

The Manorette

Pioneer Manor

April 2019

"The Home Where Love Abides"



April Birthday Parties

(not always actual dates)

4/6—Vern Sager

4/17—Darlene Hand

4/20—Jim Black

4/27—Elvera Varvel

4/30—Sharon Muck



Hats Off to our
Wonderful Volunteers



Please wear your Favorite Hat

as we Honor YOU at our

Volunteer Appreciation Program

Friday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.



BIG THANKS TO.....

- ♦ All who bring in magazines, books, games and Bingo prizes
- ♦ Trudy Walgren and Audrey Shaw Families for the beautiful flower arrangements
- ♦ Donna Jean Alcorn family for the many nice donations
- ♦ Sue Haberman family for the medical equipment and supplies also the puzzle board and puzzles



Humanities Nebraska Program

J. Sterling Morton: Founder of Arbor Day

Thursday, April 25, 2:00 p.m.

J. Sterling Morton (1832-1902), came to the Nebraska Territory after he was expelled from Michigan University in 1854. Within five years, he was Clerk of the Territorial Supreme Court, an influential newspaper editor, twice elected to serve in the Territorial Legislature, was appointed Secretary of the Territory, and served twice as Acting Governor of Nebraska Territory. Later he was elected as the first Governor of Nebraska, only to have his election revoked.

From his home in Nebraska City (now Arbor Lodge State Park), he promoted Nebraska agriculture and was appointed U.S. Secretary of Agriculture by Grover Cleveland.

This 45 minute costumed presentation gives the audience new insight as Morton tells humorous— and sometimes tragic—stories of his life, family and political career.



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Meet a Resident—Shirley Tillotson

The blizzard that hit Hot Springs, South Dakota on October 20 of 1929 was so fierce that it kept the doctor from arriving in time to deliver a baby girl born to Edna and Roy McCray. Little Shirley was delivered by her grandmother instead. And Shirley was placed in a dresser drawer to be used as her crib!

Shirley's father was a mechanic and her mother a beautician. During her growing up years the family lived in Hot Springs, Chadron and Pine Ridge. Shirley attended Chadron High School for her 9th – 11th grades while staying with her grandmother ten miles north of Chadron.

Shirley had been a friend of Robert Tillotson all her life. When these 'friends' were seventeen years old, they got married! Three children were born soon after, each just one year apart - Raymond, Sandy and Roberta. When their oldest was nine months old, Robert joined the Navy and became an electronics technician. He was first stationed in Norfolk, Virginia on a ship. When he was later stationed for two years in Guam Shirley and the three little ones were able to join him there. Shirley remembers they lived in a Quonset hut with a Japanese tank located right across the road from them, and that the children made pets out of lizards! Shirley and the children remained with Robert there for a year, then traveled for 15 days on the ship to return to San Francisco.

Robert was later headquartered in San Diego where the family could settle for most of the time. Robert was sent overseas for several months at a time, then return stateside. Shirley and the children joined him in Hawaii for 2 ½ years; San Francisco for 2 ½ years; and White Sands, New Mexico for one year.

Daughter Sandy tells of having to decorate a banana tree for Christmas while in Hawaii. And Shirley recalls that Bobby would ask why she had attended twelve different schools in thirteen years. After twenty years in the Navy, Robert retired and the family continued to live in San Diego. Robert then worked as a custodian at San Diego State College for thirteen years. In 1979 Shirley's step-father died and she and Robert moved back to Chadron to be of assistance to her mother. Robert worked for Chadron State College for seven years before his death. Their two daughters and sons-in-law also moved to the Chadron area. Their son remained in Phoenix. Since Shirley experienced some health issues, she moved into Pioneer Manor in July of 2018. She enjoys reading and visiting one on one with her family, friends and staff.

Thanks for sharing your life story with us, Shirley. We're glad you are here with us!



A favorite program at Pioneer Manor is Trivia. Here are samples of questions we use during our Trivia Sessions:

1. The phonograph or 'talking machine' was invented by _____.
2. The light bulb was invented by _____.
3. What was the name of the automobile Ford Motor Company named after a wild horse? _____
4. What did Popeye's good friend Wimpy love to eat? _____
5. When driving a team of horses, 'Gee' means _____ and 'Haw' means _____.
6. These homonyms mean 'a step' or 'to gaze at someone'. _____ & _____
7. How many arms does an octopus have? _____
8. The most renowned of all escape artists was _____.
9. Name three states that start with the letter 'C'. _____
10. Eight new national parks were established when President _____ was in office.
11. Ventriloquist Edgar Bergen's famous dummy was called _____.
12. Who thrilled the world with his 1927 non-stop flight from New York to Paris? _____
13. Some early stars of country music were: Jimmie _____, Roy _____ and Hank _____.



Blizzard of 2019



This picture was taken across the street from Steve & Bev Summer's house. That's their snow fence in the foreground and you can just barely see the outline of the nursing home. This was taken on Thursday at 8:00 a.m., March 14, when the snow and wind were still pretty fierce.



This is what it looked like from inside the nursing home!



A great big thank you to Austin Reed for transporting staff to work on his snowmobile

And for those who helped clean out paths to our entrances and parking lots

And for the dedicated Staff who worked so hard and even had a 'sleep-over' to keep residents fed and cared for during the blizzard!!

A Quilts of Valor Program Honoring the Service of Winston (Bub) Nelson was held Friday, March 22.

Quilts of Valor's mission is to honor service members and veterans who have been touched by war. Quilts of Valor are presented to honor these recipients for their service; to thank them for their sacrifice; and to comfort them. The Western Sandhills American Legion Riders were present to form a flag line and to assist in this presentation. Casey Walton, Nebraska State Liaison for the American Legion Riders read Bub's service story and emceed the program. Cowboy Poet Ken Moreland recited a poem he wrote about Bub. Quilters Kathy Dye, Elaine Leisy, and state troopers Cassandra Spellmeyer and Luke Gleisberg presented the Quilt of Valor to Bub. Many of Bub's family members and friends were present for this wonderful ceremony.

