



EMBERS WELCOME
Leona Klepinger Apt. 004

Leona Klepinger was born on a farm in Bedford, Iowa to Florence and Jess Minor. She attended Country School for 12 years, graduating from New Market High School in 1940. Leona then attended Beauty School in Omaha and after putting in her 1800 hrs., she was determined to find a job. She hopped on a bus with her suitcase and found a job at a small shop in Minden, Ia. Leona wasn't happy in Minden, so she picked up the paper, read the want ads and hopped back on the bus, headed to York, Nb. She stayed there for 3 years, working in a Barber/Beauty Shop.

While living with her roommates in Omaha, she met Lowell, who was also in Beauty School. They became good friends. Lowell was drafted and when he came home on furlough, he decided they should get married. So, in July of 1945, Leona married Lowell Klepinger at her parents home in New Market, Iowa.

While visiting relatives here in Marshalltown, they saw a deluxe beauty shop that happened to be for sale. They had no money and they were lucky to get a loan. They bought the shop, moved here, and rented a 1 bedroom apartment! Lowell and Leona owned the shop for 6 years. Then in 1952, they bought a house big enough for living in and also set up shop and worked from their home. Lowell and Leona worked side by side for 30 years. He passed away in 1982, Leona continued working for several more years. They have 2 daughters – Jana Mitchem, who lives here in town with her husband, Ray and Marcia who lives in West Des Moines with her husband, John Pringle. There are 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Leona is a member of the Methodist Church, a member of the Hairdresser Association, loves Ballroom dancing and square dance !!

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



EMBERS WELCOME
Esther Hougham Apt. 440

Esther Hougham was born on a farm near Mason City. There were 8 kids in the family, including her twin sister, born to Minnie and Siebend Djuren, a German name. Esther went to Country school through 8th grade and then to Mason City and graduated from High School there in 1940. She met her husband at the Surf Ballroom and married Ray Hougham in 1942. They lived in an apartment in Clear Lake.

When Ray re-enlisted and joined the Navy, Esther followed him to St. Paul and then to Florida until he went overseas. Esther went back to Mason City and lived with her parents – she was also expecting their first child. When the war was over Ray came home to meet their 9 month old daughter! The happy couple moved to Gladbrook, bought a house, lived there for 3 yrs. before moving to Baxter and becoming owners of Ray's Supply Co. Esther sold appliances and was the bookkeeper for 15 years. They moved to Des Moines where her brother-in-law lived and he owned several T.V. businesses. Ray ran one and Esther worked at the other one for a few years. Esther then worked in the office of Gendler Stone Products, Co. –who owned Rock Quarries around the state. After 17 years there, she retired. Shortly after, Ray passed away in 1987. Esther stayed in Des Moines and her twin sister lived with her off and on up until a year ago.

Esther has 2 daughters: Jacquelyn, who is married to Sid Street and lives in California. Her daughter, Vicki lives here in town and is married to Gary McKibben. Esther has 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandsons!!

Esther enjoys crosswords, reading and family time!!

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



Vicki's Vibes

Good Grief it's already Thanksgiving; where did October go? It seems like it just got started. The leaves are really changing colors and coming down, the wind last Sunday tried to get them all off the trees but some of those ole trees are really hanging on!

As the colors outside become rusts and browns here inside we're "Going Green!" The "green" movement is an effort to save our environment. We are doing our part with the "green" by the recycling of newspapers, cans, glass and plastics. In a further effort to save our planet (and money) we are discontinuing the use of Styrofoam and plastic wrap in the Dining Room. (Sick trays will still be disposables.) What does this mean to you? The girls will no longer serve desserts on Styrofoam plates and wrap them in plastic wrap for you to take home. If you feel like you just can't eat your dessert then you will need to bring a COVERED container from home to take it home in.

Our Dining Room is a comfortable place for you to enjoy each others company and your meal. We want you to take your time and eat all of your meal and not take home leftovers. The supper snack is great for your evening meal. Please everybody - cooperate - you are adults. If you really enjoyed your lunch and want some to take home ask the girls and they will get you a container of "leftovers" to take home at a charge.

Another way we can save our environment (and money) is in the use of electricity. Please turn off lights if you are not in a room. Also check that thermostat - it doesn't need to be set at 80 degrees. If you get chilly put on a sweater or take a walk in the hallway to

warm up. Sitting in your chair all day watching TV makes your body slow down and you will get chilly - instead of turning up the heat - get up and take a walk or like I said, put on a sweater. Keep in mind we have a therapist in the Fitness Room; Rick would love to show you how to use the equipment and get that blood moving.

I'm working on the budget and I've got to tell you utilities, food and gas keep going up and as the bills increase we have to raise your rent!!! You know how much I hate that! So keep that in mind - every little bit helps us with the costs.

This weekend our time changes and we "fall" back. We get an extra hour of sleep and it's dark an hour earlier.

Food and Council meeting Monday morning the 3rd at 10 o'clock in the Community Room; come on down!!!

Take care, talk to you soon.

Love ya, *Vicki*

Deb's Ditty

Hello everyone. Happy November!!! I hope everyone is ready for winter. I think it will be here soon, unless we can figure out a way to hold it off for awhile.

