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Open House
April 25th
8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Join us for coffee & rolls



Pictured to the left are Louise Herron and Phyllis Young cutting out coupons to send overseas. Pictured above are Cathy Stasch and Mae Robbe cutting fabric for pillow cases for our 'Warming Hearts' project. The pillow cases are being made for VA hospitals and hospices in the area.

On the Big Meadows' board in the lobby area you'll notice a Resident of the Month section. Joan Hough is our resident for the month of April. She was chosen by random draw.

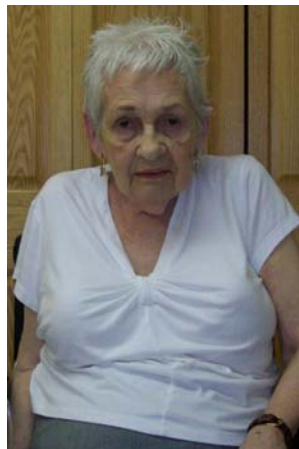
~Joan Hough~

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Joan was born on February 4, 1932 & raised in Mt. Carroll. Joan was a teacher in Mt. Carroll. She taught elementary school. Joan started teaching in 1965 and retired in 1988. Joan also served on the City Council and was the first woman appointed to City Council in Mt. Carroll.

Joan has three daughters and five grandchildren. After her youngest daughter graduated from high school, Joan went overseas. She spent 17 years teaching at different bases. First Joan went to Iceland. That was her first time being on a plane and out of the country! She taught for three years on a navy base. Her second assignment was in Germany. Joan spent 11 years at Hahn air base teaching. Joan's third assignment was in Belgium, where she spent three years teaching at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE).

After her time overseas Joan moved back to the United States and went to Texas where she helped her daughter with her twins. After the twins turned four Joan moved back to Mt. Carroll and became the director at the library until 2009.



Fun Facts

Joan moved to Big Meadows November 2011. She can speak some French & German. Her favorite music is classical. Joan's favorite types of books are history, philosophy, foreign fiction, and WWII. Her favorite dish is steak and kidney pie. Joan's favorite flowers are daffodils and violets. And she has two favorite quotes: "I was sorry I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet," an ancient Chinese saying. And the second is "Your reach should exceed your grasp" – Robert Browning. What Joan says about Big Meadows, "It's the best kept secret in Northern Illinois. I can stay up as late as I want and can sleep in as late as I want. They are very accommodating around here."

Big Meadows Highlights

Dorothy's 100th Birthday Party



Dorothy Holling was born on March 27, 1912 and celebrated her 100th birthday with an Open House on Sunday, March 25 from 2-4 at Big Meadows. Dorothy spent the day visiting with over 100 family and friends. Congratulations Dorothy!



Flowers and trees are blooming early due to the unusual March weather we've had.



Big Meadows Announcements



Birthdays

Residents:

7 Dana Petty
20 Ray Cooper
25 Julia Atherton
26 Phyllis Young

Staff:

1 Lucy Walther
4 Julie Johnson
10 Katie Boutwell
12 Trinity Solomon
20 Jen Boyer

23 Courtney Gaul
23 Jean Kehl
26 Paula Losch
27 Kelly Foley

Easter Egg Hunt Reminder

Big Meadows' annual Easter egg hunt will be Friday, April 6 at 2 p.m. rain or shine. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Farewell Get Together - On Friday, April 13, 2012 at 2 p.m. the staff and residents of Big Meadows will be honoring Lisa Mussman, Dietary Manager, as she takes on a new position at Mercy Living Centers North and South in Clinton, IA. At Mercy, Lisa will be heading the Dietary Department. Lisa has served our residents and staff with dedication for the past 12 years, always with a friendly smile and willingness to lend a helping hand. She has been attentive to the needs of our residents as her top priority and has been involved in various committees and responsibilities of the facility. Lisa lives in Goose Lake, IA with her husband Mike and has four sons; Zack, Nick, Seth and Lukas. She will be dearly missed by so many people and we at Big Meadows wish her the very best in her new endeavors.

GOOD LUCK LISA!



