

PMRV NEWS

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The month of March has blown in with lots of wind and rain. However, we have enjoyed watching the grass turn green, trees budding out and flowers blooming. For a couple of days the honeybees took over the beautiful red bud tree out back; busy with pollinating-so I guess that is a good thing! What fun it is to watch the geese swimming in the pond and the robin making a nest in Lou Severt's bird house!

Early in the month, when the temperatures reached almost 80 degrees, residents and staff were seen outside planting colorful pansies in the planter boxes out front of PMRV. Some enjoyed digging in the dirt, while others enjoyed watching. Yes, I do believe that spring is here!



The Methodist Church hosted The World Day of Prayer in Erie on March 2nd with several of our residents attending. This is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the 1st Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures, and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

Everyone at PMRV would like to congratulate Crystal, our Administrators', marriage on St. Patrick's Day to Scott Packard. We wish them many years of happiness!



Throughout the month of March, Easter Egg Hunts were held at PMRV with several of the grade school classes participating. Each student had to find their pieces of candy with their own name on them. Each hunt had a hidden "Golden" and a "Silver" egg. Whoever found them won the prize that was tucked inside. It was lots of fun watching all of the children and our residents having so much fun!



Barbara Born celebrated her 88th birthday with her family hosting a party for her. Several family members were in attendance where cake and ice cream was served. The

Grand Finale of this event was when everyone released helium filled balloons into the air. Each balloon was tagged with Barbara's name and address requesting the person who retrieved the balloon to send her a card. Lo and behold someone in Lawrence, Kansas found one of the balloons the very next day and mailed Barbara a card! This sure brought a smile to Barbara's face!



On St. Patrick's Day, Ray Brooks entertained in our dining room. Refreshments were served and green party hats were passed around.



A Premier Shop was set up for the day in the front living area on March 21st. Fabulous handbags, jewelry, and several miscellaneous items were sold to staff and residents. We all thought it was better than going to the mall! After the big sale, Premier made a donation to go towards our Activity Fund. Thank you from all of us at PMRV!

After last year's successful Ice Cream Social, our Administrator, Crystal Packard, submitted our name to Leading Age Kansas. We have recently learned that we will be receiving an award for Excellence in Social Accountability. We are being honored for not only our contributions to those within our community but in the areas that surround us as well. We encourage our residents to help out in any way, by allowing them to contribute to others to give them a feeling of purpose. PMRV gives our residents a chance to give back to the community that they were active members in. Our Activity Department staff, Ladonna Bohrer, Kathy Grosdidier, and Keenan Grosdidier will be going to Wichita in April to receive this award. A big "Thank you" to all of our staff, residents, and community for going above and beyond!



On March 22nd a picnic luncheon was served while our brand new American Range stainless steel cook stove was installed. Our dietary staff is sure to enjoy cooking on this. They are thrilled that it has a conventional oven plus a convection oven and a large grill.

RESIDENTS CORNER

Staff member, Lisa Edwards has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Ribbon pins are being sold at PMRV for \$1.00 each. We are also sponsoring a rummage sale on June 1st and 2nd. If you have any items to donate for the sale, or if you would like to help in any way; please contact Kathy Grosdidier, Ladonna Bohrer, or Mary Jo Little. All proceeds are going to Lisa to help cover travelling expenses to Wichita for Lisa's care. We all wish Lisa good health and we are all keeping her in our prayers.



WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Crystal Packard and Tammy Shoemaker are making preparations for Prairie Mission to participate in the "Walk To End Alzheimer's" that will be held at "Immigrant Park" in Pittsburg, Kansas on May 19th. We will be donating a gift basket containing ceramics that our own residents have crafted. This will be auctioned off during a "Silent Auction". Crystal and Tammy will be selling food at a food booth. Please contact Crystal, Tammy or Mary Jo if you would like to participate in the 2 mile walk. Walkers are still needed!!



A LITTLE BIT OF FUNNY

The teacher asks Little Johnny; "If I had 5 apples in one hand, and 5 more apples in my other hand; what would I have?" Little Johnny replies: "Big hands?"



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The world is what we think it is. If we can change our thoughts—we can change the world.



FAMOUS QUOTE

We will often find compensation if we think more of what life has given us and less about what life has.
William Barclay

Ken and Helen Norris have been married for 66 years and they have 5 sons, 1 daughter and 21 grandchildren. They have lived in the Walnut/St. Paul area all of their life. Even though they kept very busy keeping up the family farm and caring for their dairy cattle, they always had the time and the willingness to help others.

Ken was the oldest of 9 siblings. There were 6 boys; 3 of which were triplets, 3 girls; 2 of which were twins. Helen had 6 siblings; 2 sisters and 4 brothers. Two of her brothers were twins.

Ken is a member of the American Legion, having served in the Army as a mechanic. He received injuries when a land mine exploded and was awarded a Purple Heart. Ken has always been proud of serving his Country and loves to talk about his Army days. His daughter, Joan, says that everyone reacts to her Dad's large hands. They are gentle—but powerful—just asks his sons!

Ken is well known for giving a handshake and a friendly greeting to everyone that he meets. He and his wife, Helen, enjoy spending time with family and friends. Often you will see them watching game shows on TV. They always have a good time when kids come to visit and like listening to music; mainly country and western, polka and waltzes. In their younger years they were a couple of smooth dancers out on the dance floor!

Before she got married, Helen taught classes at the Cavanaugh Country School. For several years she has been a member of Daughters of Isabella, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Altar Society. She helped with many dinners and events for her church and community. Helen is a very soft spoken lady with a very kind heart.

Several years ago, Ken stopped by our house to give us a hard time about a large wooden monkey that we had swinging from our tree. He joked with me and told me that I needed to get Bob, my husband, out of our tree! (Did I mention that Ken has a great sense of humor?!) Since Ken enjoyed doing a bit of woodworking, my husband took our monkey out of our tree and he made a pattern from it and gave it to Ken. A few days later, we drove past the Norris' farm and there it was!! A BIG wooden monkey swinging in their tree in their front yard!

Ken and Helen have always been outstanding citizens to our community.



MARCH BIRTHDAY'S



DEBBIE SCHOENHOFER

GERT GALLO

NIKI MICHAEL

KATHIE GROSDIDIER

SABRINA DAVIDSON

ANDREA SMITH

BARBARA BORN

AMELIA TREIBER

LOLA RICHWINE

MARY JURGENSMEIER

DANICE HEILIG



IN REMEMBRANCE

**You will always be remembered and
never forgotten.**

Lola Richwine 3/26/1919--3/18/2012

Eva Young 6/15/1921--3/18/2012



