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## Upcoming Events

**September 19 –**  
Fishing Derby

**September 24 –**  
Walk-A-Thon

**September 24-26 –**  
Garage/Bake Sale KA

**October 15 –** Benefit Day  
Meal and Auction

**November 21 –** Last day  
to purchase raffle tickets  
for handmade toy truck

**Memorial Home**



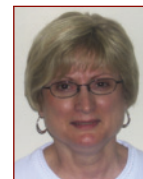
**Caring People  
Caring for People**

## Neighborhood Coordinators

By Pat Rupp

**Culture Change. Resident Centered Care. Neighborhoods with the Social Model.**

These are all terms frequently used at Memorial Home and across the country in Long Term Care Facilities. To develop this more homelike environment, we are divided into 5 Neighborhoods with 4 RN Neighborhood Coordinators. The Neighborhood Coordinators help make this happen. They are focused on the resident's wishes, rather than staff convenience. Each Neighborhood has consistent staff, taking care of the same residents. Besides coordinating staff with resident care, they are responsible to keep current with assessments and care plans....vital paperwork that is needed to keep the nursing home in compliance. These RN's have an important job. The facility reimbursement and residents/staff satisfaction depends largely on their performance.



### **Cindy Cheek, Heritage Avenue Coordinator**

I have been a registered nurse for 29 years and have worked in many different areas including home health, as a circulating

nurse in a 24 suite trauma hospital, medical-surgical hospital, and long-term care. I was born in Sterling, Kansas and was raised through my high school years in McPherson.

I attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina and obtained my nursing degree at Greenville Technical College. I lived in South Carolina for approximately 15 years and enjoyed being about 1 hour from the Blue Ridge Mountains and about 3 hours from Myrtle Beach. It was quite the change from the flatland of Kansas.

I moved back to Kansas in 1996 with my two daughters. Cassie is 22, a newlywed, and starting school to become a certified occupational therapy assistant. Ashley is 20 and we just moved her to K-State this past weekend. She is a second-semester sophomore and will be studying business. The term "empty nest" is having new meaning to me at this time.

Matt is my husband of 10 years. He works at NCRA. He is an avid scuba diver. I enjoy going with him, but to cross-stitch or read while he is under water. He is the adventurer, I am not. He dreams of diving with the sharks someday. We also enjoy spending time in our camper.

Nursing is very rewarding to me. I feel as though my residents have a right to enjoy every day and I like being a part of making that happen. Memorial Home has given me an avenue to do that for which I am thankful.

### **Linda Anderson, Sunflower Neighborhood Coordinator**

I am originally from Larned, KS and graduated from Barton County Community College in 1989. I have experience in Critical Care, Mental Health, Home Health, Prison Nursing and Geriatrics. I started by becoming a CNA and CMA to decide whether I wanted to pursue a career in nursing.

I am married to Roger Anderson, who works at Pleasant View Home in Inman as a Maintenance Supervisor. Between us we have 6 children and 14 grandchildren. My youngest, Jenessa who works at Memorial Home as a CNA, recently started college to study Occupational Therapy at Newman College.

My interests are gardening, reading, fishing, the outdoors, spending time with family, and horses, Cash and Skipster. Jenessa and I traveled the last several years so she could rodeo. I also have 2 dogs, Libby and Wrangler. My husband and I also like to take motorcycle trips.

Working with the residents is very rewarding and I have learned from them everyday. They are excellent teachers of life.



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## Coordinators

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### Sheryl Krehbiel, Assisted Living and Memory Lane Coordinator



When asked to write this article for the Gazette, I wondered what to write. As readers, some of you are already familiar with me and others will only be familiar with the name. Well, let's start with the name. Yes, I'm a Krehbiel. I married "Krehbiel" (Wes), in April of 2007. Together we have 5 children; 4 sons/1 daughter, and 9 grandchildren; 7 grandsons/2 granddaughters. Being a city girl born in Tulsa, it was a little bit of a challenge to move to the country way of life. I have adapted to animals that city people don't have, for example cattle and very large mules, 18 hands +, just to name a few. We also like to cook and share our recipes with our children when they come home. I could talk (write) about Krehbiel all day. I can talk all day as some of you know all so well, but I am limited in this article.

