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From the desk of Happy Dan

Well I am going to say it.....The Groundhog didn't do us any favors but, all in all for Iowa, this has not been a bad winter at all. Happy March to all our Grand Haven family. Spring is March 20th so what can happen in around 20 days right?? I cannot wait to see our beautiful gardens in bloom again. This brings on new beginnings and a chance to appreciate all that life can bring. I'm also excited to get the grill out and start our monthly cookouts. Who wants to bet on how many ducks we have this year?

As you look at your calendars you'll see a lot of activities planned, starting with Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day and opening day of baseball just to name a few. In closing, take a look around and notice the new life in our gardens, the warm sunshine and fresh air that follows after a rainy day. I'll leave you with this Irish Blessing

May your troubles be less
And your blessings be more
And nothing but happiness
Come through your door

Welcome to Grand Haven



Kay Lincoln



Bob Voelkel



Melvin Schroeder

Staff Anniversaries

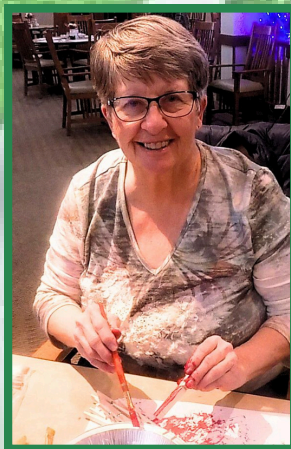
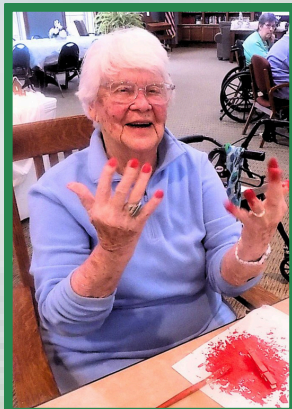


2 Year

Aubrey Higgins-Brewer

1 Year

Christine Long



March Birthdays

Sam Miller (staff)

Marguerite Holzworth

Vera Elmshaeser

Lois Bittner

Donna Judkins

Sarah Blake (staff)

Robyn Klever (staff)

Norma Hein

Denise Little (staff)

Jada Denger (staff)

Dick Petersen



7th

10th

11th

12th

17th

18th

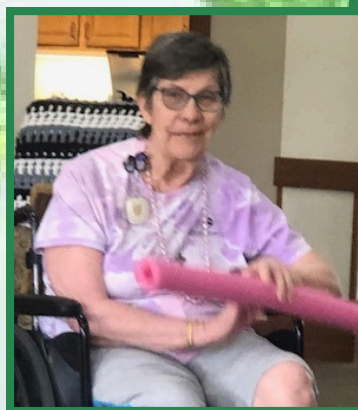
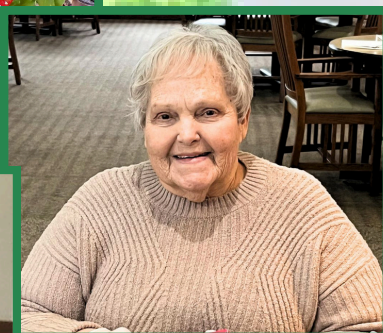
20th

21st

22nd

23rd

30th



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O'THE
IRISH

Senior on Spotlight



Raymond Robert Boeding was born on a hot August day on the prairie in Glad Valley, South Dakota. The family homesteaded in 1905 after migrating from Germany. He lived his first 11 years on the prairie with his 6 brothers and 6 sisters. They were his only playmates for those many years. He attended a one-room school house until the 4th grade. The family had to abandon the farm after non-payment of taxes. Those were the years of sand storms and insect infestations, so no crops would grow.

In 1939 his mother decided to return to West Point, Iowa, where he completed his school years at St. Mary's High School. After graduating from high school, he worked at Shafer Pen Company as a "pen" inspector. In 1950 he was called to serve in the Army, with basic training in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Then he was assigned to the combat infantry during the Korean War. After the Army, he enrolled at the University of Iowa where he received a degree in accounting, graduating in 1956. During that time he met his future wife, Joan Fitzgerald. They were married December 26, 1953. Ray worked for the Department of the Army, at Army Munitions and Chemical Command (AMCOM) as a financial analyst, ending his career as a project manager.

The couple raised 4 children in Davenport until 1970. They moved to rural Donahue, where Joan served as a school nurse at various North Scott schools. Ray has 3 living children: Mike and family live in Houston; Texas, Donald and family live in San Francisco, California and Jo Ellen in Eldridge. His daughter, Susan, died in 2022.

Vacations included spending time at a lake resort in Green Lake, Wisconsin, with neighbors and friends when the children were younger. Also trips to see the homestead in South Dakota, visiting relatives in Nebraska and the later years with family reunions at Sunrise Beach, Lake of the Ozarks.

Ray currently has 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Another great-granddaughter is due May 2025. After Joan passed in 2013, he stayed at the house in the country until coming to Grand Haven in August of 2024. Ray's experiences have been very positive. He enjoys the camaraderie and friendships that have developed since moving in.





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Moments Corner:

