

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Rose Ewoldt 2nd
 Lucille Barker 4th
 Sharon Boyle 6th
 Simone Fitzgerald 9th
 Kristen Lage 11th
 Charlotte Rock 12th
 Cathy Kime 12th
 Doris Rayburn 14th
 Marilyn Dengler 18th
 Mackenzie Bohr 20th
 Ruth Heuer 23rd
 Joy Farley 24th



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Riley Inch 1 year
 Tiffany Higgins 2 years
 Jessica Mathis 3 years
 Liz Brix 3 years

Homecoming King & Queen

Jerry & Kris Schwien



Homecoming Court

Georgene "Pinky" Verschuere
 Sue Collins
 Julie McClintic



LEO SCHMEINK

HONOR FLIGHT TO DC

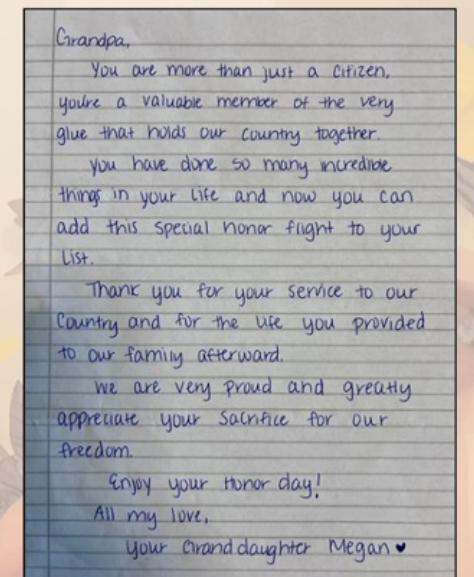
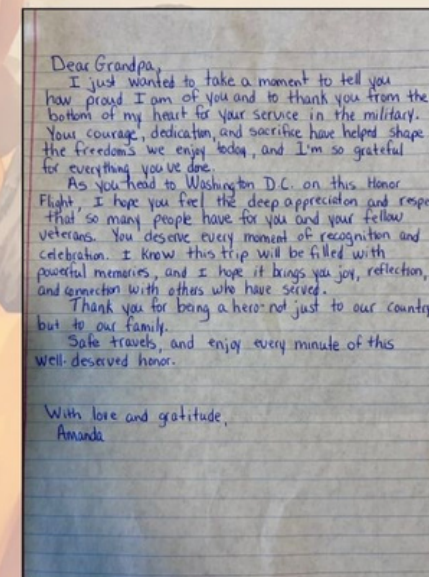
On September 16, 2025, Korean War veteran Leo Schmeink took part in a powerful journey of remembrance and recognition as he joined the 63rd Honor Flight of the Quad Cities to Washington, D.C. Organized to honor veterans for their service and sacrifice, the Honor Flight brought together 84 veterans — including four from the Korean War, one from World War II, and the rest from the Vietnam War era.

The group flew from the Quad Cities into Dulles International Airport, where they were welcomed warmly before beginning a full day of visits to the nation's most sacred military landmarks. The veterans toured several historic sites and war memorials, including the World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

A highlight of the day was attending the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery — a solemn ceremony that deeply moved many on the trip. For Leo, Arlington Cemetery stood out as the most memorable part of the experience. Walking among the endless rows of headstones, surrounded by the weight of history and sacrifice, left a lasting impression.

The Honor Flight gave veterans like Leo a chance to reflect, reconnect with fellow servicemen, and receive long-overdue recognition. The day concluded with an emotional homecoming at Quad Cities International Airport, where crowds gathered to cheer and thank each veteran in person.

For Leo Schmeink, the journey to Washington, D.C., was more than a trip — it was a tribute to a life of service and a moment of national gratitude that will not be forgotten.





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From the Desk of Happy Dan

September brought us many great memories here at Grand Haven, and I'd like to take a moment to highlight one very special event: the 2025 Grand Haven Butterfly Release.

Each year, this heartfelt tradition gives us the opportunity to honor and remember the loved ones we've lost. It's a time for reflection, healing, and community—and this year's gathering was truly something remarkable.

We were thrilled to welcome what was arguably our largest turnout ever, with over 100 attendees joining us for the release. The courtyards were filled with laughter, stories, and a beautiful sense of peace as butterflies took flight in memory of those who are forever in our hearts.

I want to sincerely thank everyone who helped make this year's event such a meaningful success—our wonderful residents, dedicated staff, supportive family members, and kind friends from the Eldridge community. Your presence and participation made all the difference.

As we move into the fall season, I'm grateful for the strong sense of togetherness we continue to build here at Grand Haven. Here's to more shared moments, lasting memories, and the joy of community.

Until next time,
Happy Dan

Welcome to Grand Haven

Harold Harness
"Father Bob"



Georgene Verschuere
"Pinky"



Michael Wright



Dorothy Watson