I've always planned on being a nurse. The career was chosen by my mother only she wanted me to be a nurse for the Air

Force. My mother wanted me to have a career that I could be self sufficient and not wait on tables for a living, which she has done for 50+ years in Tulsa. My nursing career has always been in long-term care, except for 10 months in Home Health. I have done most everything a nurse can do including but not limited to CNA, CMA, LPN, RN. I've been in LTC for over 25 years, management for over 10 years. Long-term care is my passion. I have laughed and I have cried with many residents and their families over the years. But I wouldn't trade the experience for anything.

### Julie Parker, Applewood Lane Coordinator



I was raised in Ohio, the youngest of three. I always wanted to be a nurse. As a toddler my favorite doll was named "Nurse Nanna". That doll went everywhere with me.

I attended the University of Toledo, Toledo Ohio, but after a year, decided to travel, which led to Oregon. While there, I worked as a CNA. I took to nursing like a fish takes to water.

Over time, I married, became the mother of two, moved to Kansas, bought our first home and graduated from Hesston's Nursing Program. Since becoming a Registered Nurse, I've enjoyed professional experiences in Medical/Surgical, Psychiatry, and Gerontology.

I have two adult children, and two grandchildren. My son, Burton, is a small business owner with 14 employees in Lawrence, Kansas. He is married with two daughters, ages 6 and 20 months. My daughter, Amanda Rose, is married, and works as a barista in Shawnee, Kansas. So, I enjoy going on weekend trips to Lawrence/Shawnee Kansas.

In my spare time I bead Rosaries. This beading hobby keeps expanding! Now my interests include seed-beading with a focus on Native American beadwork. Gorgeous stuff.

I've been with Memorial Home, on all shifts, and all Neighborhoods for six years. I've been Nurse Coordinator for Applewood for a year now, and it suits me well. It's a privilege working here. Our facility is so clean, and our focus is on our residents, with strong emphasis on respect; all this in our homelike environment while providing care within a Christian framework.

## Memorial Home Selected to Help Advance Oral Health Care for Seniors

For years now, Memorial Home has held membership in KAHSA (Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging). This is the State association for not-for-profit providers of elder services like nursing homes. Through Memorial Home's membership and participation in the Association, Pat Rupp, Director of Nursing, other staff and I have met some very wonderful people who are employed by the Association.

One such professional is Letty Seidl, who was serving in the role of Director of Professional Development for KAHSA. In her role, Letty brought the Association many wonderful programs for its membership. When Letty was in charge one could always count on the programs being very well organized and professionally run. Oh! Yes, Letty never

passed up an opportunity to be friendly. All this said, you can appreciate our disappointment when Letty left KAHSA in 2006.



**Cristie Likins inspects Roumaine Reynolds for any possible dental issues.**

In 2007, Letty resurfaced with the Kansas Health Care Association specifically as Director of Oral Health / Special Projects. When I learned this I was especially intrigued as to why Letty would get involved with a dental project. My intrigue was answered when I learned that Letty's professional training and education was as a registered dental hygienist. I now see that Letty has returned to her interest and passion.

As Director of Oral Health / Special Projects, Letty is directing a program (trial if you will) funded by a grant from the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund to advance oral health care among elders in Kansas. Also working

*"Home is where the heart can laugh without shyness. Home is where the heart's tears can dry at their own pace." -Vernon G. Baker*

## Introducing The John W. and Agnes (Wedel) Conference Center

By Ernst Wiens

An organizing committee was formed in the 1950s to fulfill Katie Krehbiel's dream for a quality home for the elderly. John W. Goering was one of several influential community leaders who joined this planning group. Fifty years later, the children of John W. and Agnes (Wedel) Goering helped Memorial Home establish a quality place for meetings and training. The newly created conference center will honor their parent's advocacy and support for this continuing care retirement community.

With the move of the laundry facilities into the recently completed Assisted Living building, the old vacated laundry room near the main entrance and administrative area presented an opportunity. And so the planning process began for a formal conference center that had been on our wish-list for a long time. The generous memorial gift from the three Goering children, Randy, Steve, Karen, and their families, made this

dream a reality.

Our fine maintenance staff provided most of the workmanship. With the help of a few subcontractors, the center took shape over the last few months. The room features a 55 inch LED television, DVD/VCR, whiteboard, computer, speakerphone system, counters and refrigerator. The tables can be set up in different configurations to allow for meetings and training sessions.

"This is a great place to hold orientation sessions for new employees. The room can be easily set-up as a classroom and the modern technology enhances the learning," stated Shannon Phillips, Director of Human Resources. The room is already being used for webinars (seminars via the internet) and meetings of our different boards, committees and staff teams.

