

EMBERS WELCOME

Blanche Prusha Apt. 133



Blanche Prusha was born in Bell Plaine, Iowa to William and Rose Ledvina. She had one sister and they lived on a farm in Elberon until her father passed away at age 27. Mother was left to raise 2 daughters. Blanche attended school in Toledo and graduated from High School in 1934. She met her husband Alan in Chelsea, Ia. and they both attended College in Cedar Falls for a year. She taught for 3 years in Rural Tama and in 1937, she married Alan Prusha. They lived in Chelsea and Blanche taught 1 more year of school before staying home to raise their family.

Alan got a job at Fishers and they rented a house in Toledo. Alan only came home on weekends, so Blanche moved in with her mom and sister for awhile. But Alan found an apartment to rent and they moved to Marshalltown. After moving a couple more times, 903 S. 2nd Ave. became Blanche's home for the next 55 years. Alan passed away in 1989.

Blanche has 4 children –Richard, who lives in New Jersey with his wife, Ethel, Regina, lives here in town with her husband, Mike Petersohn, and Carol Paxson and daughter Mary Mauk with her husband Mark live here in town too! She has 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Blanche belongs to 2 Bridge Clubs, loves to dance and play Bingo! She really likes living life here at the Embers too!

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

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Jeanne Haan Apt. 220



Jeanne Haan was born in Rock Rapids, Iowa to Dio and Mabel Follett. She attended school in Rock Rapids and graduated from High School there in 1940. Jeanne attended college at the University of South Dakota, graduating in just 3 years with a major in Business/Education and a minor in English. Jean went to Illinois and taught High School for 2 semesters. She met her High School sweetheart, John and while he served as a Quartermaster Captain, Jeanne went back to Iowa living in Rock Valley, to continue teaching. A year later, she moved to Sioux City and taught at a Business College. John finally came home and they married in 1949. They farmed in Rock Rapids for awhile, moved to Marshalltown, and Jeanne was commuting to her job in Urbana. The busy couple also ran 3 restaurants for a few years!!

In 1968, they made their final move to South Tama. Jeanne still continued to teach and raise 6 children! In 1987, John passed away and Jeanne still had to put her children through college (they all went!) Jeanne taught for 44 years.

Her children are – John, who lives in Des Moines, Mary lives here in town, Jerry lives with his wife Sue in Davenport, Nancy lives in Missouri, Tom and Jan live in Washington State and James and Amy live in Maryland. She has 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandkids.

Jeanne enjoys reading, flowers and gardening and belongs to the Catholic Church.

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

Vicki's Vibes

What a busy month June has been. I think July will be hot and busy too. Don't forget they are shooting off the fireworks at the Veterans Home this year so you'll be able to sit outside and watch them. If you don't want to go outside the solariums will have a great view. If you feel like taking a stroll up to IVH the Municipal Band will be performing at 8:30, before the fireworks!!!

I'm so excited about our courtyard putting greens. We will have our official first putt next week. The landscaping and new Screen House will be finished and ready for use. The three greens will be easily accessible by all and the Screen House will be on the concrete, the furniture we had on 1st floor by the O door will be inside for your enjoyment. I have played miniature golf it's been a long time, but I remember what fun it was. Our putting greens will give you a chance to do the same. I think it's going to be a great pass time and a chance for you to get outside to enjoy the out of doors and stay "Young at Heart". We are in need of some putters if you would like to donate one it would be greatly appreciated.

Myra has said more of you are taking advantage of the fitness center and her help. That is great, keep it up. If there is something special you would like; an exercise class, water aerobics class, Ti Chi, yoga anyone? Let Jo know and she'll see if we can't do it. We can't do it if we don't know about it!

We need to talk about the Guest Rooms. Our guest rooms have been so busy. We love having your friends and families here to visit. Because it has been so busy we really need to go over our check in and out policies: Check in is 3:00 pm and Check out is 10:00 am. Please don't ask for the keys before 3:00 of the day your guests are signing in, they will NOT be given to you. If your guests are coming in after hours you may ask for the keys after 3:00. It can be a REAL problem and embarrassment if you get the key before hand and walk into a room that is occupied, or if the girls haven't gotten it cleaned. It takes time to get the rooms ready for the next guest. When we have guests check out on the weekend and another

resident has guests wanting to check in the same room we have to have the girls come in special to clean the room, its overtime for them! Considering the costs I'm increasing the cost of the Guest Rooms to \$35.00, effective August 1st. With 3 rooms available we try to accommodate everyone. You may request a particular room and we will try to give it to you but sometimes it's not possible. Please be sure to call Deb to make your reservation

A reminder - When you need a tray or guest meal CALL THE OFFICE – PLEASE DO NOT ASK THE GIRLS. The correct way to order a tray or have guests for meals is to call the office; we will write up a slip and send it to the kitchen. It causes much confusion in the Kitchen and billing department when we have everyone doing something different. When you need work done in your apartment you also need to call the office for a work order to be written up.

