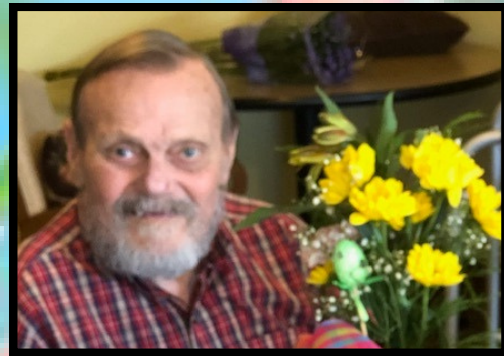


# Grand Haven RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

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## *Moments Corner:*





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**April Showers bring May Flowers!!!!**

We are so glad to welcome spring back to Grand Haven! The gardens are just beginning to bloom and the air is becoming warm and sweet with the smell of pollen coming back to life. We did not have a bad winter at all, we just had winter all in one month... or one really bad week with 25 inches of snow. We survived and Grand Haven did not miss a beat. Our dedicated employees communicated and did a lot a white knuckled driving to make it happen and we appreciate their dedication to all of us.

With April showers comes the warming of the earth, and you mix that with humidity... well we get a few strong storms from time to time and I thought I would go over what the difference was between a watch and a warning:

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Be Prepared!** Severe thunderstorms are possible in and near the watch area. Stay informed and be ready to act if a severe thunderstorm warning is issued. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning: Take Action!** Severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property. Take shelter in a substantial building. Get out of mobile homes that can blow over in high winds. Warnings typically encompass a much smaller area (around the size of a city or small county) that may be impacted by a large hail or damaging wind identified by an NWS forecaster on radar or by a trained spotter/law enforcement who is watching the storm.

We are truly blessed to have a one-story building that was constructed by our own Callahan Construction so we are as safe as we can be. We also have the back-up generator so if everyone's lights go out, we stay the course to keep our residents comfortable and safe.

Happy Easter to all of you and remember the thought of the day:

Each of us is a sum total of all of our life experiences. We have families, education; we have seen places; we have worked hard; we have done remarkable things and seen remarkable things in our lifetime. We need to celebrate each person's greatness, so let's be kinder than necessary, for everyone carries some type of burden.

Happy Dan

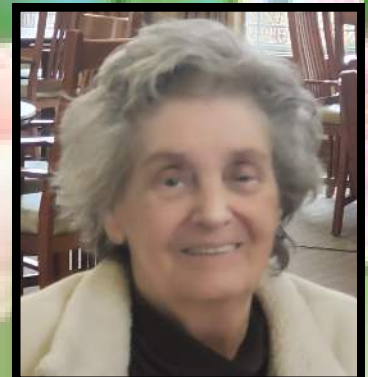
## Welcome to Grand Haven



Eileen Groth



Pat & Don Childs



Shirley Ketron

# Senior on Spotlight



Julie Ann Snyder McClintic moved into Grand Haven in October and come April 1st she will be moving out to one of our Town Houses. Julie grew up in Schaller, IA. She was raised on the family farm where her father farmed, raised cattle, milked cows and raised chickens (both broilers and laying hens). Julie has 2 sisters and 2 brothers. 1 of her brothers passed away at the age of 2 from spinal meningitis. Julie remembers walking the bean fields with her sister and all the chores she had to do. Julie says today she appreciates the chores she did growing up, it made her the person she is today. She has a lot of great memories of life on the farm. Julie went to school at Sacred Heart in Early, IA for 6 years then finished schooling at Schaller-Crestland in Schaller, graduating in 1977. Julie met her husband Ron at a local bar in Schaller playing pinball. She says she knew of him because in a small community everyone knows everyone. Ron and Julie have 2 children, Michael, age 42, who lives in Littleton, CO. and Megan, age 40, who lives here in Eldridge. Ron was a mechanic and worked for 2 different implement shops and after that he worked at Merrill Manufacturing in shipping and receiving. Julie worked as the Board Secretary / Business Manager at Schaller-Crestland Comm. School District for 32 ½ years. Julie says the family enjoyed camping. They started out in a tent and gradually worked their way up into a 27' camper. They had so many good memories that it's hard to just pick one. Julie has 4 grandchildren, 2 girls in Colorado and a boy and a girl in Eldridge. She enjoys going to all their activities from sports to dance to gymnastics to crafts and playing ping pong. Julie is enjoying her time here at Grand Haven. She states the staff and residents are all so nice and there's always an activity going on. Grand Haven is its own little town under one roof.



# April Birthdays

Robert Hintz	2nd
Galen Moore	4th
Emily Justice Scott (staff)	5th
Joyce Hay	6th
Emma Prine (staff)	8th
Elecia Arrington (staff)	10th
Cindy Higgins (staff)	11th
Ann Klopp	12th
Melinles Dell (staff)	13th
Merrill Boyle	15th
Leo Schmeink	21st
Christine Hankes (staff)	21st
Bev Gustafson	22nd
Larry Crotty	24th
Brittany Byrd (staff)	25th

# Staff Anniversaries

<u>7 years</u>
Carol Knisley
<u>6 years</u>
Denise Little
<u>4 years</u>
Mackenzie Bohr
Katie Finnegan
<u>2 years</u>
Cindy Higgins
Robyn Klever
<u>1 year</u>
Sarah Blake

**2 Day Notice**

If you have a visitor for lunch please let the kitchen know 2 days in advance.

