

Ashton/Prairie House News



It's hard to believe that August is already on its way. It seems like summer just started! We had a great month of July. We went to the North Branch Cinema and watched "Toy Story 3". It was a really cute movie and the Pop and Popcorn were so good! We also took a trip to the Pine City Fur Trade Company and Museum. They gave us an idea of what times of trading were like, and the museum was really interesting. Then we were off to lunch at the A&W. It was a great day. We had a couple of our fishing trips cancelled due to weather, but there is another coming up!

To kick off the month of August, we will take a trip up to Central Park for a concert of 50's to 70's music. It starts at 6:00 p.m. Join us! On Tuesday, August 17th we will go to the Science Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls and watch an IMAX movie. It is Senior Day, so the cost is \$22.00. Friday August 20th, we will shop at the Cambridge strip mall. We have not been there before, so it should be a good adventure. Let me know if you and your loved one would like to go. On Wednesday, August 25th, we will go on a fishing trip with the Let's Go Fishing Club. This is a free event – feel free to come along. The bus leaves at 2:00. On Thursday, August 26th, we will take a Trolley ride in Stillwater. This should be a great trip – don't miss it! Tuesday, August 31st, we will have another campfire and sing-a-long right here at The Villages. We had a blast last time with s'mores, lemonade and the whole works – bring the family!

This month we welcome Edsel Johnson "Teddy" to our Ashton/Prairie House Family. We hope he will be very happy here!

You will notice our new Star of the Month! Dona is the very first star from the Ashton and Prairie Houses. I will be asking a new family each month to help me with information on their loved one's life. The residents here are so interesting and so wonderful; I felt that we should let the rest of the world know just how wonderful they are. I hope you enjoy reading about them!

There are two students that will be helping in our households, Amber and Kamrice. They are the sweetest girls and we are very thankful that they will be working with us. Welcome girls!

Some families were not able to get through on the phone for resident phone calls. This phone should be in working order now. If you would like to visit your loved one, please use this number: 651-237-3062. Thank you!

Memory Walk, September 25th – Mark your calendar for the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. Let's find a cure for your loved one and those who will suffer in the future from dementia. Transportation will be provided from The Villages of North Branch and all families are invited and encouraged to come! If you can't make it to the walk, you are welcome to donate money to the walk, or purchase a "Forget Me Not" flower for \$1.00, which will be displayed

here at The Villages. You may write on them that they are in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one gone on before. For more information, give me a call!

You will see an insert with your calendar and newsletter for our new cookbook. I know your loved one and all of you are probably fabulous cooks. Bring in those unique and delicious recipes to add to it. Recipes are due by September 3rd. You may bring them to the front desk or leave them with Kelly in the Ashton/Prairie House office. The proceeds will go towards a new awning for the Prairie House patio! It will be so nice to be able to go outside and have some shade and protection from light rain. Thank you!

I am looking for some donated items for the Ashton and Prairie Houses. Things such as photography books of things like the Minnesota Twins or sports, animals, nature, cars, tractors etc.; CD's of relaxing music or old time music; and movies that would be appropriate for the Memory Care households. Let me know if you have anything to donate!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Have a great month of August!

Blessings,

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