Easter Dinner

Will be served at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 8, 2012 in the dining room. Please RSVP by April 2 by calling 815.273.2238. The menu will include: honey glazed ham, sweet potatoes, peas & onions, dinner roll, and strawberry cheesecake. An alternate will be provided as well.



Please Welcome our new Dietary Manager, Lois Moore. Lois has 22 years experience in food services. She lives in Freeport. Lois is the third of nine kids in her family and Patty Boomgarden is her younger sister. Lois has two sons and five grandkids. She enjoys making baby dolls, painting and all sorts of arts & crafts and decorating. Lois says, "I am excited to be at Big Meadows and getting to know everyone."

Lisa (left) and Lois (right)

Community Coffee

Our next community coffee will be held Wednesday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. to honor all of the volunteers we have at Big Meadows.

They are as follows: Jackie Walker, Gary Abney, Derrik Osbourne, Mike Wey, Mert Norman, Lupe Castro, Steve Newell, Rosary Ladies, Billy Schipper, Bob Whitten, Red Bird Country, YAC Group, and Fred Phillips. Thank you for all you do! Please join us for donuts, coffee, juice, and visiting with the volunteers.

Please note this is the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Caregiver Support Group

Please join us for the next Caregiver Support Group, which will be held Thursday, April 26 at noon. Mary McNally from the Alzheimer's Association will be the guest speaker. Please call Julie Johnson, Social Service Director, at 815.273.2238 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATES

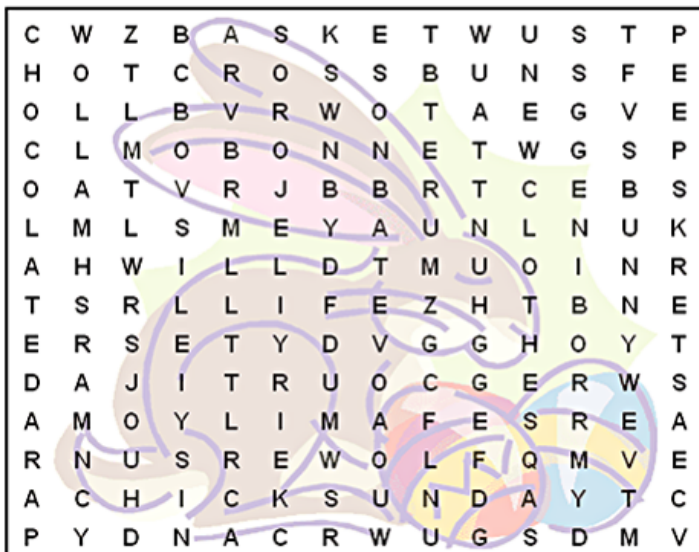
OUR ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012 AT 5 P.M. NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK IS COMING UP MAY 13-19. THE HOT DOG HURRAH WILL BE MAY 18. BE SURE TO MARK THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION TO COME.



Robyn Diestelmeier, CNA at Big Meadows, is expecting a baby boy. She is due May 4. Big Meadows is throwing Robyn a baby shower on Tuesday, April 24 at 2 p.m.

During the month of March the 'coupon cutters' were busy and collected \$3,444 worth of coupons that were sent to our troops. That brings the total collected this year to over \$10,000! Please remember to continue saving your coupons and drop them off in the front office of Big Meadows. Thank you for your coupons so far.

Easter Word Find



Words:

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|-----------|----------------|------------|
| Parade | Bonnet | Sunday |
| Easter | Games | Chocolate |
| Tradition | Colored Eggs | Egg Hunt |
| Daffodils | Family | Robin Eggs |
| Bells | Marshmallow | Lily |
| Candy | Basket | |
| Flowers | Bunny | |
| Chicks | Hot Cross Buns | |
| Peeps | Jelly Beans | |
| Lamb | New Clothes | |

