

THE GREEN HILLS CHIMES



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Ames, Iowa

The Chimes newsletter is for Green Hills residents to inform one another about current trends and offerings in our community.

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GHRA President's Message **Joan E. Herwig** **Happy 35th Anniversary** **Green Hills Community Residents**

History and Anniversaries.....what do they have in common? Are they the same or different? This month we have an opportunity to continue exploring these parallel connections when we are celebrating the 35th anniversary of the founding of our Green Hills Retirement Community. Watch for further announcements for the Thursday, September 16, 2021 celebration.

The vision of our founders, and all past and current residents, is evident throughout our campus and the community life we experience today. It all began with the vision of a few, the dedication of many, and with construction of the townhomes (Woodview) and the Oaks apartments.....all has expanded from there over these 35 years, especially with our Health Care Center. The photos on the next page capture the beginnings of our campus, and our individual daily meanderings through the campus are cause for celebration for our resident-owned community. One visual measure of change beyond our "bricks and mortar" is the establishment and growth of our tree canopy since 1986! Another measure of our changing community is our ongoing Capital Improvement Projects reflecting the continued stewardship of all of us in maintaining and advancing our community's future. What would you add to this list?

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#1: Aerial view as construction continues circa July 1986 with 2415, 2417, 2419, and 2421 Hamilton Drive townhomes occupied in photo lower left.



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In addition to the “bricks and mortar” of Green Hills is the rich quality of our culturally and socially engaging community life, experienced and facilitated by all of us daily. These are the “personal photos” we all treasure about our Green Hills legacy as we continue to expand and enrich interactions for employees and ourselves. What personal reflections would you cite for your favorite, most meaningful interactions and activities? As we envision our 40th Anniversary celebration, what might you consider contributing to the continued legacy of our fulfilling community life? Happy 35th Anniversary, Green Hills! (I can be reached at jherwig@iastate.edu)

#2: An aerial view of campus for marketing GH 15th anniversary 2001.



#3: Amenities expansion with the Maples addition circa 2016-2017 with residents arriving in March of 2017.



#4: Green Hills Retirement Community front entrance 2021 at our 35th anniversary.





New Books in our Green Hills Library
on the countertop by the windows

AUTHOR	TITLE	CATEGORY
Atkinson, Kate	<i>Case Histories: A Novel</i>	Fiction—paperback
Bell, Richard	<i>Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and Their Astonishing Odyssey Home</i>	History
Clark, Mary Higgins	<i>The Melody Lingers On: A Novel</i>	Fiction
Engel, Patricia	<i>Infinite Country: A Novel</i>	Fiction
Gregson, Julia	<i>Monsoon Summer</i>	Fiction
Iturbe, Antonio	<i>The Librarian of Auschwitz</i>	Fiction—paperback
Kellerman, Jonathan	<i>Heartbreak Hotel: An Alex Delaware Novel</i>	Fiction
Mandel, Emily St. John	<i>The Glass Hotel: A Novel</i>	Fiction
Truman, Margaret	<i>Murder at Ford's Theatre: A Capital Crimes Novel</i>	Fiction—large print



Continuing Education: The State of ISU Athletics

Wednesday, September 8
10:00 a.m., Community Room



Bill Fennelly, Iowa State Women's Basketball Coach, will present this month's continuing education program. Bill will talk about various athletic programs including football and both the men's and women's basketball programs. He will also update us on the future of the Big 12 Conference as well as current or future ISU construction plans and progress. Be sure to bring all of the burning questions you have about Cyclone athletics and any of its programs or projects to this presentation in the Community Room.

Next in our Art Gallery: TRAINS! Paintings by Stewart Buck



Born in 1951, Stewart Buck grew up in Ames. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1973 with a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design. He continued at ISU obtaining both an M.A. in Graphic Design and a Degree in Art Education. He taught high school art in the Bondurant-Farrar Community School District for 36 years before retiring in June of 2011. He lives in Ankeny with his wife Mary and now devotes full time to his freelance artwork.

Several Green Hills residents own paintings by Buck. His art has won countless awards in exhibitions throughout the Midwest and has been selected three times for the prestigious "Iowa Artists Exhibition" at the Des Moines Art Center. He received ISU's Design Achievement Award recognizing "outstanding achievements of alumni in the field of art and design." His piece "Red Wheels" (*above*) won First Place in the 2016 National Railroad Art Exhibition in Las Vegas.

Stu's paintings will be on display in our Art Gallery hall through September and October. The Art Gallery committee will host a reception for him sometime in September.

August 12: The Art Gallery committee hosted a reception for its popular "Rural Reflections" show



Residents & visitors socialize in the lobby



Committee chair Rae Reilly tries out the Food on a Stick



Joe Ludley shows his N-scale T-Trak module of a rural scene



Exhibitors share stories about their show pieces

Notes left in the Comments Book:

"Wonderful exhibit – we really enjoyed it!"

