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Vow Renewal Ceremony

February was National Wedding Month. Some of Big Meadows staff and residents participated in a vow renewal ceremony. Pictured below left to right: decorations in the dining room and the cake table. More pictures are continued on page 2.



SUPPORTIVE LIVING ILLINOIS
 Care • Community • Comfort • Cost

Supportive Living Week April 24-30, 2011
Pinnacle Place Open House
 1125 N 5th St. Savanna
 (the old Savanna City Hospital)

Wednesday April 27, 2011
1-5:30 p.m.



The public is invited to attend. Supportive Living communities offer the “Missing Piece” of affordability to seniors and their families. Take a tour and enter to win one of several door prizes at our open house events. For more information or to schedule a personal tour contact JoEllen McCaskey at 815-273-2105 or jmccaskey@pinnaclesupportiveliving.com



With This Ring, I Thee Wed...

Friday, February 25th residents, staff and their spouses renewed their vows in the Big Meadows Dining room as a sign of their love and devotion towards each other.

Five couples participated in the ceremony with Becky Voss, Chaplin and activity aide, providing the service. Members of the community came out to watch and afterward we all enjoyed some cake, mints, nuts, and punch.

Pictures: Fred & Jackie Smith, Helen & Mike O'Neal, Kathryn & PJ Broderick, Becky Voss, Mike & Pat Boomgarden, Robert & Jackie Walker, audience, Walker family enjoying some cake, "you may kiss the bride," and another picture of the cake.



Big Meadows Highlights



High School Choir

The West Carroll choir came to visit March 3rd. They sang solo and ensemble pieces that they will be singing at State.



Social Workers Month

March was Social Workers month. In celebration Big Meadows held a Social Workers' Dinner March 22 for Julie Johnson and other social workers from the area. The following agencies were represented: Carroll County Housing Authority, Carroll County Senior Center, Morrison Hospital, and Genesis Hospice. They enjoyed savory baked sour cream chicken over

wild rice, spinach salad, homemade rolls, and cheesecake. The meal was provided by: *Catered by Carol*. A drawing for a one day pass for four people to CoCo Key Resort in Rockford, IL was won by Neil Cooperrider from Morrison Hospital and Carol Young from the Carroll County Senior Center won a \$100 gift certificate to CoCo Key Resort.



Pajama Game Scenes

West Carroll High School students came over to Big Meadows March 17 to perform some scenes from their musical Pajama Game. The residents really enjoy seeing the students and hearing them sing.

Big Meadows Announcements

April 12 the monthly birthday party with Dave Allen as entertainment.

Spring Brunch

Big Meadows will be having a spring brunch for those 65 and older on April 5th at 11 a.m. Breakfast casseroles, fruit and cinnamon rolls will be served. Be sure to tell your friends and family and come out to enjoy some great food. RSVP to Lisa Johnson by calling 815.273.2238 by noon April 4.

April Birthdays

Residents:

7 Dana Petty
25 Julia Atherton

Staff:

4 Julie Johnson
12 Trinity Solomon
20 Jennifer Boyer
23 Courtney Gaul
26 Paula Losch
27 Kelly Foley



BINGO

12	25	41	51	63
3	30	37	54	66
7	21	FREE	56	74
1	26	35	50	69
10	17	45	47	64

Jaime, Big Meadow's activity director, will be leading bingo at the senior center located in Mt. Carroll, IL the first Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. She will be there April 5. Come out and show your support while playing bingo.

Community Coffee



Our next community coffee will be held April 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the dining room. The theme for this month's coffee is "Easter Bonnets." Everyone is encouraged to wear an Easter bonnet, judging will occur for the prettiest and most creative. Invite your friends and family.

Menu

- ◇ Ham
- ◇ Corn casserole
- ◇ Sweet potatoes
- ◇ Dinner roll
- ◇ Peach upside down cake

RSVP

- ◇ Please RSVP by April 15 by calling 815.273.2238.
- ◇ Dinner will be served at 11:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 24.

