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Green Hills Retirement Community
Ames, Iowa

The Chimes news-
letter is for Green
Hills residents to
inform one another
about current trends
and offerings in our
community.
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GHRA Vice-President's Message

The loss of Joan Herwig to our Green Hills community was certainly untimely. She had lived in our community for six years. She loved the Green Hills community and delighted in getting to know other residents.. We will miss her wonderful personality and presence. She was intelligent, competent and thorough. She had the patience of a good listener.

Joan was an active participant in our community having served as chairperson of the Advisory Council and on several other committees. She was recently selected to be President of the Residence Association Board and served for two months prior to her passing. She will be missed but definitely remembered as a bright star in our Green Hills Galaxy.

Joan's replacement on the Board will be decided at the September Board meeting. The process will follow the GHRA By-laws as presented in Articles 3 and 4 below.

ARTICLE 3- Board of Directors

Section 3.15 (b) Order of Business. At all meetings of the Board, the President, or in his or her absence, the most senior Vice President present, or otherwise the person designated by the vote of a majority of the directors present shall preside.

Section 3.7 Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board through death, resignation, removal or any other cause, including an increase in the number of directors, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors. Any director so elected or appointed shall hold office for a term equal to the unexpired term of the director whose position that new director has filled.

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ARTICLE 4- Officers

Section 4.7 Vacancies. Any vacancies in any office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board at a regular or special meeting of said Board. Any officer so elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for a term equal to the unexpired term of the officer he succeeds.

An Executive Committee meeting was held on August 31st to discuss the process related to Articles 3 and 4 above. Joan's vacancy on the Board may be filled, according to Article 3, Section 3.7 of the By-laws, by a majority vote of the remaining Board members. In this regard, Joan Mathews has been nominated by the Executive Committee based on the number of votes she received in the most recent Board election. Other nominations may be received prior to the vote at the September Board meeting.

Article 3, Section 3.15 (b) of the By-laws specifies that the Vice-President serves in the President's absence. The Vice-President doesn't automatically become the new president. The new President must be elected by majority vote of the Board.

Pertaining to Article 4, Section 4.7 of the By-laws, and at the August 31st Executive Committee meeting, Jerry Hall was nominated for President and Alan Atherly was nominated for Vice-President. Other nominations can be made at the September Board meeting prior to the majority vote of the Board. If Jerry Hall is not voted to be President, he will remain as Vice-President with no election for Vice-President.

Thanks for your attention to this article. Please contact me by cell phone at 515-520-9641 or GH phone 5061, or email at JLH69558@msn.com if there are questions. —Jerry Hall

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From the Maples & Oaks residents:

Thank You to all the gardeners who gave fresh vegetables & flowers from their gardens, leaving them in the Bistro lobby for our free pickings. There is nothing better than FRESH!

The Friendship Committee

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

Contact Assignments for **October 2021:**

Apts: Joan Essig x5212

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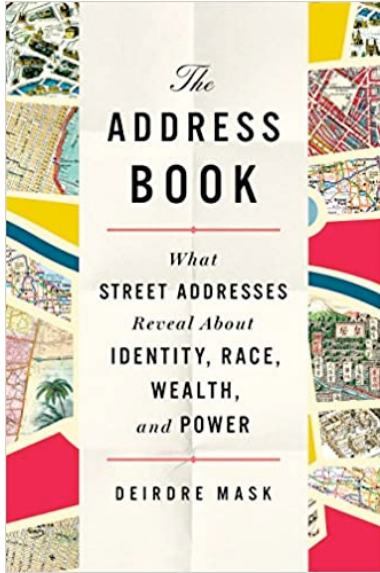
New Books in our Green Hills Library
on the countertop by the windows

