



Memorial Home Inc. Christian Corner Gazette

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Our Connections To The Farm

By Ernst Wiens

From the visionary beginnings of Memorial Home more than fifty years ago, we have been connected with the farming community that surrounds and supports us. Our mission to the elderly and their families has been carried out in partnership with farmers and their families. It's no surprise then that many of our residents, from independent living to health care, also have deep roots in working God's soil to produce food for their families and for others across the road and around the world.

Roland "Bus" Kaufman, a middle school science and math teacher for thirty-four years, lived and operated a farm with his late wife Ruby. They mostly farmed wheat and milo, and also maintained a small herd of cattle. In 1983, they moved to Pine Village when their son was interested in taking over the farm. They established a comfortable home on the Memorial Home Campus and made many great family memories that Bus treasures as he continues to be an active member of our community. Bus still visits the farm as often as possible. He loves to ride the tractor to



Roland Kaufman

help cultivate and prepare for planting season, and particularly enjoys the hay operation. He says, "This is a great time to meditate on things." With the farm less than five miles away, Bus will continue to find reasons to go out and spend time there, even if it's just to safely dispose of no longer needed documents in the burn barrel.

Another Pine Village resident who still enjoys the farm is Milo Schrag. His earliest farming recollections include using horses to pull the bundle-wagon to haul wheat shocks to the threshing machine. Since those early days, Milo has witnessed many farm equipment advances as he and his wife Anne farmed wheat, alfalfa and summer crops including milo and soybeans. The Schrags decided to move to Pine

Village ten years ago and retire from active farming. "Our son was ready to take over the farm and we only wanted to make one move as we retired," they recall their decision. Even though moving here seemed to be the right decision, it took Milo some time to get used to the idea of not living on the farm.



Milo Schrag

The ability to spend his days helping on the farm eased the transition and they are convinced that coming to the Memorial Home campus "was the right move at the right time." They appreciate the benefits of living here, including the friends they made and that they don't have to worry about yard-work and repairs around the house which allows Milo to continue to help his sons on the farm.

Planting wheat and watching it grow is one of life's passions for Lee Flickinger. "With the right weather conditions and moisture in the ground, one can begin to see a wheat plant within about one week," he reports. When talking about farming, it becomes apparent that being a good steward of the earth is important for Lee. He believes in protecting the soil, God's gift, and has spared no efforts to accomplish this. Extensive terraces and waterways,

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Memorial Home



**Caring People
Caring for People**

Upcoming Events:

June 28
Sundance Presents Program
on Hearing and Aging, WC
2:00 PM

July 16
Blood Mobile, WC
1:00-5:00 PM

August 1
Annual Variety Show, WC
6:00 PM

August 14
Affinity Trio, WC
2:30 PM

Sept. 10
Blood Mobile, WC
1:00-5:00 PM

September 23-25
Garage and Bake Sale

October 21
Benefit Day

* Pictured in header are Grace Goering Voith and Marv Stucky fishing at Memorial Home Pond.



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including concrete barriers were built to help prevent destructive soil erosion.

Lee's vision to protect the soil has not gone unnoticed as he has received several awards that are now displayed next to aerial farm photos in the house that he and his wife Kathy built in Pine Village. The Flickingers sold their farm three years ago and moved to the Memorial Home campus. The peaceful rural setting of their back yard brings them much joy and reminds them of living on the farm.

"We even have a flock of wild turkeys that visit our back porch," Lee shares. These days, he continues to drive tractors and combines helping their sons-in-law with field work and harvesting.



Lee Flickinger

Yes, both daughters have married local farmers. And there is always the need to start up and drive that restored John Deere 1938 Model "D" tractor.

Homer Goering grew up and later raised his own family on the same farm just west of Moundridge. After high school he left home for a few years to study industrial arts at Bethel College. Here he met his wife Dorothy and after college, the two of them moved into a small house near the Goering farmstead. "There were a number of Goering family members farming along that stretch of Arrowhead," Homer recalls with fondness. The Goerings operated a dairy for thirty-five years and farmed wheat and feed for the cattle. Homer also enjoyed working in the shop on the farm

putting his welding skills, learned in high school and college, to good use. "I have always enjoyed building things," he states. The Goerings moved to Pine Village last year, but living on the Memorial Home campus has not stopped Homer from going out to the farm. These days he helps his sons with yard work, planting and harvesting, and as often as possible, spends time in the shop to make things



Homer Goering

like the nice planters adorning their house in Pine Village. Reflecting on why they decided to retire here, Homer points out that they have a number of friends living here and that the ministries at Memorial Home are based on Christian values. They are also quick to point out that they have appreciated the hospitality and care extended to them by their new neighbors and Memorial Home staff.

