

AUGUST 2010

# The Valley Voice

## SUMMER FUN



Gib Babcock, his daughter Barb, grandchildren and great grandchildren pose for a picture at his birthday party.

No one can say it doesn't get hopping around here! Music and dance were a highlight for residents, activities and staff. We danced and wheeled to Sandy Miller's new CD which was especially fun because we know her.

We are anticipating a corn shucking bee. Some of the families will be bringing in sweet corn, the kitchen plans to serve it to the residents. What a great treat for this time of year. On a bus ride recently, we asked the people who had picked corn by hand and threw it against the bang board years ago. I was amazed that most all hands went up, including most of the ladies. Some discussed breaking the horses used for the fields. The change with time in our life span, from horses to big equipment and now the time it takes to get things done was unthinkable back then. Watermelon and fresh produce is another thing we never seem to get tired of when it is hot.

Phyllis Twyman and her piano students came and brought us some fun entertainment. We always enjoy the young people who come to

show us a good time. They ranged in age and talent and each one was extraordinary.

Those who had birthdays this month had family come the distance. Some club members came to help them celebrate and show them a good time. It seems like the summer months are filled with lots of things to keep us busy.

Our 4th of July party was very nice and we are getting ready for the annual family and resident picnic, August 13th. You will get more information and anyone who is interested in coming can let us know.

We are planning another fishing outing to the lake with Jeff Breitreutz if weather permits in August. We have both ladies and men who love to fish and getting out on the water is great fun. We appreciate Jeff so much for taking time out of his busy schedule to show us such fun.

We hope to see you soon and have a great summer. It will be gone before you know it.

~Sharon Hanks, Activities

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it."*

~Russel Baker





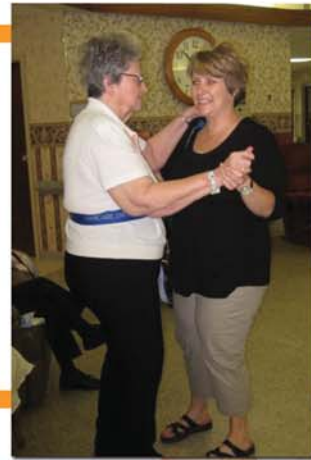
Residents getting ready for the fireworks to take place.



Maxine Volf and Sharon Hanks enjoying the dance music.



Our bus driver, Frank Smedra likes to get his picture taken!



Dorothy Ingraham and Jen McBride like to dance.

# Sizzling Sun and Summer Fun!

## SOCIAL SERVICE UPDATE:

As we approach the dog days of summer, it is getting hotter and hotter. Thank heavens for air conditioning!!!

I am sorry to hear that Connie Fread will be leaving us, but I do hope that she and her family will be happy in Central City and all our prayers are with them. However, the good news is we would like to welcome Cheryl Christenson to our Long Term Care team. Hope she enjoys her time with us.

I will be sending out some letters on needed clothing items. I have a list of things the nursing staff has provided for me to request from

families. Sometimes they are just replacing items that have worn out and other times, as sizes change, new clothes are needed. I am going to try to send the letters soon, so you may have gotten one before this comes out.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy August!!!

Don't forget the Family Picnic. I hope to see you there. We will be doing our family survey at that time, with a drawing for the surveys turned in at that time.

~ Julie Rowse

**Friday the 13th** – occurs at least once, but at most three times a year. This is the only one in 2010. **We are going to celebrate!**

*Happy Birthday*

SYLVIA KERCHAL &  
MILDRED NEMESKAL  
8-07-10

LOIS SIMON  
8-12-10

JOSIE ABSALON  
8-25-10

EARL SLADE  
8-28-10

# UPCOMING *Events*

AUGUST 2010

CAROLINE MENTZER.....	AUGUST 3
RESIDENTS BIRTHDAY PARTY.....	AUGUST 10
FAMILY PICNIC.....	AUGUST 13
SANDHILLERS.....	AUGUST 16
NATIONAL JOKE DAY.....	AUGUST 16
BUS RIDE.....	AUGUST 17 & 31
LUTHERAN LADIES.....	AUGUST 18
CHICKEN FOOT.....	AUGUST 20 & 31
JENELLE HICKMAN.....	AUGUST 25

# ROADS OF LIFE

## JERRY FAIMON

BY JEN MCBRIDE

Roaming around the Valley View Living Center I ran into a friend of mine, Jerry Faimon. With his niece's help, we "dug" a little bit into his past.

Jerry was born September 18, 1921 to Joseph and Mary Faimon in rural Valley County. He lived on a farm and helped his father with the farming before serving in the United States Army overseas. Jerry received his Ord High School Diploma through "Operation Recognition" a program honoring Veterans who were in the service and unable to finish high school when he returned.

Jerry had various jobs during his working years. He worked for the Ord Police Department, did some farming and was a

Highway Maintenance Worker for the State Department of Roads retiring in January of 1985 after 20 plus years of service.

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"UNCLE JERRY JUST REALLY ENJOYED WORKING FOR THE STATE AND WAS PROUD OF HIS WORK, "

*~Marilyn, Jerry's niece*

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In 1972 in Las Vegas he married Bessie Absalon, a sister to resident Josie Absalon, and spent a lot of time traveling, seeing the sites and meeting new people with her.





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The flower garden in Comstock.

Remember back in January when we were talking about ice and longing for summer? Well, this is when we were not going to complain about the heat! We have been enjoying the help of our college students home for summer break. Our regular staff has been vacationing and enjoying some time off. Residents have been able to get outside again. Our patio is beautiful with all the flowers!

This is my last note to you as the DON for Valley View Living Center. I will be moving to Central City in August with my family. My son will be attending Nebraska Christian School. It is always hard to say goodbye. When you work with someone, day after day, you get to know who they are and what they stand for. The staff at Valley View Living Center works very hard to uphold Valley County Health System's core values of integrity, compassion, ownership, respect, and trust. I have sincerely enjoyed working with our staff and getting to know you and your family. We laugh together and sometimes we are sad together but we are in this together. As you look forward to the days ahead, I encourage you to keep your eyes on the goals. "Life's not about waiting for the storms to pass... It's about learning to dance in the rain." (Vivian Greene)

God Bless you all!

Sincerely,  
*Connie Fread*  
Connie Fread DON  
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