

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

March 2011

2011 Royalty at Elwood Care Center



Elwood Care Center King and Queen were crowned on Monday, February 14 at lunch time. Queen Ella Ewer was born July 21, 1918 at Hoxie, Kansas to Harley and Clara Field Morgan. She attended school in Hoxie, graduating with the class of 1936. Ella taught school for four years while taking correspondence classes from Hays, Kansas. She married Byron Ewer on July 8, 1939 in Hays. They purchased the Standard Gas Station in Elwood where Ella helped with the bookkeeping. She was school secretary for Elwood Public Schools for fourteen years and worked for NRD in Elwood for five years. Ella and Byron raised two sons: Galen of Sandy, UT and Larry of Roslyn, PA and a daughter, Joyce Cunningham who is now deceased. Byron passed away in 1978. Ella is a member of the United Methodist Church of Elwood and was chairperson of the United Methodist Women's Circle. Our King is Robert Vinzant who was born March 13, 1928 to Hugh and Bertha Hibbs Vinzant three miles south of Smithfield on the family farm. He attended eight years of school at District #46 and part of a year at Smithfield High school. He quit school at the age of 13 to pick corn. At age 17 he worked for Brellington Railroad for three years and then started farming until he retired in 1990. Robert married Irma Lyons on June 13, 1954 in Lexington, Nebraska. They adopted two brothers, Kevin and Gary. He is a member of Elwood United Methodist Church. We are very pleased to honor Ella and Robert.

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Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living is a 2011 member of the Nebraska Health Care Association and the Nebraska Assisted Living Association. We are proud of this affiliation with the state's nursing home and assisted living associations and look forward to working with them to improve and promote long term care services for all Nebraskans. For more information on NHCA and NALA, visit www.nehca.org.



Elwood Care Center Staff—

Thank you so much for the wonderful care you gave to Ruby (Hasty). Your staff was always so open and welcoming to Ruby as well as us. You helped us all through a very difficult time and we're extremely grateful! Rich & Cindy Hasty and family

Unscramble St. Patrick's Day Words



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Getting to Know our Staff...Irene Kenning



In April, Irene Kenning has worked at the Elwood Care Center for 18 years. She has been the Office Manager since day one that she has been employed. Irene likes the challenges of accounting and with Medicare and insurance billing which are numerous. She feels best when she has helped a resident or their family overcome communication difficulties with an insurance company and resolve their issues.

Elwood Care Center offers outpatient physical therapy, even for insurance or Medicaid payer source as well as Medicare.

Irene's hometown is Lexington, Nebraska. Irene's mom was here briefly before her death. Irene has been married to Denny Kenning for 40 years and they have two children—Kelly (Shannon) Bennett of Elwood and Tag (Sandy) Kenning of Elm Creek; five grandchildren. Irene likes to quilt but has not found much time to do that in several years. She also loves to can produce and give it to her extended family.

Her favorite food at Elwood Care Center: "Nothing beats Patsy's cinnamon rolls." Her favorite food at home would be scalloped salmon like her mom made.

Favorite vacation spot—what's that? As a farmers wife vacation time is limited to the month of December or January—after harvest and before calving. Irene and Denny most like to go to where their friends are—Texas or Colorado.

Irene belongs to the Elwood Rodeo Club and American Legion Auxiliary.

National Social Work Month



National social work month is celebrated every year in March. It is a time to recognize the important role social workers play. People may wonder what the role of a social worker is in a nursing home. Social workers in a nursing home have many roles such as advocating for the resident on their behalf, admissions and discharge planning, assisting resident's with psychosocial and financial needs, care planning, enhancing quality of life, and staff training. You can contact Elwood Care Center and Assisted Living Social Worker, Ashley Mitchell at 308-785-3302 or eccashleym@atcjet.net .

March Birthdays

Residents

Dorothy Reifschneider—10th
Robert Vinzant—13th
Eleanore Schutz—23rd
Amy Schultheiss—30th

Staff

Amanda Klein—9th
Ashley Mitchell—9th
Patsy Martin—11th
Larry Warner-12th
Shanna Robb—14th
Sarah Kelso—26th
Lola Debban—27th

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March 2011 Event Calendar

Thursday's Are Beauty Shop Day

Activity Calendar Approved by the Resident Council

Friends & Family Welcome

Special Events
17th Irish Party

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 Devotions Tater Peeling 10:15 Refreshments 9:15 Small Groups Birthday Dinner 1:30 Bingo Win A	2 9:15 Devotions Find A Word 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 Old Stuff 2:30 Refreshments	4 9:15 Devotions Good Old Days in the Kitchen 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Movie & Popcorn "Secretariat"	5 Spiritual Wellness Month
6 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits Healing Touch Day	7 9:15 Devotions Card Recycling 11:00 Exercise with Connie 4:00 Men's Corner 6:30 Wheel of Fortune 7:00 Baby Animals	8 9:15 Devotions Bingo (5 c Day) 10:15 Refreshments 9:15 Small Group 1:30 Beauty Hour 2:30 Refreshments	9 Ash Wednesday 9:15 Devotions Bible Study 2:00 First Christian Church 3:00 Coffee Time Amanda K & Ashley M-B	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 Dorothy R-B	11 9:15 Devotions Know Nebraska 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Movie & Popcorn "Because of Winn-Dixie" Patsy M-B	12 9:15 Devotions Card Bingo 10:15 Refreshments Founding of Girl Scouts 1912 Larry W-B
13 Daylight Savings Begins 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits Robert V-B	14 9:15 Devotions Card Recycling 11:00 Exercises with Connie 4:00 Men's Corner 6:30 Wheel 7:00 L. Welk St. Pat's Show	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 Crossword Games 10:15 Refreshments 2:00 Eustis United Methodist Church 3:00 Coffee Time	17  St. Pat's Day Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions Irish Party 10:15 Refreshments 11:15 Exercise with Connie 1:30 Irish Bean Bag Toss	18 9:15 Devotions Spring Cleaning 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Movie & Popcorn "The Lost Song"	19 National Quilting Day
20 Spring Begins 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits World Story Day	21 9:15 Devotions Crafts 11:15 Exercise with Connie 1:30 Touring Ireland 2:30 Refreshments	22 9:15 Devotions Over the Fence Visits 9:15 Small Groups 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Bingo (Win A Prize) 2:30 Refreshments	23 9:15 Devotions Pre-schoolers 4 yr. olds Bible Study 2:00 Elwood United Methodist Church 3:00 Coffee Time Eleanore S-B	24 Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions Sentimental Reflections 10:15 Refreshments 11:00 Exercise with Connie 1:30 All Staff Meeting 4:30 Paper with Mary	25 9:15 Devotions Waffle Cookie Day 10:15 Treats 1:30 Movie & Popcorn "A Painted House"	26 9:15 Devotions Cards & Games 10:15 Refreshments Sarah K-B
27 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits Lola B	28 9:15 Devotions Crafts 11:15 Exercise with Connie 4:00 Men's Corner 630 Wheel of Fortune	29 9:15 Devotions Bingo (Win A Prize) 10:15 Refreshments 9:15 Refreshments 1:30 Beach Ball Trivia 2:30 Refreshments	30 9:15 Devotions Painting with Cindy 10:15 Refreshments 2:00 Eustis St. John's Lutheran Church 3:00 Coffee Time Amy S-B	31 Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions Hymn Stories 10:15 Refreshments 11:00 Exercise with Connie 1:30 Car Racing 4:30 Paper with Mary	Birthstone: Bloodstone Flower: Jonquil Colors: White	

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

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