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Riding in the Parade!



Small Town Big Heart Parade

We celebrated the Homestead Festival theme: "Small Town Big Heart" with an afternoon of handing-out Teddy Grahams, candy and waving to the crowd during the parade. We enjoyed riding in the golf cart from the Psycho Silo, our Greenfield van, Lynn's Jeep, while leading the caravan with Chase Norton's Massey-Harris 44 tractor and his son, Waylon. A special thank you to Psycho Silo for letting use their golf cart and to Chase for his tractor. A fun time was had by all!



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Jeanne



Kathryn



Glenn





Lunch in the Park - Jeanne, Emagene, Fr. Ed, Kathryn, Danny

Christy



Margaret



Shirley





Across Lynn's Desk

We've had an amazing summer at Greenfield! We got to enjoy some of our favorite summer traditions like eating fresh corn on the cob and taking country drives. We enjoyed an abundance of garden-fresh vegetables we grew ourselves! We basked in the beauty of our pollinator garden then won numerous ribbons at the Bureau County Fair with the flowers we grew. Lately, we've been surprising people all over town with fresh bouquets. We've definitely made the most of our summer!

It's hard to believe it is already fall! The air has cooled and the leaves are changing. In true Greenfield fashion, we are moving right along with it. We are looking forward to Paws on Park Avenue, Trick or Treating, and the Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow contest (we would appreciate your vote)! Before you know it, the holidays will be here!

Since we are talking about things changing, we have exciting news to share! Our new patio is under construction. It is in the front of the building where we can enjoy the natural shade of the oak tree while watching the hustle and bustle of Park Avenue. It will be a wonderful oasis for our seniors to enjoy with each other and their loved ones. This is all possible due to generous donations we have received from families. Thank you to everyone who helped make this dream come true!

Lynn Olds

Homestead Festival Festivities

The week of the Homestead Festival we held some fun activities that coincided with the homesteading theme. One such activity was our hometown hero, Owen Lovejoy. Lex Poppins, executive director of the Bureau County Historical Society prepared and presented a history of the life of Owen Lovejoy with the residents. Another activity took us back to the homesteading days where our Princeton pioneers kept it simple, especially with the food preparation. We recreated one of those dishes: Johnny cakes. Our version was embellished with some added ingredients, where as the pioneers used just ground corn and water. They tasted delicious along with butter and maple syrup. Finally, we tried our deducting skills with the Medallion Hunt. Each day we posted the clues and tried to find the prize. Overall, the memories and days leading up to the parade were enjoyable. Thanks to Lex for coming to Greenfield and sharing your knowledge with our residents!

If you prefer to have your newsletter emailed each month, let us know at: office@greenfieldhome.org



New Resident - Donna Snodgrass



Donna Janette Snodgrass (Long) grew up in Amboy IL in a very musical family. Her mother Lola, father Roy, and sister Lois Ann, who was three years older than her were all musical, too. She enjoyed her childhood in Amboy and took lessons for piano, trumpet, and voice.

Donna graduated from Amboy High School in 1949, and Northern for her Bachelor's in Music Education in 1955. She also did post-graduate work with the Conservatory for Music in Chicago on voice

training.

Donna enjoyed school and became a teacher of music after college. She started her career at the LaMollie High School but spent most of her time teaching in Rock Falls for 1st-6th grades.

Donna married her husband, Francis, on March 10, 1963. Francis passed in 2015 but was well known in the community as he was president of the Bureau County Farm Bureau, on the Bureau County Grain Board, President of the Ohio Grade School Board, and President of the Ohio, IL Centennial Organization. Donna helped him to keep his calendar straight and family is important to Donna.

Donna and Francis have 2 children. Tim Snodgrass lives on their family farm in Ohio IL. He farms and works for Illinois Cement. He has a daughter Ellie Ann



Snodgrass. Donna's other child, Kim Ann Snodgrass, lives in Nashville Tennessee and followed in her aunt's footsteps working as a travel agent.

Donna likes reading Christian and political books, watching TV, and playing piano. She enjoys writing letters and visiting. Faith is very important to her and she is a member of the Walnut Bible Church. She especially enjoys church music, Christmas, and Easter holidays. She likes classical piano music and trumpet. Donna would like to pass along to others the importance of total surrender to the Lord.

