

Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living
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The  of the Matter...

February 2011

...Our Residents

Residents of the Month

Larry & Peggy Mak



We wish to honor Larry and Peggy Mak as our Residents of the Month. Larry Glenn Mak was born February 1, 1935 to Paul and Alfreda Foster Mak at Elwood, NE. Larry had one brother, Bryce Mak, now deceased. Larry attended grade school at Gosper County School south of Elwood. He graduated from Elwood High School with the class of 1953. After graduation he opened the Standard Filling Station in Elwood. In 1958 he went to work for Nebraska Department of Roads. He worked there until his retirement in 1998, the last 8 years he was Supervisor. He says he saw lots of changes over the years. He said in 1958 when you took a lunch break at the side of the road you didn't see any 18 wheelers but in 1998 that's about all you saw.

On June 3, 1956 Larry married the love of his life Peggy Joyce McGraw. Peggy was born October 9, 1936 to Charles and Eunice Fong McGraw at Elwood, NE. She had one sister, Mary Stauffer, now deceased. Peggy attended grade school in country schools in Dawson County and graduated from Lexington with the class of 1954. She worked at the Extension office in Elwood for 2 years, then as a teller at the First National Bank in Elwood. She then became a stay at home Mom to raise their twin sons, David and Daniel deceased, Donald and Dixie Obermiller and Dennis deceased. Peggy went back to work in 1973 in the Social Service office in Elwood and later Lexington retiring in 1998 after 25 years.

Larry and Peggy are members of First Christian Church in Elwood. They enjoyed their 50th anniversary open house in June of 2006. Larry has bowled with a league for 50 years. Peggy enjoyed cross stitching, making each of her children cross stitched quilts. They both are Nebraska Football fans, enjoy going to South Dakota to play the slot machines, and attending the grandkids school and sporting events. Larry collects keychains and at one time had over 500 chains. They are big Bingo fans and supporters at the Care Center.

They have 6 grandchildren—Barry & Gina Mak of Lenexa, KS, Tessa Mak of Springfield, MO, Calvin Mak and Gretchen Mak of Kearney, Breanna and Brett Obermiller of Kearney and one great grandchild Parker Mak, of Lenexa, KS.

Larry and Peggy became part of our Assisted Living Family April 1, 2010.

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Valentine Reason

Valentine's Day gives me a reason
to express the feelings
I think about but don't say
about people who enrich my life
in unique and meaningful ways.
You are this kind of special person.

When I think of you,
my thoughts are warm, and fond,
and filled with admiration.
I feel blessed to know you.

May your Valentine's Day
be filled with the love and respect you deserve.

By Joanna Fuchs

Our Administrator, Kate Reiners and her husband, Kevin welcomed a new baby girl to their home. Berkley Elizabeth was born January 3, 2011. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long. She joins two brothers, Carsen and Bryce. Congratulations Kate and family.



Getting to Know our Staff...Carolyn Houser



Carolyn Houser has worked at Elwood Care Center for 24 years. She started out as a Nursing Assistant, then worked in dietary, social services and has been the Activity Director for the past 13 years. What she enjoys most about working at Elwood Care Center is spending time each day with the residents as they are so appreciative of what is done for them. She enjoys hearing about their lives and families and feels like they are part of her family. She misses them when she is not at work. Carolyn has always been very proud to work at Elwood Care Center because of their outstanding reputation.

One thing that people may not know about Elwood Care Center people is that we have Memorial Services for each resident to enable the other residents to pay their respects to their departed friends.

Carolyn's hometown is Eustis, Nebraska. She has had her mother-in-law, an aunt, a dear friend and a neighbor who has been residents of Elwood Care Center.

Carolyn is the widow of the late Rex Houser. She has three daughters—Marilyn Smith of Wisner, Cindy Fiene of Elwood and Tina Bruning of Bancroft; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

When she is not at ECC she enjoys spending time in her flower gardens and yard, mowing six hours a week in the summer, reading and listening to audio books while driving to and from work. Her favorite food at work is BBQ ribs and at home she likes French fried shrimp and sour cream raisin pie.

Carolyn's favorite vacation spots are Branson and Jamesport, Missouri. The place she goes most often is to northeastern Nebraska to spend time with her daughters and families. She has been a member of Alpha Omicron ESA Sorority—a philanthropic sorority for 45 years. Carolyn is a member of the Eustis United Methodist Church. Carolyn enjoys spending time doing prep work for the craft projects we do at Elwood Care Center. We appreciate everything that Carolyn does for our residents.



In order to avoid a conflict using the Activity Room please contact Carolyn Houser to make reservations. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer please call Carolyn Houser, Activity Director, at 785-3302. We always can use volunteers to visit, give wheelchair rides, play board and card games, practice their musical talents, or help with various activities.



