

# PINE VILLAGE

## Christian Corner Gazette

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### Upcoming Events:

- December 6** – Moundridge Elementary School Holiday Concert; 1:30pm - Wellness Center
- December 9** – Pine Village Staff Christmas Reception: 1-3:30pm Wellness Center
- December 13** – Moundridge Senior Singers Christmas Concert; 2pm - Wellness Center
- December 14** – Hesston High School Singers Caroling; 10pm
- December 16** – Premier Book Fair; Noon - 5pm - Wellness Center
- December 19** – Pine Village Annual Resident-Staff Christmas Party; 2pm - Wellness Center
- December 21** – Chimes Choir Christmas Concert; 2:30pm - Wellness Center

### Save the Date!

#### 2012 Events:

- January 20** – American Red Cross Community Blood Drive; 1:30pm-6pm - Wellness Center
- March 6** – Pine Village Annual Corporation Meeting; 6:30pm - Wellness Center
- March 24** – Anchors Banquet; 6pm - Wellness Center
- October 11** – Benefit Dinner & Auction; 5 pm - Wellness Center

## Benefit Day Events Set Record High

### Dinner & Auction

Pine Village's annual Benefit Day Season experienced a record setting year, raising \$33,428.12. Benefit Day, which began in 1959, has grown from a one day event to several events including a walk-a-thon, variety show, garage sale, bake sale, dinner and auction.

"With today's economy, experiencing a record breaking year has been such a testament to the support of our community," said Jim Huxman, Administrator. "We'd like to thank everyone who attended the events and also all those volunteers who put in countless hours to make this Benefit Day Season a success!"

The previous record had been set in 2008 when the variety show, garage and bake sales were added to the list of annual events. This year the Women's Auxiliary fed almost 340 people for the German sausage supper. The high selling items of the evening included the 2010-11 Moundridge Girls State Championship autographed basketball that was purchased for \$1,350 by Marlo Gehring. Other top selling items included a Voth Sisters' wheat picture for \$650, a Jane Gehring Newcomb buffalo painting for \$375, a hand quilted log cabin star quilt for \$375 and a hand-crafted cedar chest by John Will for \$370.



Marlo Gehring (center) is pictured holding a basketball signed by the 2010-11 Moundridge Wildcats Girls 2A State Championship Basketball Team. Pictured with Marlo includes teammembers and coaches: front row RaKelle Seeber and Abby Flickner, back row Assistant Coach Vicky Kessler, Renae Stucky, Tiffany Fisher, Tiffany Huxman, Head Coach Kenroy Wilson, MacKenzie Suderman, and Taylor Higgins.

the week taking over space ordinarily reserved for the internal combustion engine. Each garage was carefully organized and had a theme of its own. This made shopping easy.

The Saturday morning bake sale was a big hit, as usual. There were lots of homemade items including; pies, cakes, rolls, breads and more. A special thank-you goes out to the committee, to everyone who donated items, and to all the folks that helped with this special event.

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### Garage & Bake Sale

The 2011 Garage and Bake Sale set a new record raising nearly \$4,400. This three day event was started in 2008 and was held this year September 22, 23 and 24 in the Krehbiel Apartment garages. For one week, nine Krehbiel Apartment garages were graciously allowed to be overtaken with "stuff". A steady flow of garage sale items continuously filtered in throughout

## Become part of the Pine Village Community!

Available Independent Living Units:

- 1805 Magnolia (Duplex) – 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage, full basement, 1200 sq. ft. main floor
- 1806 Magnolia (Duplex) - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage, full basement, 1200 sq. ft. main floor
- 1706 Magnolia (Sixplex) – 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 car garage, 1,080 sq. ft.
- 1708 Magnolia (Sixplex) – 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, 900 sq. ft.
- Krehbiel Apartment #16 – 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 830 sq. ft.

For a tour or more information on any of these units or information about Assisted Living, Health Care, Skilled Care, or Memory Lane, please do not hesitate to contact Shelby Shaw, Director of Marketing, at 620.345.2901 ext. 257, cell 620.951.4664 or [shelbyshaw@pinevillageks.org](mailto:shelbyshaw@pinevillageks.org)

**11th Annual Walk-A-Thon**

The 11th Annual Walk With A Resident Walk-A-Thon was held the evening of September 23rd. It was a beautiful evening. There were 25 residents who enjoyed going outside for a stroll around the Pine Village campus with stops at the pond and the garage sale. Additionally, there were 18 walkers who participated. This year we were excited to have nine members of the FCCLA group from Moundridge High School participate and walk with the residents.

