

# The Valley Voice

SPRING IS HERE



*Children enjoying the Easter Bunny with Roger Rogers and residents Beulah Stiger and Verna Penas.*

Things were hopping here at Valley View Living Center! The Easter bunny made his appearance and Lori Roger's day care came to get in on the fun and egg hunt. And it is always colorful action when the parachute is brought out for the children to romp under and play with also. They had a good time. We appreciate the Bunny who comes and brings treats.

Our Volunteer Appreciation Supper is just around the corner and we are busy getting ready for it. We are anticipating a fun time for our volunteers with our Elvis impersonator.

Mothers Day is next in line. We are planning a tea party! Some outside entertainment is coming in to help on the agenda too. May is also Nursing Home Week. It is from the 9th to the 15th. Each day we have a theme which includes something special. This year our week will include Old Western Day, Husker Day, Jewelry Day, Black and White Day, Hawaiian Day and Cap Day. There will be special things going on each day to add to the fun.

It will depend on the weather but we are planning a boat trip to the Calamus Lake toward the end of the month. We are looking forward to the spring month and some pleasant weather. It is a time to go on some outings and see some things. You can tell that many of us like the outdoors.

This next week we have Burwell on the agenda where we will be going bowling again. That is a favorite for some of our people. We have a few who were avid bowlers in their day.



*A bright smile from Mary Burson.*

Last but not least, is the trip we will be making in early May to pick out flowers and vegetables for our flower bunks. That is such a fun time and it will be here before we know it. It is interesting to watch the things change and grow through out the summer. We stay busy with our home here and you can see we make the most of it!

*~Sharon Hanks, Activities*

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."*

*~Rudyard Kipling*





Ray Waldmann enjoying the children during the Easter egg hunt.



Eldon Lukesh enjoying the afternoon with his son, Marvin Lukesh.



Lori Rogers daycare and residents are having fun with the parachute.

# PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP!

## SOCIAL SERVICE UPDATE:

May has sprung! This is the month for National Nursing Home Week (May 9th – 15th) and National Nurses Week (May 6th – 12th). We usually get in the swing on both of these around here! I can't wait to see what the Activity Department has put together for us to help celebrate. We have much to celebrate due to our good survey this year as well. Well done to one and all.

This is also the month for Mother's Day! We have many of these around here and I'm sure we will see an influx of cards, flowers and balloons. It is also the month for VE Day and Memorial Day, a good time to remember those who have fought for our freedoms.

The laundry has done its change over

and we have had only a few glitches that I am aware of. There have been some that could use a few more clothes, but I haven't heard of anything that was ruined and that was everyone's big worry.

Just a reminder about the Caregiver's Support Group, this is the second Thursday of each month at the Education Building downtown (behind the radio station). It is at 7:00 p.m. and is open to anyone that is a caregiver and needs somewhere to talk about and get support from others in the same situation. They don't have to be connected to Valley View Living Center at all, it is open to everyone.

Have a great May!

~Julie Rowse S.S.D.

*A Warm  
Welcome To*

JOHN GIBBONS

MARY CERNY

*Our Condolences to  
the family of*

HELEN LUMPKINS

*Happy Birthday*

LAUREN KRAJNIK  
05/03/2010

RAYMOND  
WALDMANN  
05/04/2010

ELEANOR DOWSE  
05/05/2010

DEVOTA ANDERSON  
05/05/2010

DOROTHY WILSON  
05/22/2010

# UPCOMING

MAY 2010

NATIONAL BARBECUE MONTH

PLAY PITCH.....	MAY 3
MOTHERS TEA.....	MAY 4
NURSING HOME WEEK .....	MAY 9 - 15
NATIONAL NURSES WEEK.....	MAY 6 - 12
RESIDENTS BIRTHDAY PARTY.....	MAY 11
CALAMUS BOAT TRIP.....	MAY 21
BARBECUE TIME.....	MAY 28
MEMORIAL DAY.....	MAY 31
NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH	

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# ROADS OF LIFE

## RAY WALDMANN

BY JEN MCBRIDE

I don't think, in this journey I am on, that I have ever met someone who watches the CNN news channel more than my friend here at Valley View Living Center, Ray Waldmann. He can let you know the ins and outs of what has been happening with the day to day business of the political reasoning on the TV. I went to visit with him the other day and he grinned and with bright eyes said, "Well, hey. Just where have you been?" I chuckle and let him in on my traveling, at that time I decided to take that moment to dig a little into what his life was like.

