie remembers making the deliveries in their old Ford. When asked what he did for fun in his youth, Archie says, "More chores! There was no fooling around in those days!"

Archie attended the Franey country school near Chatsworth through the eighth grade. He then went to Chatsworth Township High School, graduating in 1931.

The milk route ended up being a route to romance for Archie. When new folks moved into town, the Perkins milk route driver would visit the home to enlist potential customers. Archie heard about a widow that had moved to Chatsworth with her four children to be near her brother and family. When he visited the house, Myrtle Bailey came to the door. It turned out that Myrtle had moved from Missouri with the widow to help her take care of her children.

Archie and Myrtle dated for three years before they got married in 1934 at Myrtle's hometown of Swinton, MO. Archie recalls it was during the Depression and they didn't have any money. But they were able to provide for themselves on the farm. They had one son, James (Joanne) Perkins of Kempton, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Archie is proud of the many beautiful photos of his family in his room at Fairview Haven.

Archie and Myrtle had their own dairy farm near Chatsworth. They also raised beef cattle, hogs and grain. Traveling together was a highlight of their life. They visited all 50 states in the USA, as well as Canada, Europe and Mexico. For several years, Archie had his own airplane and he and Myrtle attended

many Flying Farmer events by air.

After 40-plus years of farming together, Myrtle got pneumonia in the wintertime for three years straight. Archie was concerned about her health and, when the doctor advised him to take her south for the winter, they decided to quit farming. Archie says they "called in the auctioneers" and promptly sold all the livestock. Archie continued with grain farming, operating his combine until the age of 93.

In 1978, the Perkinses began a new phase of life as snowbirds, spending their winters in Florida. Archie fondly recalls many happy times there with friends, playing horseshoes and cards and visiting over coffee. After Myrtle passed away on Dec. 26, 2003, he continued to winter in Florida until 2010, when he moved to Fairview Haven. Archie delights in visits and phone calls from his many friends, including his special friend, Lois Shelby, whom he met in Florida.

Archie is affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Fairbury and his faith is very important to him. He enjoys reading the Bible daily and listening to sermons.



ARCHIE PERKINS

LIBRARY UPDATE: Recently we had a suggestion that more children's books be added to the library so residents can read books with grandchildren and other children who visit.

Thanks to a generous donor, we were recently able to purchase some furniture for the library, including a small bookcase for easy reading books. We plan to add to our collection of children's books and juvenile classics.

Now — other generous donors have offered that, if we can get 50 children's books donated, they will match with 25 books! Books must be new or in good condition. If you would like to participate, please bring books to Social Services office. Contact Sally if you have any questions.

☺ Welcome to Fairview Haven ☺

Vendell Sanders was here for a time of rehab. He has since returned to his Chatsworth home with his wife, Marlene.

We welcomed **Lois Nance** to Angel Avenue. Lois comes from Forest where she resides with her husband, John.

Delores Biehl also moved into Angel Avenue. She came from Rantoul where she has been living with her daughter.

JoAnne Myers came from Fairview Suites, where she lived with her husband, George,

Fairview Estates dweller **Christian Metz** moved into Daffodil Drive with his wife, Viola.

Fairbury native **John Zimmerman** was here with us for a few days before he passed away. His wife, Lois, lives in Fairview Suites. John's obituary is on page 4.

Dr. Seuss Day festivities



PLAYING PenPal Bingo with penpals are (at left) Mary Stein, (center) Betty Nussbaum and (right, partially hidden) Leona Leman.

In the past year, the Westview Elementary third grade class of Mrs. Louann Harms has been making friends at Fairview Haven. The students were paired with residents here as penpals. They also came regularly to read with us.

We closed out the school year with a party on Dr. Seuss Day. Students and residents played PenPal Bingo, competed in a spelling bee and shared stories.

The project was coordinated by Savanna Ifft, Kelly Waldbeser and Miranda Kaeb, members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders club (FCCLA) from Prairie Central High School. Thanks for your many efforts! We really enjoyed the students and their amusing letters!