“It was a wonderful experience for our group members. They had a great time interacting with the residents,” said Connie Kaufman, group sponsor. “It was a neat intergenerational experience.”

The walk-a-thon concluded with popcorn and pop in the Wellness Center for everyone. This event raised more than \$500.

Each year the funds raised through the Benefit Day events are designated for a specific project. This year the funds will be used to refurbish the Krehbiel Apartments commons area and hallway. The Apartments were built in 1994 and include 19



*Pine Village residents with FCCLA members*

one- and two-bedroom apartments. Residents, along with their families, plus church and community groups utilize the commons area.

***Thank you to all those who supported this year’s Benefit Season!***

**Resident Merle Schmidt Discovers Newfound Hobby At Pine Village**



*Merle is pictured here carving the wood into a cylinder shape. Each pen and pencil starts out as a raw piece of wood that he cuts down.*

Merle Schmidt, Assisted Living resident, has discovered an on-campus hobby - making ink pens and pencils in the woodshop. When you see the ones he’s made and you ask him how long he’s been making them it comes as a surprise when his reply is – four months. Merle is a metal worker by trade and when he and his wife, Vera, moved here this year from DeRitter, Louisiana, he needed to find something challenging. He said there isn’t a metal shop on campus, but there is a woodshop - thus, beginning his self-teaching on how to make wood pens and pencils.

“The first one took me all day to make,” Merle says with a laugh. He has a friend that made them and he hadn’t worked much with wood, so it presented a challenge for him to experiment with.

Now he can make several pens in one day and has made 60 or so. Merle enjoys using different kinds of wood including oak, cedar, pine, and walnut. He recently brought back some ebony wood from Louisiana and is looking forward to working with it. He also enjoys mixing the woods by gluing different kinds together on pens as it makes for a colorful design.

Merle is originally from Halstead, but moved to Louisiana in 1977. He and Vera have been married for 57 years and have five children, 18 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Merle says they would make great Christmas gifts and has them for sale at the front desk.

*Some of Merle’s finished pens.*



## New Faces Around Pine Village



### Director of Human Resources

Kim Sweely has been named the new Director of Human Resources. She came on board in August. Her main functions include staffing and payroll. She is married to Josh Sweely. They have two sons, Tucker and Kyler, and live in Newton. Her hobbies include reading, watching her kids' sports activities and hanging out with friends and family.

### Director of Volunteer Services

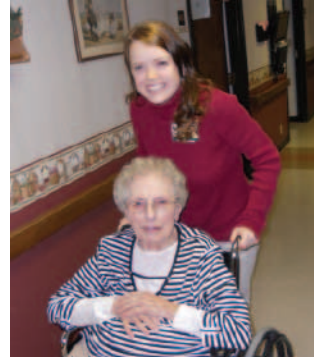
While the face isn't new to campus, the position is – Adam Peterson has expanded

#### Kim Sweely

his role from Director of Transportation also to Director of Volunteer Services. Former volunteer coordinator, Mary Cross, recently moved to Virginia to be closer to her family, which opened up the volunteer coordinator role. Now Pine Village will have a full-time employee dedicated to recruiting, placing and scheduling volunteers. Adam said there always is a need for volunteers to play cards with residents, read to them or other odds and ends around campus – whatever your interest, Adam will work hard to match you up accordingly. Volunteers go through a one hour training and then are ready to begin their service. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Adam at 620.860.4142 or memhome.apeterson@mtelco.net.



Adam Peterson



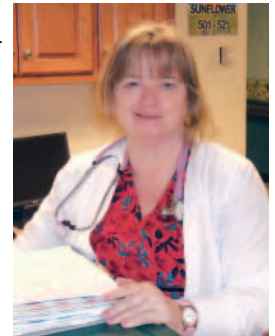
Pamela Janssen pushing resident Maurine Vogts

### Life Enrichment Assistant

Pamela Janssen joined the Life Enrichment Department as an assistant in August. She lives in McPherson and grew up in the Inman area. Previously, Pamela has worked as a CNA and also with a preschool. Pamela is excited to be working with the elderly again. She assists with all activities on campus including coffees, church services, games and other special events. In her free time, Pamela enjoys reading, theology, and participating in her church.

### Registered Nurse

Leia Spurgeon joined the Pine Village staff in November. Originally from Connecticut, Leia now lives in Halstead. She previously worked at Hutchinson Hospital and after completing her RN came to work here. She loves the residents and all the diverse personalities. Leia said she's excited to begin her new career and so far is enjoying the wonderful staff as they seem very 'down-to-earth.' Leia has two kids, three grandkids and one more on the way.



