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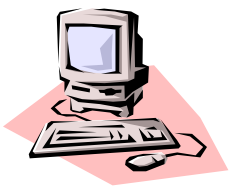
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Valentine's Day At Dakota Estates

Dakota Estates Retirement Center

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Credits

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DE residents Eleanor Berndt and Ray Vaplon were crowned Sweetheart Queen and King at the Valentine's Day party by a vote of the residents and staff.

Dakota Estates held their annual Valentine's Day party on Tuesday, February 14. Residents voted Ray Vaplon and Eleanor Berndt as the Sweetheart King and Queen for the party. Everyone feasted on cupcakes and punch as they enjoyed the music and fun of Ken and Mary Nash. "That (the V-day party) was kind of cute," says resident Keith Facey. "I really enjoyed it. They (the staff) do their darndest to find some-

sponsored by the Lidgerwood Business Association. Albert Fink and Mabel Coppin were honored as the Sweethearts of Dakota Estates. Albert received a box of candy and Mabel received flowers.



thing for us to do." In addition to the party, a drawing was



Valentine's Victory! Dakota Estates residents Lorraine Medenwaldt, Magdalena Biewer and Hilda Bohn work busily on the Valentine word game during the party on February 14. In the background, resident Lyle Clark enjoys the festivities.

Bohnenstingl Wedding Shower Held

Residents, staff and guests celebrated the marriage of housekeeper Melissa Miller to Gary Bohnenstingl at a Bridal Shower in the Dakota Estates dining room on Friday, February 3, at 2 pm in the afternoon. After Melissa opened many lovely gifts, everyone was served cake, punch and coffee.

“The shower was great,” says



DE housekeeper Melissa (Miller) Bohnenstingl receives a handmade quilt by the residents. To her right, Melissa's friend Viki Heley records

Bohnenstingl. “I want to thank everyone who came. The staff did an excellent job. The quilt was a very nice surprise. I got a lot of nice things – I’m still trying to find places to put them all! It was a very fun time.”



DE residents Mildred David, Elvira Walker and Barb Wohlwend were on hand to congratulate Melissa and wish her well.



Many were on hand to celebrate Melissa's marriage. Residents pictured left to right are Mabel Coppin, Helen Novotny, Magdalena Biewer, Eleanor Berndt, Alice Wieber

Water, Water Everywhere

Dakota Estates became lakefront property as overland flooding created a large body of water across the street south of the building. The water originated about a mile and a half south of Dakota Estates. Wahl Lake overflowed into a slough northwest of the lake. This slough in turn filled up and overflowed into another slough to the north. That slough then filled and overflowed north following a natural water course and ditches, finally emptying into a field across the



Buddy Trittin is pictured in front of the body of water across from DE. The water has gone down considerably since this picture was taken.

street from DE. The culvert in the street could not handle the flow of water from Wahl Lake. It therefore began rising, threatening to cross the road to Dakota Estates. The city and volunteers constructed a dike on the road which held the water back.

“If the water would have made it across the road, it would have flowed west and east of the building around it. That is the natural flow,” says custodial engineer Ernst “Buddy” Trittin. “I was watching it, but I was not worried about the building or the residents.”



Resident Happenings

Birthdays

Eleanor Berndt	Jan. 24
Magdalena Biewer	Jan. 26
Earl Weber	Feb. 1
Reuben Reisenweber	Feb. 4
Vernon Hubrig	Feb. 21
Walter Trittin	Feb. 21
Lorraine Medenwaldt	Feb. 23
Ray Vaplon	Feb. 26
Keith Facey	Mar. 3
Myrtle Tosse	Mar. 8
Mavis Stibal	Mar. 14
Alice Wieber	Mar. 18

Anniversaries

Bruno & Lorraine Medenwaldt	Feb. 14
Archie & Mavis Stibal	Mar. 10

We Will Miss You

- Myrtle Bladow
- Katherine Popp

Welcome To

- Julius Murack

Memorials

- Katherine Popp by Virgil & Ivadell Woytassek

Special Thanks

- To Reuben Reisenweber for a donation to the generator fund.
- To Magdalena Biewer who made a donation to the generator fund in memory of her husband, Anton Biewer.
- To Allen Weber for the donation of the DVD player.
- To Earl Weber for the donation of the handicapped doors for the front door.
- To the Lidgerwood Camera Club for a donation to the generator fund.
- To the Roosevelt Lodge #283 for a donation to the generator fund.

Dakota Estates Wish List

- ◆ Electric skillets
- ◆ Miscellaneous Craft Items
- ◆ Subscription to Fargo Forum
- ◆ Quilting Material
- ◆ Upright Freezer
- ◆ Pictures For Wall
- ◆ Digital Camera
- ◆ Step Ladder to carry around
- ◆ New Cookbooks for Kitchen



Valentine's For The Troops As an activity, the DE residents made hand-crafted Valentine's and sent them to the troops overseas. Pictured are Helen Novotny, Frieda Arndt, Eleanor Berndt and Magdalena Biewer.

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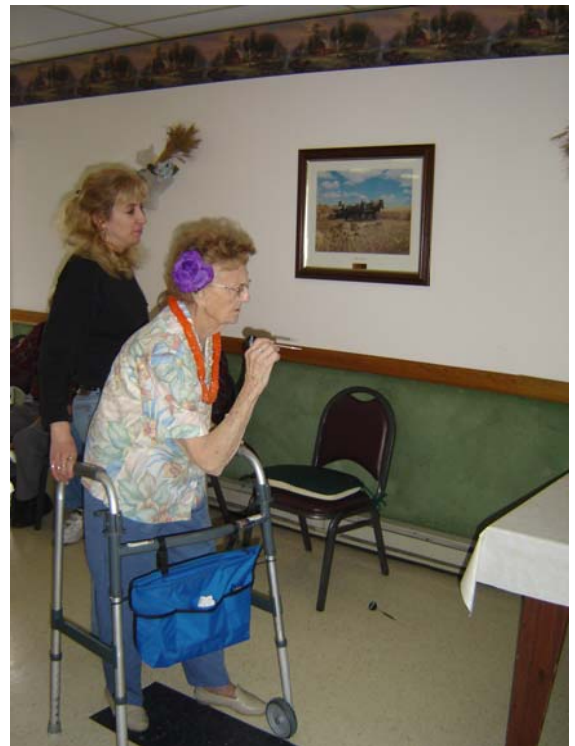


Above: Lyle Clark, Reuben Reisenweber and Harold David sported leis at the Hawaiian luau.



Left: Mavis Stibal gets ready to throw a dart as staff member Jane Medenwald looks on.

It was 30 degrees outside, but inside the Dakota Estates dining room, it felt like a warm and tropical island as the residents enjoyed a Hawaiian luau on March 22. Residents wore leis and their best Hawaiian shirt and the women wore flowers in their hair (in true Hawaiian tradition, they wore them behind the right ear if they were “available” and behind the left ear if they were “taken.”) Activity director Elaine Tritin read some island trivia while the residents played darts on Jane Medenwald’s electronic dartboard. The residents also dined on pineapple/banana cake and a tropical, fruity punch.



Resident Elvira Walker takes aim at the dartboard as Jane Medenwald looks on. The residents enjoyed a lively game of darts on an electronic dartboard provided by Medenwald.