

EMBERS WELCOME



Bill & Gerry Bestmann Apt.231

Bill Bestmann was born on a farm near Minden, Iowa to William and Anna Bestmann. Bill attended school in Shelby all 12 years graduating in 1942. He attended Iowa State University in the Engineering Dept. then enlisted in the Air Corps in December of 1942. After 35 missions as a pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, Bill was Honorably Discharged in May of 1945. He went back to Iowa State to complete his Engineering Degree, graduating in 1948. Bill went to work for Fisher Governor in July of 1948 and retired from Fishers in July of 1981. Bill helped establish a Fisher plant in Canada, where he and Gerry lived for 3 years, before being transferred to the Pittsburgh area to manage a Butterfly Valve Plant which Fishers had acquired. They returned to Marshalltown in 1966 when Governor Road opened. Bill retired as Vice President of International.

Gerry Bestmann was born in rural Shelby Co. to Thornton and Florence Eckel. She grew up in Shelby and graduated from Shelby Consolidated High School as a Valedictorian in 1942.(Bill and Gerry actually attended 1st grade together!) Gerry received Stenographic Training in Omaha and worked at Martin Modification Center there.

Bill and Gerry Bestmann were married in Shelby in May of 1945. They moved to Ames where Gerry was working at Iowa State in the Mechanical Engineering Dept. as a secretary, until she “retired” after their son was born.

Their children are: Jay, who lives in Illinois, Rinda, who lives in New Hampshire with her husband Dennis Madden and Shelley, who lives in California with her husband Brian McCarthy. They have 2 granddaughters.

They are members of First United Methodist Church and Elmwood Co. Club.

Welcome, Bill and Gerry, we’re glad you’re here!!

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Dorothy Francis Apt. 317

Dorothy Francis was born in Lawrence, Kansas, the only child of Clayton and Cecile Brenner. She attended school in Olathe, Ks. and graduated from Olathe High School in 1944. Dorothy then went to College, majored in trumpet and graduated from the University of Kansas (she’s a Jayhawk!) in 1948. Dorothy played in both the Band and Orchestra in College and briefly for the summer she was part of a band that traveled in various states and played “one night stands” for various establishments! Her father told her to get a “real job” and sent her to California where she taught music in Junior High for 2 years.

She met her husband Richard, while in college, on the bus, as he was also in the band. They dated for a couple of years and married in 1950. He was teaching school in Missouri and then went to the service – in the Army band. Dorothy finished his teaching job in Missouri while he was gone and later joined him at Fort Sill and they lived there for 2 years. Dorothy was teaching music to the children in CACHE, Oklahoma.

In 1952, they moved to Marshalltown, as Richard had a job offer from his former High School music teacher, Armon Adams. The rest is history. He retired in 1986. In 1952, Dorothy stayed home and needed more to do. She started “freelance writing” and was rather successful! She has written 73 novels to date. Her newest novel, Eden Palms Murder will be released in October.

Dorothy and Richard, who resides at Bickford Cottage, have 2 daughters. Ann lives in Omaha and Pat lives in Colorado. They have 2 grandchildren. Dorothy and Richard lived in Florida for 25yrs. She enjoyed metal detecting there and enjoys Bridge also!Welcome Dorothy. We’re glad you’re here!!



Vicki's Vibes

Happy 4th of July

What a month! – The Picnic – wow, what great weather, food and ice cream. We have been so busy with putt putting, Wii, happy hours, coffee on the deck, movies, Father's Day, eating out, and watching the butterflies at the gardens and don't forget watching the flood waters!!! Of course the tornado warnings have been a lot of fun too. Isn't the new alarm system great!

Summer is just beginning; I know there will be even more fun to look forward too. If you haven't come down to sit on the deck you should come on down. The benches and chairs are at the front entrance too. Hopefully the weather will calm down now that we're into July!

I want to say a special word of thanks to all of you who donated to the 13th Neighborhood Project. Don't the flower baskets, banners and flags look great? Everything looks great. Mike and Chad are putting the flags on our poles too. It is looking good for the 13th St. Blast on the 4th. The Tama County Pork Producers will be grilling. We will take orders for delivery of a plate for you if you'd like. You will need to pay by the 3rd. Sign up sheet is out. Choice: Pork Loin Sandwich, Chips & Pop for \$5.50, Pork Burger, Chips & Pop for \$4.50. They will be delivered around 5:30 to the Coffee Shop. Enjoy and then watch the fireworks from the deck.

The Embers is hosting the Senior Health Fair on the 15th. There will be 22 vendors here, as last year there will also be speakers. We will have a booth with information about our community.

We are in the middle of vacations; if you have guests coming for over night and/or meals. Please be sure to call the office with your reservations. Telling the girls in the Dining Room doesn't make it

official!!! **Call the office.** Guest room reservations should be made with Deb **in the office.** As soon as you have the need make your call! If we don't have an available room we can keep your name on a list to call if there is a cancellation. That way you still have a chance to get a Guest Room.

