

Roses are Red  
Violets are Blue  
There is no place I'd rather spend the cold  
months  
Then here at Grand Haven with you!

As we embrace these cold winters months, it  
is important to remember to stay warm  
when leaving the building.

With Valentine's Day approaching fast, lets  
all remember to be kind with one another.

Showing some love and appreciation  
towards all residents and staff members will  
help us get through this cold winter season.

It can be hard to find motivation to  
participate in daily activities during this  
time of the year, but it is good for all  
residents to come out and enjoy their time  
spent here at Grand Haven.

Happy Valentine's Day!  
Stephanie

Welcome to Grand Haven



Pat O'Donnell



June Braack



Making some  
delicious  
Rice Krispie  
Snowmen





Celebrating Birthdays with a beautiful (and yummy!) cake

# February Birthdays\*

- Peggy Parrott.....2/3
- Alice DeSchepper.....2/5
- Marilyn Stark.....2/11
- Lois Deickmann.....2/11
- Everett Farley.....2/13
- William Haigh.....2/13
- Ruby Michaelsen.....2/18
- Erica Henzen(staff).....2/18
- Dona Cawiezell.....2/21
- Sam Holden(staff).....2/23
- Dorothy Fischer (100th!)...2/23
- Betty Hoxie.....2/28



Happy 100th Birthday Dorothy!!

**Staff Anniversary**

Hen Maass - 11 yrs  
Becca Ward - 2 yrs  
Jessica Post - 3 yrs

# February Anniversaries\*

- Everett & Joy Farley.....2/23

## BEWARE THE GERMS!!

Where are germs hiding?

- Purses:** Do not put your purses down onto the bathroom floor. E Coli in spray droplets following a flush may land on it. Hang the purse in the stall with you if possible, and do not be afraid to wipe it down weekly with a sanitizer towel.
- Cell Phones:** Three out of four cell phones tested have a large dosage of bacteria on them. Try using the sanitizer wipes at least weekly.
- Credit Cards and Cash:** You might always keep them in your wallet, but the hands that just swiped your card or touched your money could have viruses on them.
- Chairs:** All the chairs you sit on have germs, especially the areas you touch.

How do you get rid of germs?

- Wash your hands every time before you cook, after using the restroom, blowing your nose, handling garbage, or in public areas.
- The kind of soap that you use to wash your hands is not as important as you washing those germs down the drain!
- Take time to get a good lather going in between your fingers and under your nail beds.
- Rinse and dry thoroughly



Testing our brains with some Trivia!!



# February Events

- Feb. 2nd - 1:00 PM Music w/ Robert Dahms
- Feb. 3rd - 10:00 AM Book Club w/ Cathy
- Feb. 7th - 1:30 PM Down by the Creek Animals
- Feb. 12th - 1:30 PM Music w/ Terry Stone
- Feb. 13th - 1:00 PM Presentation w/ Cathy from Scott Co. Library
- Feb. 14th - 1:30 PM Performance by the "Eagle Man Dancer"
- Feb. 16th - 1:00 PM Music by John & Kay Retzel
- Feb. 19th - 1:30 PM Romance & Swing w/ Sally & Bing
- Feb. 19th - 4:00 PM German Happy Hour for Dona's Birthday
- Feb. 20th - 1:30 PM BINGO w/ Ed White Elem. School Children
- Feb. 20th - 5:30 PM BINGO w/ Lions Club
- Feb. 21st - 8:00 AM PODIATRIST
- Feb. 21st - 1:00 PM Music w/ Ron Lubbers

## Spotlight on Senior

Our February Spotlight on Senior is Ronald "Ron" Brick! When you meet Ron he's always quick with a "how are you doin'," and never short of a fun anecdote with a hearty chuckle.

Ron grew up on a farm Northeast of Grand Mound, IA. He remembers the kinds of shenanigans he and his cousins used to get into when they were young. "Kids," he said laughing, "sometimes when they get their heads together they get into trouble. We sure did."

Growing up he helped raise livestock and the fields that they cultivated were strictly used to feed their animals. Ron also recalls spending a good amount of time working on a lot of the farm machinery. "I was always really good with mechanics," he said. "It interested me, and I was good at it. It even led to me being an engineer in the Army!" Ron was drafted right after graduating from high school and served from 1953 to 1955, working and testing out various military equipment.

After the military, Ron went back to his farming roots.

Altogether he farmed for 57 years, at one point taking care of two different farms, and also spent time working on the chemical floors for DuPont and warehouses for Pioneer in Durant, IA.

At this time Ron also began his own family. When asked about them Ron smiled. He has a son who lives locally in Bettendorf, a daughter who lives in Phoenix, AZ, and then another son who resides in St. Cloud, MN. He also has lots of lovely grandchildren.

He's enjoyed his time here at Grand Haven, remarking that the people are what make it enjoyable. He says the key to a happy life though is to have fun and to live lighthearted. "I give people a hard time," Ron says. "But it's good for you. It keeps you on your toes. That's the only advice I can give, that you can probably actually write up! God bless you all."





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Having fun making snowflakes  
at Craft'n & Chat'n

