



## EMBERS WELCOME

### June Gummert Apt.311

*June Gummert* was born on a farm near Norway, Iowa to Bernard and Gertrude Harrington. She came from a family of 3 girls and 1 brother. June attended country school for 8 years, and then attended school in Norway, graduating from Norway High School in 1940. She went to Mt. Mercy College for 1 year and then on to Cedar Falls State Teachers College, graduating from there in 1942. June taught Jr. High in Attica, Iowa for one year. That's where she learned there was coal being mined in Iowa! For the next 3 years she taught in North English. June wanted to be closer to her parent's home, so she moved to Tama. One night June came to a dance here in town at Forrest Park with a bunch of her teacher friends and was asked to dance with Morris Gummert! They dated for two years, and were married at St. Patrick's Church in Watson, Iowa in 1948.

They lived in Marshalltown where Morris ran **Custom Built Construction Company**. June gave up teaching and became a secretary at the company. She also spent time taking care of her niece, Cindy Westberg who lives here in town with her husband, David.

Morris passed away in 1994. June continued living in the house Morris built on Thunderbird Drive.

June is a member of St. Henry's Catholic Church and belongs to The Holy Family Study Club and the Golden Classic Club there. She loves to read and play cards. She also has one sister still living – Nell, who lives in Des Moines.

Welcome, June, we're glad you're here!!



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### Clairbelle Erickson Apt. 335

*Clairbelle Erickson* was born in her parents home, right here in Marshalltown. The daughter of James and Elisa Smith, she came from a family of 6 children. She attended school in Marshalltown and graduated from Zearing High School in 1949.

In 1954, she married Don Erickson in Missouri. They had met at Forrest Park Ballroom at a dance and dated for awhile. They lived on a farm that they had rented and moved to Laurel when they bought a farm. Don's brother lived close by and they often worked together, while Clairbelle cooked, helped out and took care of her twin daughters. They were married for 22 years. In 1976, Clairbelle left the farm and moved to Marshalltown. She worked for Marshalltown Instruments in the office and also worked for two years at Boss Truck Lines.

Clair has 6 children: Marilyn Melick who lives here in town, Marleen, who lives in Ohio with her husband, Terry Burns, son Norman lives in Arizona, Denise lives N. of Marshalltown with her husband, Jim Merritt, Marcia lives in Florida with her husband, Roger Brooks and Alan, who lives here in town with his wife Stephanie. Clair has 8 grandchildren.

She is a member of Trinity Lutheran, enjoys reading and is a member of the YMCA.

Welcome Clairbelle, we're glad you're here!



## *Vicki's Vibes*

Happy May Day, spring is in the air. The bulbs, bushes and trees are flowering. Our crab apple trees are getting ready to bud; they are always so pretty when they are in full flower.

I have heard some comments on the temperature in the halls being cold. Mike doesn't change the temperature in the building, they are constant. If you open your doors and have the heat turned up it will kick on the air in the hall. Some of you keep the heat in your apartment too high! It is not healthy to have it so hot. If you are chilly instead of turning up the heat, take a walk – it will get your heart pumping and you'll warm up. Go down to the Fitness Room and use the NuStep – just 10 minutes a couple times a week will really help your circulation. Find a neighbor and walk around the outside of the building now that it's getting nice. Stay Healthy!!!

Our Mothers Day Brunch is one of our favorite events. The Friday before Mothers Day the 9<sup>th</sup> we will have 2 sittings, 9:30 and 11:30. If you are not having guests or are a gentleman please come down at 9:30 for your brunch. Last year we served over 200 residents and family and the second sitting is the best for the working girls. It is a wonderful meal, next to Candlelight Dinner this meal is our most planned dining experience. Be sure to RSVP with your guest count by the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Aren't the flags on 13<sup>th</sup> Street neat? Max worked really hard for the 13<sup>th</sup> Street District to get the flags and the banners that are coming. He worked with the merchants for donations and the city to get new

brackets and flags hung. Good Job Max!

The Wii Bowling League will be starting soon. We will have Thursday morning practices the next 2 weeks. So come to the Community Room at 9:30 and bowl. Then starting the 8<sup>th</sup> we will have Bowling League every Thursday morning at 9:30. Bowling League will be 8 weeks long. There are other games you can play on the Wii. We can have cow races, pool, tennis, ping pong and even golf tournaments. We'll have practice sessions so you can be ready! The Wii really is a lot of fun!

Don't miss the Food and Council Meeting next Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 in the Community Room. This is our opportunity to get together and share ideas to make the Embers even a better place to live. If you have an issue you want to discuss please be there.