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 C 2:00 Church Service A 3:00 Jelly Bean Dice L 4:00 Childhood Favorites</p> 	<p>2 9:30 Spa Visits A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Today In History D 2:00 Bingo D 2:30 Peanut Butter and Jelly Social</p> <p>National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day</p>	<p>3 C 10:00 Reazzy A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Fact or Fiction A 2:00 Filling Easter Eggs L 4:00 Today In History A 6:00 Resident Choice</p> 	<p>4 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 1944 A 2:00 Fill Easter Eggs for Easter Egg Hunt L 4:00 Today In History A 6:00 Bunny Races</p> 	<p>5 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Trivia A 2:00 Bingo L 4:00 Today In History A 6:00 Movie</p>	<p>6 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Today In History D 1:00 Set Up for Easter Egg Hunt D 2:00 Easter Egg Hunt</p> 	<p>7 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Dinner Music A 1:00 Easter Basket Dice A 2:00 Movie Time</p> 
<p>8 C 2:00 Church Service w/ Mike Wey A 3:00 Annual Card Bingo L 4:00 How Does Your Garden Grow</p> 	<p>9 9:30 Spa Visits A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Today In History D 2:00 Bingo D 2:30 Leisure Interest and Outing Committee</p>	<p>10 C 10:00 Reazzy A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Fact or Fiction A 2:00 Birthday Party with Scott Kazinski L 4:00 Today In History A 6:00 Bowling Dice</p> 	<p>11 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 April Inventions C 12:00 Subway Order In A 2:00 Ship Captain and Crew L 4:00 Today In History C 6:00 Music w/ Dennis</p> 	<p>12 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Trivia D 2:00 Bingo 2:30 Popcorn Pass L 4:00 Today In History A 6:00 Help Your Neighbor</p>	<p>13 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Today In History D 2:00 Going Away Party for Lisa Mussman C 3:00 Red Bad Country</p>	<p>14 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Today In History A 1:00 Wii Bowling A 2:00 Movie Time</p>
<p>15 C 2:00 Church Service A 3:00 School Dice L 4:00 Pet Hall of Fame</p>	<p>16 9:30 Spa Visits A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Today In History D 2:00 Bingo D 2:30 Food Advisory</p>	<p>17 C 10:00 Reazzy A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Fact or Fiction A 2:00 Grass Head Craft L 4:00 Today In History A 6:00 Flower Dice</p>	<p>18 D 9:30 Community Coffee and Volunteer Recognition A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Crossword Puzzle with Joan L 4:00 Today In History D 6:30 Youth Group Visit</p> 	<p>19 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Remorse Stories C 12:00 Chinese Order In A 2:00 Slunk Dice 2:00 Popcorn Pass L 4:00 Today In History A 6:00 Bean Bag Toss</p> 	<p>20 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Today In History D 2:00 Bingo</p>	<p>21 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Today In History A 1:00 Fable A 2:00 Movie Time</p>
<p>22 A 2:00 Movie Time</p> 	<p>23 9:30 Spa Visits A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Today In History D 2:00 Bingo D 2:30 Outing Sign Up</p>	<p>24 C 10:00 Reazzy A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Fact or Fiction C 12:00 Egs in the Blanket Lunch D 2:00 Baby Shower for Robyn L 4:00 Today In History A 6:00 Pig Dice Egs in the Blanket Day</p> 	<p>25 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Trivia D 12:00 KFC Lunch A 2:00 Bible Study L 4:00 Today In History A 6:00 Music w/ Derrick</p> 	<p>26 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 TV Trivia A 2:00 What's Cooking Dipping Pretzel L 4:00 Today In History and Useless Inventions A 6:00 Pretzel Social</p> 	<p>27 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Today In History D 2:00 Bingo</p>	<p>28 A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Today In History A 1:00 Flower Dice A 2:00 Movie Time</p> 
<p>29 C 2:00 Church Service A 3:00 Heads or Tails Dice L 4:00 Wise Sayings</p> 	<p>30 9:30 Spa Visits A 10:30 Exercise L 11:00 Today In History D 2:00 Bingo D 2:30 Resident Council</p>	<h1>April 2012</h1> <h2>Big Meadows Activity Calendar</h2> 				

Pinnacle Place Announcements



Several Pinnacle Place tenants visited the Smithsonian Display "The Way We Worked" at the Savannah Museum during March. There were also several local companies on display. Pictured clockwise from the left:



Bill Wacker views the mining display, Velma Kreuder & Bob Hartman at the entrance of the museum, Bob Hartman views the Elkay display and Betty Rausch & JoEllen McCaskey view the MacLean-Fogg display.



