

Oak Terrace Tidbits



Activity Corner

Hopefully you're getting out to enjoy the warmer weather and beautiful sunshine! Activities are very excited to host the **Petting Zoo** again this year. It's put on by the Hasse Family Enterprises who live in the Pemberton area! This year we're extending the invitation to your family members, your grandchildren, employees, employee's children and to our second grader's from Hoover School who have been here every Friday morning to do activities with us! We'll have pony rides, face painting, free hot dogs and 1919 Root beer! **Make sure you mark your calendars for Sat., June 2nd from 10:00 am. to 12:00 pm.!**

We have many different outdoor activities planned this month starting with **camp fire stories** outside on the patio and having s'mores! We will be taking a **trip to see the buffalo** and stopping at **Minneopa Park** to have ice cream treats. Then it's off to the **Dam Store** for their delicious pie. Hopefully, it will be bug free and we can sit outside! Jake's Pizza is where we will be enjoying lunch this month and of course you need to keep an eye out for the Walmart and Dollar Tree date!

Some fun entertainers this month are **Bob Little** (singing & Guitar), **Gerry Buse** (the one who does the trolley ride), **Allen Carlson** (on guitar playing gospel music), **Joe Marcotte** (On guitar) & **Larry Schultz**. Larry is here for the first time, so check him out!

So have a wonderful month of **JUNE** and start enjoying your summer!!
FROM YOUR FUN ACTIVITY STAFF

- 2nd **Petting Zoo** (family invited) Pony rides, face painting, hot dogs & 19 / 19 root beer
- 5th S'mores  & Stories (outside)
- 7th **YOGA** with Julie
- 7th Birthday party in A.L. 
Beth Wilson's Sing Along
- 8th **Walmart** & **DOLLAR TREE**
- 12th Summer Spelling Bee
- 14th Singer- Bob Little
- 18th Gerry Buse Performing
- 19th Trip to see the **Buffalo** /
Ice Cream treats provided
- 21st **YOGA** with Julie
- 21st Outing to **Dam Store** for
 Pie & Coffee
- 25th Joe Marcotte on Guitar
- 26th Assisted Side Birthday
Party with Larry Schultz
- 28th Out for **LUNCH**
- 28th Beth Wilson's Sing Along
- 29th Allen Carlson Performing





Make Sure you say

Happy Birthday

to all our OT residents who have a

June

Birthday!!!

- Erna Scherer** **3rd**
- Eileen Aabel** **4th**
- Collen Nessler** **14th**
- Joe Walsh** **25th**
- Mary Como** **28th**

Another Oak Terrace Guess Who??



Last month's **Guess Who** was
Donna Hill !!

Senior Thoughts

Nothing is more memorable than a **smell**. One scent can be unexpected, momentary and fleeting, yet conjure up childhood summer memories. **Lilacs** do it for me.

Stop, close your eyes, breath in and think... What smells bring back special memories from your past summers?

Summer Word Scramble

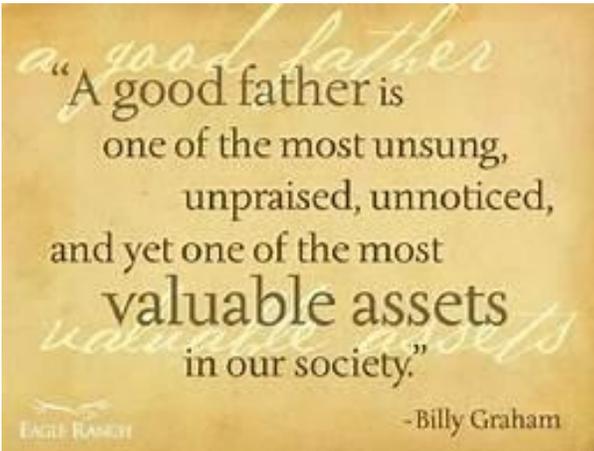
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WELCOME TO **Two of our newest residents**





to all the dads out there.



Things to Do With Dad Word Search

V	V	C	A	M	P	I	N	G	I	U	C	I	E	M	D	P	BASEBALL
W	P	O	O	L	O	Q	I	D	R	B	M	V	G	E	I	F	BBO
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B	E	F	V	U	C	E	S	U	N	I	B	A	G	W	H	O	CAMPING
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J	O	L	I	Q	M	K	X	R	T	Y	R	J	L	W	A	L	FOOTBALL
T	G	A	T	T	R	H	B	V	D	M	R	A	C	H	H	Z	GAMES
T	W	Y	N	A	U	U	B	B	V	E	B	B	C	F	I	Q	GARDENING
K	S	B	U	N	E	O	Q	Q	N	E	N	A	W	H	K	C	GOLF
N	T	A	H	K	G	L	T	L	S	J	X	I	R	N	I	Q	HIKING
T	R	L	K	J	N	C	D	A	A	G	R	P	N	P	N	Q	HOCKEY
D	O	L	U	S	K	R	B	D	E	K	L	A	T	G	G	G	HUNTING
X	P	G	N	I	L	W	O	B	U	U	R	E	C	C	O	S	KITEFLYING
V	S	Y	A	R	D	W	O	R	K	C	V	I	P	O	N	T	PICNIC
H	R	X	V	K	K	I	T	E	F	L	Y	I	N	G	D	A	PINGPONG
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Dancing up a storm!



