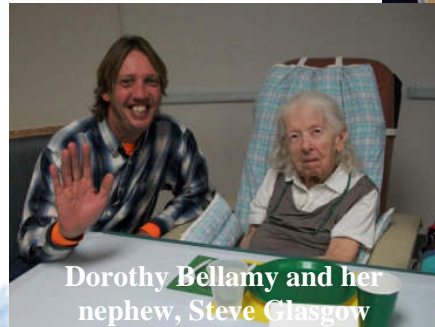




Christmas Potluck

A lot of food, family and fun was had for our annual Christmas potluck. Several families traveled to share a meal and enjoy family time. Santa handed out gifts and entertained everyone. Another successful holiday gathering was enjoyed by all. Thank you, everyone, who brought in goodies and gifts.



Dorothy Bellamy and her nephew, Steve Glasgow



Paul and Sally Niemann



Chuck and Sally Jones and family



Anna Glasscock



Ginny Franklin



Rose Corbin & Leta Stinnett



Pat Markey helping serve the guests

Mitten Tree

Our mitten tree was a huge success. Residents, staff and family filled a Christmas tree with mittens to give to needy children in our community for a Resident Council project.



Pictured are Joyce Peterson, Richard Baldwin, Mike Eberle, Helen Goehl, Phil Maxey, Administrator, and



Shelly Rhoades, Activities Coordinator.

Special points of interest:

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Birthdays

March:

Ruth Keller 3/7
Patricia Wenke 3/17



April:

Jim Sommers 4/3
Rose Corbin 4/14
Catherine Lough 4/16
Vera Wright 4/20
Letha St. Clark 4/21
Ginny Franklin 4/22
Mary Ross 4/28
Charles Jones 4/29
Iona Whiting 4/30

May:

Jane Hulsebus 5/1
Mary Mason 5/5
Betty Rehm 5/9
Libby Reeder 5/11
Dorothy Holeton 5/20
Elsie Smith 5/23
Helen Liles 5/25

Upcoming Events

March:	8	Fat Tuesday Party
	9	St. Patrick's Bingo
	16	St. Patrick's Party
	17	St. Patrick's Luncheon
April:	12	Volunteer Appreciation Reception at 2:30 p.m.
	23	Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m.
May:	12	Mother's Day Celebration at 6:00 p.m.

Activity Appreciation



We celebrated Activity week with a carry-in and cake to say thank you to our activities staff for all of their hard work. Our activities staff does a fantastic job with scheduling lots of fun activities each day, decorating the facility for the holidays, hosting special meals for special occasions, actually occasions too numerous to mention.



Pictured are Jeri Massick, Lanorah Boyle and Shelly Rhoades with Mike Olsen making his birthday a special day.

Snow Storm 2011

We would like to thank all the dedicated staff who helped out during the recent snowstorm. Several staff members brought clothes and spent the night so that they could make sure that they would be able to be at work on time. The director of nursing and administrator provided shuttle service for those who live in town and could not get to work on their own due to poor road conditions.

Several staff members who live in town worked extra shifts and on their days off to cover for those employees who live out of town and were unable to make it to work. The residents seemed to enjoy the stories of the snow and shared some of their own about snowstorms they had seen in the past.

[See photos on page 4.](#)

Kings and Queens Crowned

The time has come once again to crown two new kings and two new queens.

Staff and residents voted for Richard Baldwin and Midge Daugherty; also



Alvin McKoon and Betty Ledbetter, of Heritage Place were crowned.

The Sweet Adeline's were present at our party to serenade everyone with several sweetheart songs.



Two Bears Living History

Chris Campbell and Karen Bevard of Two Bears Living History, along with several helpers, shared their display of Native American Heritage costumes, furs, baskets and children's toys, and more.



Howard Ross and Karen Bevard



Karen, Shelly and Vera Wright



(Regalia) of a small Indian child

blond bear fur, mink, buffalo pelts and more.

The Was'te Wiyans sang songs to quiet the babes and a wedding song. Residents were allowed to touch the



Carol Stice and Betty Rehm with story necklace



Indian singers - Becky, Carol, Karen, and Jane

Some of the items displayed: shells, braided horsehair, gourd, and birch tree basket, etc.



Chris Campbell and Nancy Munyon visit about the display.



Wishing Everyone a Happy New Year

"Let's Party"! Larry Cameron played guitar and sang at our New Year's party. Snacks and drinks were served. Several volunteers came to help hand out hats,

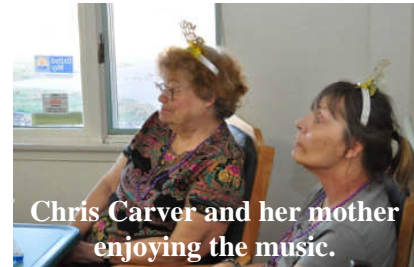


Shelly, Activity Coordinator handing out snacks.



Dancin' Bob & Joyce

beads, drinks and snacks. Dancin' Bob Hinkle, a former resident and frequent visitor, came to celebrate with us and had a dance with Joyce Peterson.



Chris Carver and her mother enjoying the music.



Rose Corbin setting off a popper.

In Memorium



November:

Frances Sarnes
Bill Glasgow
James Holvey
Don Scott

December:

Darrell Bullard
Jewell Riban
Georgina Frantz
Annabelle Smith

January:

Helen Liles
Thelma Francis
Alathea "Mae" Arnold
Ken Knoch

February:

Dorine Kenel
Carol Kannenberg
Vivian Matthews
Leafo Baker
Evelyn Morris



Leaves FMHC After 30 Years

The year was 1979. The “Dukes of Hazzard” and “Charlies Angels” were popular TV shows, along with the “can’t-wait-for-the-next-episode” of “Dallas” series. Jimmy Carter was president and the Iran hostage crisis was underway. Gasoline was a wonderful eighty-six cents per gallon and a brand new Toyota only cost \$3,698.00! Amazing! That was the year that I stepped into the beauty shop at the Fort Madison Health Center. Of course it was called the Fort Madison Care Center back then.

Since then a lot of things have changed. The facility, of course, has gone through many face lifts along with staff turnovers and policy changes . . . but it is the residents who have come and gone that I remember the most. Sometimes it is a catch phrase or “saying” that will trigger my memory and will make me smile. Or a song played on the piano that is bittersweet. But at the top of the list are the personal stories that so many residents shared with me that I will cherish. Some in confidence and some to be shared, but all were special.

So now in parting I just want to say from the bottom of my heart, “Thanks for the memories”.

Pam Stevens a.k.a. “The Hairdresser”

To Pam in her new adventure at Sunnybrook, you will be missed!

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Correction

Please note correction from our previous newsletter. The anniversary celebration of Wesley and Jane Hulsebus. Happy 62nd to a truly lovely couple!

Welcome Cheri



Cheri Boyer of New Dimensions will be doing hair at Fort Madison Health Center every Wednesday. Her hours will be 9 a.m. to “whenever finished”. Welcome to our beauty shop, Cheri, and good luck.



Views from the Director of Nursing's office as the sidewalk is cleared.



Piles of snow left after shoveling out cars and downtown Fort Madison.