Randy Goering who coordinated this memorial gift on behalf of the family, indicated that their parents' involvement in



church, community, and education led the children to honor them in this way.

Dreams continue to come true at Memorial Home. The partnership of generous supporters and dedicated staff ensures that the quality of this place honors those who envisioned and planned for it.

## Health Care

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closely with Letty in this project is Carol Moore, Assistant Professor of Nursing Coordination at Fort Hays State University, whom some of you will remember as the former Director of Nursing at Bethel College.

Twenty-plus years ago when Letty was serving as Assistant Professor in the Dental Hygiene Department at WSU, she often received calls from long-term care facilities (nursing homes) to go on site and train their staffs in providing oral health care. Through these requests and observations, Letty saw a need and developed a program to improve daily oral health care provided by direct care staff as well as oral assessments to identify issues that would require referral to a dentist or hygienist for further treatment.

Back to the current project, it is a two-year, funded trial in which Letty offered the Oral Health Training Program to long-term care facilities throughout the state of Kansas. Twenty-three facilities, in which staff are trained in daily oral health care and in assessing residents for dental referrals, are now participating in the program. Over the years as Letty has come to know us and actually visited Memorial Home, she saw a facility committed to giving a high level

of resident care so she encouraged us to participate in the trial. What an honor!

Following the two-year project / trial Letty hopes that the participating facilities will become models of optimum oral health care that other institutions can model themselves after. Facilities looking at these institutions will hopefully see:

- Improved level of daily resident oral health care
- Staff who are trained in providing resident oral assessments which will result in referrals for further dental care. There is increasing evidence that the mouth is a very reliable indicator of serious health issues that may be developing.
- That staff learn how to mark dentures and partials to prevent loss, unfortunately too common an occurrence in long term care.

By agreeing to participate, Memorial Home is assured of three visits per year and three staff training sessions with a registered dental hygienist who has an



Letty Seidl

Extended Care Permit from the Kansas Dental Board. It should also be noted that Letty will be making a national presentation when the project / trial is over.

By participating in the trial program, Memorial Home needed to choose several direct care staff to be trained. Nursing leadership made the staff selection based on staff who are reliable, who enjoy their jobs and are passionate about caring for the elderly. Enter Certified Nursing/Medication Assistants, Cristie Likins and Debbie Bergquist, now no longer just CNA's but in the facility now as our "dental people", caregivers who have oral health expertise. Cristie and Debbie have taken their selection seriously and have been singled out by Letty for their excellent job in assessing all of our 74 residents. From these assessments, 26 residents were referred for additional oral care/ dental services. These referrals have resulted in some residents receiving new dentures and repair of broken teeth. Cristie and Debbie see value in the program and are glad they have had a part in advancing oral health care for Memorial Home elders, Kansas elders and maybe even elders nationally.

Jim Huxman  
Administrator

## Healthy Relationships-Healthy Community

Join us on Nov. 6-8, 2009, for an All-Moundridge Weekend of inspiration and skill-building. During a time of social and economic uncertainty, we resolve to face head-on the challenge of relationships in families, in neighborhoods, in schools, in churches, and in businesses. We recognize the intensity of relationships in a small town and pledge to work at community-wide relational health with creativity, resilience and solidarity. How will we do that? Who will help us?

Brenda Matthews, a poet with purpose, is our keynote speaker. That purpose is to plant seeds of change in the hearts of those who have fallen through the cracks. She has traveled throughout the United States and Africa to deliver her message of change to the 'least of these.' She donates much of her spare time to work with Taproots, Inc., a nonprofit organization which uses spoken word as a tool to teach alcohol, tobacco and HIV prevention in Chicago Public Schools. Brenda Matthews invites youth to "step into your spiritual destiny".



Adorned with glow sticks, youth and sponsors were standing and cheering within minutes of Matthews taking the stage. Matthews spoke Tuesday night in the opening worship at the Mennonite Church U.S.A. youth convention in Ohio. Times are hard, she said, and youth of all Christian denominations are well placed to spark a spiritual revival nationwide. "It's time to get suited and bootied, and get your butt in gear," said Matthews. She reminded the youth that they are in a crucial time of life, urging them to take what they learn home with them and get to work. "It's time for you to step into your spiritual destiny," Matthews said. "Don't

take this time for granted." She spoke passionately about claiming one's faith and seeking God, especially as young people can be drawn into sex, alcohol and drugs. Even when youth make poor choices, God cares for them intimately. "We need you to be a witness and not be ashamed!" she said.

KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace

and Conflict Resolution) will provide workshops in constructive communication and working through differences for school students, teachers, staff, church members, family, business owners and employees.

There will be community-wide worship services Friday evening and Sunday morning, a mass community choir, worship band, sacred dance by Angel Feet and more.

We hope this weekend will bring renewed appreciation for our assets as a community, renewed vision and commitment for our common goal, skills for constructive communication and managing differences, and a broader and deeper relationship between family members, neighbors, co-workers, fellow students, and church members.

This event is sponsored by the Associated Churches of Moundridge, the Moundridge Chamber of Commerce and the Moundridge Public Schools USD 423. It will be held at the High School – Middle School Campus.

I encourage you, your children, your grandchildren and great grand children to be involved in this event.

--Dennis Huxman, Chaplain

## Beautiful People at the Beauty Shop

A day in the life of Memorial Home beauticians, Kolene Sugars and Juli Wedel is anything but mundane. It can be unpredictable, enjoying and challenging.

The shop is a place where women and men come for the purpose of pampering themselves, and to gather with other people for good conversation, stories, laughter and more often than not, a good healthy dose of current events (a polite way of saying gossip).

But that is not all that takes place, clients engage in conversations about their families, communities, churches, politics, President Obama's policies, economic problems, troubles with the youth, etc.

Kolene and Juli have 48 years of experience between them. In a typical year they give about 3,172 shampoo sets, 2080 haircuts, 416 perms, 26 colors, and 18 manicures. Kolene started working at Memorial Home Beauty Shop May 29, 2001, Juli began March 1, 2002. When they started working, they were mothers of pre-schoolers,

now they have teenagers and college age kids. Clientele range in age from infants to 104-year olds.

The beauty shop is located in the Krehbiel Apartments and is open Tuesday – Friday, usually closed Mondays. Hours vary according to needs. The shop was remodeled with the opening of an adjoining room in December of 2005 and was painted and re-decorated in December of 2008. Prices have only been raised twice in eight years.

The girls have made house calls at Pine Village, private rooms, hospitals, fixed hair one last time for their clients in funeral homes in Moundridge, Newton, McPherson and Halstead. The beauticians have also given haircuts in whirlpools, on their knees, in beds, wheelchairs, private homes, kitchens, wherever.

Kolene and Juli are known to be quite flexible. If a resident has a quick need for a hairdo, due to an upcoming event, the girls try really hard to work them in on very short



notice. They aim to please the residents as much as is possible for them to handle.

You are welcome to stop in at the shop and say hello to two beautiful stylists, Kolene and Juli.

Gerry Wedel  
Krehbiel Apartment Resident

*"Those who devote their lives to a cause greater than themselves always find a larger, fuller life than the one they remembered." -Wilbert E. Scheer*

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Eldon & Tillie Zerger  
Harold Zerger  
Joe & Beverly Zerger

## Benefit Day!

The 2009 Benefit Day Committee has been meeting since March to plan the Benefit Day. The members of the committee are Del and Ann Kaufman, Joe and Bev Zerger, Bonnie Kaufman, Annie Schrag, Donna Zerger, John Will, Mary Cross, Donna Rush, Jim Huxman, Bob Loganbill, Carolyn Goering, Pat Rupp, Jason Stucky, Rosemary Balzer, Ernst Wiens, Becki Yoder, and Clark and Connie Graber, co-chairs.

The date for the Benefit Day Auction and Meal is Thursday, October 15, 2009, with the meal being served from 5:00 to 6:30 PM and the auction beginning at 6:00 PM. Van Schmidt, auctioneer, with the help of Troy Wedel and Lloyd Vogt will lead us in the bidding for various items. Some of the items being auctioned will be a car or pickup from Midway Motors, McPherson, and ATV from Dan's Cycle in Hesston. Lynn Kaufman will prepare the pork and the Memorial Home Ladies Auxiliary with the help of Memorial Home Dietary Department will prepare the meal. Don't forget, the ladies of the community will provide wonderful home-made pies.

The project for this year's Benefit Day is updating the Wellness Center which includes paint and carpet; and new flooring for the

Sunflower Neighborhood living room and dining room.

Several events leading up to the Benefit Day have been held or will be held with the proceeds going toward our project. The second annual Variety Program was held Sunday, July 26, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Wellness Center. Approximately 225 people were in attendance to see a great line-up of guest performers. Mary Cross and Connie Graber planned the Variety Program. Approximately \$2100.00 was realized from the free-will offering.