Thanks for all the well wishes after my surgery, I'm doing pretty good, I started therapy on Wednesday and I'm a little tender today. I'm not experiencing much pain and I want to keep it that way!

Until next month,

Love you, *Vicki*

Deb's Ditty

I am having a great time getting to know everyone. There are still so many of you I have not had the pleasure to meet and a few names I am having trouble remembering. Hopefully I will keep improving.

I was so excited to get some of the sod from the courtyard for my backyard. I have been growing weeds and unable to get seed to take before the birds get it. I have been working all week to get it home and laid. My husband and daughter have been helping. Finally a yard with grass. Yeah!!!

Wednesday is the 4th of July. Don't forget to watch the fireworks since they are so close and you won't have to fight a crowd to enjoy them. Also remember that the office will be closed that day. Joan will be covering while we are gone.

Happy 4th and let's have a great month!

Deb Clement

Kitchen Klatter

Welcome July! The hot days of summer are here and our 4th of July picnic will be here before we know it!

We have a new girl in the Dining Room, Jodi. She sure is a help in the dining room and in the kitchen too! Welcome Jodi to the Embers family

Pete Hoing is our Resident of the Month! He has chosen Swiss Steak , Mashed Potatoes, Scalloped Corn and for dessert – Strawberry Shortcake Nice choice, Pete, thank you.

There has been some confusion about guest reservations and tray service. You must call the office, not the kitchen.

Again this month, on Saturdays we will be having casseroles instead of soup for the summer months. I hope everyone is enjoying the casseroles. I have been getting some wonderful recipes and will be using them starting this month. I like trying new recipes.

Have a great July!
Sally and the gang



KATHY'S COMMENTS

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!

Just to remind you – if your cleaning day falls on a Holiday it will be re-scheduled for another day.

We finally got all the windows done and the girls and I are glad they are done. A BIG THANK YOU to Tessa and Megan for all your hard work.

On your next cleaning day we will be pulling out your refrigerator and cleaning behind them. Please have the top cleared off for us.

Have a great month!
Housekeeping

EVERY TUESDAY AT 1:00 p.m. BRIDGE
WILL BE PLAYED ON THE 3RD FLOOR
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JO'S JENDA

Welcome July! ☺ ☺

Our *4th of July party* will be on Tuesday the 3rd in the Community Room at 2:30 p.m. The kitchen band will entertain us and we will make Homemade Ice Cream too! Then we will all go outside for a Grand Opening of our Putt – Putt! Please remember the van run to the Banks and Fare way will all be done in the morning, leaving at 9:30.

We will be celebrating our July birthdays. Our Resident Birthday Party, will be on Friday, the 6th. We have 12 celebrating!

It's *Ice Cream Cones Birthday* on Monday the 23rd!! I will be serving free cones in the Coffee Shop from 3-4 p.m.

I have contacted *Conrad Corner (That Place)* for our yearly eating out visit! This is planned for Wednesday, the 25th at 5:00. We will meet in the Lobby at 4:30. The Wednesday night specials are – Chicken Breast w\ Honey Mustard Sauce, Broasted Catfish, Iowa Chops, or a 12 oz. Sirloin Steak Sign up!

Till next month,
JO

MAINTENANCE LEAK

Hi folks,

Hope all your air conditioners are working! All of your air filters have been changed for the season. We will be having some electricians working around the building installing items to upgrade our House Fire Alarm System. This improvement will make location and information a lot easier for everyone.

Pop cans, Pop bottles, plastic and liquor and wine bottles DO NOT go in the recycling . They should go to the can box by the pop machine. Do not remove labels from your

plastic pop bottles, because you are removing the Iowa Refund when you do that and we have to throw them out. So – all beverage containers with a 5 cent refund go to the pop machine box. Only clear, clean non colored glass jars can be recycled.

Since the fireworks are at the Vets Home this year, I would think the Deck would provide a good view. Happy 4th of July!!

Mike & Chad



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Bess Holveck	4 th
Frances Adkins	8 th
Lucile Mitchem	8 th
Lea Morrison	9 th
Lucille Ingham	12 th
Herdis Berquist	12 th
Lillian Nielsen	14 th
Grant Peterson	15 th
Frieda Tolson	19 th
Dottie Harrison	20 th
Maralee Hanson	27 th
Charla Brammer	29 th