



Resident Spotlight



Helen Foote

Helen Foote was born July 9, 1932, on a farm between Ayrshire and Ruthven, Iowa. Her parents were Floyd and Mabel Hill. Helen had two older brothers Arden and Leslie.

Helen attended and graduated Ayrshire Consolidated School. After graduation she came to Spencer and started working for the Beehive Department store for a short time and then went to work at North West Ice Cream factory.

Helen met Marlin in 1951 through mutual friends and they were married April 25th, 1952. To this union they had sons Keith and Gregory.

Helen has five great grandchildren. Keith has two children David and Christiana. Gregory and Cindy have a special dog "Patty" that Helen likes to spoil when she gets a chance.

Helen later worked as a bookkeeper for Montgomery Ward store. Helen also worked at the Clay County Court house in their auditor's office till retirement in December 1997.

Helen has been involved in many organizations over her years; Legion and VFW, and has been an Eastern Star member for over 60 years. Helen bowled and volunteered at Longhouse-Northshire at bingo for many years.



MARCH

Phyllis Bates	March 3
Carolyn Carpenter	March 3
Evelyn Schuck	March 9
Marjorie Horst	March 20
Cory Tschida	March 22

APRIL

Walter Winter	April 9
Wendell Amendt	April 12
Sharon Poffinbarger	April 13
Joyce Sunkenberg	April 14
Erma Heinrichs	April 16

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JoAnn Hanks	April 20
Edward Martin	April 23
Ruth Vail	April 26
David Spenst	April 27

Longhouse-Northshire Mission Statement

Longhouse-Northshire, LTD is committed to serving customers in the surrounding communities and beyond with quality care by helping every stay be enveloped with a caring and home-like atmosphere. Our goal is to utilize applicable therapies and programs for developing a graduated return home or a comfortable transition to long-term care.



Covid Update

COVID Vaccinations were received in our facility. We received the Pfizer vaccination. The first dose was given on 1/12/21. 2nd Dose given on 2/23/21. Majority of residents received the vaccine. Those who did not were unable due to health reasons or chose not to. We had no one with a serious reaction from the shot, just mild reactions occurred. Those staff who wanted the vaccination received it on these dates as well. We do have a few staff who will receive their 2nd vaccine dose on 2/26/21. We continue to wear masks and eye protection when we are in the facility. We strongly encourage staff to wear masks when they are out and about as well. We continue to test our staff twice weekly based on current positivity rates. Residents are tested weekly when we have a positive staff and/or resident case. Regulations and recommendations advised from CDC and Iowa Public Health Department are still in effect at this time.

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A Season for Change

When I started at Longhouse-Northshire in 1990 I said I could probably work here for 10 years. At year 12 I realized that 10 years came and went without even noticing. It's been a great time with so many residents, families, staff members and persons throughout Iowa and beyond, that one book would be inadequate to cover it all. Over time, I have seen education, medications, treatments, products, systems, electronics, communications, regulations, computers, technology and philosophies develop, improve or change. Overall, it has been a great time of working with people before they returned home from rehabilitation, lived part of their life with us, volunteered with us, were able to enhance their work and social skills, or visited with us when frequenting the facility.

I say thank you to the Manzer family and Trustee Wayne Johnson for this position with Longhouse-Northshire, a part of Spencer's great healthcare system.

We are looking for someone to become the next Director of Nurses, because Rosemary Hibbs, D.O.N. will become the Administrator when her position is filled. When Ms. Hibbs is settled as the 4th Administrator for Longhouse-Northshire you have to think about the extreme stability we offer to the community. And then, when Ms. Hibbs is oriented I will say goodbye to the many dedicated staff, the residents, and everyone connected with the facility.

And to those that reside, or resided with us, I say it has been an extreme honor to know each of you and be a part of your life. You will be missed.

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I am looking forward to taking over the role of Administrator at Longhouse-Northshire. I have been here at the facility for 16 years. I started here in the position of Charge Nurse. I worked this position for a while then I worked as the Quality Assurance/ Infection Control Nurse. After some time, a Unit Manager position came open and I switched roles. I was Unit Manager for about 6 years and then decided to change direction again. The DON that was currently here was retiring after working many years with the facility. I accepted the position and was up to the challenge to replace the previous DON. I thought at this point, I was where I was going to be. The administrator position was offered to me and after some time I decided to go for the change.