Easter Egg Hunt

Big Meadow's annual Easter Egg Hunt is April 22 at 2 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you would like to make a donation of plastic eggs or wrapped candy to place in the eggs, please drop them off in the front office by April 18.



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National Nursing Home Week

Big Meadows will be celebrating Nursing Home week May 8-14. Watch for more information and a list of activities in the May Newsletter. The theme this year is:



Administrative Professionals Day



April 27th a coffee and donut social will be held at 9:30 a.m. to honor Annie Leitzen and Lisa Johnson - Big Meadow's

Administrative professionals. Everyone is encouraged to attend and show their support for these ladies.

Mother's Day

Please keep in mind our annual Mother's Day Banquet is coming up. It will be held May 5 at 5 p.m. in the dining room of Big Meadows. The theme this year is "Tea Party." Family and friends of our women residents are encouraged to attend, invitations will be sent out. Reservations will need to be made by April 27, please call 815.273.2238.

Easter Word Search

M	K	D	E	C	C	U	D	G	C	P	G	P	G	B
K	V	H	H	T	V	U	N	Y	A	K	N	V	N	U
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B	A	S	K	E	T	L	T	D	G	D	K	A	R	N
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- BASKET
- BUNNY
- CHICK
- CHOCOLATE
- CRACKING
- CUDDLY
- DUCKY
- DYED
- EASTER
- EGGS
- MARSHMALLOW
- PAINTING
- PASTEL
- QUACK
- RABBIT
- SPRING
- TREATS
- YUMMY

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

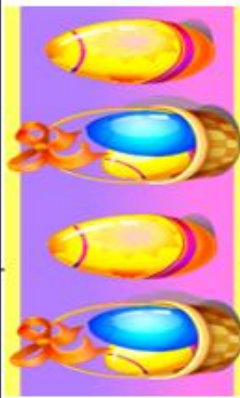
Fri

Sat



April 2011


Big Meadows Activity Calendar



3 D 2:00 Church Service
(New Hope Assembly)
A 3:00 Beat That
L 4:00 Today In History



4 A 10:30 Exercise
L 11:00 Today In History
D 2:00 Bango
D 2:30 Leisure Interest Outing
Committee



5 C 10:00 Rotary
A 10:30 Exercise
11:00 Senior Brunch
A 2:00 Movie
L 4:00 Today In History
A 6:00 Bowling Dice



6 A 10:30 Exercise
11:00 Sabula Cafe
1:00-2:00 J. J. Visits
A 2:00 Arts and Crafts
(Easter Bonnets)
L 4:00 Today In History
A 6:00 Skunk Dice



7 A 10:30 Exercise
11:00 Brother's
A 1:30 Ball Toss
A 2:00 Movie
L 4:00 Today In History
A 6:00 Card Bingo

8 A 10:30 Exercise
L 11:00 Today In History
D 2:00 Bango
L 3:00 Red Bird Country

9 A 10:30 Exercise
L 11:00 Today In History
A 1:30 Play Nine
A 2:00 Movie Time

10 D 2:00 Church Service
(Church on the Hill)
A 3:00 Trivia
L 4:00 Today In History

11 A 10:30 Exercise
L 11:00 Today In History
D 2:00 Bango
D 2:30 Food Advisory

12 C 10:00 Rotary
A 10:30 Exercise
D 2:00 Birthday Party
w/Dave Allen
L 4:00 Today In History
A 6:00 Help Your Neighbor

13 D 9:30 Community
Coffee and Easter Bonnet Judging
A 10:30 Exercise
11:00 McDonald's
1:00-2:00 J. J. Visits
2:00 Bears For Ice Cream
A 2:00 Bible Study
L 4:00 Today In History
C 6:00 Youth Group Activity

14 9:00 Senior Ride Women
A 10:30 Exercise
11:00 Kountry Kettle
A 1:30 Ball Toss
A 2:00 Thematic Movie and Popcorn
L 4:00 Today In History
A 6:00 Cooking w/ Becky
Titanic struck iceberg 1912