Also, Mrs. Gina Weber's second grade class from Chatsworth Elementary visited for Dr. Seuss Day and read Seuss's books to us. See photos below.



HAZEL TROYER and Ralph Harms (in center) listen to 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas.' In background are (L-R): Mary Frances Rigsby, Elmer Ifft and Delores Biehl.



DOROTHY French reads with a second grader.

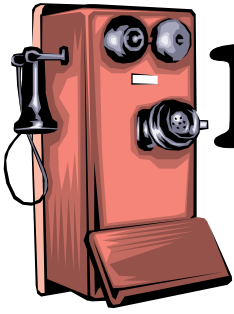
In Memory Of . . .

90-year-old **Mariette Bailey** passed away Friday, March 30, 2012. She had resided at Fairview Haven since December 2010 and lived in Fairview Suites prior to that. Her funeral was April 2 at Calvert & Martin Funeral Home, Forrest. Surviving her are: two daughters, Suzanne Goad of Bloomington, and Nancy (Kevin) Wenger of Chenoa; one son, James Bailey of Santa Barbara, CA; and two grandsons: Zachary Goad and Nathan Wenger. Mariette was a member of the Forrest United Meth-

odist Church and a homemaker.

Funeral services were held at First United Methodist Church in Fairbury for **John Zimmerman**, 83, of Fairbury on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. He passed away April 21, 2012 and was at Fairview Haven for several days. Surviving him are: his wife, Lois Zimmerman of Fairview Suites; two sons, Gary Zimmerman of Fairbury and Keith (Linda) Zimmerman of Gridley; three daughters, Barb Zimmerman and Beth (John) Marshall,

both of Fairbury, and Donna (Tim) Schroeder of Edwardsville; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruth King of Piper City; and two brothers, Robert (Lucille) Zimmerman of Fairbury and Ronald Zimmerman of Bloomington. John co-owned and operated the family business that his father began — Zimmerman True Value Hardware in Fairbury. He also served as an EMT with SELCAS. He belonged to the First United Methodist Church, Fairbury.



Party Line

CHERISH EVERY MOMENT

Contributed by Anonymous Contributor

This was written by an 83-year-old woman to her friend... Dear, I'm reading more and dusting less. I'm sitting in the yard and admiring the view without fussing about the weeds in the garden. I'm spending more time with my family and friends and less time working.

Whenever possible, life should be a pattern of experiences to savor, not to endure. I'm trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them.

I'm not "saving" anything; we use our good china and crystal for every special event such as losing a pound, getting the sink unstopped, or the first amaryllis blossom. I wear my good blazer to the market. My theory is, if I look prosperous, I can shell out \$28.49 for one small bag of groceries. I'm not saving my good perfume for special parties, but wearing it for clerks in the hardware store and tellers at the bank.

"Someday" and "one of these days" are losing their grip on my vocabulary. If it's worth seeing or hearing or doing, I want to see and hear and do it now. I'm not sure what others would've done had they known they wouldn't be here for the tomorrow that we all take for granted. I think they would have

called family members and a few close friends. They might have called a few former friends to apologize and mend fences for past squabbles. I like to think they would have gone out for a Chinese dinner or for whatever their favorite food was. I'm guessing; I'll never know.

It's those little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew my hours were limited. Angry because I hadn't written certain letters that I intended to write one of these days. Angry and sorry that I didn't tell my loved ones often enough how much I truly love them. I'm trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to our lives. And every morning when I open my eyes, I tell myself that it is special. Every day, every minute, every breath truly is a gift from God.

FATHER'S DAY THOUGHT

Contributed by Kathy Fehr

One night a father overheard his son pray: "Dear God, make me the kind of man my Daddy is."

Later that night, the father prayed, "Dear God, make me the kind of man my son wants me to be."

If you have any poems or short inspiring articles to contribute for *Party Line*, please send to Sally Fehr, 605 N. Fourth St., Fairbury, IL 61739 or drop them off at the Social Service office. They will be printed as space is available.

Personnel Profiles

Lilah Stotler has been working as a C.N.A. at Fairview Haven for about 5 years.