Donna enjoyed vacationing with her family in the state of Ohio at her cousin's summer home on Lake Erie. Her husband was a big fisherman. Please welcome Donna to Greenfield!

Kate Webster, SSD

Flowers of Kindness Project

Our pollinator garden has been a great source of so many blessings to our residents as well as the community. After using the cut flowers as entries in the Bureau County Fair, we wanted to continue to spread love and kindness to random people in our community; so we came up with the Flowers of Kindness project.

Through this project, we were able to share our cut flowers with others to

brighten someone's day. Every Thursday morning, we gathered as a group and arranged small bouquets (3 colorful zinnias and some greens like Hosta leaves) along with a note and then wrapped them with either tissue paper or wallpaper to form a beautiful bouquet. That same day, in the afternoon, we loaded the Greenfield van with the mission of making someone's day special. After we delivered all 25 bouquets, we posted

pictures on Facebook. It was so satisfying to see the responses and read about how we made someone's day great!

From the Fire Station to the hospital and a random passerby on Main Street or side street, we shared our flower's with others in the community. We hope to continue our Flowers of Kindness project until the first frost. Be on the lookout for the Greenfield van full of flowers and love!

Paws on Park Avenue

Our annual Paws on Park Avenue – Dog Parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th @ 10:30am. Please contact 815-872-

Meditation Services

Thank you to those volunteers who come to Greenfield and share the Word of God with our residents: Pastor Derek Boggs from the Evangelical Covenant Church, Pastor Marcia Peddicord from the 1st United Methodist Church, Pastor Ryan Sutton

activities@greenfieldhome.org

for more details. Dress your

Halloween outfits. We will

pooch in patriotic or

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have a bake sale in which donations will be made to the local animal shelters. Come and Strut Your Mutt for our residents!!

from the 1st United Methodist Church, Monsignor and Friends from St. Louis Catholic Church. We greatly appreciate your time!

Meal Update

I will be starting our Fall/ Winter Menus first week in October. I have implemented many ideas from our recent Food Survey from our seniors. As

we all know food is a very important part of our daily life. I always appreciate new ideas and recipes given to me that I can incorporate into our menus. Also a big Thank You to all who have brought in fresh produce this summer for our seniors. They have really enjoyed them.

Beth Culjan, Dietary Manager

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Group Baking - Muzzy, Kathryn, Jane, Emagene, Ruth



Patsy P.



Doris B. & Gratice

Danny

Mrs. Thompson's 3rd Graders

Mrs. Angie Thompson, 3rd grade teacher from Lincoln School, and her class will be our new Pen Pals. Mrs. Staci May has taken another position and Mrs. Thompson has agreed to interact with our residents. At this time, we are still unable to meet in person, but as the restrictions lift, we hope to meet in person. We have an exciting school year ahead with a lot of fun activities planned with our new group of 3rd graders.

We are accepting candy donations for Community Trick or Treat

Call Geenfield at 815-872-2261 for more details.

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Pat P. & Emagene - ready for flower delivery



Deb & Fr. Ed



Julie



Muzzy



Jane



Bonnie B.



Marge



Ruth

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Fall is Here!

October already! How is that possible! Unfortunately we have dealt with the pandemic for all of 2022 thus far. With the new booster I am optimistic that our immunity to the variants that have been circulating will be boosted enough to get us back to as close to our previous normal as possible for the upcoming holiday season.

I am happy to report we were able to schedule a booster clinic for our residents with our local health department within days of the booster being approved. I appreciate all of your understanding and cooperation as we continue to strive to keep our residents healthy.

As we enter into fall, of course comes the cold and flu season. We will have Oregon Health Care Pharmacy here on Friday Oct. 28 to do a flu vaccine clinic for all residents and staff who are interested in receiving the shot. I will be distributing educational materials and forms to fill out regarding your desire to receive or decline the vaccine over the next couple of weeks.

As we hopefully continue to

see numbers of Covid cases drop in our community and restrictions for long term care facilities loosen over the coming weeks, please be mindful of any symptoms of illness. Whether it be a cold, flu, or Covid, we want to do our best to prevent our residents from becoming ill. If you are not feeling well or even have mild symptoms that could be any of these illnesses, please postpone your visit until symptoms subside.

Thank you again for all you do to keep our residents healthy and safe.

Shelly Davis, DON



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