

Kemmerer Voices



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Open House - 95 Year Celebration Thank you to all who participated!



Happy Anniversary





From the Director's Desk

I hope each of you have had an enjoyable summer. Here at the Village we have had a busy, but also a very enjoyable few months. **On Sunday, August 9th, we celebrated our 95th Anniversary Open House** with 350 visitors, wonderful

entertainment and good food. Though the heat index for the day was a "little warm", everyone enjoyed the activities. The campus was busy with guided tours all during the afternoon and the Kemmerer Village Auxiliary held a very successful Bazaar and Quilt Raffle.

I would like to take this time to thank all of those who helped make the day a success. Thank you to everyone who made the trip to Kemmerer Village, joining us in celebrating 95 years of healing the brokenness in children's lives. Your presence on this very special day was much appreciated. Also, thank you to those who sent notes and phone calls of congratulations.

Thank you to the Kemmerer Village Auxiliary members and their home churches who have helped support the many needs of the Village's young people with their hard work and dedication. The bazaar and quilt raffle was an important fundraiser for the Auxiliary and I would like to thank all who helped make it a success by purchasing tickets for the quilt raffle and made purchases at the bazaar.

We also enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of entertainment with musical performances by "On High" and "Sound Celebration Chorus" *Sweet Adeline's*. Our young people, staff and guests enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of uplifting music.

We also appreciated the Mid-Illinois Pork Producers for preparing a delicious lunch for our guests. Everyone enjoyed the meal. Just like most big families, we also enjoyed the leftovers the following week. Thank you to this group again for your efforts.

Throughout the summer we have watched with anticipation the **construction of the Equine Therapy Indoor Riding Arena**. Construction of the arena and pasture is nearing completion and we are looking forward to this new program of equine facilitated therapy being an additional tool in helping the young people in our care. As you will see in this copy of the Kemmerer Voices, we have recently received a donation of five miniature horses from Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dalpos. Needless to say, they were a big

hit on our campus and have won the hearts of our young people and staff. With the current six horses and the new miniatures, we are anxiously awaiting completion of this new facility. More information and photos are shown in this issue of the Kemmerer Voices.

The 16th Annual Kemmerer Village Charity Golf Classic was held on Friday, September 11th. Again this year we were blessed with good weather, generous sponsors and loyal golfers, whom many return year after year. This is our one and only annual fundraising event. The Kemmerer Village Board and I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Sponsors and golfing participants. We appreciate your longtime and generous support.

Our young people were busy this summer enjoying warm weather activities: making friends, playing sports, visiting the fairs, Water Park, zoo, and attending several baseball games. They were also involved with preparations for our Open House. Each cottage made colorful poster displays that included the days schedule as well as directions to various on-campus events. Of course there was a little competition between the cottages as to who could make the best poster. I heard one staff member make the following comment after being thanked for their help with the Open House, "I enjoyed the day very much, it let me feel a little ownership in what we have done here." Ninety-five years is a landmark, I think all of us who work to make a difference in the lives of these young people, at different times are reminded we are part of a historical legacy. With each of our efforts we are helping a child heal from the past and make their way into the future. Though you may not be here in person, your prayers and friendship are helping pave the way for those efforts.

Kemmerer Village Girl Scout Troop Adopts Soldier

With the help of a Therapeutic Recreation staff the Kemmerer Village Girl Scout Troop this summer adopted a soldier. The young man is a sergeant who has been deployed to Baghram Air Base, Afghanistan. His unit is scheduled for a 6 to 9 month deployment. Members of the troop packed boxes with items their soldier had requested. He also mentioned in an email that "If anyone wants to write letters, they are nice also." We applaud these young ladies for their desire to help someone so far from home. Also to their staff for helping make this possible.

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Equine Therapy Program at the Village

Amber will be supervising this program; she is a Licensed Social Worker who has been with Kemmerer Village for over 2 years. She is a certified riding instructor through CHA and NARHA and has completed certification for EFMHA (Equine Facilitated Mental Health Association) and EAGALA (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association).

Results from this type of therapy have been proven very successful. NARHA has been recognized as a professional organization with proven results in working with people who have physical handicaps since the 1960's. Research studies beginning in the 1990's have been proving the effectiveness of using horses in therapy sessions with individuals diagnosed with a broad spectrum of mental illnesses. Equine facilitated therapy allows children to learn about themselves, other people and interacting with the world. It's not about teaching riding or horse care skills and children don't need any previous experience with horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dalpos donated five miniature horses to the Equine Therapy Program: Turbo, Rebel, Toby, Twister and Nick. These adorable small horses joined the big horses already on campus: Lucky, Casper, Legacy, Sonny, Snickers and Sugar. We are very grateful for the Dalpos' donation.