Lilah says she enjoys the friendly and clean environment at Fairview Haven and meeting new people. "I love the fact that

the Fairview Haven team always works together to try to meet the residents' needs."

Lilah is married to Craig Stotler and they live in Fairbury. Her children are: Kyle, Kyah and Skylar. Her parents are Theresia and Dennis Quigley.

When she's not working, Lilah enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, movies, concerts, cross-stitching and fishing.

She hopes to someday get into the nursing program through Heartland.



LILAH STOTLER

Thoughts from Dave's Desk ...

Dave Blunier, Assistant Administrator

Spring! I love the newness that spring brings us ... new plants emerging from the ground, new leaves on the trees. An opportunity to clean off that old garden that grew up in weeds last fall and start with new seeds. (Side note: my wife and children keep our gardens pretty clean. If I were in charge, it would be full of weeds!)

As time goes on and the hot summer sun beats down, it is difficult to keep the same enthusiasm that comes with spring! However, when it is all said and done and the vegetables are all harvested and put up for the winter or sold for some vacation cash, the rewards are great!

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In much the same way, I'm guessing that our team members have days when they come to work refreshed and excit-

ed about the day ahead of them. When they get here, the stressors can be very intense. I'm sure that, at the end of the day, some of our team members feel ready to throw in the towel. However, as we walk away and look back, we realize what a blessed opportunity we have to make life meaningful for those we serve. It is a great reward that we receive from our job!

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An extra stressor that our nurses have been dealing with in the past couple of weeks is our new electronic medication administration record (E-MAR). Though many of our nurses are proficient with a computer, there are some that perhaps had never touched one before we introduced electronic medical records in 2007. This system promised a challenge for our team and they proved that, through diligence, they could master any project.

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Photo Puzzler



"The picture of the good-looking man in the Photo Puzzler of 'News From the Haven' just happens to be John Traub!! He is my husband's Dear Dad— my John was only 5 when his Dad passed away—leaving his Mom with 8 children and another on the way (Mary Mae Traub). My John and I now have a son, John C., a grandson, John J., and a great-grandson, John Dustin (5 years old). We appreciate all the GOOD CARE that you all there show the residents." — Bonnie Traub, Fairbury



"When I showed Dad (Elmer Ifft) the mystery picture in the Photo Puzzler, he immediately said, 'John Traub; that's John Traub.'" When Dad was a young man, he worked for Mary Traub after her husband passed away and knew the family well." —Shirley Ifft, Fairbury

"The man in the picture is my friend, Mary Mae Traub's father. I believe his name was John." —Nate Kelson, Fairbury

"I believe the gentleman in the Photo Puzzler is John Traub. He was married to Mary (Zehr) Traub and their children were: Harvey, Dorothy, Ruth, Kathryn, Evelyn, John, Ida Lou, Marjorie and Mary Mae. (may not be in exact order)." —Arlene Farley, Fairbury

"According to the clues, this picture is John Traub, Mary Mae and her siblings' father." —Nick Kaeb, Fairbury

"The photo puzzler has to be John Traub, father of Mary Mae, Harvey, John, Dorothy, Evelyn, Kathy ... I'm missing some." —Evelyn Yoder, Fairbury

Walter Teubel shared some memories of John Traub.

He recalled that John was 39 when he passed away. "He was our neighbor. Mary kept milking the cows after he died and my dad (Karl) helped her out with her dairy farm. If a heifer was calving, she called my dad to come over and help. Elmer Ifft was her first hired man."

Clues: These two little brothers grew up on a rural Fairbury farm. They both still live in the Fairbury area — as do some of their grown children. They are active Fairview Haven volunteers and their mother (as well as other family members) resided at Fairview Haven. Look closely at their smiles and you'll easily figure this one out!

Please send your guesses to: Editor, *News From The Haven*, 605 N. Fourth, Fairbury, IL 61739; or e-mail to fairview@Route24.net or drop off at Social Services office.



Mark-Your-Calendar Events

The Fairview Haven calendar is full as we swing into summer. Please make note of the following dates.

