

Mennonite Nursing Home

Family Newsletter

May and June 2019

Announcements from MNH

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The Youth Farm Complex Auxiliary will be hosting the Annual May Day Tea and Cake Walk Fundraiser on Thursday May 9th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Nursing Home Auditorium. Money raised will go towards a Therapeutic Activities Package to provide more resources for our residents with dementia. Admission is by donation. Hope to see everyone there!

Our Spring Fling was a huge success! We hope those who attended had as much fun as we had! Many pictures were taken throughout the evening of residents with their families. We will be posting these pictures along the hallway by the main entrance for viewing. Those who are interested in ordering pictures can speak to Paula in Activities.

Please take note that our next Resident Council meeting is May 16th. We encourage

family members to attend.

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist residents with their supper meal (4:45—5:45 pm). If you are interested in helping in this area, please call the office at 306-232-4861. Thank you!



May Events

May 3—Birthday Party

May 9—May Day Tea

May 13—Mother's Day Tea

May 16—Resident Council Meeting

10:00—Pineview

11:15—West

May 24—Ice Cream Party



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" I know the redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth."

JOB 19:25

While we endeavour to inform you as much as possible about events at MNH, this Newsletter only touches on some of the many activities that happen on a regular basis at the Nursing

June Events

BBQ's

With warmer weather comes BBQs! Residents will enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, pop and ice cream!

June 6th—Birthday Party
June 13th—Volunteer Appreciation BBQ
June 18th—BBQ (East)
June 19th—BBQ (West)
June 20th—BBQ (Pineview)

A Word From Our Chaplain—*Amos Fehr*

I enjoyed the warm weather we had in April. With my son's "Bobcat" machine at our place (which he generously lets me use for free) I began a project that I have been planning for a while now. You're wondering what's happening on our acreage now? Glad you asked. Well... it all started 4 years ago when we had a large pond dug in our backyard. It serves as a swimming hole with a moveable dock and diving board along with a variety of grasses and shrubs surrounding the sandy shoreline. It has become one of my favorite places...a refuge. When the pond was dug there were many huge 700-4000 pound boulders found 8 feet under the ground. I had them stock piled for a future project. As Ecclesiastes 3:5 says: "A time to gather stones and a time to scatter stones". I have begun to scatter the stones that I had gathered and I am now building a 4 foot high waterfall with a 60 foot stream that will circulate and aerate water back into the pond. With the use of the Bobcat I am able to move these rocks and place them in the proper fashion. I love working with dirt and rocks! It would have been impossible to move these boulders by hand.

I think stones are wonderful. They have always been an integral part of the human journey since the beginning of time. Rocks have been used to build houses, shape into tools, expressions of art, grinding grains, etc. for 1000's of years. A large stone has also been central to our faith journey. Recently we took time to remember what God has done for us through His son Jesus. The suffering and death upon a cruel and bitter cross and then the miraculous resurrection! It is amazing how God created a way for us to be forgiven...the past, present and future sins. After Jesus' death he was placed in a tomb. According to Jewish practice the body of the deceased was initially laid to rest in the inner chamber of a tomb and a heavy, shaped rock (2000-3000 pounds) was set into the small entrance door and sealed to thwart the unwanted entrance of animals and grave robbers. In Matthew it states that this rock was huge and that it would take several very strong men to move it. This large stone had served its purpose and now was moved aside by an angel. I love this image!

So...the next time you see a large boulder (used in landscaping or out in a pasture somewhere) be reminded of the story of Jesus' rebirth and the miracle of new life we have been given. God has rolled away the stone. We are free. It is a powerful symbol.

Isaiah 32:2b "You will be sheltered like streams of water in the desert and comforted by the cooling shadow of a great ROCK..."