Leia Spurgeon

## Northern Kansas Bus Trip

The Wellness Center has been discovering and exploring the many great and interesting places located in our great state of Kansas. Each month, for about 10 years, the Wellness Center coordinates several day bus trips throughout the state. For the past four years we have specifically been exploring the 8 Wonders of Kansas, thanks to the contest series. There are 216 places to "explore" that

are part of the "8-wonders" contest. Our goal is to visit all of the 216 places. So far we have been to more than 100 places.

For our October bus trip we headed west and north. We drove along the Post Rock scenic byway from Wilson to Lucas. At Lucas was stopped at Brant's Meat Market, continued north to the Geodetic Center of North America, then to Osborne, next to Cawker City to visit the largest ball of twine in the world where we added twine to the ball and had lunch at the Cawker City senior center. We continued north to Lebanon to the Geographic Center of the contiguous 48 states. Our groups' picture was on the front page of The Lebanon Times.

Our last stop was to the Home On the Range Cabin where Dr. Brewster Higley wrote the words to our state song "Home On the Range." At this point in our

journey we were only five miles from the Nebraska border. After 12 hours and 435 miles later we arrived back home. It was a fun, eventful and exciting day!



Felice and Clyde Goering, Verne and Ruth Goering, Del and Ann Kaufman, Bus Kaufman, and Erv Graber

## Pine Village Welcomes New Residents to The Village!

Pine Village welcomes Russell & Arlene Girton and Ed & Kathryn Vogts. Both couples moved from Moundridge. The Girtons moved into Krebbiel Apartments in September and the Vogts moved into a duplex in late October until their home at 1903 Rose is built. Welcome to the Pine Village family!

**Scenes from the Open House held on Sunday, September 18 in celebration of our name change from Memorial Home to Pine Village. Almost 100 people came to enjoy an afternoon of food, fellowship and fun!**



**Top left** – Leo & Sheryl Miller, Open House Tour Guides

**Top Center** – Arlo & Maxine Jansen

**Right** – Wanda Knight & Pat Rupp

**Bottom left** – Fannie Ingerick and her daughter, Sally Puchasic

**Bottom center** – Pamela Janssen & Ida Hubert



On November 11, a Veteran's Day service was held at the Pine Village Chapel to honor those who have served and are currently serving for this country. Dennis Huxman, Chaplain and Life Enrichment Director, presented U.S. flags that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol to Pine Village Veteran's including (left to right) James Scherer, Kenneth Mensch, David Rig-gins, Dan Jaso and Leslie Downen.

**KAHSA is Now LeadingAge Kansas**

On November 1, 2011, our state association, Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, changed its name to LeadingAge Kansas. LeadingAge Kansas is an association of 160 not-for-profit aging services providers dedicated to serving the needs of aging Kansans. They advance policies, promote practices and learning that empower members to help Kansans live fully as they age.

This new name aligns the state with the national association, which results from a comprehensive study on how we can expand the world of possibilities for aging. It also will help Lead-

ingAge Kansas set itself apart from for-profit aging services and show the many differences between the non and for profits.

LeadingAge Kansas strives to provide programs and services to members so that the people they serve experience:

**Relationship** – to contribute to and have meaningful relationships with individuals, communities, and the society at large.

**Choice** – to decide their own pattern of dai-ly living and to have access to a spectrum of sup-ports and services to meet their changing needs and preferences.

**Quality** – To achieve and maintain their de-sired quality of life, aided by caring, competent persons and excellent supports and services.

**Outstanding Value** – To have access to rea-sonably priced, efficient services.

LeadingAge's mission is to provide out-standing services and supports to aging Kansans in the place they call home.

Pine Village is a proud member of Lead-ingAge Kansas. Our membership in this associa-tion helps us to advance our not-for-profit mis-sion and values and provide excellent services to our customers.

## Resident Highlights

By Shelby Shaw

### *Independent Living – John & Karen Roberts*

John and Karen Roberts joined the Pine Village family in 2010. Karen is a native of Moundridge and has many family members in The Village, but she and John raised their family in Ellinwood. They chose Pine Village because of the campus layout; they had visited several other communities and liked the close proximity that the independent homes were to the main building. Plus, Karen says ‘it just felt right.’



The Roberts enjoy traveling these days and recently returned from a bus trip to Washington, D.C. They also enjoy the day bus trips offered through the Wellness Center and take advantage of those frequently. When they’re not away traveling, Karen enjoys reading and John enjoys visiting with his neighbors and can be seen riding his tricycle around campus. John also volunteers to collect the campus trash each week.

One of the most exciting trips the couple has ever taken was a trip to Hawaii that John’s work sponsored. The two said they had a really good time experiencing the Hawaiian lifestyle and seeing the sites.