15 A 10:30 Exercise
L 11:00 Today In History
D 2:00 Bango
D 2:30 Outing Sign Up

16 A 10:30 Exercise
L 11:00 Dinner Music
w/Becky
A 1:30 Wii
A 2:00 Movie Time

17 D 2:00 Church Service
(Pastor Mike)
A 3:00 Easter Bunny Races
L 4:00 Today In History



18 A 10:30 Exercise
L 11:00 Today In History
D 2:00 Bango

19 8:00 Men's Breakfast
C 10:00 Rotary
A 10:30 Exercise
A 2:00 Kismet
L 4:00 Today In History
A 6:00 Pig Dice

20 A 10:30 Exercise
C 12:40 KFC Order in
1:00-2:00 J. J. Visits
A 2:00 Resident Choice
L 4:00 Today In History
A 6:00 Ship Captain and Crew

21 A 10:30 Exercise
A 1:30 Ball Toss
A 2:00 Easter Egg Filling
L 4:00 Today In History
A 6:00 Dice 2!

22 A 10:30 Exercise
L 11:00 Jelly Bean Buffet
D 2:00 Easter Egg Hunt



National Jelly Bean Day

23 A 10:30 Exercise
L 11:00 Easter Trivia
A 1:30 Jelly Bean Dice
A 2:00 Movie Time



24 D 2:00 Church Service
(Becky Voss)
A 3:00 Easter Game
L 4:00 Today In History



25 A 10:30 Exercise
L 11:00 Today In History
D 2:00 Bango
D 2:30 Resident Council

26 C 10:00 Rotary
A 10:30 Exercise
C 12:40 Subway Order in
A 2:00 Fiddle
L 4:00 Today In History
A 6:00 Pretzel Social



27 D 9:30 Coffee to
Recognize Administrative
Professionals
A 10:30 Exercise
11:00 Pizza Ranch
A 2:00 1,2,3 Cards
L 4:00 Today In History
A 6:00 Don't Go To Jail

28 A 10:30 Exercise
A 1:30 Ball Toss
A 2:00 Skunk Dice
2:40 Dairy Queen
L 4:00 Today In History
A 6:00 Bowling Dice

29 A 10:30 Exercise
L 11:00 Today In History
D 2:00 Bango

30 A 10:30 Exercise
L 11:00 Dinner Music
w/Becky
A 1:30 Wii
A 2:00 Movie Time

Pinnacle Place Announcements

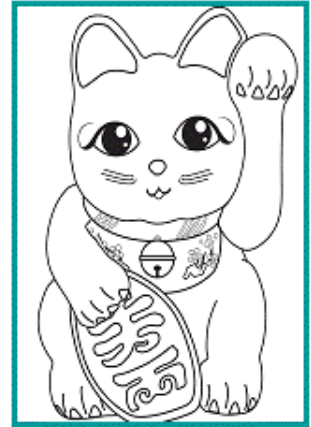
Wellness Program Advanced Directives

Sandi Harper, Wellness Nurse has scheduled a guest speaker to present basic information on Advanced Directives on Monday April 11th at 2:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room. The guest presenter is Julie Johnson, Social Services Director at Big Meadows. Julie has 14 years of experience in discussing the topic of Advanced Directives. Tenants, families and the community are welcome to this informational program. We will draw for a Door Prize for those attending. Refreshments will be provided. February Door Prize Winners were Eileen Schreiner and Judy Hoffmann.

April Birthday

8th Hali Bower,
Transportation
Coordinator/C.N.A.

Pinnacle Place tenants have helped to send some **color** of hope to our global neighbors in Japan. We colored several pictures of Maneki Neko, the beckoning cat, which is a sign of good luck in Japan. These pictures will be sent to Japan along with Shelter Boxes sponsored by Rotary International Clubs. Contact JoEllen McCaskey for more information.