Bible Study At Memorial Home

By Dennis Huxman



Kathy Blue and Kenneth Mensch follow along during Bible Study.

Twice a week a Bible Study is held at Memorial Home. Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in Memory Lane, we sing 5 – 6 hymns. I read a chapter in Psalms. Each week about 10 faithful residents recite together the Lord's Prayer and Psalms 23.

On Wednesday at 1:30 right after lunch, we have a half hour Bible Study for those in health care and assisted living. Since it is right after lunch once in a while some one will take a nap. I hope it is not because of a boring teacher. Since July 3, 2008 we have been studying the book of Luke verse by verse. Luke emphasizes the idea that Jesus went about preaching

and healing. He emphasizes a physical healing as well as a spiritual healing. There are 1151 verses in Luke. We get through about 11 verses per week. We are now in chapter 23 and hope to finish the last chapter 24 in Luke by this summer. What will we study next? Any suggestions?

One of our residents said about the bible study, "This is one of the best half hours of the week. New insights into the scriptures are always given. I have found that in the 80's our attention span shortens, and these studies are just the right length."

New Pine Village Neighbors

By **Jim Huxman, Administrator**

In spite of a depressed financial economy and housing market, Pine Village here on the Memorial Home campus has been a buzz with activity. Following are the newest Pine Village neighbors:

Merlin and Arlene Thiesen

The Thiesens are long standing Moundridge residents and they have recently taken up residency in the Krehbiel Apartments. After a recovery period in our health care for Arlene, Merlin said, "The care was unbeatable. We were able to see what Memorial Home had to offer and we decided to move here. We have been welcomed with open arms."

Alfred and Ellen Stucky

The Stuckys are another long standing Moundridge couple who have recently moved into one of our duplex homes.

Clyde and Felice Goering

This Moundridge couple is transitioning to Pine Village. One of the first orders of business for Clyde and Felice was to establish a garden plot. Moving furniture etc. will happen as the Goerings have time.

Marlin and Betta Kym

No strangers to south central Kansas, the Kyms grew up in this area and have served various ministerial assignments in the area. Early June the Kyms moved here from Milford, Nebraska.

John and Karen Roberts

Tuesday afternoon, May 4, 2010 a large moving van arrived on campus with the belongings of the Roberts. John and Karen come to us from Ellinwood, Kansas. Karen is the one with the natural ties to Moundridge having grown up as a Schrag.

Ronald and Carol Hadduck

Some of you will recognize Ronald as a very accomplished drywaller. Carol has defined herself by her musical gift (piano teacher).

It is with excitement that we welcome these new neighbors into our vibrant community.

FIZZ

By **Jim Huxman, Administrator**

It must now be 20 plus years ago that I was employed at Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton, Kansas and several employees came to me and suggested that I go to Prairie View for a dog demonstration that was going to be put on by KSDS. Looking back I now see that they had a motive for wanting me to go.

I heeded their advice and I will never forget that evening. I learned that KSDS stood for Kansas Specialty Dog Service. That evening I saw two of the most well trained and beautiful golden retrievers. I also was introduced to the concept of a social dog. That evening marked the start of a relationship that continues to this day.

Following that special evening I submitted an application for a social dog. Four years later the call came that Sanka, a beautifully trained golden retriever was ready for me to bond with. You've more than likely heard me relate how Sanka was from the coffee themed litter and how a 13

year relationship began with Sanka being social and putting smiles and kisses on the faces of many, many elders and children.

October 12, 2006 is a day I'll never forget as I tearfully said, "Goodbye" to my best friend and then proceeded to drop her off at the animal hospital to be put down for health reasons. What followed were years of grieving her loss. I really avoided dogs and even the topic of dogs because I didn't want to go through such a painful separation again.

November 2009 Becki Yoder, Wellness Center Director, scheduled a day trip to KSDS in Washington, Kansas. I just had to go along on this trip and it was then that I realized what I was missing. Following that trip I encouraged Becki to schedule KSDS to come to Memorial Home to do a program / demonstration. The program was scheduled and it was then that Kelsey Pfannenstiel, Life Enrichment Director, became excited about applying for a social dog for the facility, although she was told the wait could exceed one year. While I encouraged Kelsey, I was feeling left out



Jim Huxman with FIZZ

and selfishly inquired if there was anyway I could get involved and get a dog. I was told to apply for a change-of-service dog. This would either be a dog that was

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denied access into one of the training programs or a dog that was turned back in for replacement or retired. Thinking it would be some time for an application to be processed I submitted an application on Monday and on Wednesday following received a call from KSDS saying they had a dog for me if I was interested. Alice and I quickly scheduled a trip to Washington, Kansas to meet FIZZ.