It has been clinically proven that just being in the vicinity of horses changes our brainwave patterns. Equine facilitated therapy has proven to be particularly useful for children with attention deficit disorder, and bipolar disorders - all of who may find it difficult to communicate, interact with other people and carry out instructions. Today a number of the young people coming to Kemmerer Village have been diagnosed with these disorders. We are anticipating the Equine Therapy Program will be a very useful tool in helping many of our young people.



Equine Therapy Indoor Riding Arena



Amber Miller is pictured above left. Village youth are seen in the photo petting the miniatures through the fence.



Mr. Tony Dalpos and Kemmerer Village Executive Director Mike Havera. Mr. & Mrs. Dalpos donated five miniature horses to Kemmerer Village.

Kemmerer Village 16th Annual Charity Golf Classic

The 16th Annual KV Charity Golf Tournament was held on September 11, 2009 at Oak Terrace Golf Course in Pana. One hundred & forty-four golfers participated in a shotgun start at 8:00 am. Entry fee of \$75.00 included 18 holes, cart, lunch and prizes. All proceeds go to benefit the Children of Kemmerer Village. We give a big thank you to all the golfers who participated in this year's tournament.

A very special thank you to the following businesses who contributed to offset the tournament cost: **Major Sponsors** were: Wood & Co. Investments of Denver, CO, Pana News Palladium, First National Bank all of Pana, Hickory Point Bank Agricultural Services, McGuire, Yuhas, Huffman & Buckley, P.C., and Pepsi Refreshment Services all of Decatur, 1st National Bank and GAB electric all of Assumption, J.P. Construction, Moweaqua, Diss, Inc./Neikes Floor Covering and Meyer, Austin & Romano all of Taylorville, Hurford, Architects, Inc., Glen Carbon, Hunzeker Service Agency and Central States Media all of Peoria, Drummond Company of Birmingham, Alabama, Sysco Food Services, St. Louis Blues, all of St. Louis. **Feature Hole Sponsors** were: Pizza Man, Prairie Farms Dairy, Morrell Auto Service, R.P. Lumber, Oak Ter-

race, Pana, FBS/Wareham's, Angelo's of Taylorville, Consolidated Communications Mattoon, Moweaqua Golf Course, Nokomis Auto Body, Golden Prairie News of Assumption, Rutledge Youth Foundation, Springfield, The Micar Company, Craftmasters, Maverik Marketing, Consociate Dansig all of Decatur, Mutual of Omaha, and St. Louis Cardinals.

Winners in the Championship Flight were: **First Place**: winners with a score of 53 were Mike Havera Jr., Jared Beckham, Mark Havera and Pete Noble. **Second place** winners with a score of 54 were Mark VanRheedon, Frances Faber, Josh Aldrich and Ian Wickline. **Third Place** team with a score of 54 was Dave Andricks, Zeth Giles, Mike Coling and Michael Coling (determined by scorecard playoff).

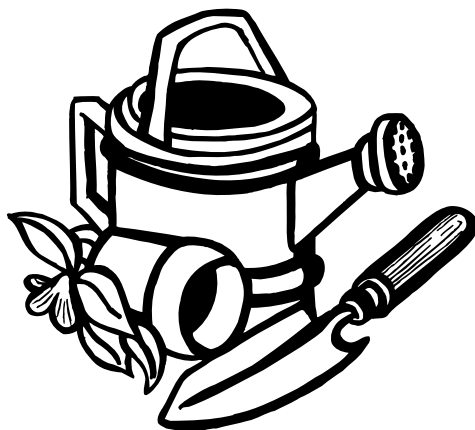
Winners in the "A" Flight were: **First Place** winners with a score of 61 were Troy Pinkston, Bruce Pinkston, Tom Saatkamp, and Jim Flesch. The **Second Place** winners with a score of 62 were Dennis Ishmael, Mark Heaton, Tom Dooley and Drew Gruber. **Third Place** with a score of 62 was Jim Modla, Ron Saathoff, Tim Weiss, and Greg Chambers (determined by scorecard playoff).

Rod Phillips won the 50/50 drawing and received \$210.00.

A Good Year for Gardening



Allemang Girls and Staff decided to start a garden and had a very good turn out. The girls had grown things such as tomatoes, cabbage, pumpkins and watermelon just to name a few. Allemang staff supervised the girls as they planted, cared for and picked their garden. The girls really enjoyed the gardening experience and can't wait to grow one of their own one day.



In Memory & Honor of Those We Love

(Gifts received June 1st, 2009 to Sept. 30th, 2009)

There are occasions of joy and sorrow in the lives of our family and friends that call for a response from us. A Memorial Gift or an Honor Gift to Kemmerer Village is a way to express love and respect at appropriate times.