April Fool's Day will be celebrated with a **Jokesters Make Us Smile Social** at 3:30pm on April 1st. Wear a smile, bring a joke and join the fun!

Peeps Party

April showers are a creeping
But we all are now a cheeping
'Cause a party just for keeps
We are planning for our Peeps.
Stop by and take a peek.
Join us for our Peeps Party on April 21st at 2:00pm.



Learn how Supportive Living, the affordable alternative to assisted living and nursing home care, is the "missing piece" many families seek in the puzzling search for quality, cost-effective residential care options for seniors. Collect the four puzzle pieces in our weekly ads and bring to the Supportive Living Week at Pinnacle Place on April 27th from 1-5:30 p.m. to be eligible for a special drawing.

We took a trip to see the hundreds of Eagles that were in Sabula during March. They were perched in trees, fishing and hanging out on the ice. It was cool to see so many close up.



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Supportive Living Facility

April 2011 Social Calendar



3	10:00 Prayer Service	4	10:30 Exercise 5:15 Bingo	5	9:45 Fruits & Veggies 10:30 Exercise 2:30 Cards	6	9:00 Shop 10:30 Exercise 2:30 Bowling Dice	7	10:00 Bible Study 2:00 Card Bingo	8	10:30 Tai Chi 2:30 Cards	9	5:15 Movie & Popcorn
10	10:00 Prayer Service	11	10:30 Exercise 2:30 Wellness Program-Advanced Directives 5:15 Bingo	12	10:30 Exercise 2:30 Cards	13	10:30 Exercise 2:30 Farkle	14	10:00 Bible Study 2:00 Arts & Crafts	15	10:30 Tai Chi 2:30 Cards	16	5:15 Movie & Popcorn
17	10:00 Prayer Service	18	10:30 Exercise 5:15 Bingo	19	9:00 Shop 10:30 Exercise 2:00 Scenic 2:30 Cards	20	10:30 Exercise 2:30 Spinner	21	10:00 Bible Study 2:00 Peeps Party	22	10:30 Tai Chi 2:30 Cards	23	5:15 Movie & Popcorn
24	Happy Easter	25	10:30 Exercise 5:15 Bingo	26	9:45 Fruits & Veggies 10:30 Exercise 2:30 Cards	27	10:30 Exercise 1-5:30 Supportive Living Week Open House	28	10:00 Bible Study 2:00 Fact or Fiction	29	10:30 Tai Chi 2:30 Cards	30	5:15 Movie & Popcorn

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 April 2011 Menu						
3 Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Baked Ham	4 Mac & Cheese Ring Bologna Garlic Chicken	5 French Dip Salmon	6 Hot Chicken Salad Sweet & Sour Pork Chop	7 Chili Dog Spaghetti & Meatballs	8 Tater Tot Casserole Cornflake Chicken	9 Veg Barley Soup & Sloppy Joe Porcupine Meatballs
10 Herb Baked Fish Filet Orange Chicken Stir Fry	11 Tacos BBQ Pork Ribs	12 Chef Salad Roast Pork	13 Hamburger Salisbury Steak	14 Italian Beef Sandwich Pollock	15 Chicken Breast Lasagna	16 Pizza Pork Chop
17 Chicken Strips Swiss Steak	18 Goulash Baked Ham	19 Cheeseburger Chicken Enchilada	20 Ham & Bean Soup Pork Loin	21 BLT Teriyaki Beef	22 Hot Dog Roast Beef	23 Chili Chicken Broccoli Alfredo
24 Easter Dinner Brat	25 Minestrone Soup & Sandwich Meatloaf	26 Ham & Swiss Stromboli Cod Filet	27 Soup Buffet Pork Chop w/mushrooms	28 Patty Melt Lasagna	29 Spaghetti Chicken w/Almonds	30 Veggie Soup & Chicken Salad Tater Tot Casserole



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Happy
Easter

From the
residents
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