Fairview Haven and Suites ladies and their guests will be celebrated at the annual **Mother's Day Supper** on Friday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. The supper is held at the Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall, Fairbury. Please RSVP to Activities. Howard Leman of Morton will present the program.

The annual **Balloon Lift-Off** is Monday, May 14. Westview grade schoolers plan to come and Diane and

Duane Schieler will provide miniature horse rides. Please bring your children and join us! Rain date is May 16.

On Wednesday, May 16, we are having a **Bake-Off Competition!** Fairview Haven team members, residents, family members and volunteers may participate. Bring your best baked treats in the following four categories: Cookies/Bars; Yeast Breads/Rolls; Cakes/Pies and Candies. (If individual pieces, please bring at least two dozen.) From 10-11 a.m., the baked goods will be judged based on appearance. Taste testing will commence at 11 a.m. Judging will be done by residents. Winners will be announced at 12:30 p.m.

The **Furry Friends Petting Zoo** will visit on Thursday, May 17 at 10 a.m. Last year, many tame animals were here, including a llama and a skunk. Stop by and enjoy with us!

Our annual **Camping Trip** is planned for June 8-9 at the Timber Pointe campgrounds in Lake Bloomington. Call Dixie for more information.

The gentlemen will be honored at the **Father/Son Cookout** on Friday,

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DAVE'S DESK

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Now the nurses are tackling the next phase with EMAR. We are thankful for each one and for the great attitudes they have exhibited during this transition.

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As I wrote the first paragraph of this article, I was thinking about the Farmers' Market here at Fairview Haven. We are excited to once again offer this every Wednesday morning starting at 8 a.m. If you have some extra produce, baked goods, or homemade crafts, bring them out to our front patio. The Good Samaritan Fund of Fairview Haven gets at least 25% of all proceeds from the sales. Thank you for supporting this and participating. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

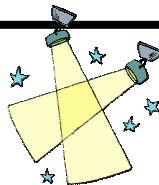
Cookbook Update

Thanks to everyone who contributed recipes for the new 'Golden Delights' cookbook! The cookbook committee considered each recipe carefully but, due to space constraints, we were unable to include all the recipes. Also we were unable to reprint classic recipes from the 'Homemade With Love' cookbook as we had planned. 'Golden Delights' should be ready to purchase by August 2012!

New Faces!

We welcome the following members to our team: Allysa Stokes, Abby Schade and Kati Rudin, dining services; CNAs Gena Greenwell and Stefani Schmidgall; and Sharon Rinkenberger, LPN.

Volunteers in the SPOTLIGHT ...



EMMA FOGARTY and Rose Strong entertained us with guitar music and singing.

Hobby Corner

Featuring the hobbies and interests of residents

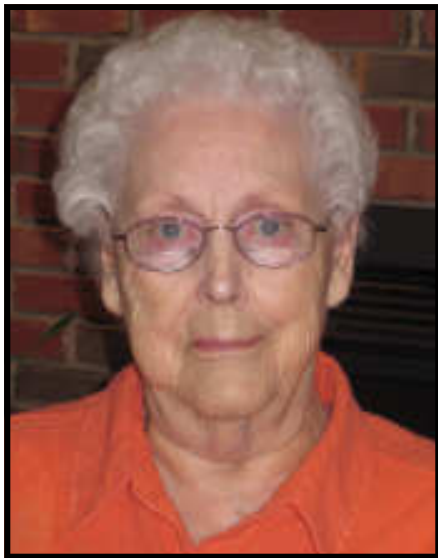


Master Sgt. Ray Johnson and his World War II medals.

At left is a photo of Ray when he was in the Army.

Introducing ... Mabel Hines

Mabel Frances (Wagner) Hines was born May 15, 1918 in Greenbrier, MO. She was the oldest child of Ned and Lillie (Hovis) Wagner. Mabel's father didn't have a job so he came to Illinois, looking for work. He found a job working for Stuart Miller on his farm in Forrest. Mabel was about 6 months old, when she and her mother moved to Illinois by train. They lived in rural Forrest for a time. Then her



father rented a farm in the Weston area. This was where Mabel lived during most of her childhood.