Operatta at Good Shephard Church



Veterans handing out awards



"Melodies in Motion" clowning around



Spotlight on:

Shirley Ahlfors

Shirley's mother was first married to a gentleman who was murdered on a train while visiting his family in Finland. The robbers knew he was returning from the US & saw that he had a diamond stick pin. They took it and threw him off the train! Her mom was pregnant at the time and had a little girl. When her mother returned to MN she met and married Shirley's father (he had lost his wife and son). So, both of her parents were from Finland. Shirley was born at home in Rural Babbitt, MN. with a midwife assisting! So she had a half-sister growing up! Shirley said people from Finland didn't always express love, but she felt very loved and very well taken care of.

She grew up on a farm with cows, pigs, chickens and calves. She remembers baling a lot of hay. Another one of her chores was to tramp the hay load. When they emptied the hay in the barn she had to trample it down and scrub all the floors! But her parents did cater to her because at 1 ½ yrs. old she had an ear infection and a mastoid operation in Duluth, 60 miles away. They drove there in their model A car! By the time she was in 1st grade she had more ear infections and missed 3 months of school. At the time she was learning English. By the time she returned to school she had read the first chapter of "Polly and Her Little Red Wagon" so well that the teacher had her read it to the high schoolers! She didn't dare read past that chapter, because that was the one chapter that was assigned to her! She attended school in Embarrass, MN. and graduated from high school there as well.

She considered herself a renegade child. Her half-sister was in high school and Shirley thought of many things to do on her own. As a child, she enjoyed playing with paper dolls. She once built a raft from the scrap wood her dad had in his workshop. She wanted to experience the joy of rafting down the Embarrass River! After she had finished the raft, she was dragging it to the river when there in her path at the top of the hill was her father! He put an end to her rafting experiences! Another funny story she recalls happened when her mother had purchased Alaska Warranted Silverware. She evidently didn't have enough spoons, so her Mom went to the dime store to purchase new ones. Shirley didn't like the looks of them because they didn't match, so she buried them in a hole behind their sauna! She also told about the time she decided that she wanted to play with her father's pocket watch hanging on the nail on their bedroom door. She opened up the fancy watch and took off the crystal, which broke, then eyed the fancy turquoise hands and broke them off. Then she had to see what the spring did and broke that too! Years later her sister found it in her mother's dresser drawer, took it to California and there had the

watch fixed, but never had the hands replaced. She then gave it to Shirley and Shirley treasured it! Growing up she couldn't play cards, her parents thought it was sinful and she would have to sneak out to dances!

Shirley went to Junior College in Eveleth for 2 years to be a secretary. She took a job as a medical secretary in Virginia (they call it a scribe now). After a year there she met her husband to be, **Richard** and they were married in August in a Lutheran Church in Virginia! They moved to an apartment in Minneapolis while Richard was going to school and Shirley worked for an insurance company in the Foshay Tower (the tallest building in Minneapolis at the time)! She worked there 9 years until they had their first child, **Sally**, in 1958. She's married to Russ Martin and they live on a hobby farm outside of Hager City, Wisconsin. She has one child from a previous marriage and 3 stepchildren. Shirley and Richard's second child, **Wendy**, was born in 1960. She's married to Daniel Biggar and they live in Burnsville and have 2 children. Shirley has one great grandchild!

In 1962 Richard was offered a job in **Waseca**, working for EF Johnson in sales, so they moved to Waseca and built a home. She believed there would be more opportunities for their two daughters in Waseca! Shirley lived in that same home until she came here to Oak Terrace. She worked for a couple of years at the newspaper in Waseca and then got a job as an executive director at the Housing Authority (Public Housing for Seniors) for almost 20 years! Shirley was also superintendent and teacher for Sunday school and was known as "**SHIRLEY YELLOW**" because she painted the basement of the church yellow! Shirley loves to do puzzles. She always has a big one set up in her room and spends countless hours working on it. She still enjoys sewing and of course quilting. She has an amazing collection of fabric (which is all arranged by color) and says she's done just about every kind of craft there is!

Shirley's thankful she had such a wonderful husband, who always wanted to do things that she wanted to do. They traveled to Finland several times and traveled in their motor home all over the world. Shirley's husband had his first heart attack in 1974, they kept him alive for two more years, but he passed away in July! She says she was blessed to have such wonderful parents, great husband, beloved daughters and many wonderful friends. Even though many of her friends have passed away, she went to a church quilting group in Waseca and made new friends, even though they're younger than her, she enjoys their company! They still come to visit her every month and have a pizza lunch with her! Her loss of hearing prevents her from doing many things, but she still savors life and enjoys being busy!

