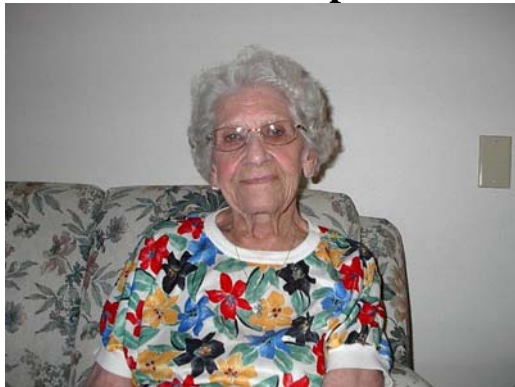


## EMBERS WELCOME

**Esther Eller Apt. 316**



*Esther Eller* was born on a farm in Thompson, Iowa to Henry and Mary Bergman. She attended Country School in Linden Township for 8 years. Esther helped out a lot on the family farm. The thrashers needed to be fed, she helped serve the meals. She did housework and everyone had their jobs!!

Esther left home at 16 and lived with her Aunt and Uncle in State Center for 5 years. She married Ralph Riese on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. They rented a farm near State Center. When Esther's sister passed away, they adopted her son Duane when he was 4 years old. She worked hard keeping the farm going. Her and Ralph were married for 30 years, before he passed away in 1967.

Esther and Duane stayed on the farm where they raised cattle, hogs and chickens.

In 1969, Esther married John Eller. He had 3 grown children. They bought a house in Colo, Iowa in 1995 and were married for 32 years. John passed away in 2001.

Duane "Shorty" Riese still lives on the family farm with his wife, Claudia. They have 2 daughters.

Esther likes flower gardens and enjoys living at the Embers, especially since she doesn't have the upkeep to do anymore. Welcome, Esther, we're glad you're here!



## EMBERS WELCOME

**Helen Skov Apt. 436**



*Helen Skov* was born in a Danish Community at Tyler, Minnesota where she lived with her parents, Anders and Anna Utoft. Helen attended school in Tyler and graduated from Tyler High School in 1946. She then went to Grandview College in Des Moines, graduating in 1948.

She met her husband Victor, while attending Grandview College, and they were married in Tyler, Minnesota in 1949. Shortly after their marriage, Vic was called to the service, where he was a pilot in the Air Force in Bangor, Maine. They lived in Maine for a few years, before moving to Laredo, Texas. Helen was a stay at home mother at the time. They came back to Des Moines – Vic was still flying with the National Guard, before finally landing here in Marshalltown in 1955.

Several years later, Helen decided to attend school at Drake University. She commuted to Des Moines and graduated from there in 1966. She taught elementary school first in Tama before teaching at Norris, Rogers and Fisher Schools here in Marshalltown. After 18 years of teaching, Helen retired in 1989. Vic passed away in 1991

Helen has five children: Nancy, who lives in Colorado with her husband Steve, Cindy, who lives in Florida with her husband, Brent. Helen's son Mike also lives in Florida, Kris lives in Kentucky with her husband, Ed and her youngest daughter Jody, lives in Iowa with her husband, Gary. She is the grandmother of 12 and has a great grandchild on the way!

Helen is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Twentieth Century Club, P.E.O. and volunteers at the M.M.S.C. Gift Shop.

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

## Vicki's Vibes

Greetings from Colorado -

It's soon going to be October and we'll get the full color of fall. As I'm writing this I'm going into the mountains to look at all the golden Aspen. It's just been beautiful here and I've had a great time.

The kids are growing so fast, Keegan and Marissa are both in Kindergarten, Johnny is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Kiana is going to pre-school. I know for some of you who remember it just seems like yesterday I made the trips out here when they were born to be a stand in Grandma. I just love them all. My niece and nephew and their spouses are just great parents, I'm so proud of them.

We did take the trek up Pikes Peak, you know we lived in the Springs for 4 years and never made the trip and I've been out here dozens of times and just never took the time to go up. It was awe-inspiring. The colors were already changing and now this weekend is the peak of color.

Crag moved into a new apartment last week so I've been helping him empty boxes and get things put away. You know sons, they really love it when Mom puts things away and then they can't find them, so I've had to be careful!!!! He took off yesterday and today (Friday) and we have really enjoyed each other. I know Sunday will come too fast for the trip home.

I'm not really thinking too much about October at the Embers right now, but I do know that October brings Fire Prevention Week. We will have a complete evacuation Fire Drill during that week. Please refresh your memories on the evacuation routes that are posted in your apartment.

On 9/11 Jo and I delivered cookies to the Police Station, Hospital for the EMT's

and ER and the Fire Station for all the staff to enjoy. It is our way of saying Thanks for all they do for us and acknowledging the events of September 11, 2001.

September brought new resident, Leona Klepinger in Apt 004. Welcome we're glad you are here. Esther Hougham will be moving into 440 this next week. We will miss Truth Neill who has moved to Cedar Falls to be near her son.