John and Karen would encourage anyone who is or has thought about moving to a retirement community to do so while they are still able. They also encourage those to begin doing their research and touring campuses a few years before they retire.

John and Karen have two sons and two grandsons.

### *Assisted Living – David Riggins*

David Riggins, who is originally from Wichita, has been a member of the Pine Village community since 2010. David can often be seen walking campus throughout the day, as one of his main hobbies is exercising. Being a self-starter, he enjoys his exercise time and works daily to improve mobility in his left arm and hand.

David always enjoys a joke and laugh. When asked what the most exciting thing he’s ever experienced in life, he said with a laugh “life, itself.” He says there’s a lot of truth to that statement, as attitude plays a big role in what you’re doing and how much enjoyment you get out of it.



### *Health Care – Dorothy Roberts & Karen Jones*

Dorothy Roberts and Karen Jones have been roommates for the past three years in Applewood Lane. Dorothy who is originally from Louisiana, moved to the area when she was expecting her first child (her husband was in the military) and Karen, who grew up in this area, had become acquaintances of Dorothy and her family many years

ago. Neither knew that one day they would end up as roommates in their retirement years.

“When I was moving in, they asked if I wanted a roommate,” Karen said. “I asked who, and when they said Dorothy Roberts, I said sure.”

There’s that old saying that opposites attract and this holds true for these two ladies. Karen is the youngest in her family and Dorothy is the oldest. When asked to pass along advice, Karen is quick to respond with “enjoy life to the fullest, get your education to the maximum, and don’t give up,” while Dorothy’s response is she doesn’t have any, she only takes it.

They both agreed they have never had a fight or argument the whole time they’ve been roomies – it’s just worked! They enjoy each other’s company and chatting about the past and about their families.

Karen’s favorite part about living in Pine Village is all the activities including resident council, which she is president of, singing in the Senior Singers and working with people. Dorothy’s favorite part is the chocolate milk and cottage cheese. In their spare time, Karen enjoys cooking, finding new recipes, crocheting and sewing; and Dorothy enjoys flowers – and the harder they are to grow the more she likes them!



### *Memory Lane – Willard “Bill” Stucky*

Bill Stucky has been a lifelong member of the Moundridge community and a member of Pine Village since 2008. Bill’s favorite part about living in Pine Village is the people because he enjoys visiting and taking part in activities. He also appreciates the care that is available to him.

Being a lifelong farmer, Bill loves nature and being outside. Bills’s son, Richard, says he still asks frequently how everything is at the farm. He also enjoys watching sports in his free time.

One of the most exciting trips Bill has ever taken in his life was to Florida and Houston with his wife and some friends. Richard said they drove to Florida and covered the south to Houston, where they visited NASA and the Astrodome. Those trips have very fond memories for Bill.

Family has always been very important to Bill, including his nieces and nephews. Richard recalls fondly that when they were growing up Bill would ask them “Where are you going, who are you going with, what time will you be home, and do you have a little money?” Bill is the proud father of Richard and Robert, and also has six grandkids and 11 great grandkids.



# PINE VILLAGE

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## Pine Village to See New Signage.....But We Need YOUR Help!

Since the Corporation voted on March 8, 2011, to change the name from Memorial Home to Pine Village, the new name has begun to take effect throughout campus. One last major project to wrap up the name change is changing all the exterior signage.

The total goal is almost \$44,000. To date the main sign on 22nd Avenue has been paid for (\$20,500). It will include a LED to make announcements and promote events. The sign was erected mid-November, so we encourage you to drive by and see it.

The remaining signs cannot be purchased until all the funds are raised – an additional \$23,500. So far, almost \$10,000 of that remaining amount has been contributed, but we still need about \$14,300 in order to complete the project.

This is a great opportunity for you to “sign up” for the future of Pine Village and put your mark on campus by donating to the Future Sign Campaign of Pine Village! To make your contribution, please cut the below form and mail it back in with your contribution.

If you would like to underwrite a specific sign to have your name or family’s name commemorated, please contact Jim Huxman, Administrator, or Shelby Shaw, Director of Marketing, 620.345.2901.

Thank you to those who have contributed so far – your support is greatly appreciated!



In front of Wellness Center



Main Sign on 22nd Avenue



Memory Lane & Chapel



Assisted Living Cottages



Main Entrance

### Future Sign Campaign Put Your Mark on the Pine Village Campus

I would like to ‘put my mark’ on the Pine Village Campus by donating:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

to help with the purchase of new exterior signage.

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## Scenes from Halloween

*The community ghosts and goblins were invited to “Trunk or Treat” Halloween evening in the Wellness Center.*



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