

# Windsor Manor

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Millie's daughter Linda, tying a blanket.



Gladys and Jan are creating birthday cards.

**Our First Annual Creation Station was a hit! Residents, family, guests and staff had a great time creating.**



Marjorie's daughter in law and long time friend, Butch are enjoying tying a blanket that will be donated to Blank Children's Hospital.



Millie and Marjorie are making necklaces.



## Celebrating April Birthdays

*Norma Hueton  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Hannah Mathany  
April 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Gladys Waters  
April 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Craig Vice  
April 14<sup>th</sup>*

*Maxine Martens  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Elizabeth Mathany  
April 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Keith Lee  
April 28<sup>th</sup>*

## Welcoming Gerald and Mary!



Mary and Gerald both grew up in South Dakota. Mary was born on an Indian reservation and Gerald grew up in a very small town. Gerald and Mary met in high school and were married shortly after graduation while Gerald was in the military. They have one boy and four girls. They also have fifteen grandchildren and three great great grandchildren that they spend time with as much as possible!

Gerald drove a bus most of his life and Mary worked at home as a daycare provider. Gerald also worked as a grounds keeper at a country club in Norwalk where they lived for many years. Mary told me that she's never had a driver's license, that she never wanted one and that she loved being a stay at home mom.

Gerald enjoys volunteering at the VA and Mary loves to garden. Mary told me she can't wait to spend time in the Windsor Manor court yard, pulling weeds and planting flowers this coming Spring!

Gerald and Mary told me they are very happy at Windsor Manor. "The people are friendly and the staff is very helpful and they are enjoying a less stressful retirement". We're so happy Gerald and Mary chose Windsor Manor to call home.

**Employee Spotlight**  
**Judy Mitchell**



Judy grew up in Indianola in the country with four sisters and three brothers. She has fond memories of them all playing together. They played red light green light and red rover red rover on a regular basis. They didn't have running water or electricity so it was dark at night. Her mother made up a game called Going Down West that they played every night before going to sleep. It was a memory game that made them laugh and they all loved it.

Judy has been married to her husband David for thirty years. She has two children. A boy named Brian and a girl named Michael. She has six grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

When Judy isn't at Windsor Manor taking care of our residents, she enjoys spending time outside on her acreage in Martensdale. She has 7 chickens, two dogs and three horses. In the winter, she likes to go sledding in her back yard. She puts her dogs on the sled and they go down the hill together.

Judy has been working as a caregiver for forty years and she couldn't imagine doing anything else. She loves taking care of residents and giving them the love and understanding that they deserve and need. "I learn from the residents every day and they make me a better person". Judy also told me that she loves being at Windsor Manor because we have great staff and management. She feels like the management really cares and that we're a team. She appreciates that Jenny stands behind the staff and is always there for them.

Judy is loving and compassionate and a mentor to all of us. She strives to make all our residents feel loved and valued. We are all beyond blessed to have Judy on our team!

**April Showers**

You know what they say about April showers...they bring May flowers. But at my county home, April showers bring April mud! Now if that makes me sound like a glass half empty person, just look at my car in the parking lot. It's half full of mud and the other half is dirt. And then notice the mud spots on the back of my pants. But then if we don't get rain in July, I'll be complaining about our withering crops. I guess I'm just not cut out to be a county girl.

Never mind the mud. Don't you just love Spring? I daydream about what I will plant in my flower gardens and how I will arrange my deck furniture. We are getting some new furniture for both patios this summer. I hope you will enjoy soaking up the sun and gazing at the beautiful flowers on the patio. Maxine Lee kept the petunias looking great last Summer, and I hear Mary Hilgemann hates weeds as badly as I do. Get ready ladies. It's almost planting time!  
 Jenny Knust, ED



*One of Windsor Manor's rose bushes*

**Friends and Family**

Please join us in celebrating Maxine's Martens 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!  
**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00- 11:00.**

We are going to celebrate a very special lady with birthday cake, refreshments and music.

**9:00-10:00** cake and refreshments  
**10:00-11:00** Celtic Music Band

**Come wish Maxine a happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!**



**Maxine Martens**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAXINE!  
 WE LOVE YOU!**

**Events in April**

- April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:30  
Residents Council in the Living Room
- April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 Drumming Circle Music
- April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2;30  
Birthday Party Social in the dining room
- April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2;30  
Color Easter Eggs in the activity room
- April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00  
Kay and Jerry's music in The Gardens
- April 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00  
Maxine Martens 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party  
Featuring Celtic Music
- Manicures every Wednesday
- Walmart shopping April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>