FIZZ is a 6 year old golden Labrador from the onomatopoeia litter. FIZZ was denied admission into the service dog program because of alleged allergies which he seemed to outgrow. FIZZ's owner of the past several years has completed her advanced degree and is now making a professional move that would not allow her to have a dog so the need arose for KSDS to find him a new home.

FIZZ is a beautiful dog with a lot of strength and energy but also very social. I am now introducing FIZZ into the facility

as "trusted companion" until the facility social dog is ready. FIZZ is developing quite the reputation as a "prancer" especially when he has his toy shark in his mouth. Each day is a success if FIZZ can place a smile on the faces of residents, employees and guests.

Come out and see FIZZ!

A Family In Waiting

By Shannon Phillips

Memorial Home is a very family oriented community. That family may be our relationship with our residents or those among co-workers. In these tough times situations present themselves to our employees that as a family we all feel connected to. As is our connection to the life of our employee Faith Ward who began working for Memorial Home in September of 2008 and has been a great asset to us.

Faith is married and has two children. Her husband, David Ward, is an E-4 in the Army for 10 years. When he is not deployed he is in charge of security for Hospira through the Day & Zimmerman Company. David's first deployment to Iraq came in October of 2007. Their children were only two and three years old at the time and for both Faith and David became a time of great change. Faith reflected on that time and the things she had to learn to do while David was away. She said, "David normally paid the bills and mowed the lawn. I had to learn to do those things. I remember getting a new porch swing and didn't even know what tools to use to put it together," she laughed, "I ended up with a handful of extra bolts in the end but it held together."

For Faith, the feeling of being a single parent took a lot of adjusting. "Grocery shopping was horrible.

Having the kids running around without someone else to watch them was a nightmare. And I felt like my best friend was gone." She says that for her, she felt like the kids were already missing out on their dad being there so she felt as if she needed to spend all her spare time with them to make up for his absence. She said, "When I began working at Memorial Home I worked only on the weekends and double shifts so that I could still get hours but be able to be with the boys during the week."

For the children, while David was deployed he would be able to video conference with them. When he returned home, London was almost three years old and he ran and hid from his dad the first day he was back. London told Faith, "Dad lives in the computer." She said he eventually came around that day but it gives you an idea of the readjusting that has to occur when the family is reunited. "You have to get used to not being the only one there to make decisions again. However, I gave the lawn mowing up easily!" she laughed.

January 1, 2011 Faith and David are expecting their third child. David



David and Faith Ward with their children, Caleb and London.

has received his orders for his second deployment, this time to Africa, in January 2011. Faith says that she feels different about this deployment as he will be in Africa but that having the newborn and the boys will be a challenge. They have moved to Moundridge and are next door neighbors to her parents, Dwayne and Karen Willis, so she feels that she will have a much closer support system.

As we continue through our busy schedules, we sometimes take for granted that we have our families here with us every night, stop and think of Faith and David and their children and say a prayer to thank them for sacrificing for our freedom.

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." -The Bible

Pine Village Gardeners



Erv Graber



Arlo Flickner



Rod Huebert



**Thank You Memorial
Home Volunteers!**



2010 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Memorial Home Endowment Foundation

Solicits and invests funds to exclusively support the mission of Memorial Home, Moundridge, Kansas.

Sixth-Annual Anchors Banquet Results

We are grateful for a successful sixth-annual Anchors Banquet held in March to support the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation. The Goering Activity Center was filled with 124 friends of Memorial Home who enjoyed great food and warm fellowship and were inspired by singing of the Hearts4Him ensemble.

Proceeds from ticket sales and additional contributions helped bring the principal balance of the Endowment Fund to \$990,000, only \$10,000 to go to reach our goal! Once we reach that goal, it will

allow for the distribution of investment income to help meet the expenses of Memorial Home.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to reach the goal by the end of summer! Please remember that you do not have to wait for a special occasion such as the Anchors Banquet to give a gift. Your gift will not only provide you with a charitable tax deduction, but it will also give you the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting the mission of Memorial Home in the years ahead.

Benefit Day 2010

The **Benefit Day Meal & Auction** has been set for Thursday, October 21 with supper served 5:00-6:30pm and the auction beginning at 6:00pm.

We invite the community and our congregations to participate in Benefit Day activities to support the caring mission of Memorial Home. Please be thinking about and prepare those wonderful items for the auction and then bring your family and friends to join us for an evening of food, fellowship and fun. Your generous hearts are much appreciated.

As in recent years, there are also several other fundraising efforts scheduled to lead up to Benefit Day. We hope that these events will give everyone a variety of ways to support our ministries of serving the elders and their families.

The third annual **Variety Show** is scheduled for Sunday, August 1 at 6:00pm in the Wellness Center. Mary Cross and Danielle Goering are organizing the program.

A **Garage & Bake Sale** is being planned for September 23-25 in the Krehbiel Apartment garages on the Memorial Home campus.