Mabel had two brothers, Dale Wagner, who lives in Pennsylvania, and Glenwood Wagner, who is deceased. Her sister, Marilyn "Jo" Wagner, lives in Brookfield, WI. Mabel remembers joyful times of weekend get-togethers with her father's brother's family. She says they had a lot of fun with their cousins.

Mabel attended country schools around Weston through the eighth grade. She then went to Fairbury Township High School. She recalls that she paid 50 cents a week to her neighbor, Margaret (Rathbun) Claudon, for a daily ride to high school. Mabel graduated from high school in 1936.

After she was out of school, Mabel got a job at the dress factory in Fairbury. She says, "I hardly made enough money to buy the gas to get there." After a while, she was going to quit her job because she couldn't afford the gas. When her boss heard she was quitting, he offered her an extra dollar a week to keep her on the payroll.

Mabel and Eugene Hines began going together in high school. They dated for a few years and Mabel says, "We didn't have any money, but we had a lot of fun." Mabel and Gene got married on Dec. 30, 1939 in Indiana. Mabel says, "At that time, it was the style to leave the state to get married. And you could get your license cheaper."

They had one daughter, Janice (Harvey) Schieler of Fairbury. Four grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren round out the family.

When their daughter went to school, Mabel worked part-time and then switched to full-time when Janice graduated. Mabel was a receptionist at the Fairbury Hospital for a short time. She then was a clerk at Walton's Department Store in Fairbury, where she was in charge of the gift department. Her career at Walton's stretched to 25 years.

Gene found work as a mechanic, working for Chris Leman and Jay Claudon, among others. Mabel says, "He was a good mechanic and never lacked for work." In later years, he worked in

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Introducing ... Ralph Harms

A son of John and Jessie (Saathoff) Harms, **Ralph John Harms** was born March 26, 1915 in Pleasant Ridge Township. He was the third child in a family of eight; three of his siblings are now deceased. His other siblings are: Edith Sancken of Henry; Phoebe Miller of Fairview Suites; Eunice Rich of Fairbury; and Margaret Smith of New York.

Ralph attended the Carter country school in Pleasant Ridge Township (near Forrest) and graduated from eighth grade. His favorite subject was arithmetic, in which he earned a score of 100.

Ralph lived all his life on the farm. He started out working as a hired man. When his father got ill, Ralph took over the farm and worked together

with his cousin, Glenn Harms. Ralph continued living and working on the family farm until he moved to Fairview Suites in April 2006.

Ralph belongs to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Forrest. He has also been a Farm Bureau member since its inception.

When asked what his hobbies are, Ralph says, "selling my corn and beans and taking the check to the bank!" He also likes to read the newspaper and keep up with the news. Ralph says the traveling he has done in his life was "from home to the bank!"

Ralph lived in Fairview Suites for a short time and then moved to Fairview Haven in May 2006. He lives in Country Court (which is fitting for his farming career and hobbies!) Stop by to see

him for an interesting visit and see his parakeet friend!



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maintenance at Honegger's and at Pittsburgh Tube.

Mabel was a talented seamstress and sewed all her own clothes and her daughter's clothes. She enjoyed homemaking and belonged to the Merry Makers Club and Home Extension. Mabel is affiliated with the First United Methodist Church.

Mabel and Gene owned an RV and traveled all over the U.S.A., visiting all 50 states.

After retirement, they wintered in Arizona and Texas. Mabel says she really enjoyed the traveling they were able to do. Gene was very interested in motorcycles and belonged to motorcycle clubs. Mabel says she always went with him to the club meetings and made a lot of friends there.

Mabel and Gene moved to the Fairview Haven Retirement Community permanently in January 2008. Gene passed away on June 7, 2008. Mabel lived in Fairview Estates for a time and now lives in Angel Avenue.

Pages from the Past

To commemorate Fairview Haven's 50th anniversary this year, *News From The Haven* will be re-printing historical tidbits from time to time.