AUTHOR	TITLE	CATEGORY
Acker, Duane	<i>From Troublesome Creek: A Farm Boy's Encounters on the Way to a University Presidency</i>	Iowa
Acker, Duane	<i>Back to Troublesome Creek: Encounters in Developing Countries, Washington's Bureaucracy, and on the Farm</i>	Iowa
Acker, Shirley Hansen	Ten Minutes to Rake the Carpet: An Unexpected Life of Hosting, Travel, Painting, and Politics	Iowa
Clinton, Bill and James Patterson	<i>The President's Daughter</i>	Fiction
Connelly, Michael	<i>Fair Warning</i>	Fiction
Kellerman, Jonathan	<i>Victims</i>	Fiction
Tursten, Helene	<i>An Elderly Lady Is Up to No Good: Stories</i>	Fiction

BOOK REVIEW "The Address Book" by Deirdre Mask

Addresses can be interesting!

A book with a title like *The Address Book* might sound pretty dull, but in the hands of Deirdre Mask, this becomes an engaging and informative read. The subtitle *What Street Addresses Reveal About Identity, Race, Wealth, and Power* tells more about what's in store as you read this 270-page volume.



Here are some examples:

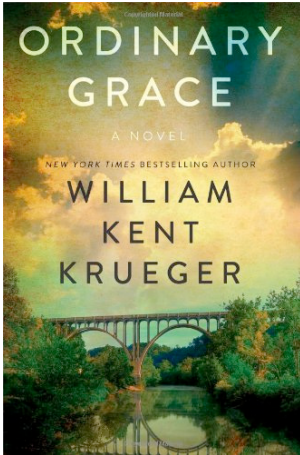
Did you know:

- Not having a specific address makes it difficult to participate in society whether you live in the slums of Kolkata or share a Rural Route 2 address with many neighbors. How can emergency vehicles find your house in a timely manner?
- In Belfast apparently you can tell a person's religion and how much money they make by knowing which side of the street they live on. The farther up the hill, the more expensive the houses become.
- That cities spend an inordinate amount of time deciding on street names? The author gives examples of city councils in both New York (post-9/11) and Berlin (after WWII), where one would suppose their councils might have more pressing matters at hand, spending up to half their time on street name changes.
- That you could live on Black Boy Lane in London? The author, who is black, and her family decided to make their home elsewhere in London.
- In New York, for example, tenants and building owners often pay for vanity addresses? If you'd rather live on Park Avenue than Lexington, all it takes is money. Your property doesn't have to front on Park. Again that creates problems for emergency vehicles.
- That, after the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., European cities named streets memorializing him in short order and with little fanfare, but fistfights broke out in American cities as they fought over naming streets for King?

All in all, your address equals your identity. So, if this report has piqued your interest, look for the book in your Green Hills library, either with the new books or in the Geography section.

—Barbara Munson

BOOK REVIEW "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger



Author William Krueger didn't finish his anthropology major in college, but when writing a mystery series taking place in northern Minnesota, he researched the Ojibwe culture and weaves this information into his books. Learning about indigenous people is only one of the lessons taught the summer of 1961, when Frank Drum, the narrator of this story, was 13. He lives in a small town in Minnesota with his family: a father who pastors a three point parish, a mother with great musical talent who had no intention of marrying a pastor, a younger brother, and a musically talented older sister. They live in the mother's hometown where her parents still live, and where she still has childhood friends. The daughter even takes music lessons from the same teacher as her mother.

Frank and his brother don't seem to have many boundaries and often tag along with one adult or another, most often their father or Gus, who lives in the basement of the church. (Gus was a soldier buddy of the father and they shared secrets from the war). Other characters have secrets, also, and somehow the young boys find out many of them.

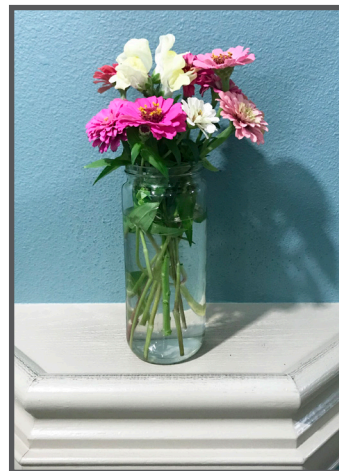
When death strikes the family, Krueger writes well describing how the family reacts. Most amazing is how the father is able to thoughtfully preach and pray. This is a coming of age story, but also a mystery, as the killer is finally identified. The father is assigned to another parish and the family moves, but Frank, the narrator, is telling the story 40 years after it happened, so we find out how the family story ends.