Until next month,

Love you all,

Vicki

## Deb's Ditty

*Happy October everyone! What a beautiful time of year with all the leaves turning and the temperatures not too hot and not too cold. I just love it!!*

*I wanted to mention that Janet has been doing a great job of taking guest reservations and maintenance requests at the front desk. For those of you who didn't realize that had changed, it is part of her job to help with whatever she can at the desk. However I am still the only one to handle Guest Rooms and Jo is the only one to handle Community Room reservations. Janet can send you in the right direction if you tell her what you need.*

*I checked my calendar and am certain that Vicki wanted to mention the Wine & Cheese Party in October. She was very excited about it before she left for vacation. Make sure you come, it is a great time.*

*Have a great month.*

Warm Wishes,

Deb

# JO'S JENDA

Here we go!! Fall is here and it has been beautiful, so far!! The Appleberry Farm are practically our neighbors, so we will go out to buy their goodies including cider, jams and apple butter too! We will go this Thursday at 2:00. Sign up!!

The Resident Birthday Party is this month, of course!! We have 5 celebrating. Come and wish them a Happy Birthday at the party on Friday the 3rd 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 Tuesday the 7th and continues on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 a.m. both mornings.

We will venture over to Grinnell and visit the Pumpkin Patch and have lunch at the famous Depot Restaurant. Now even if the weather isn't good, we will still have lunch at the Depot. I haven't been very successful with the weather in recent years, but so many of you enjoy the railroad grill that we will keep our reservations even if it's a chilly day. Sign up to go!!!

We have a very unique program this month that we talked about at the Resident Meeting. For the first time ever we will learn all about the art of *ORIGAMI*. What is it??? Come and see!! Carol Larson will be here to entertain you on Thursday the 16 th at 2:00 in the Community Room.

October marks a special occasion this month – (one of my favorites) our *Wine & Cheese Party!* Mark your calendar now for Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup>. The festivities start at 5:00 p.m. Bring your wine glass to the party and we will fill it up – naturally we will have 2 drink choices for those who do not want wine. We will have party snacks and entertainment by Judy and “Roadie” Mehlert.

Halloween is coming!! It falls on a Friday this month, so that's when our Party will be!! You never know what will happen, but it's time to start thinking about your costume now!! We will start at 2:30 p.m.

Thank you to Ruth Pothast for sharing her clowns with us. What a fun display!!

Till next month, JO



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Millie Swanson</i> | <i>October 2 nd</i>  |
| <i>Wanda Brockman</i> | <i>October 13 th</i> |
| <i>Emma Fessler</i>   | <i>October 21 st</i> |
| <i>Mickey Lang</i>    | <i>October 30 th</i> |

## MAINTENANCE LEAK

Hi folks!

It's Fall and the brisk mornings are here. This month the outdoor furniture will be taken down and put away. I hope you all had time to be out to enjoy them.

I've had a new guy helping me, his name is Jack Olson. I'm sure you will all make him feel welcome.

### REMINDER:

**Recyclable items go into containers in 2B & 2 C Laundry Rooms. I would ask that you bag your paper and newspapers.**

**If you need help changing your furnaces over to heat (changing your thermostat) please try and let us know before noon!!**

Have a good one! Mike and Jack

## Staff Birthdays

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|-------------|-------------|
| Sally Hagen | October 2nd |
| Jo Kjormoe  | October 3rd |

# Kitchen Klatter

It's October already and the weather has been great. I'm looking forward to the leaves changing colors – going down Main Street is beautiful.

With the cooler weather coming we start having soup a little more. For evening soup on Tuesday's, it will be Potato. Fridays it's Chili and soup on two Saturdays the 11th and 25th.

It has come to my attention that some of you have been taking two desserts – one at the table and then taking one home with you. This causes us to be short and some residents end up with no dessert. PLEASE take only one dessert so we can all enjoy.

Dorothy Rich is our Resident of the Month. She has chosen Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Chicken gravy, Green Bean Casserole, and French Silk Pie for dessert.

We will be having two cleaning days this month – October 1st and 2nd (this coming Wed. and Thurs.) to clean the carpet in the dining room. We will have breakfast in the Dining Room on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup>, and on Thursday, October 2nd. We will serve lunch in the Community Room both days. Wednesday you will be having Beef & Noodles and Thursday is Ham & Beans. No substitute either day!

Have a great October  
Sally and the Kitchen Staff



## KATHY'S COMMENTS

Is it really October? I noticed the trees are starting to turn colors. I just can't believe this year is almost over, where has the time gone?

My Granddaughter is excited that it is October, I'm sure you can guess why – Halloween!! She has been telling me what she wants to be already!

Most of you have met Connie Widmar, our newest Housekeeper. I had her write a little about herself and this is what she had to say. *I live outside of LeGrand and have a big back yard that takes me 2 hours to mow, but I love it. HA! HA! I was born and raised in Oskaloosa and I have one daughter, Jennifer and three Grandchildren ages 12, 10 and one who is almost 7. They live in Ottumwa.*

*For fun, Mark and I like to ride our Harley as much as possible and spend time with family and friends. I enjoy working here and meeting all of you. Connie*

We have a free week September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 3rd, so if you would like some extra work done in your apartment or just extra cleaning for the holiday. Speaking of the holidays, if your cleaning falls on a Holiday, it will be re-scheduled for another day that week.

Have a great month!!!

Happy Halloween to All!!!

Housekeeping,

Kathy, Tessa and Connie