The following is taken from some notes made by one of Fairview Haven's original board members. It appears that he was making a speech about his involvement in the early years of Fairview Haven.

NOTE: If anyone knows which board member wrote this, please contact the Editor.

I'll reminisce for a few minutes how we went about getting the home constructed for senior citizens.

After we had elected a 17-man board from the four congregations, we had a meeting at the attorney's office and elected a president, vice president, a secretary and treasurer. Now we were ready to try to make some plans with no guidelines and no one on the board that had very much experience along these lines.

So after much discussion, we decided we ought to see some existing homes in operation. So a few of us started traveling to look at homes. We went as far east as Bluffton, Ind. and Finley, Ohio, as far west as Sabetha, Kans., north to Ottawa, Ill and several other homes in northern Illinois, south to Taylorville, Ill. Bro. Moser, while wending his way south in January 1961, stopped to see a home in Georgia. At every home, we were able to pick up a few ideas.

The home at Taylorville kind of took our eye. After going back to Taylorville a few times, we engaged Dick Stevens from Fairbury, [who] had quite a bit of experience as a builder to help us draw up some plans. We drove him to Taylorville to give him some idea what we wanted.

After several meetings with the Health De-

partment at Champaign, they informed us we would have to meet with the State Board of Health at Springfield. The lady at the Health Dept. wanted to know who was going to operate the home. I said, "Madam, if we get this home built, you will just have to leave that to us. I think we are capable to cope with the situation."

After a number of meetings with Stevens, we drove him to Springfield to meet the State Board of Health. To our sorrow, we learned that he was not a licensed architect and the state would not recognize him. So we settled with Dick Stevens and then started to find another architect.

We were working with the C.I.P.S about heating the home with electricity and the man that was in charge of this area gave us a name of an architect in Chicago and made an appointment for us. So we went to Chicago and met with the architect. He seemed quite congenial. So we hired him. Dick Stevens and some of us had done quite a bit of the legwork on the plans. So we did not meet with the new architect over about a half dozen times and he came down here approximately 3 times. The architect fees were not very great, on account of the plans were pretty well consummated by Mr. Stevens.

We have had several comments on the layout of our home. I believe what most folks like about it is the large, more homey assembly room where you enter. We realize we made some mistakes. But the home turned out so much better than I anticipated. Everything just seemed to fall in place. I said earlier in my talk we had no guidelines, but we had to realize that God was leading us all the time.



WALLY — Chief Squirrel Chaser.



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Scenes From The Home ...



FURRY FRIENDS Petting Zoo will be coming on May 17 at 10 a.m.

In this photo from 2011, Bob King cuddles a guinea pig.

JOHN LORCH (left) takes a spin with Ryan Dunn in our amazing wheelchair bicycle. Now that warmer weather is here, we'd love to have willing bikers stop by and give rides. The bike is kept in the courtyard outside the activity/family room.



DAN MULLEN (Wilma Knapp's son-in-law) shares his antiques collection in an interesting program.



IT'S TWO against one in this air hockey game! George Myers (left) takes on Evan and Collin Hartman.

Nurse's Notes

Bonita Frank, RN-C

The BIG news is E-MAR!! E-MAR is the abbreviation for Electronic Medication Administration Record. The nurses and the medical secretaries are adjusting to electronically charting the medications and treatments they administer. This means, instead of signing their name on paper, they click a computer mouse to indicate that they gave a medication or changed a dressing.

For some, this was like merely walking over a stick, but, for some, it was like crawling over a log. Our nurses are adaptive though, and determined.

The process has gone very well. We have not ironed out all the new processes yet, but the nurses and the medical secretaries have stuck with it and even have shown an excellent sense of humor. I am so thankful for all of them and their tenacity. And, this is in addition to their “normal” duties: i.e. caring for residents, having move-ins, sending residents out to the hospital, and keeping all of us administrative types happy.