I'll let you read the book to find out about a grace that is more than a table prayer.

—Ann Hein



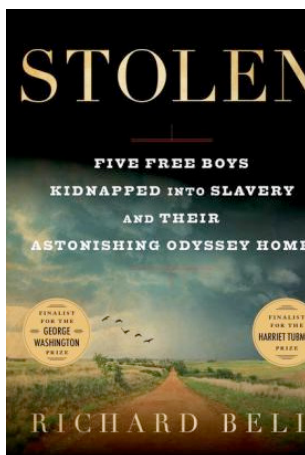
Have you seen the giant Elephant Ears at the Health Care entrance? Thanks, Sonya Colvin, for the gee-whiz photo!



Thank you, Fran Berger & Sonya Colvin for leaving cut flowers from your gardens on the apartment shelves, the town home doorsteps, and assisted living & health care rooms. All of Green Hills will have been gifted before the frost sets in.

BOOK REVIEW

"Stolen" by Richard Bell



Are you familiar with the Reversed Underground Railroad? I wasn't until I read "Stolen", a new addition to the Green Hills' library. This well documented book tells the story of five free Black boys who were kidnapped from the streets of Philadelphia in 1825 to be transported to Louisiana, Mississippi, or Alabama to be sold as slaves. The author traces the boys' harrowing experiences, their subsequent return to their parents and the trials of some of their kidnapers.

The business of kidnapping free Blacks from Northern cities for sale in the South was a lucrative business in the 1820s until the 1850s. This business grew up as a result of the 1808 law banning the importation of people from Africa and the Caribbean for the purpose of selling them into slavery.

Richard Bell has used court documents, newspaper articles and other primary sources to tell in a very readable way a part of America's history with which I was unfamiliar. For others interested in the Reversed Underground Railroad I would recommend this book.

—Joan Mathews

Book Donations to our Green Hills Library:

Due to shelf space and the desire to provide popular and current reading materials to GH residents, your GH library committee does have a few guidelines which we respectfully ask you to follow when considering donations for the library.

We ask you to check the copyright date for your book donations since at this time we are limiting donations to no older than 4 years.

Please contact any member of the GH library committee before donating your books. The committee members are listed in your resident directory. A copy of the directory is always available at the reception desk.

We appreciate you thinking about your fellow residents when you finish reading a book that is just too good not to share! Give a member of the library committee a call to help make that possible. If we are unable to take your donation, the library committee member can suggest sources that may take your book.

Popular options:

Planned Parenthood Book Sale, Des Moines

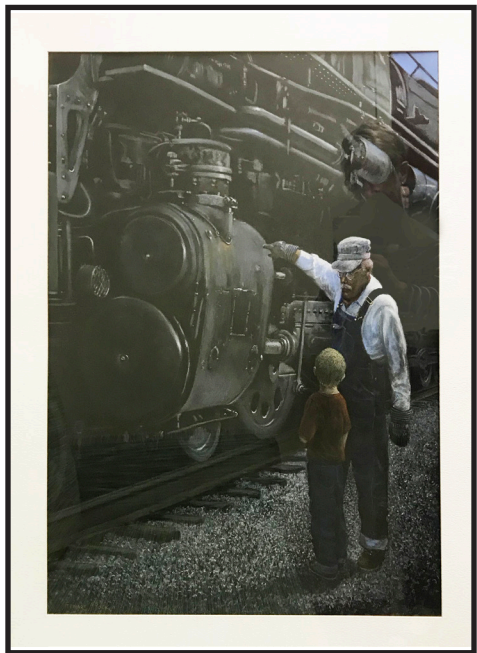
Book sale donations can be dropped off at 123 Clark Street, Des Moines, IA 50314. Donations can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Complete details on the PP website.

Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas: Bring book donations to Literary Grounds inside of Ames Public Library during open hours. See the APL website, or call 515-239-5646.

"Grampa:" A Reminiscence

Like many of you, I've enjoyed the gallery exhibition of Stewart Buck's train-theme paintings.

The one that stopped me for the longest look is called "Grampa." It's a rail yard scene of an elderly train worker giving his young grandson his first look at a locomotive. The thing is, the scene is almost exactly how I remember one of the happiest moments of my life when my own grandfather... "Papaw," I called him... took me for exactly the same experience. We were up early before dawn for bacon and fresh eggs from grandmother "Mammy's" hens. Then off we went walking in the sweet early-morning Texas air. (Ennis, Texas, an hour south of Dallas.) The station wasn't far.



Arriving at the station, I saw chuffing and huffing and sending up a mighty plume of smoke, the biggest, blackest thing I'd ever seen: A steam locomotive... and it seemed to be waiting for us to arrive.

I was thunderstruck like the boy in painter Buck's picture. The steam pouring out of the engine's side seemed almost mythical, like I had just stumbled upon a fire-breathing dragon!

Papaw was only the train's conductor and fireman, but I thought the whole thing was his from engine to caboose. I loved Papaw before that, but now I was in awe of him. When I boarded the train with him, I was the proudest I could be, and as excited, too, especially when Papaw ushered me into the rocking, throbbing engine room to meet the engineer, who gave me the honor of letting me put my hand on the throttle! Chest out with the pride of a conqueror, I followed Papaw through the rest of the train. As he took tickets, he introduced me to pas-

sengers he knew: When we reached the caboose where the mail sorters were, Papaw put in a letter addressed to me at home to remind me of our good time together. Then there was a chuff and a mighty lurch and we were off to Dallas.

There have been many good days in my life, but none better than that. "Grampa" seemed to be waiting on our gallery wall to remind me of it.

— Ed Ethridge

Stewart Buck will give an artist's talk here at Green Hills some time in October. The date and time have yet to be coordinated with his and our schedules. Watch for details from Stacie.



The artist hanging his current show in our art gallery.



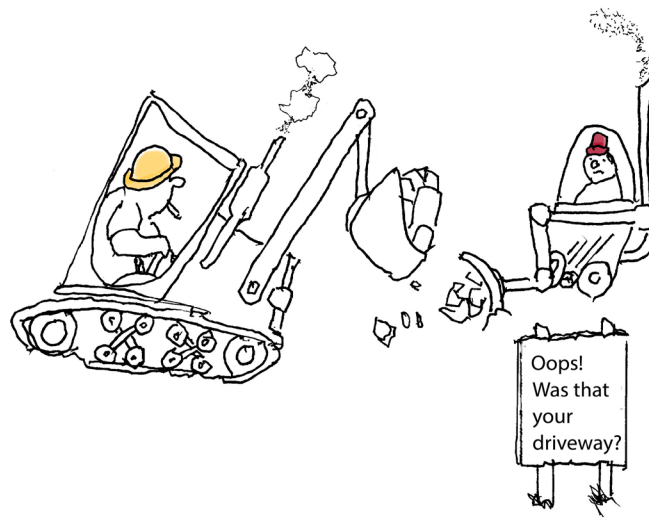
Kelly and Irene Tobin hit the dance floor during our fun evening at the wonderful Lake Robbins Ballroom. Just about everyone danced, including our swing-dance fans Vanessa and her husband Kris.



Alpha Delta Pi sorority members here at Green Hills gathered to honor Ginny Stafford. Pictured above with Ginny (seated) are Kathryn Andre, Bev Madden, and Ruth Larson.

It was a tribute to Ginny's 75-year membership anniversary in Alpha Delta Pi.

Ed's Cartoon Corner



Road Rage at Green Hills: Duelling 'Dozers !