We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the families of Madeline Plummer and Wes Fox. A memorial service was held in their honor.

February Birthdays

Residents

Larry Mak—1st
Lucille Kipp—4th
Pat Schutz—5th
Eleanor Eggers—5th
Edsel Chandler—7th
Betty Prasch—16th
Robert Brell—17th
Patty Stickley—23rd
Carolyn Gerken—26th

Staff

Coleen Schutz—1st
Coleen Beam—4th
Deb Hambidge—27th
Carolyn Houser—27th
Kate Reiners—29th

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February 2011 Event Calendar



Thursday's Are Beauty Shop Day

Activity Calendar Approved by the Resident Council

Friends & Family Welcome

Special Events
14th Crown King & Queen
21st President's Day Program

Men's Corner every Monday

Sign Up Sheets for Monthly Shopping Trips, Senior Center Outings, and Van Rides are located at the Social Services Office. Make sure to sign up if you'd like to attend.

-Caring Hands 1:1 Visits Provided

Activity Director: Carolyn Houser
Activity Assistant: Rita Darnall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:15 Tater Peeling 10:15 Refreshments 9:15 Small Groups Birthday Dinner 1:30 Bingo Win A Prize	2 Groundhog Day 9:15 Devotions This was the Year 10:15 Refreshments 2:00 Our Redeemer Lutheran Church 3:00 Coffee Time	3 Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions 9:30 Preschoolers 3 year olds 11:15 Exercise with Connie 1:30 Bean Bag Toss 2:30 Ice Sundae 4:30 Paper with Mary	4 9:15 Devotions The Great Blizzard of 1888 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Movie & Popcorn "For the Love of Benji" <u>Lucille K & Coleen B-B</u>	5 9:15 Devotions Valentine Bingo 10:15 Refreshments Weatherperson's Day <u>Pat S & Eleanor E-B</u>
6 Super Bowl XLV 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits Jello Week	7 9:15 Sentimental Reflections 11:15 Exercise with Connie 4:00 Men's Corner 6:30 Wheel of Fortune 7:00 Country Classics	8 9:15 Bingo 5c Day 10:15 Refreshments 9:15 Small Group 1:30 Beauty Hour 2:30 Refreshments	9 9:15 Devotions Bible Study 2:00 First Christian Church 3:00 Coffee Time	10 Allen at the Organ 9:15 Wilbur Sayles- Words of Assurance 11:15 Exercise with Connie 1:30 Penny Ante (Dining Room) 1:30 Nursing Meeting 4:30 Paper with Mary	11 9:15 Devotions Beach Ball Trivia 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Movie & Popcorn "A Song from the Heart"	12 American Heart Month National Plum Pudding Day
13 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits 53rd Annual Grammy Awards	14 Valentine's Day 9:15 Devotions Serenades & Sweetheart Songs 11:30 Crowning of King & Queen 2:00 Valentine Party 4:00 Men's Corner 6:30 Wheel 7:00 Lawrence Welk	15 9:15 Devotions Bingo (Win A Prize) 9:15 Small Groups 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Allen & Sharon Sing 2:30 Refreshments	16 9:15 Devotions Word Games 10:15 Refreshments 2:00 Eustis United Methodist Church 3:00 Coffee Time <u>Betty P-B</u>	17 Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions Baking 10:15 Refreshments 11:15 Exercise with Connie 1:30 Car Racing 4:30 Paper with Mary <u>Robert B-B</u>	18 9:15 Devotions Crafts 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Movie & Popcorn "Air Bud"	19 9:15 Devotions Cherry Pie Trivia 10:15 Refreshments National Chocolate Mint Day
20 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits Daytona 500 NASCAR	21 9:15 Devotions Presidents Day Program 11:15 Exercise with Connie 4:00 Men's Corner 6:30 Wheel of Fortune 7:00 The Bald Eagle	22 9:15 Devotions Over the Fence Visits 9:15 Small Groups 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Bingo (Win A Prize)	23 9:15 Devotions Pre-schoolers 4 yr. olds Bible Study 2:00 Elwood United Methodist Church 3:00 Coffee Time	24 Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions Words of Assurance 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 All Staff Meeting 2:30 Refreshments 4:30 Paper with Mary	25 9:15 Devotions Know Nebraska 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Movie & Popcorn "The Adventures of Milo & Otis"	26 Potato Lover's Month National Pistachio Day <u>Carolyn G-B</u>
27 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits 83rd Academy Awards <u>Deb H & Carolyn H-B</u>	28 9:15 A Visit to Carolyn's 11:15 Exercise with Connie 4:00 Men's Corner 6:30 Wheel of Fortune 7:00 Statler Brothers <u>Kate R-B 29th</u>	Birthstone: Amethyst Flower: Violet Colors: Light Blue and Yellow				

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