

Orchard GARDENS

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HONORING THE PAST... INVESTING IN THE FUTURE



Now that's what I call fun!

The new Orchard Gardens Community Center offers space for a variety of exciting entertainment and creative programs for residents. The Community Center is a flexible space perfect for parties, community events and meetings as well as providing residents with two spacious activity rooms. It is easily accessed from Orchard Gardens' front foyer.

The north room has three large round tables perfect for playing cards and board games, crafting, enjoying a cup of coffee with friends and much more. There are also comfy chairs to sit and relax with a beautiful view to the north. A large bulletin board has been added where residents proudly display craft projects.

The south room is an ideal space for residents to snack on popcorn while enjoying a movie on the new flat screen television. It can be configured many different ways to accommodate larger groups. Residents can be found celebrating birthdays, experimenting with science projects, and playing the ever popular weekly Bingo game.

Residents are very enthused by the addition of a Wii, with "Wii bowling" being a crowd favorite. Residents are challenging each other in daily competitions in a wide variety of games. A few other much loved Wii games are "The Price is Right", "Wii Fishing", and for you racing fans, we have a game for that too. The Wii attracted a DC West senior to come and play "Wii Fit" with several residents who laughed and played their way through great physical work outs.

We are looking for an aspiring local artist to lend their talents to the creation of a mural in the new center.

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Enhancements and Updates

Great food and Elbow room too!

Our Dining Room is also undergoing a new exciting expansion. We recently began an **800** square foot addition. Residents and staff are anticipating enjoying Orchard Gardens delicious meals in a larger dining room with a new vibrant carpet and fresh wall colors to offer a cheery dining experience. Our staff is making every effort to continue the magnificent service Orchard Gardens residents have become accustomed to during the construction phase; we are grateful for the cooperation of our residents.

Sun and Relaxation— who could ask for more?

The Sunroom has a new look with bright comfortable wicker furniture. The thick cushions with palm tree print combined with live plants and large picture window make you feel like you're on a Tropical Vacation.

What else is New?

The second floor Activity room hasn't escaped improvements with the former sunroom tables and chairs being relocated to the Activity room. The four round tables are perfect for smaller gatherings and game playing.

We have also added artwork bringing new interest to the halls and public spaces, it's like our own little art gallery.

A shade tree donated and planted on Orchard Gardens east side during an Arbor Day Celebration will be a great place to escape the sun on those hot summer days.

Please visit us and take a look around . We are so proud of our updates.



Residents enjoy the updated Sunroom



Invitation

Community Center Dedication

Please join us for the dedication of our new Community Center

Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 1:30pm

Orchard Gardens, Community Center
1006 South Mayne Street
Valley, Nebraska 68064

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Donna, Community Life Manager 359-4604



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Iona Steiner, Orchard Gardens first Centurion.

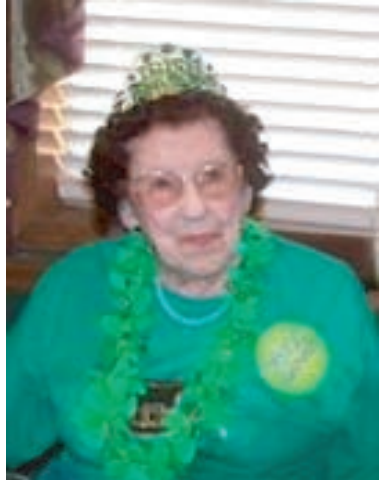
Iona was born to Jim and Helena Lamson on March 17, 1909, St. Patrick's Day, in Ida Grove, Iowa. Iona was the only child and says she was spoiled rotten by her parents.

In 1928 at the age of 19 Iona married her late husband Lawrence with whom she had 51 wonderful years of married life. Together Iona and Lawrence had two sons who bring a huge smile to her face whenever she mentions them.

Iona was a "Beauty Operator" which is what Iona says they called hair dressers back in the day. Iona owned her own salon in Hooper and later after selling her salon moved her beauty business to her home. Iona says "I am as happy at Orchard Gardens as I have been anywhere".

Iona's favorite thing at Orchard Gardens is the food. Her favorite color is red and Iona has a soft spot in her heart for dogs. Since she got married at the age of 19, this is her favorite number. Iona has been a fan of basketball since she had sons who excelled at the sport.

Iona had a wonderful 100th birthday celebration surrounded by friends and family on March 17th, 2009.



Green Hatters Men's Group

Have you heard of Orchard Gardens' "Green Hatters" Men's group? It's the male counterpart to the familiar "Red Hatters" ladies group.

The Green Hatters eight members meet monthly for a variety of activities and outings. In February the men enjoyed a bowling outing at Elkhorn Lanes so much they repeated the outing in April. The outings included lunch, two games of bowling and a refreshing ice cream cone from the snack bar. The Green Hatters also like playing cards, board games, and a wide variety of other fun filled activities.

Bowling event pictures.

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