Guest rooms are full for Thanksgiving and for Christmas, so if you were wanting one, it is too late. There are other dates during those months that are still open, so please call if you want one.

We have lots of apartment changes coming in the next couple of months. I will put out new phone lists when we get them all figured out, probably Dec. 1 before it settles down for winter. Please help all the new people settle in and learn their way.

Welcome Dorothy Cripps in Apt 315. We will miss Elva Graham, Mabel Graeff, Gene Baker, Max Landon and Louise Boehm.

Warm thoughts,
Deb

JO'S JENDA

Here we go!! Fall is here and it has been beautiful, so far!! I think we will all be glad when the election is over! I will take the van to the Veterans Home to vote at both 10:00 and 3:00 Sign up!!

Home Care Plus will be here to give Flu Shots this Wed. the 5th at 9:30 a.m.

The Resident Birthday Party is this month, of course!! We have 4 celebrating. Come and wish them a Happy Birthday at the party on Friday the 7th at 2:00 p.m.

Their will be a *Cribbage Tournament* held this month. Sign up if you'd like to play. The tourney starts on Thursday the 6th and continues on Friday the 7th, starting at 9:00 a.m. both mornings.

Marilyn Patterson will be here for a program about toilet paper*!*! You read right!! I can't wait for that one either. Check your calendar and plan to attend.

I will be going to Hardees this month for a 5:00 sandwich night. This time you will have your choice of hot Ham & Cheese or a Hamburger. This includes chips and malt for only \$4.50. Sign up!

We will venture over to Des Moines and spend some time at Jordan Creek Mall on Thursday the 13th. You can shop or just go to look at all the decorations. Sign up!!

We will have special music – Gospel and Country with Don Ecklor and Kathy Thompson for a **morning** – 10a.m. program in the Chapel.

We will be participating in the *Tiny Tim Tree Festival* again this year on Sat. Nov. 22nd. We will have a mitten /hat tree. If you would like to participate and buy a pair of mittens , I can get them for you when I go to K-Mart or on a van run. Let me know.

The kids from Woodbury school will be here on Tuesday the 25th at 3:45 p.m. in

the Community Room. This is not on your calendar, as Raul just called, but keep it in mind – it really feels good to mentor a child.

We will have Blood Pressure check on Wed. morning the 12th. They will be back each month at 11:00 in the Comm. Room

Thank you Mack Thornes and Bill Backoff for sharing your interesting railroad display. Everyone has really enjoyed it.

Happy Thanksgiving!!
Till next month, JO



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

LaVern Landon

November 7th

Hope Britson

November 18th

Marge Ballard

November 19th

Dorothy Francis

November 30th

MAINTENANCE LEAK

I have not worked too many jobs in my life, in fact the last 32 yrs., I worked for one company doing construction work. I'd like to say that the Embers is a much different environment to work in than I have ever encountered. All the Staff and Residents make this a very pleasant place to work. Everyone is so friendly!!

The holidays are coming up and I hope you all have a wonderful time with your families and friends.

Jack Olson

Staff Birthday

Connie Widmar

November 24

Kitchen Klatter

It's November and it will be Thanksgiving with all the great food, family and friends.

We will put out the sign up sheet on the 3rd of Nov. and pull it on the 18th. There will be 2 setting times for dinner. The first one is at 11:00, second setting is at 12:30. NO BREAKFAST ON THANKSGIVING.

Starting tomorrow, Nov. 1st, we will have a true continental breakfast. This means you will be toasting your own toast. That way it will be fresh and hot for you.

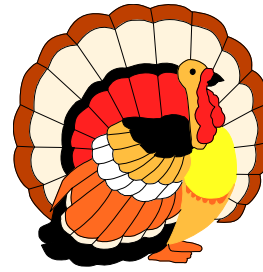
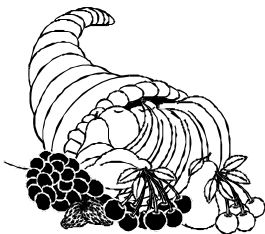
Thank you for your cooperation in bringing your own containers for your dessert. It is cost effective for us.

Arlene Olsen is our Resident of the Month. She has chosen Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Chicken gravy, Green Bean Casserole, and Pumpkin Pie for dessert. Nice choice, Arlene!!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Sally and the Kitchen Staff



Perry and Marjorie Moore Nov. 1st



KATHY'S COMMENTS

Is November here already! The holidays are around the corner! We don't have another "free week" until after Christmas. If you would like extra work done in your apartment before the holidays just let me know. We will NOT be working on Thanksgiving Day. If your cleaning day falls on that day, it will be re-scheduled for another time that week. Here is a poem from Kathy.....

I'm Thankful for you

*Thanksgiving is the appointed time
For focusing on the good in our lives*

*In each of our days,
We can find small blessings,
But too often we overlook them,
Choosing instead to spend our time
paying attention to problems.*

*We give our energy
To those who cause us trouble
Instead of those who bring peace.*

*Starting now
Let's be on the lookout
For the bits of pleasure in each hour,
And appreciate the people who
Bring love and light to everyone
Who is blessed to know them,
You are one of those people,
On Thanksgiving,
I'm thankful for you.*

*Happy Thanksgiving
Housekeeping,
Kathy, Tessa and Connie*