The Wellness Center staff is again planning a **Walk-A-Thon**. This event will take place in early fall - date to be decided.



Neva Kaufman prepares bierocks for the Benefit Day Bake Sale.

Consider participating in this event to raise funds for Memorial Home and enjoy the beautiful outdoors on our campus together with some of our residents.

Providing return leadership to the Benefit Day Planning Committee are Clark and Connie Graber, and members of the committee include Del and Ann Kaufman, Donna Zerger, Cheryl Stucky, Rhonda Rice, Charles and Donna Miskimen, Joe and Bev Zerger, Keith Schrag, and Ken Preheim. We thank each one of them and all the other Benefit Day volunteers for their commitment and service to Memorial Home.

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Jay Goering

Van Schmidt

Joe Zerger

Rod Huxman

Phil Lohrenz

New Foundation Directors Elected

At the annual Endowment Foundation corporation meeting held in March, Gordon Schrag and Leonard Loganbill were recognized and thanked for their leadership on the Endowment Foundation. Gordon was on the original Foundation Planning Committee and later served on the Investment Committee. Both Leonard and Gordon served as directors in years when we faced difficult decisions due to the uncertain times in the financial markets. Their care and concern for the future of Memorial Home is much appreciated. The board members elected to fill the outgoing members places were Rod Huxman, who lives in Moundridge and is a real estate agent, and Phil Lohrenz, who lives on the family farm just south of Moundridge where he farms and operates a seed business. Elected for a second term was Susan Schrag, an attorney who lives in the Wichita area.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your gifts!

To Endowment Foundation

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- **John Robert Unruh**

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- **Elsie Schrag**

Chime Clock in
AL Lobby
- **Melvin Becker**

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AL Courtyard
- **Ethel Helmer**

Bench in
AL Courtyard
- **Doris Shaw**

Newspaper Subscriptions
- **Maribeth Kaufman**
- **Roumaine Reynolds**

Recognition Options Still Available for Assisted Living

With the completion of the Assisted Living project comes the daunting task of repaying the bond that was used to pay for the creation of our beautiful new Assisted Living addition. Through our year end appeal in 2009, donations were made towards the retirement of that bond. However, we still have a long way to go. The original bond was approximately \$2 million dollars. For a substantial donation to retire the bond, naming rights would be given to the contributor for the new Assisted Living building as well as our deepest appreciation. Other options, such as naming a room in memory of a loved one, are also available.

Annual Corporation Meeting

Memorial Home Corporation members gathered in the Wellness Center in early March to become informed about the business of Memorial Home, to elect new directors and approve minor revisions to the bylaws reflecting changes in terminology and current procedures. Ken Stucky, a member of West Zion Mennonite Church,

was re-elected for a second term on the Memorial Home Board. Three new board members elected were Dale Ortman, a member of First Mennonite Church in Halstead, Randy Stucky, a member of First Mennonite Church of Christian, and Herb Wenger, a member of Garden Community Church. Larry Loganbill, a member of West

Zion Mennonite Church, was elected to the Nominating Committee. In other business, the corporation recognized outgoing board members Steve Kaufman, Lloyd Vogt, John Will, and nominating committee member Ruth Goering. We thank them for their service to help advance the mission of Memorial Home.

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Assisted Living Courtyard Completed

By Shannon Phillips

When the new Assisted Living addition was completed, a decision was made that the courtyard off the dining room needed to be a place that residents could go out and enjoy the day. It was decided that a water feature with a waterfall and fish would be a great relaxing feature that would add both beauty and the soothing sound of water. For the residents that have rooms facing

the courtyard, the fish pond is a welcome sight.

In August of 2009 my husband, Tyson Phillips, and I were asked to build the water feature. We were honored to get to build something that would be enjoyed by residents and their families. We had built several ponds before including our own at our home. We enlisted the help of our friends David and Sherrie Dirks to help complete the project. A design was formed and the pond took shape. Butterfly Koi fish were added as well as water lilies and the pond was complete. A patio next to the pond creating a seating area. Access to the courtyard has been added at the AL dining room and at the end of the 200

hall so that you may go out and enjoy the courtyard and reenter the facility there. A feeding schedule for the fish has been established with the AL residents so please refrain from feeding them when visiting.

During the construction of the pond, our resident Ethel Helmer passed away. Her brothers Howard and Del Kaufman heard about the construction of the pond and came to see the progress. They consulted with Ethel's children and decided that it would make a wonderful memorial to Ethel and the money was donated for the pond. Other memorials have also been given for the completion of the courtyard including a bench in memory of Doris Shaw.

We sincerely hope that you are able to come visit your friends and relatives at Memorial Home and feel free to visit the AL Courtyard.



The New Assisted Living Courtyard

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