

News From The Haven

September/October 2010



Diane Schieler was caring for a little fawn and she brought her in to visit us. Archie Perkins and Walter Teubel are getting acquainted with the fawn.



Meet Wally, our little sheltie collie puppy! He has captured many hearts, including Nora Langan's, pictured here with her father, Warren Hartman.



Roscoe and Leo, two wiggly, snuggly Shih-Tzu puppies from Prairie View Puppies, came to visit. Cleo Newman hugs Leo.



Cranking up homemade ice cream are (L-R): Willis Bachtold, Dave Schmidgall (partially hidden), Warren Hartman, Melvin Zimmerman and Bev Eisenmann.

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Reflections From Rick

—Rick Plattner, Administrator

Rain, rain, go away, come again another day.

Who remembers saying that as a child? Rain was an interruption to our childish plans. Rain cancelled picnics, outings, and play time. Rain was unfair and unneeded.

In our youth, if we had blue skies and plenty of sunshine, we could handle the day just fine.

But, at some point in life, it dawned on us that rain was a very good thing. While it still could cancel plans, it was not only a welcome sight, but a necessary one indeed.

My moment of comprehension came in 1988. That was the year it seemed as though it couldn't rain. I well remember setting our lawn chairs on the driveway and cheering on the rolling clouds, as rain seemed so near. Many were the times that the first drop was felt and we would smile at each other, knowing it was going to rain. Unfortunately, six minutes later, the rain was over and sidewalk wasn't even wet. Our yard turned brown and, for the first time in my life, I realized that rain was not an entitlement.

I often think of the verse in the Holy Bible that reminds us that the rain falls on both the just and the unjust. Funny thing is... prior to 1988, I thought that meant that even the just got rained on. Post-1988, I realized it also means that even the unjust are blessed with rain.

How short-sighted I was to only look at the events of the day and feel the frustration of a sudden cloudburst! How much better to recognize that God in Heaven is our provider and He is well aware of what the rain does and doesn't mean to our lives.

I think of the words of the hymn, *Does Jesus Care?* The chorus says it all ... "Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares." How comforting to know a Heavenly Father who not only cares, but can and will provide! Not always in the way or at the time we want it, but always in right and blessed ways.

1988 (a devastating year to many) taught me that a harvest isn't always guaranteed. It also reminded me that life goes on as subsequent years came and that God makes no mistakes.

It feels a little now like 1988. How are we going to make it without rain? By trusting in our living and loving God. He knows, He cares and His provision will be just right. I will continue to pull up my chair when the clouds gather and yes, I probably will look at my watch to see the

LOOKS LIKE Willis Bachtold (center) caught a fish! At the annual Schieler & Friends Fish Fry, Archie Perkins caught the most fish. Here Dick Wiegand and Bud Kelson admire Willis' catch.



minutes of rain. I hope, however, that I will still look up with faith to a God and Father who knows our needs much better than I do.

When we get what we want and need, we proclaim that God is good. Indeed He is. But He is good at all times. Even when we can't see it.

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CHANGES COMING:

Starting October 1, the federal government is mandating a new system to be used for all nursing home residents called MDS 3.0 (Minimum Data Set). This is an interview-based assessment tool, which is used to gather data to assist in creating a resident's individualized plan of care. Giving the resident a voice is the essential message of the new MDS. As always, improved resident care is the goal.

We have spent many hours and resources preparing for this change and wanted you to be aware of the increase in resident and, in some cases, family interviews. Each resident (or his/her family member) will be interviewed at least quarterly about personal preferences, mental and cognitive status, pain levels, etc. Hopefully the data gathered will create outcome which will increase resident comfort, care, and satisfaction.

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WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE

Dear Supporters: Fairview Haven is very blessed to have two wheelchair accessible vehicles. One is a 1998 14-passenger bus that can accommodate four wheelchairs. The other is a 2003 10-passenger bus that can hold two wheelchairs. These buses run to hospitals, doctor appointments and take many residents on journeys.

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Harvest of Sharing Auction/Supper 2010

The cool, colorful days of autumn signal the approach of the *Harvest of Sharing* Silent Auction and Benefit Supper. Donations for the Auction are being accepted now or at any time. You may contact Rick Plattner, Sally Fehr, Anna Bahler or Dave Blunier at Fairview Haven — (815) 692-2572 or e-mail fairview@Route24.net.

If you wish to donate, please feel free to bring in items early. We don't mind storing them in our basement and it helps us avoid a lot of last-minute processing.

Auction Dates/Times

The 2010 Auction will be open for bids from **10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3** through **7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5**. The display of auction items will be in the family/activity room and the main living room.

We encourage you to come in on Wednesday or Thursday and take a leisurely look at the auction items before the big crowd arrives Friday evening!

Auction Shopping Service

You are welcome to take advantage of our **Auction Shopping Service**, if you wish to support the Auction, but don't know what to donate. To use this service, you may send in a monetary donation at least **three weeks prior** to the auction. We will purchase an item for you and/or use the funds towards a larger package, such as an overnight getaway.

The Fall Bake Sale is on Friday, Sept. 24 from 9 am to 5 pm. Proceeds will fund a weather-tight easy-access door to the Main Courtyard.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Phone-A-Bid/Email-A-Bid

We've had some interest from people out of the area wishing to participate in bidding on auction items. So we are experimenting this year with a new **Phone-A-Bid/Email-A-Bid** idea.

We have set up a special email address: **fairviewhaven1@gmail.com** to handle auction bidding and bidder's registration. If you would like to utilize this service, you may register as a bidder and/or place a bid through this email address. If more convenient for you, you may also phone in a bid or register as a bidder at 815-692-2572.

Phone-A-Bid and Email-A-Bid ends at 2 pm on Friday, Nov. 5. After that time, we will only have on-site bidding. **Fairview Haven cannot be responsible for keeping track of bids for email or phone bids.** We will be happy to raise bids for you if you email or phone a new bid, but, due to time constraints, we will not be able to be

responsible for checking bids for you.

eBay Early Select Sales

Through past experience, we have discovered that local bidders are not as interested in certain items, such as collectibles. So, in the past year, we developed an eBay outlet for select items. Thus we can reach a wider audience of people who are collectors. For example, this year, we will have some Depression glass and collectible Barbies.

If you are interested in the early select sales on eBay, simply click on the eBay link on our website (www.fairviewhaven.org) or search for fairviewhaven1 on eBay. Check back frequently as we add new items.

Website Display

Look for an Auction page at www.fairviewhaven.org. We will post updated listings frequently.

Space Restrictions

We are thankful that our Silent Auction is growing each year. This also

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RUBY VANT (seated at left) enjoyed a visit with her teachers' sorority. The ladies of the Alpha Mu Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa delighted us with their singing and homemade cookies and punch.

☺ *Welcome to Fairview Haven* ☺

Mabel Hines moved here from Fairview Suites. She is living in Angel Avenue.

Chatsworth resident **Kathryn**

Grieder came for rehabilitation. She has returned to her home.

Edna Wiegand joined us for some recuperation time. She hopes to move to Fairview Estates following

her rehab.

Eunice Rich had a rehabilitation stay. She has since returned to her Fairbury home.