Until next time,

*Love you all,  
Vicki*

## *Deb's Ditty*

**Well April Showers have been constant. I hope we get lots of sun for the May Flowers!!**

**Welcome to our new Residents; Basil Gray, Bill & Gerry Bestmann, Wayne & Fern Tuttle and soon Dorothy Francis. Also Elmer Goecke is back. Your gonna Love It here.**

Sunny Wishes,

**Deb**

# JO'S JENDA

Welcome May! ☺ ☺

We'll start the month off with our Resident Birthday Party this Friday the 2nd in the Community Room. We have 8 celebrating this month.

Monday morning the 5th is Food & Council at 10:00, then R.S.V.P. at 1:00. It is also Cinco De Mayo' and I'm sure the girls in the kitchen have something special planned!!

We'll venture out to Younkers on Wed. the 7<sup>th</sup>, as it is Sr. Citizens Day.

We will be celebrating *Mothers Day* on Friday, May 9th in the Dining Room, of course! We will be serving 2 different times. Some of you have already put in your reservations at the front desk. That is good. The doors open at 9:30 and close for that group and re-open for the next group at 11:30. You must have a reservation so we have an accurate count. Last year we served 199 people and it seems to be more popular every year. We enjoy doing this for our ladies! You deserve it!

The kitchen band has a "gig" at Gladbrook on Tuesday the 13th at 2:00. We will leave at 1:30p.m.

Another big event this month is our *Style Show!* Come to the Comm. Room at 2:00 on Thurs. the 15th for a great time. Our friends from Younkers will be here, so mark your calendar and invite a friend!!

We will finally get to use our deck in the coffee shop for two special occasions this month. First, for coffee on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> and again in the afternoon of the 29<sup>th</sup>, for Happy Hour! That will be nice!!

Congratulations to Jean Moore and Grant Peterson – our new King and Queen!!

Happy Memorial Day!!

Till next month, JO

# MAINTENANCE LEAK

Hi folks!

Finally May flowers! We will be getting the furniture out on the deck and also in the front of the building soon, so you can all sit outside. First we have to weather proof and clean the deck, then we will get the furniture out.

The putting greens need to be cleaned up too. Chad and I will work on that soon.

Happy Memorial Day!!

Mike & Chad



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Doris Holroyd	May 1
Virginia Jefferson	May 10
Shirley Dixon	May 12
Wendell Straka	May 18
Jeanne Haan	May 22
Frances Rowe	May 29
Marjorie Moore	May 31
Margie Elwood	May 31

**EMBERS KING & QUEEN 08-09**

**Jean Moore and Grant Peterson**

**Congratulations!!!**

## Kitchen Klatter

It's May and our Mothers Day Brunch will soon be here on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Please remember you **must** make reservations at **the office**, not with the girls in the dining room. The dining room opens at 9:30 and re-opens at 11:30. Men, we ask that you come down at 9:30! The meal will be for all to enjoy. It's always a special event. Then at the end of the month, we will celebrate Memorial Day with our picnic on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully the sun will be shining so we can have some grilled food – sounds good!!

Ida Griffith is our **Resident of the Month!** She has chosen Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, scalloped corn and lemon pie for dessert! Nice choice, Ida!

We will be having a cleaning day this month on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO BREAKFAST on that day. We will be serving a sack lunch in the Community Room at the usual time. You may eat in the Community Room or take your food home. The kitchen will be closed for Spring Cleaning. Thank you.

Have a great month!!  
Sally and the Kitchen Staff

## ***KATHY'S COMMENTS***

We are still working on cleaning windows. They should be done by the end of the month.

Happy Mothers Day to all of you Moms!! I hope all of you enjoy the day!!

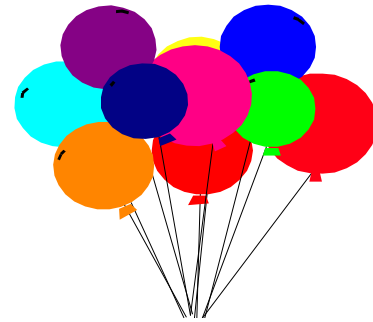
Memorial Day is on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> and Housekeeping will be off that Monday. You will be re-scheduled for later in the

week. I will let you know a day ahead of time.

Have a great month!!!  
Housekeeping,  
Kathy, Tessa and Megan

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY !!!**

***Ed & Sally White May 13th***



***Resident Birthday Party is this  
Friday at 2:00 p.m.***