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Welcome November!



November 2024

Happy Thanksgiving

As November approaches us with beautiful colors in leaves, and the autumn smells that greet us in the morning, our Thanksgiving feast will be coming before we know it. I am so thankful for our amazing staff and for our residents here at Grand Haven. Thank you for your positivity, flexibility, and generosity. I am constantly inspired by the moments of kindness that I see each and every day here. We are looking forward to spending the holidays with all of you, and we will try hard to impress you with all of the holiday decorations that will be here this month for all to enjoy.

Recently we went out to visit the Klindt farm just south of Maysville, IA, and I have to tell you that we had such a wonderful time. Ken and his wife opened up their home to us to spend the afternoon on the farm and boy they did not disappoint. We were greeted at the bus with many helping hands to get us to the back to his beautiful backyard set up in the shade with wonderful finger foods and desserts with cocktails to satisfy all that were there. Then Paul and Dave took our residents out to the combines and tractors and let them join in the fun of harvesting the crops. We had residents ranging from 78 to 99 years old that got to enjoy this, and boy did it bring back a lot of memories for all of them. Grand Haven is so lucky to reside by such a wonderful family that impacted us in such a positive manner.



Happy Thanksgiving,
Dan

Welcome to Grand Haven

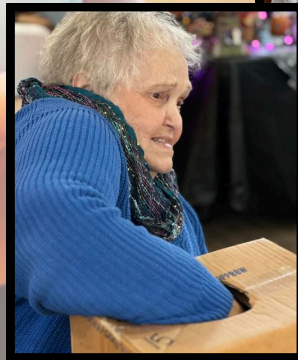


Darlene Ballenger



November Birthdays

Rebecca Littig (staff)	1st
Aubry Higgins Brewer (staff)	4th
Richard Buikema	14th
Heather Anderson (staff)	14th
Lynden Zevenbergen (staff)	15th
Milo Soenksen	17th
Donna Johnson	19th
Michaela Mink (staff)	19th
Debbie Frahm (staff)	20th
Dean Tonklinson	24th
Barbara Box	25th
Paul Holzworth	26th
Dan Collins (Manager)	26th
Lorena Whalen	27th
Ruby Claussen	28th



Staff Anniversaries

2 years

Simone Fitzgerald

1 year

MelinLes Deil

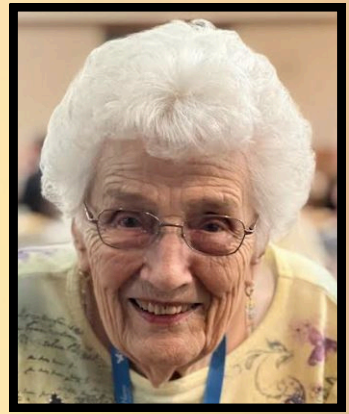
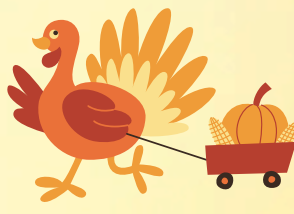
Faith Gilbert

Sam Miller





Senior on Spotlight



This month we are spotlighting Marilyn Joyce (Fahrenkrog) Dengler. Marilyn grew up in the Scott County area. She was born on a farm north of Plainview and then moved to a farm on Buttermilk Road, (where the Amazon plant is now) then moved just northeast of Eldridge and lastly to the Donahue area where her father and his twin brother were born. Marilyn had 2 sisters and 1 brother. She was the oldest and is now the only one left. Some of her fondest memories were helping her Mom and Dad, playing ball games, going to dances and her Dad building a pond so they could go swimming and ice skating. Marilyn started her education in a one room schoolhouse and graduated from Davenport High in 1946 with a Normal Training Certificate allowing her to teach in a one room schoolhouse. She had to have a special certificate from Des Moines for her to teach at age 17. She finished out her career with 22 years at Blue Grass before retiring in 1990. My husband's (Warren) youngest sister and Marilyn were friends in high school, and stayed at each other's home like girls do. This was during WW11 and no new cars were being built so when Warren wanted to use the family car for a date, and if I happened to be there, his Dad would make him take his sister and I along. After a year or so he came to our house and asked my parents if he could take me to a movie. We were married 4 years later. Warren and Marilyn were dairy farmers raising purebred Guernsey's. Warren was very involved in the local milk producer's association. They bought a farm just outside of Walcott and built the first milking parlor in Scott County. They also raised corn and soybeans on 269 acres along with hogs and sheep. Once they sold the milking cows they raised steers for several years before moving to Durant. Warren and Marilyn had 5 kids, twin girls Polly & Peggy and then 3 boys Ray, Ron and Rick. They enjoyed many trips together like Washington D.C., New Jersey to see the ocean and back through the Appalachian Mountains to get back to Iowa. They attended lots of basketball games with one most memorable with their son Ron playing at Davenport Central and winning the state Championship in 1970. Marilyn will always treasure the memories of their first born son, Rick, who was tragically killed by lightning while camping with his friends on their farm in 1962. Marilyn has 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. She enjoys many visits and phone calls from them all. Marilyn likes living here at Grand Haven because she has someone else taking care of the laundry and cleaning. Her friends that visit always comment on how nice the facility and apartments are. The staff have been very friendly and caring when it comes to her well-being.

100th

Give Thanks! ❤️

