

Gardenside News

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Welcome Pearl!

Pearl is the newest four-legged resident of Gardenside long-term care. Pearl, a two month old Golden Doodle joined the Gardenside family on Sept. 14.

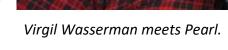
Gardenside staff and residents were ready for another four-legged companion and resident. Gardenside has had two dogs since 2000. Flash, a larger mixed-breed rescue dog, came in 2000, and Tia, a smaller Chihuahua-Terrier mix, joined Flash in 2007.

Both Tia and Flash provided a lot of love and companionship to residents, visitors and staff at Gardenside. Both have since passed on.

Early in 2023, staff and residents were ready for a new companion. The search was on, and when a Golden Doodle puppy was available Director of Nursing Laura DeBoer went to meet the puppies, and chose a beautiful puppy the residents named Pearl.

"When she walked in the door for the first time it was like she was saying 'I'm home," DeBoer said.

DeBoer said she is doing great with her training – including house training, learning about being around wheel chairs and walkers, and learning areas where she is not allowed (like the dining room and clean supply room.)



"We have all committed to the work of bringing a puppy home," DeBoer said.

She loves to play with her toys, and loves to cuddle on laps and beds when invited.

"We know that animals can help promote relaxation and healing," DeBoer said. "Pearl also brings lots of smiles – for residents, visitors and staff."

Staff are also careful to know if some residents are not dog lovers, and will strive to help Pearl learn where she should not go.

So far, adding Pearl as Gardenside's newest resident has brought a lot of joy.

"It's so heart-warming to see the smiles on residents' faces when they get to snuggle with Pearl," DeBoer said.

Staff gets into the swing



Staff joined in to the entertainment with Johnny Ray Gomez.

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Admissions

- Darrell Waring, Sept. 8
- Lyle Olson, Sept. 13
- Vickie Curry, Sept. 14
- Stanley Judd, Sept. 21
- Gaylen Meyer, Sept. 25

Birthdays

- Gaylen Meyer, Oct. 12
- Mark Schmidt, Oct. 14
- Robert Weers, Oct. 22
- Melody York, Oct. 26
- Margaret Veatch, Oct. 27

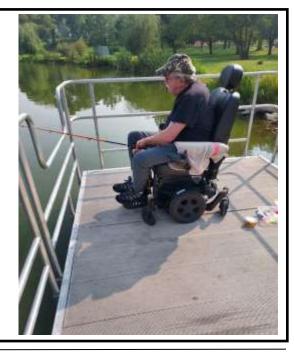
Deaths

Gardenside was saddened by the deaths of 4 residents in the past month. Our sympathy is with the families of:

- Ardith Rickers, Aug. 28
- Kristi McAuliff, Sept. 3
- Marion Phillips, Sept. 5
- Alberta L'Ecuyer, Sept. 23

Fishing Fun

Roger Junker enjoys fishing from the dock at Crystal Springs.





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September brings fall fun

By Nate Behrends

Evening Activity Coordinator

As September comes to a close, we are preparing for the fall and all the colors, fragrances and activities it brings. Paul Siebert entertained in September, and the return of Johnny Ray Gomez was a big hit as they brought their skills to the Gardenside stage.

We celebrated birthdays in September with Mary Adkins, Lyle Olson and Wayne Stewart. Kristi McAuliff also had a September birthday, but sadly, she left us before reaching her birthday. A few of our staff traveled to celebrate her life with the family near Lexington.

As we move into October, Gardenside will be taking bus trips to see the changing of the leaves and watch the crops disappear for another harvest. We will make a trip to the pumpkin patch, for sure.

Pumpkin carving and other fall festivities will fill up the days till the goblins and ghosts visit us at the end of the month.

Gardenside welcomes a brand new entertainer to us in October. Mr. Memories Joe Taylor will bring his song styling to us for the first time on Oct. 9, and Dan Reynolds, known in certain circles as the King of Diamonds, brings his talents to Gardenside on Oct. 25. If you would like to join us for any of these shows please contact us for more details!

We have many activities to keep us entertained, including tailgates on Fridays, watching Husker football

(we're trying to help them get back on track), Husker volleyball (the ladies are doing well!), Bingo, crosswords, bus trips and more.

Stay tuned for news on the Bell Choir's possible return for Christmas. Until next time.

Tailgate Piñata

At left, Jodi Brantley and staff watch as Joan McKenzie gives the CU Buffalos piñata a whack. At right, Bob Weers gives it a try and candy showers down!





Words of thanks

Thanks to the Facilities Department and Bristol for doing a fantastic job on the new windows. Thanks to all Gardenside staff for the continued amazing cares to our residents with all the new admissions, and recent deaths.

A big shout out to Mary Feldkamp for working hard to get a Steele City trip set up. The residents were so happy and didn't want to leave!

Residents enjoy parades









Above, residents cheer on the Fairbury Jeffs at the home-coming parade in downtown Fairbury. Many family members were able to celebrate with their loved ones.



Top left, Dick Bugbee, Kenneth Dodge, and Wayne Stewart reminisce at Steele City's 150th at the tractor show. Top right, Dick Bugbee and Wayne Stewart were pleased to see Dave Mosher and Alan Dux at Steele City's celebration.

Middle left, back row, Mary Feldkamp, Wayne Franzen, Kelli Pohmlann and her daughter Elaina; front row, Wayne Stewart, Robert Weers, Ronald Weers (Robert's brother), and Richard Bugbee. Above, Robert and Brian Weers, with Robert's tractor that was in the Steele City parade.

Fresh peaches—from peeling to eating!









Top left, Margaret Veatch and Joan McKenzie peel fresh Colorado peaches. Top right _____; bottom left, Dale Maatsch enjoys fresh peaches; Bottom right, Mark Schmidt and Dick Bugbee?????? Enjoy fresh peaches.

Working to Make Wishes Come True

Gardenside staff want to help make the wishes of our residents come true. We continue to visit with residents about places they would like to visit and activities they would like to participate in. We are working to make these dreams reality for our residents.

This month, Dorothy Reid and Margaret Veatch went to the Lincoln Children's Zoo!







Pie making wish comes true

Another wish Gardenside staff assisted with in September was Carol Barber's wish to make a pie. Daughter Pam came and she and Carol made French Silk Pie from Carol's own Courtyard Square cookbook.







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Happy Birthday!





Lyle Olson photo

At our monthly birthday party on Sept. 11 we celebrated with Wayne Stewart and Mary Adkins. Joining us after the birthday party was Lyle Olson.

