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We, at Shalimar Gardens, have found that it isn't as easy to know our neighbors as it was before our community became so large. As the number of residents has increased, the number of staff has increased also. Some of the residents are making an effort to learn names and become better acquainted with each other. We are schedul-

ing more frequent social occasions to encourage that effort. Each week we will put a different person in the spotlight to learn more about them. We will be putting names with the pictures we put up on our display board of both residents and staff. Of course, we will continue to use the newsletter to introduce and highlight individuals.

Our Valentine's month couple is Wilma and Murriel Hansen. Some of us think of Valentine's Day as a day for the young with romance and all that "mushy stuff". The Hansen's are proof that you don't have to be young to be "love-y dovey," but on the other hand, you don't need a special day to express affection either. The Hansen's were married in 1950 in Madison County. They met in a bowling alley here in Fremont. Murriel had returned from serving in the Coast Guard and Navy and Wilma had moved from Madison County to Fremont to work at the Bell Telephone Company. They eventually purchased the Hansen family farm near Ames and raised two girls. Wilma was a cook at the Ames Public School. Their daughter, Sheryl, now lives on the family farm and their daughter, Sandra, is a special education teacher in Texas. Wilma and Murriel will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary this March.



Murriel and Wilma's "no special occasion" kiss.



Murriel and Wilma keeping in shape.

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Welcome

Here are three ladies new to Shalimar Gardens that should be easy to get to know. Alberta "Bertie" Strom tells everyone how much she likes it here. Ina Odenrider is also very friendly and willing to participate socially. Grace Kaspar has lived in Fremont for the past 15 years. Before that, she lived in Saunders County and for eight years she worked as a hairdresser for Mary Gillespie in Wahoo.



Welcome to Bertie Strom.



Welcome Grace Kaspar (pictured with Tammi McElroy).



Welcome Ina Odenrider.

We are also happy to welcome some familiar faces. Some of our care staff members left Shalimar Gardens to work elsewhere and have returned. Helen Thoele is back full-time and as much fun as ever. Jessica Sissel and Katie Cone have returned part-time and we are hoping to see them around more and more often.



Helen



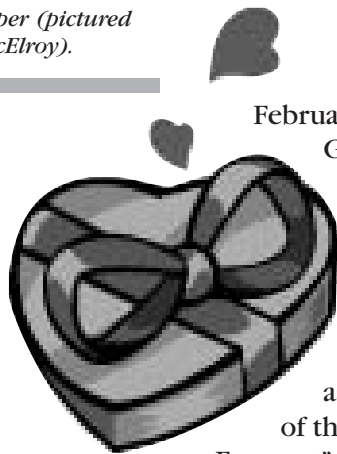
Jessica



Katie



Welcome to new member of Shalimar's dietary staff, Kate Bennett.



February is a short month that has Groundhog Day, Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day, and President's Day as possibilities for celebration, not to mention several residents' birthdays. Most of our energy will go toward Mardi Gras, as we have been given custody of the catfish "Fat Tuesday Come to Fremont" by the owner, Richard Rader, for the month of January. The statue has been standing near the fountain on first floor for all to enjoy. At least three of our residents said that they thought Fremont's community arts catfish project was, "the most stupid idea they ever heard of", but most have enjoyed or at least been amused by it. Artist, Kathryn Neubauer, came to Shalimar Gardens accompanied by Mr. Rader to answer questions about the statue; and she has invited us to visit her studio in Omaha.



Artist, Neubauer, answers lots of questions about the fish. Dorothy Salveson, Bertie Strom, Mickey Klutbe, and Rich Rader look on.

Shalimar Gardens saw a record number of Christmas carolers and other entertainers during the holiday season. We really enjoyed and appreciated their time and talents. Here are just a few pictures.



Christmas carolers from First State Bank.



Martin Sork looks handsome in this silly santa hat. Liz Diers helps in both the dietary and house-keeping departments.



Entertainer, Michael Walker, dancing with Marian Row at the Christmas party.



Stan Coleman with granddaughter, Jessica, at the Christmas party.

In early January, more than forty Midland students visited Shalimar Gardens to interview residents regarding how much the world has changed during their lifetimes. We divided the sociology class into two groups and provided two panels of residents, using the TV Room and Chapel for the discussions.



Panelist, Alice Houfek, with Midland freshmen.



Left to right seated are residents Frances Kurth, Doris Harriman, Al Strangkoener, Mary Brown, and Dorothy Salveson. Standing are Pastor Anderson and members of Good Shepherd.



Hazel Bittinger on her birthday with sister-in-law, Rosie Marie Prochaska.



Leone Heimann's (left) birthday with June Bellis at the dinner table.

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