The annual Walk-A-Thon will be held again this year in September. Becki Yoder is in charge of this event. The date is Thursday, September 24. If you are interested in participating in this event, stop by the Wellness Center and pick up your packet. It is a fun evening and we invite the residents who want to walk with us to also participate.

A garage/bake sale is being planned for the weekend of September 24-26, 2009. Now is the time for all of you to be thinking about cleaning out a closet, several drawers, etc. and donating those items to the garage sale. All you have to do is mark the items with a price and deliver those items to Memorial Home. An announcement will follow at a later



date as to where you can take your marked items. Any questions about the garage sale can be directed to Mary Cross 620-345-7192 and any questions regarding the bake sale can be directed to Mabel Goering 620-345-3025.

Verne Goering of Pine Village has made a wood-crafted antique truck that he is donating to be raffled towards the Benefit Day project. Tickets can be purchased directly from Verne for the price of \$5.00 per ticket or three tickets for \$10.00. The raffle tickets can be purchased now through November 21, Moundridge's Christmas Open House. The drawing for the wood truck will be held on that day at noon at Greer Auditorium.

Mark your calendars now for the events leading up to and including Benefit Day.

Connie Graber  
Benefit Day Co-Chairperson

## "If you build it..."

By Ernst Wiens

So starts a famous line in the movie Field of Dreams. The story is about a farmer who builds a baseball field on his homestead expecting a baseball star to visit his place.

The history of Memorial Home gives us a similar line. Floyd Gehring, an auctioneer and long-time Memorial Home advocate, is said to have stated at fundraising meetings: "Let's get started! Once the people see walls going up, they will come through with the funds!"

Throughout our fifty-year history we have expanded the services and residential options for our residents. Lots and lots of people have embraced and carried forward Katie Krehbiel's dream of establishing a quality continuing care retirement community. Occasionally, funding for a particular project was not in place before the building process began. It was then when supporters like Floyd Gehring encouraged Memorial Home to seize the moment and move ahead in faith. And it was that faith and the vision to do our best for the elders in our midst that motivated individuals, churches and business in our community and

beyond. They came through and provided the necessary finances to complete each project.

Most recently, an Advancement Committee together with staff and leadership determined the need to move ahead with several projects. Once again we saw the need to expand our services and thereby assure the long term viability of Memorial Home in a competitive market. The goals were to improve the living experience of our residents in the assisted living and health care areas, provide additional living space for couples who require assisted living housing, and provide for a much needed maintenance building.

We now have one of the finest assisted living options in the area. This includes twelve spacious apartments which are almost all occupied. Our residents in the health care neighborhoods have a centrally located and home-like gathering area aptly named "Crossroads". This place features an area for visiting and watching TV, a nourishment center and a dining/activities area. The new maintenance building is a much appreciated space for our hard-working maintenance crew and their equipment. It also houses a woodworking area for residents.

Due to the importance and urgency of these three projects and the length of time involved in a capitol campaign, Memorial Home secured a bond issue purchased by Citizens State Bank and issued through the City of Moundridge. This allowed moving forward with the projects and proceeding with construction with the intention of fundraising pay off the bond.

Memorial Home Bond Issue Update:  
Original amount of Bond Issue: \$2,600,000  
Balance payable as of July 31, 2009:  
\$2,575,000

Memorial Home stepped-out in faith to improve the living spaces for our residents. Would you and your families be able to partner with us and help retire this bond issue sooner than later? Any reduction of the principal now will save interest expense for years to come and move us closer to an early pay-off date.

Viable continuing care retirement communities like Memorial Home, are those with the courage to look forward, the wisdom to hold on to their core values, and the ability to negotiate the future as it happens.

# Memorial Home Endowment Foundation

Solicits and invests funds that enhance the services and facilities of Memorial Home, Inc., Moundridge, Kansas

## Endowment Fund Approaches Goal

By Ernst Wiens  
Director of Fund Development

We anticipate with excitement reaching the one million dollar goal. This is the principal amount required in the fund to allow distribution of earnings to Memorial Home. The continued generous gifts to the fund and the careful management of these endowed gifts during turbulent financial times give us reason to hope. Once the goal is reached, we will be able to use the earnings to support operations or special project expenses.

The endowment fund was created to support the mission of Memorial Home and is administered by the Board of Directors listed to the right. Contributions to the fund keep on

giving as the principal amount of the endowed gifts is preserved. The earnings alone will be used to benefit our residents.