Your gift, large or small, is an investment in the lives of troubled

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children. These gifts help to provide for their day to day care: food, clothing, medical care, educational needs, and Christian ministry.

The name of the **DECEASED** or **HONORED** is in **CAPITAL LETTERS**; the donors names are listed below in lower case. Please notify us of any errors.

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Kemmerer Auxiliary - The Quilt Winners were:

Congratulations to the Quilt Raffle winners:

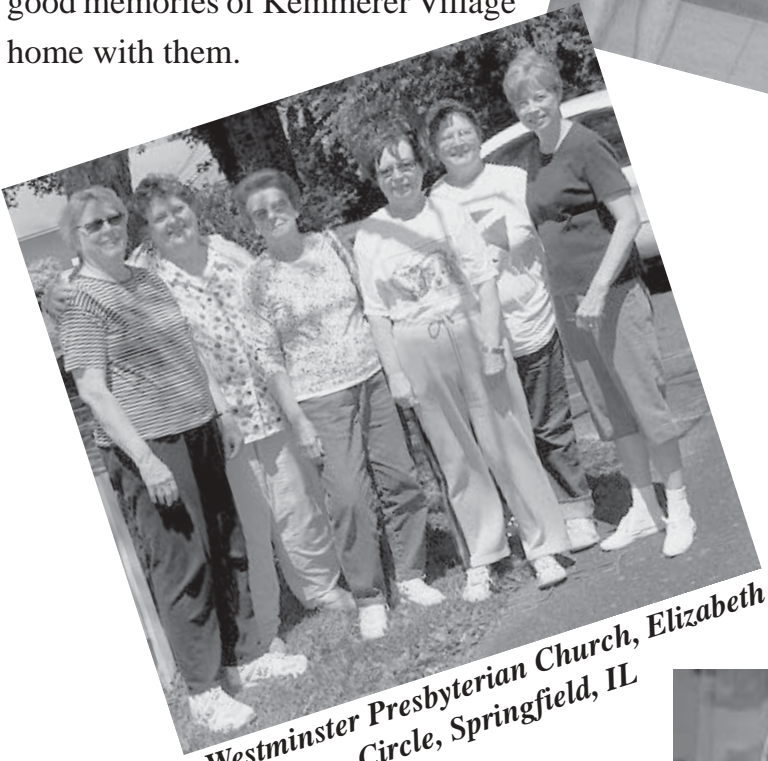
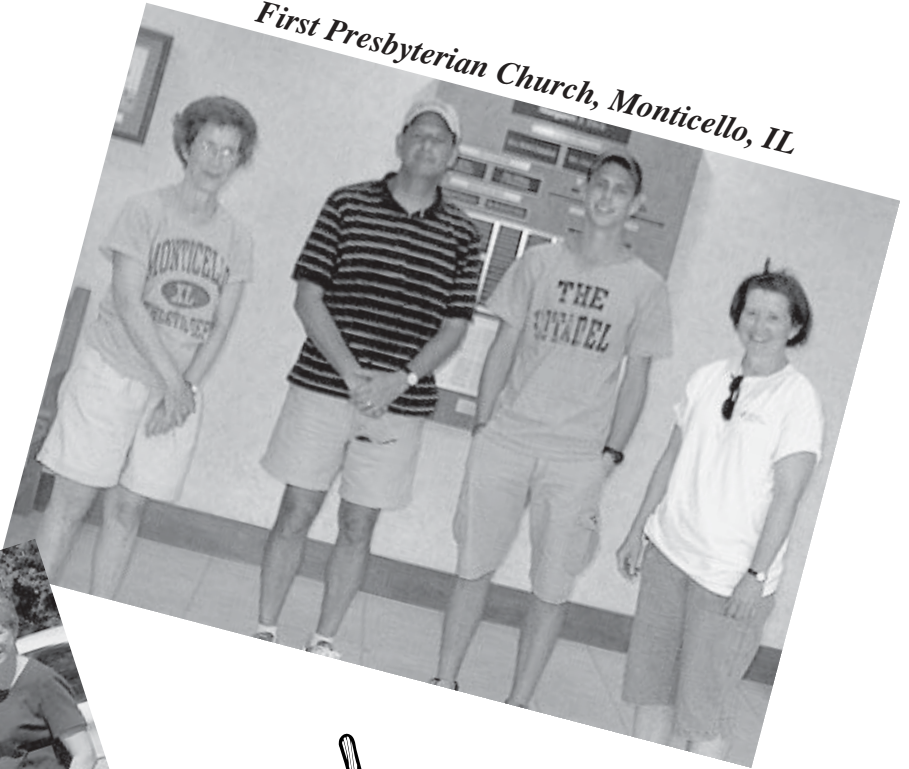
Letha Stewart of Woodson who won the Sweet Memories quilt and Blanche Dugan of Effingham won the Kentucky Log Cabin Quilt during a drawing at our 95th Anniversary Celebration. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

We would also again like to thank Sarah Grieder and the Christian County Quilt Guild for their donations of the beautiful quilts. The Kemmerer Village Auxiliary meets four times a year. They respond to request from our eight cottages and the youth we serve. This wonderful group of ladies is helping make a difference.