I really enjoy working with the residents and staff here at the facility. The change in position will be an experience to help me grow in my abilities as a person and to do good for the facility. With today's society and the everchanging rules/ regulations, it will be a challenge I am excited to do. Over the years working here at Longhouse-Northshire, I feel I have had very good opportunities for growth. I am currently working on some schooling to help with the transition. Tim will be missed for all the great things he has done while in the position here at Longhouse-Northshire. I look forward to the transition from DON to Administrator and all the new opportunities of learning it will entail.



Tom is making a valentine to send to his wife.



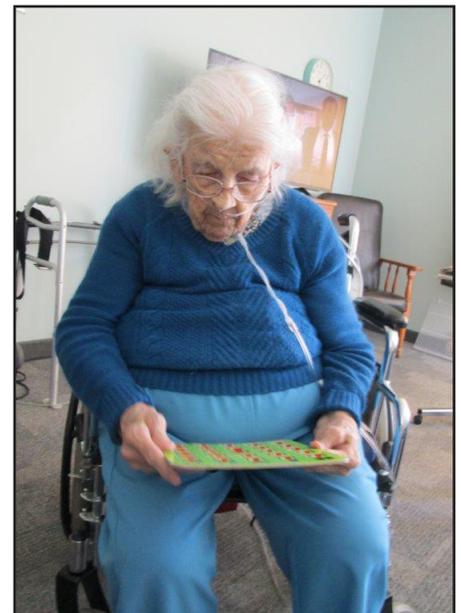
Yvonne is sorting out greeting cards.



Wendall has a special talking, tail wagging, darling dog to keep him company.



Cindy, Activity Director, is presenting a thank you to Jimmie (our nurse) for her Girl Scout troop from Sioux Rappids for making homemade Valentines for all our residents.



Each resident that plays bingo has their own cards in their rooms so we can play any time.



Welcome to Paul Hibbs

Longhouse – Northshire’s new Maintenance Supervisor.

Paul has taken on Ron Feucht’s position mid-December as Ron retired.

Paul was born and raised in California/Las Vegas till the 90’s when he moved to Iowa.

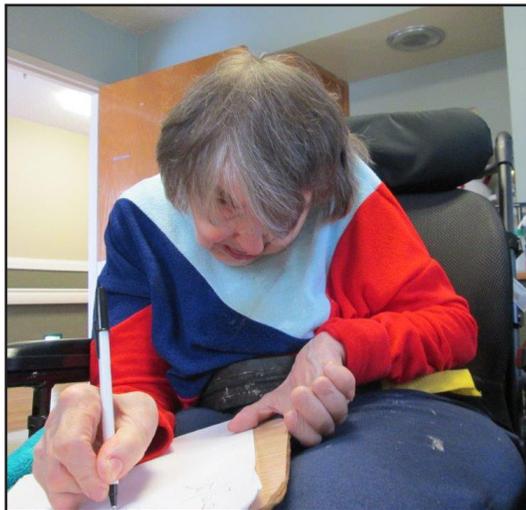
Paul met and married Rosemary March 3rd they will be celebrating their 20th anniversary. They have 3 great kids, Steven, Hannah, and Jayden. In Paul’s spare time he likes to work on his hot rod car, fishing and spending time with his family.



Pete is showing off his favorite star birthday card!



Alberta got mail!



Annie is always up for a challenge. Here she is doing math problems, spelling and fill in the blank.



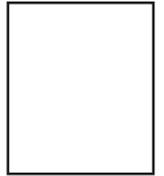
Behind the masks are our front-line maintenance men, van drivers and occasionally pizza delivery guys. Thanks Paul and Hong!

Longhouse-Northshire staff were treated to pizza, salad, pop and a valentine cookie courtesy of Iowa Corn Growers, Chesterman Bottling Co., Pizza Ranch and Longhouse-Northshire.



Hey, some of you know me as the housekeeping lady and the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. I have worked at Longhouse Northshire for about 5 years. The nursing home and all the staff, residents, and visitors have been so kind and supportive. Recently this year I have taken on the task of being the new housekeeping and laundry department head. I enjoy my job and am grateful that I got this opportunity. Longhouse Northshire is fantastic. I look forward to continuing into the future and hope this year gets us all back into the swing of things or what we call normalcy.

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Longhouse
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Looking Back & Ahead in Activities

FEBRUARY

We made valentines for the spouses to mail. Girls Scouts from Sioux Rapids made all the residents paper hearts. Other families sent in candy for staff and residents. We treated the residents to strawberry floats and a heart on their breakfast trays. It has been a sweeeeet February!

MARCH

We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with something green.

APRIL

April showers may chase away the snow and ice days, so look out winter, we are ready to turn up the sunshine!

Also, we can now take in **licensed bakery or factory packaged items such as cakes for birthdays.*