- Current Market Value of the Endowment Fund \$852,725
- Gifts needed to reach the Goal \$147,725

In presenting another gift to the fund, a faithful contributor recently reiterated the importance of this fund for the future of Memorial Home and its mission to care for the elders. Please consider your ability to share in this mission and know that your gift will help us reach and surpass the goal. Employees are also able to make regular contributions through payroll deductions. If you are interested please see Shannon or Jason in the administrative offices.

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## The View from My Corner

By Ernst Wiens  
Director of Fund Development

I'm beginning this new venture in my life and have been meeting the people at Memorial Home and Pine Village. In this process, I realize once again that change is a constant in our lives. It helps when we can plan ahead for the changes in our lives. Sometimes however, changes surprise us. God's guidance and supportive friends help us to find ways to respond and deal with them.



For me, working at Memorial Home meant a change in commute. From my home in Hesston, I'm now driving north on Old Hwy 81 to Moundridge instead of south to Newton. Not a major change. I enjoy driving past the farm fields and marvel at the ever changing Kansas sky.

My new colleagues at Memorial Home have been adjusting to a new development officer. I'm very grateful for their warm welcome and orientation. I also appreciate the fine work done by my predecessor, Kathy Goering. Her dedication to the mission of this place is evident as I learn about

the different projects she moved forward during her tenure.

One of the couples I met in Pine Village commented about their decision to change their place of residence. They moved to our community because they realized that home ownership worries were becoming a strain on their lives. Other couples shared that they decided to move into our independent living units to enjoy their retirement years. Then without much warning, they faced the changes brought about by health conditions requiring full time health care. They were thankful that they had both moved here together in good time. Living on our campus, though in different places now, allows them to be together often and conveniently.

And then there are those who experienced changes with the loss of their life's partner. They expressed appreciation for the benefits of living in our independent living units. Among them, friends to visit and socialize with, and the security of knowing that living arrangements are taken care of.

As we move through the days of our lives, change is inevitable. Sometimes it comes bearing gifts. For our residents who make their home here and for me as I begin this development assignment, these gifts include a caring and supportive community.

## Intro to Computers Class

Have you wanted to learn to use a computer but didn't know where to start? McPherson Business Machines is offering a basic computer use class to Memorial Home residents and families. The class will cover the very basics, starting with how to use a mouse and keyboard, so no prior knowledge is necessary, just a desire and interest to learn.

The class will be held Thursday October 8 at 10:00 AM in the Goering Conference Center (near the main entrance). We have several computers available for resident use on the campus so this is a great way to get started then continue to learn using those computers.

Space is limited so RSVP to Teresa at 345-2901 to reserve your spot.

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## Rehabilitation Needs are Met at Memorial Home!

By Shannon Phillips

Recently I found myself in need of physical therapy on my ankle. When my doctor asked me where I would like to receive my PT I thought, well, it would be really convenient to have the therapy performed at Memorial Home by Sundance Rehab. Once therapy started, I realized I had made the right choice with Sundance. Beginning with Stephanie, PT, who came in to do the evaluation to Kenny Black, CPTA who continues the therapy, you could not ask for more caring people.

Dorothy Dick, a resident of Halstead, was recently seen for out patient therapy for a total knee replacement (TKR). She received treatments to reduce pain, increase strength and to increase functional ability including walking and activities of daily living. Dorothy's treatment lasted for two months.

Dorothy arrived for treatment with an assistive device to walk. Kenny said, "She tolerated pain well. By the end of the therapy she was able to walk independently, she regained most of her function and her pain declined significantly."

When Dorothy was asked about her experience with physical therapy she said, "Kenny was fantastic. He told me about how the body works and I was flabbergasted. He never hurt me to much just pushed me to the limit. I would recommend him to anyone!!"

Total knee replacement therapy consists of pain management to get pain under control. Throughout treatment the goal is to gain strength through lots of therapeutic exercise, transfer training and

gait training. Therapy for TKR lasts about 30 minutes to an hour per session.

Other services of the therapy department include rehabilitating residents so that they may return to their highest level of function.

Sundance Rehabilitation provides physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy including cognitive/memory deficit, regain of speech function and swallowing issues.

It is easy to see why Memorial Home appreciates the services provided by Sundance Rehabilitation. They are an asset to our home and to the surrounding community.



**Kenny Black works with Dorothy Dick to rehabilitate her knee after total knee replacement surgery.**

## Go Green

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