Church Groups Visit

Several groups visited this summer to help out with much-needed work projects on our campus. Since we were preparing for Open House this summer, we especially appreciated their help. They were all very busy with trimming bushes, working on landscaping and painting picnic tables. We enjoyed spending time with these groups and hope they took good memories of Kemmerer Village home with them.

First Presbyterian Church, Monticello, IL



Westminster Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth Circle, Springfield, IL



Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, IL

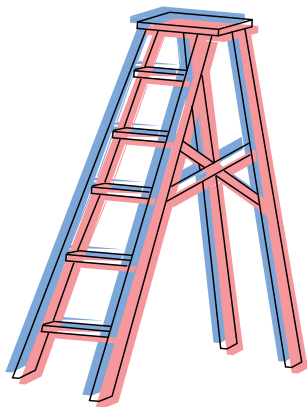
KV This Summer



Highland Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY



First Presbyterian Church of Taylorville, IL



Freeport Illinois Presbyterian Churches and First Presbyterian Church of Gibson City, IL



First Presbyterian Church, Greenview, IL

Happy Birthday!

Our young people truly appreciate receiving cards from all of you on their birthday. Thank you for thinking of them!

OCTOBER

Kelsey S.	F	Oct. 6, 1993
Craig O.	M	Oct. 25, 1992
Jacob M.	M	Oct. 27, 1994

NOVEMBER

Austin C.	M	Nov. 03, 1993
Kristina W.	F	Nov. 15, 1990

DECEMBER

Ericka A.	F	Dec. 1, 1995
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JANUARY

Thomas P.	M	Jan. 24, 1992
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FEBRUARY

Jasmine O.	F	Feb. 4, 1995
John C.	M	Feb. 5, 1992
Kojo B.	M	Feb. 8, 1993
Nicole R.	F	Feb. 8, 1993

MARCH

Gina D.	F	Mar. 7, 1994
Olivia J.	F	Mar. 19, 1993
Sharon C.	F	Mar. 23, 1993
Michael S.	M	Mar. 25, 1993

WISH LIST

- Boy boxers
- Sweatshirts (grey, adult sz.L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- Sweatpants (grey, adult (sz. L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- Colored Pencils, crayons, markers
- Sleeping pants (washable)
- House Slippers
- Gloves
- Linen (new or good used)
- Art & Supplies
- Playstation 2 (need several)
- Playstation Games
- Books for reading (ages 12-18)
- (need for speed & sports)
- AA Batteries
- CD Players (NO CD's)
- Disposable Cameras

Special Notes:

Congratulations to our friends and neighbors at Memorial Presbyterian Church, Assumption, on their 150th year anniversary, from the Kemmerer Village Board, staff and children.

We truly appreciate the kindness of Taylorville First Presbyterian congregation for providing the party goody bags. Each holiday party for our youth is made special with these treats, thank you.

Congratulations to Willard and Evelyn Raynond at the Golden Prairie News from the staff and children at Kemmerer Village for 50 years of business in Assumption and serving the local communities. Thank you also to Angela Damery, Jeanie Barror and Susie Jordan for your thoughtful help with all of our projects.

Leaving a Legacy

1884 Some 125 years ago a dream was born! It was in that year an Assumption area farmer, Philip Kemmerer sat down and wrote out his own will - his gift to the children of the future! He wrote that his 400-acre farm and assets were to be given to the Presbyterian Church of Central Illinois to create a home "for the orphans and friendless poor of all denominations." And thus one man's dream and vision was born.

1914 Nine years after the death of Philip Kemmerer, the doors of Kemmerer Orphans Home opened wide to welcome homeless children, thus putting a plan of action together to fulfill his vision to help the helpless.

Today Kemmerer Village continues to provide care for those children in dire need. The vision today also includes involving the family with counseling for the child and family. The children we care for today are some of the most hurting young people in our communities. Great strides have been made in our ability to help today's youth. **We still continue to rely on generous, caring people such as Philip Kemmerer and his vision to help carry out his dream. Without the forethought and generosity of such individuals where would we be today? Better yet, where would the children be?**

If you would like more information on ways you can help continue this ministry of helping youth and families, please contact Kemmerer Village at (217) 226-2132.