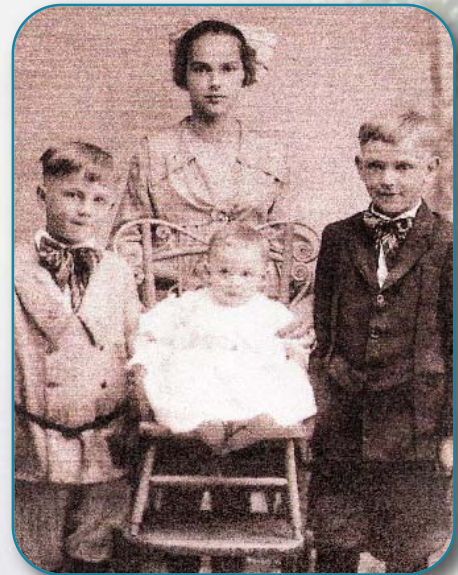


*Raymond and Pauline*

Ray was born on the family farm, May 4, 1916 to Joseph and Katherine (Krikac) Waldmann. He grew up on the farm in the Comstock, NE area with 6 brothers and 4 sisters. Ray is now the only one living.

While attending school Ray met the love of his life, Pauline Florida. "She was 14 years old when I fell in love with her and we dated for 5 ½ years." After school was finished, Pauline said "I do". To their union there were 4 children born, Alan who lives in Fort Atkinson, WI, Pat who lives in Comstock, NE, Paula who lives in Ord, NE and Cecile who lives in Osceloa, NE. Ray commented, "Pauline and I named Cecile after one of the Dion Quintuplets." He has 5 grandchildren and 4

great-grandchildren. Ray recalled a special memory of his and Pauline's 50th wedding anniversary when the kids bought two plane tickets to California for them. He remembers going to Disney Land and taking a walk to the pavement of the Hollywood Stars. Pauline and Ray were married for 59 years when she passed away on January 1, 1999.



*Raymond, Mildred, Paul, and in the back row Alice Waldmann.*

Ray farmed most of his life, he enjoyed farming the land and raising livestock. On November 15th of 1968 he had an accident with his hand getting stuck in a corn picker which resulted in losing his right hand. "I didn't let that stop me. I still had work to do, family to take care of and a life to live." In the summer of 1998 he and Pauline moved to Ord.

Some of Ray's favorite pastimes are playing cards, watching politics, church, friends and visiting. I do think that Ray does have that down to a tee! While wrapping up my visit I asked him what was important to him during his travels through life. "Work hard, be honest and have lots of faith because that can get you through anything."



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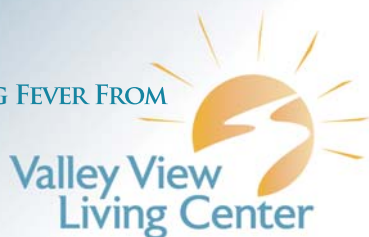


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*Rose Brittenham and her son, Alan,  
share some time together.*

There is an old saying, "If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy". There is a lot of truth to that. As mothers, we influence our families more than we know and our influence follows our children as they grow up and leave home. Nothing makes me happier, than to hear one of my children say, "My mom always said....." It makes me realize that they really were listening. May is the month we honor our mothers. It is also the month we celebrate National Nursing Home Week and our theme this year is 'Enriching Every Day'. I think they go hand in hand. Our staff, as our mother, works to make a positive difference in the lives of others by providing the exceptional care and influence that makes each day and each encounter special for someone else. We will be celebrating National Nursing Home Week beginning Mother's Day, May 9th and continuing through May 15th.

Happy Mother's Day to all you moms and God bless you for the mighty work that you do.

Sincerely,  
*Connie Fread*  
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Valley View Living Center



ENJOY SPRING FEVER FROM

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Living Center