

A Place I've Made My Home

Mary Schmitz was born in Bangor and grew up on a farm with two siblings. After meeting her husband through mutual friends, they had four children and relocated several times before settling into married life in Muscoda. Mary worked for O'Brian Brothers in Richland Center for ten years and later retired from Allen Bradley after 23 years.

Mary lost her husband in 2004 due to health issues. She remained in her house receiving help from her daughter until she made the

decision to move to Pine Valley's New Assisted Living when the doors opened! She got to select her room with the view she enjoys. Mary was familiar with Pine Valley having been an area resident for so long. Mary loves angels and the ability to decorate and personalize her room for each season and holiday. She states "I love all of the helpers at Pine Valley. They are just wonderful and treat me like family". She enjoys reading and the special activities available at Pine Valley. Mary is looking forward to enjoying the beautiful courtyards when the weather turns nice.

Mary reports that she is very happy with her decision to move to Pine Valley Assisted Living.



Calendar of Events

- Mother's Day Ice Cream Social May 14
 - Celebrating 20th Year
 - of Our Treasure Token Hunt May 15 Hunt begins!
 - National Nursing Home Week May 15-21
 - Richland County 4-H Clothing Review Judging June 22 - 6:30 pm
 - Chicken BBQ Picnic June 25 I I:30-I:00 pm Public welcome!
 - Antiques Appraisal Event July 16 - 1:00 pm Must pre-register.

Activities

The new Community room at Pine Valley Community Village has been abuzz with fun activities in the month of April. On the 6th we had a guest quilter come, Deb Cavanaugh. Deb explained some new styles of quilting and even explained how she dyes and made her own fabrics. The quilts were passed around so all the resident's could view her beautiful work. Deb also brought along homemade hot fudge and everyone enjoyed a hot fudge sundae.

The Easter Bunny made an early appearance on April 8th, handing out Easter eggs filled with candy. There were some wonderful photos taken of the children with the Easter Bunny. This visit marked the first annual Coloring Contest. The mailbox was filled with 150 plus entries, and the resident's had a great time judging and choosing the 3 top winners.

Pine Valley had the pleasure of honoring our "Star Volunteers" on Sunday April 23 at our volunteer banquet. After lunch the volunteers were awarded a certificate and pin recognizing the numerous hours spent with our residents, which makes a huge difference in their lives. The afternoon entertainment was the Dance Elite students whose members ranged in age from three to seventeen.

The resident's and staff are very excited to share our new facility with the public and would encourage everyone to follow us on Facebook and subscribe to our newsletter so that you can stay current with all of our upcoming events.



If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please contact Activities at 647-2138.

Please check our Facebook page and website for upcoming holiday events! pinevalleycommunity.org

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Pine Valley Employee Shares Talent

When you walk the hallways of Pine Valley Community Village you may notice interesting photos of old barns, rock outcroppings, wild life, beautiful outdoor scenes and country roads. The photos were taken by Pine Valley maintenance employee Tom Perry. Pine Valley employees are a diverse group with many different hobbies and talents. While we certainly see our staff's talents during the work day it is always appreciated when staff shares some of their interests. Tom is a gifted photographer and we truly appreciate him donating these photos to Pine Valley for residents, staff and visitors to enjoy.

Tom Perry is a Veteran of the Navy, Submarine Force and Pine Valley Community Village has several residents that are Veterans. Tom felt we should give special recognition to our Veterans so he made individual wooden plaques with decals depicting the military branch the resident served in. Tom did this on his own time, using reclaimed wood from the old Pine Valley building, pieces of laminate scrap from the new building and using his own funds to purchase the decals. The result is a nice looking plaque that residents are proud to have displayed near the door to their rooms.







Next time you are at Pine Valley Community Village be sure and view the photos and military plaques that adorn our walls.



PV Residents: Melvin Dosch, US Army; Alfred Johnson, Airforce; and Richard Wilson, US Navy "Seabees" Staff: Chris Glasbrenner, Tom Perry, and Kayla Mueller



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Pine Valley Foundation Gifts

The Pine Valley Foundation serves and commits its donations to Pine Valley Healthcare Residents and the ones who care for them to help serve their needs. With your generous gifts of money, the residents' lives are enriched with the items purchased for them. Thank you for your gifts and your continued support.

- I would like more information on the following:

Volunteer opportunities

_____ Upcoming fund-raising events

In Memory Of donations ______ In Honor Of donations______ Mail To: Pine Valley Foundation Inc. 25951 Circle View Lane Richland Center, WI 53581