The displays were impressive and brought back many memories.

Savanna Museum and Cultural Center












Happy Birthday
Hali Bower
C.N.A.
April 8th

Tenants & staff gathered to wish Linda Kinder a happy & healthy retirement, after being a C.N.A. for 24 years in Savannah. Pictured above with Linda are: sitting: Betty Rausch, Bill Wacker, Audrey Struckman; standing: Velma Kreuder, JoEllen McCaskey, Ollie Gilbert, Ruth Sturtevant, Martha Canavan, Linda Smith, Bill Dayton, Bob Hartman, Linda and Dorothy Carroll.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2:30 Bowling Dice 	2 10:30 Exercise 5:30 Bingo	3 10:30 Exercise 2:30 Cards 	4 10:30 Exercise 2:30 Help Your Neighbor 	5 9:00 Shop 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Ride to see the Goats	6 10:30 Tai Chi 2:30 Cards Good Friday	7 2:30 UNO
8 2:30 Tenant Choice  Happy Easter	9 10:30 Exercise 5:30 Bingo	10 9:45 Fruits & Veggies 10:30 Exercise 2:30 Cards	11 10:30 Exercise 2:30 Sequence	12 10:00 Bible Study 2:30 Scrabble	13 10:30 Tai Chi 2:30 Cards	14 2:30 Spinner 
15 2:30 Checkers 	16 10:30 Exercise 5:30 Bingo	17 10:30 Exercise 2:30 Cards	18 9:00 Shop 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Ride-Tenant Choice for Destination	19 10:00 Bible Study 2:30 Wii Bowling	20 10:30 Tai Chi 2:30 Cards 	21 2:30 Farkle
22 2:30 Trivia Earth Day	23 10:30 Exercise 5:30 Bingo	24 9:45 Fruits & Veggies 10:30 Exercise 2:30 Cards	25 8:30a-11a Open House 10:30 Exercise 2:30 Wii Jeopardy	26 10:00 Bible Study 2:30 Arts & Crafts 	27 10:30 Tai Chi 2:30 Cards Arbor Day Planting 	28 2:30 Bingo

Supportive Living Week

29
2:30 Farkle


30
10:30 Exercise
1:00 Resident Council
5:30 Bingo

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Open House
April 25th
8:30a.m.-11 a.m.
Join us for coffee & rolls.

April 2012 Pinnacle Place Social Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sloppy Joe	Brat	Taco	Tomato Soup	Hot Ham & Cheese Roll	Chicken Breast on Bun	Liverwurst Sandwich
Oven Fried Chicken	Swiss Steak	Baked Mostaccioli	Roast Beef	Up Beef Stroganoff	BBQ Pork Ribs	Fish
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pizza	Goulash Soup	Hot Dog	Soup De Jour	Wings & Drumsticks	Beef Noodle Soup	Chicken Noodle Soup
Ham	Garlic Chicken	Spaghetti	Turkey	Kielbasa & Sauerkraut	Roast Pork	Salmon
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Hamburger	BBQ Pork Sandwich	Chef Salad	Chicken Rice Soup	Taco Salad	Chicken Salad Wrap	Corned Beef on Rye
Chicken Stir Fry	Stuffed Green Peppers	Scalloped Potatoes & Ham	Salisbury Steak	Pork Chops	Catfish	Turkey Tetrazzini
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Tomato Soup	Creamed Turkey & Biscuit	Tuna Salad Sandwich	Hamburger	Cod	Cheese Soup & Hot Dog	Monte Cristo
Oven Roasted Chicken Breast	Meatloaf	Ham	BBQ Chicken	Pork loin	Beef Chow Mein	Cook's Choice
29	30					
Fish Strips	Sloppy Joe					
Lemon Pepper Chicken Breast	BBQ Ribs					



April 2012 Pinnacle Place Menu

Breakfast 7a-9a
Lunch 11a-Noon
Supper 4:30p-5:30p



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Happy Easter
from the
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