"Love it! I haven't lived on the farm for 65 years but this display reminds me of where my heart is."

"This show has been such fun! Great memories"

"Very enjoyable! A lovely walk down memory lane"



Esther Willham shares one from her late husband Richard's collection

A Fond Memory from Dixie Jensen

More than a year ago, Dixie handed me this typewritten story she wanted to share with me because my husband also grew up near Skellytown, Texas. I've been waiting to have a whole page in the Chimes to place this photocopied memory that is clear and dear from Dixie Jensen:

On Mother's Day I had the nicest memory come to my mind. All day I had been aware of occasional anxious glances from my husband. He didn't say a word on Saturday when there was no mail from our children. This year, for about the first time, he didn't present me with a gift. We had a lovely Mother's Day dinner on Friday evening with friends. The highlight was the joyous, clowning entertainment by the men.

Sunday was a beautiful day. Leisurely breakfast, church, dinner on the patio, bicycling, visiting in the yard with neighbors--the kind of day parents with children dream about! I really didn't expect any phone calls this year. In my mind, on Mother's Day, I'm a child. And even though all these years I've avoided cards, rationalizing the commercialism, at this time I always think of home as with my parents and in the past.

After we were in bed I was drowsily recalling some early memories and there was the BLUE BOX! I saw it in a little place we lived in in Skellytown, Texas in the early 1930's. It was such a small place, but a home. I think I can remember every piece of furniture and how it was arranged. This box sat under several small windows that were covered with white, sheer, ruffled curtains. It was my parents creation together. Daddy built the box, about the size of a cedar chest, with tools a very young married man would have and the boards he had. They painted it blue. Mother padded the inside and the lid with soft cotton and put pink satin over it and fastened it to the box. The baby clothes were stored in it. My first memory of it is at this time. I must have been about 4. But I realized it was an object that spoke of love and joy and anticipation. And I knew that my parents loved us.



Pop Tops Collection:

Marlene Feilmeyer is saving pop tops for her church who delivers them to the Ronald McDonald charities. They become a major fundraiser to help fund the Ronald McDonald Houses, as well as providing maintenance, repair and supplies. Put your saved pop tops (pulled off the can tops) in Marlene Feilmeyer's Green Hills mailbox: Town Home #2345.

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Do you know someone
at Green Hills who is ill,
in the hospital, or has
lost a loved one in their
immediate family?

Whoooo —
you gonna call?



The Friendship
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Paula Toms x5141
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The Friendship Committee

Please call the following committee members if there are occasions when a contact should be made to recognize illnesses and deaths:

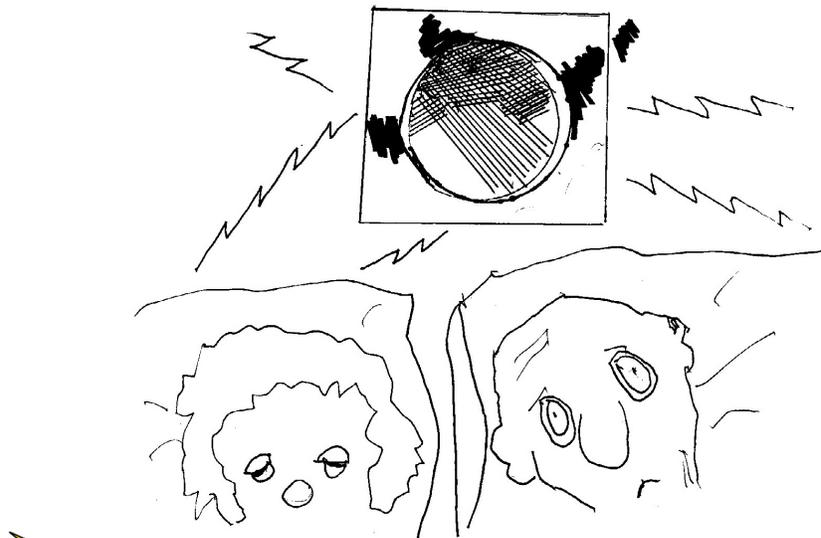
Contacts for **September 2021:**

Apts: LoAnne Worth x5177

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The fire alarm announcer
decides to announce
the next false alarm in **Pig Latin** !

Ed's
Cartoon
Corner



Tention-atay! Tention-atay!

A eported-ray mergency-ay is eing-bay vestigated-inay!

Tay-say in our-yay partment-ay!

Eep-kay our-yay oor-day osed-clay!

Ock-unlay our-yay oor-day!

Oo-day ot-nay use-yay the evator-elay!

Translation:

Attention! Attention!

A reported emergency is being investigated!

Stay in your apartment!

Keep your door closed!

Unlock your door!

Do not use the elevator!

(this repeats for about 1/2 hour)