Come to the Food and Council meeting Monday the 7th at 10:00, we welcome everyone and their ideas.

Until next time,

*Love you all,
Vicki*

Deb's Ditty

Hello July!!! I hope the weather starts feeling like July soon or it is going to be a short summer.

I hope you have all met my daughter (Kassy) that is working in housekeeping while Megan is in classes. She is a good girl, I hope you all get a chance to talk to her.

It sounds like we have a lot of activities planned for July. I look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces in the pictures so I can put them on TV. I will work hard to keep up on those and keeping things up to date.

Keep in mind when you need a guest room, you need to call me right away. Also remember if you have a cancellation you need to call me right away so someone else can make use of the room.

Here is to a great month and a great summer.

Warm Wishes,
Deb

JO'S JENDA

Welcome July! ☺ ☺

We'll start the month off with a road trip for the Kitchen Band. They are going to Southridge for a 2:00 performance.

We will have coffee and goodies on the deck the morning of the 2nd, at 9:30 a.m.

Keeping with tradition, we will celebrate Independence Day with a party in the Community Room. The Kitchen Band will entertain us here at 2:30 on July 3rd.

Our Resident Birthday Party is next Friday the 11th in the Community Room. We have 10 celebrating this month.

We'll venture out to Younkers on Wed. the 16th, as it is Sr. Citizens Day. Sign up!! We'll leave at 1:45 p.m.

We'll have an *Arby's Roast Beef & Malt* night on Wed. the 16th. I will get the sandwiches and bring them to the Community Room. The sandwich, chips and shake will be \$4.50 Sign up!!

Happy Hour will be on Thursday the 17th from 3-4 p.m. Bring a quarter!!

Putt Putt has been going well!! We had a lot of hole-in-ones last time we were out!! The root beer floats tasted good too! We will have an afternoon of Putt-Putt on Monday the 21st at 2:00 p.m.

We will have an outing to Hickory Grove Lake this month. Take a drive over by Colo - stop at the bait shop for ice cream!! We will leave at 1:30 p.m. The sign up sheet will be out soon – we go on Wed. the 30th.

It is the **Ice Cream Cones Birthday** on Monday, July 28th. I'll have a couple of choices for you. How about a double dipper?? Happy 4th of July

Till next month,

JO

Our thoughts and prayers go to Jo's husband John who is in Mercy after a heart attack.

MAINTENANCE LEAK

Hi folks!

To whom it may concern: Any one with unused articles at the "M" door such as – lawn ornaments, wind chimes, garden tools. We will be cleaning and reorganizing that area later this month.

Everyone's filters in their apartment furnace room were changed in June

Note: Please **do not** put pop and beer cans in the recycling containers. Those beverage containers with a deposit on them go down by the pop machine on the first floor.

For you newcomers – the recycling areas are on the 2nd floor B and C laundry rooms.

Have a good one!!

Happy Independence Day!!!

Mike & Chad

CORRECTION

Basil Gray's children were listed incorrectly in last month's Messenger. Sorry Basil, here is the correction: He has 4 children: 2 sons and 2 daughters

Ellen and her husband Carl live in Treynor, Ia; Monte and his wife Elvira live in Johnston; Brian and his wife Kathy live in Marshalltown; and Lisa is in Marshalltown too. He has 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Basil enjoys reading, sports and walking.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Bess Holveck	July 4
Frances Adkins	July 8
Lucile Mitchem	July 8
Lea Morrison	July 9
Herdis Berquist	July 12
Lillian Neilsen	July 14
Grant Peterson	July 15
Dottie Harrison	July 20
Mac Thornes	July 23
Maralee Hanson	July 27

Kitchen Klatter

July is here and we will be celebrating the 4th before you know it with some good grilled food.

Food and Council meeting will be on Monday the 7th at 10:00. I would love to have some new ideas for casseroles for Saturdays and some salad ideas for our evening snack. Bring down the recipes.

Betty Weaver is our Resident of the Month. She has chosen Chicken Kiev, escalloped corn, mashed potatoes and angel food cake with strawberries. Yum, it sounds good.

Have a happy July!!
Sally and the Kitchen Staff



KATHY'S COMMENTS

Happy 4th of July!

This year is flying by too fast.

We have a free week June 30th-July 4th, so if you would like some extra work done in your apartment just let me know or call Deb in the office and she will write up a work order.

We are also starting to clean the carpet in your apartments. It's just to get the deep down dirt out of the carpet and it's no cost to you.

I think most of you have meet Kassy, she really enjoys working with everyone and I'm glad she is here. She is doing a great job filling in for Megan.

Megan says she is enjoying her classes even when she falls asleep. That Megan is one of a kind.

Enjoy the fireworks.



Have a great month!!!

Housekeeping,

Kathy, Tessa, Megan & Kassy