God has perfect timing, and we are preparing for the “retirement” of Rhon-



NURSES Paula Ward (left) and Darlene Hildensperger study the E-MAR screen. In background is Paula Sterrenberg.

da Rudin, and are training her successor, Jeni Young. Neither Rhonda nor I would have chosen to orient Jeni during E-MAR initiation, but it has really been a blessing instead of a detriment. It just goes to show that God knows best!!

Upcoming celebrations include Nurses Day on May 6 (which we will

celebrate May 8) and CNA Day on June 14. Please feel free to bless them with a hug or smile or “thank you.” They are all “in the trenches” daily because they really *love* the residents, and they give *excellent* care. I feel privileged to know each one. Thanks for being a part of our family!!

EVENTS

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June 15. Please RSVP to Activities. Homemade pie is on the menu!

More exciting events are being planned as we celebrate Fairview Haven’s 50th anniversary. Details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

A **Fairview Haven Team Member Reunion Potluck Picnic** will be scheduled at the North Park in Fairbury. Past and present team members

are welcomed to attend. Please spread the word. More details to come.

Speaking of reunions, the annual **Fairbury Hospital Employee Reunion** will be hosted in the Fairview Haven Family/Activity Room on Monday, Aug. 13 at 5 p.m. Please bring a covered dish.

On August 31, we plan an **Ice Cream Social** on the front patio. Deer Fry, Living Waters and Brush Arbor musical groups will provide music.



Congratulations 2012 Grads!

Evan Dotterer ♦ Zoe Koehl
Brooke Miller ♦ Abby Rinkenberger

Anna Steidinger ♦ Allysa Stokes
Rose Strong ♦ Shannon Teubel

Amanda Zimmerman

Hats
Off
To You!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ Mother/Daughter Supper — May 11
- ⇒ Balloon Lift-Off — May 14
- ⇒ Bake-Off Contest — May 16
- ⇒ Furry Friends Petting Zoo — May 17 at 10 am
- ⇒ Cissna Park Picnic — June 5
- ⇒ Camping Trip — June 8-9
- ⇒ Father/Son Cookout — June 15
- ⇒ Homemade Ice Cream Day — June 20
- ⇒ Hooked on Fishing — June 29
- ⇒ July 4th Cookout — July 3
- ⇒ Daffodil Drive Family Potluck — August 3

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THE LAST LAUGH ...

At our granddaughter's wedding, the guests were polled to see who had been married the longest. Since it was my husband and me, they asked us, "What advice would you give to a newly married couple?" I said, "The three most important words in a marriage are, 'You're probably right.'" Everyone then looked expectantly at my husband. "She's probably right," he said. —Selected



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

07 - Walter Teubel
09 - Delores Biehl
15 - Mabel Hines
24 - Wilma Knapp
27 - Louise Hartman
30 - Esther Kiefer

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

04 - Pearl Schmidt	24 - Mary Lou
05 - Leonard Rieger	Kaeb
06 - Nick Kaeb	26 - Archie
07 - Lois Steidinger	Perkins
16 - Vernon Hartman	30 -Eleanor
22 - Olga Huette	Branz

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS:

MAY — Karen Bradford (1); Ann Sallee (2); Anna Reis (5); Jeni Gerber (10); Allysa Stokes (12); Lucy Bolster (14); Geri Wiles (18); LouIda Steffen (18); Rhonda Rudin (18); Tammy Hardesty (21); Abby Rinkenberger (23); Lorri Lanz (24); Dawn Metz (26); Helen Moore (27); Karla Edelman (28); Velda Schaffer (29).
JUNE — Heather Schove (1); Jay Preston (7); Zoe Koehl (8); Sarah Travis (9); Nancy Zimmerman (9); Sally Fehr (9); Ken Steffen (11); Patti Walter (13); Tiffiney Gonzales (14); Martha Cottrell (18); Elizabeth Kinate (26); Valerie Kaisner (27); Tabatha Fortin (28); Lynette Waldbeser (29); Kendra Lynch (30).

It is the policy of Fairview Haven to give equal opportunity to all qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, marital status, disability, national origin or age.

” CLOSING QUOTE

Diamonds are nothing
but chunks of coal that
stuck to their jobs.
-Malcolm Forbes