

Happenings

June 2010



Resident Spotlight - John Anderson



John Anderson, born in 1916, grew up on a dairy farm near Morgantown. Living through the Great Depression taught him that when necessary, a person can do without and that hard work, good management, and determination were the key skills to survival.

Soon after he completed his degree in agriculture at WVU, Pearl Harbor occurred and America was forced to join the Second World War. John volunteered for the Army. Assigned to the Air Force division, he was sent to pilot's school and trained in all aspects of aircraft. He had such a high level of expertise that he was stationed all over the west as a flight instructor for the duration of the war.

When the country was trying to get back to normal, John was looking for a job to support a wife and child. At that time in West Virginia, his degree would allow him to dispense pharmaceutical drugs. He lived in the St. Albans area, and ran a drug store. His family expanded with the addition of four more children. In the mid 1950s, the law was changed, and a drug store required a pharmacist. John realized that he had to find another career quickly and began working at Center Hardware doing whatever was asked of him. He studied plumbing, electricity, tools, etc. until he knew the business inside and out. The owner was so impressed that he sold the store to John.

With another child, John had to build a larger house, plus buy the store, and start sending his oldest children to college. He worked 12 hours 6 days a week. His children waited on customers, counted inventory, wrapped gifts, ran the cash register, stocked shelves, and made deliveries. He instilled in them the same qualities he learned in his childhood. To succeed, manage well, be determined, and work hard. The family still owns the store after more than 50 years. More notably, his children have all received degrees from college and have gone on to have successful careers.

Benefit Sing and Raffle

When:
Sat., July 10th
12noon-4PM

For:
Cindy Poston,
LPN



We will be having a benefit sing and raffle for Cindy Poston on Saturday July 10th from 12 noon until 4PM. Cindy is an LPN at Midland Meadows who had a pancreas transplant after being a life long diabetic. This fundraiser will help with expenses such as her lengthy hospital stay, anti-rejection medications, hotel and travel, etc. There is a \$5.00 admission price which will include entertainment and lunch (2 hot dogs, chips and drink). We also have many items, donated by local businesses, that will be raffled off. The charge for each raffle ticket is \$1.00. If you would like to help with this event, or you're unable to attend and would like to make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated!

Anniversary Celebration

We will be having our 3 year Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, August 7th from Noon until 3:00 PM. Our food will be catered by Famous Dave's and music will be provided by the Huntington Harmonica Club. There will also be inflatables and face painting for the children to enjoy. We will once again be having a Luau theme, so get out those Hawaiian shirts and join us for a day of fun and celebration!