

CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Estates I

- 03 Henry Hoeks
- 05 Jackie Boomstra
- 10 Jim Fridsma
- 10 Joyce Locke
- 16 Grace VanDoorne
- 20 SallyAnn Schuitema
- 21 Kathy Bultman
- 24 Karen Brewington
- 24 Esther Louwerse

Estates II

- 02 Jan VanderKieft
- 03 Norma VanArk
- 09 Arlene Egedy
- 09 Pat Kingma
- 11 Elaine Tiesenga
- 20 Rose Ellens
- 21 Judith Markham
- 22 Laurie Deters
- 22 Andrew Tiesenga
- 25 Judy Randall
- 26 Lois Hollemans
- 26 Esther Land
- 26 Lois Meyne
- 29 Dorothy Postema

Estates III

- 09 Lucille Jager
- 16 Vicki Solomon
- 23 Sherrilyn Sytsma
- 27 Janice Pezoldt
- 29 Jim Euker
- 30 Marie VanAntwerpen

Homes

- 02 Helen Wentzheimer
- 06 Nancy Verkaik
- 08 Alice Greidanus
- 11 Bob Hasper
- 24 Hugh VanderWoude
- 25 Ken Bratt
- 25 Harriet Hasper
- 27 Wayne Wentzheimer

*Happy
Birthday*

DEAN & ROSE ELLENS- EST II - 5023

by June Primus

Dean Ellens was born in Lafayette, Indiana. He attended Valley Christian School in Bellflower, California, and Hamilton High School in Hamilton, Michigan. After completing three years at Calvin College, he went on to Southwest Texas State University and then went to Officer Training School for the U.S. Air Force in Texas. Rose, (Bultman) went to West Sayville Christian School and Baldwinsville Public High School in New York, before completing two years at Calvin College. The two were married in Hanley Christian Reformed Church in Grandville, Michigan in 1974. Dean began his career in the Air Force where he rose to the rank of captain. He later became a registrar at several colleges, including Calvin, Westmont, Colorado Christian, and Trinity Christian. A few years before retirement, he switched gears and became the human resources director at the Hudsonville Ice Cream Company. Rose was an assistant in the education department at Calvin College until becoming a stay-at-home mom to their two sons. She re-entered the work force as a bank teller at Old Kent Bank, and later served as a departmental assistant in several colleges across the country. She was also on staff at a pregnancy care center. Besides their sons, Dean and Rose have three granddaughters. Dean enjoys family fun and sports of all kinds. Rose loves family gatherings, water aerobics, bargain shopping and giving away nearly new items, crossword puzzles, and visiting Arizona. They hope to find a church home soon. Raybrook was like home to them before they even arrived; Rose's parents, Fred and Linda Bultman, moved to Estates I in 2002. Her sister Kathy now lives in Estates I, her brother Fred in Estates II, and her sister Joanne in Estates III. The couple say, "They are happy to be here" and we are happy they are here too!" Welcome them to the Raybrook Estates II family!



LARGE PRINT BOOKS NEEDED

Do you have any large print books that you are done reading?

The Estates I Library is looking for large print books and would welcome the donation. All donations can be brought to the EI library and placed in the labeled donation space in the first cabinet to the right. Thank you for your consideration.



RAYBROOK LIFE

A Monthly Newsletter for Raybrook Estates & Homes
A Vibrant Way of Living

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"Our greatest
glory is not in
never falling,
but in rising
every time we
fall"

- Confucius.



AFTERNOON WITH AN AUTHOR

Gary Schmidt is a prolific author of children's literature and young adult fiction. He has won several prestigious awards for his writing and has been a National Book Award finalist. He is Professor Emeritus of English at Calvin University.

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

2:00pm

Large Dining Room

All Estates & Homes Residents Invited

Hosted by the Raybrook Women's Book Club



2025 PLANNERS

The 2025 planners are now available. If interested, please feel free to pick one up. They will be located by the mailboxes in EST I & EST II. You may contact Marcia Timmerman with any questions at 616-235-5118.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CALLING ALL GAME ENTHUSIASTS!

We are looking for volunteers that would be interested in supporting a variety of games and activities in the Cook and DeVos care centers. Stop by Volunteer Services, located in the Buiten Wellness Center, to learn more! Or reach out to Sharon at (616) 235-5717.



RAYBROOK SUPPORT GROUP

Are you supporting someone living with dementia? The Dementia Institute offers a monthly support group led by Kathy Mindes, RN, from Atrio Home Care.

The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am in Ray's Conference Room (next to Ray's Bistro).

Questions? Call the Dementia Institute at 616-235-5499.




BUITEN WELLNESS CENTER

EXERCISE WITH THE GRAND RAPIDS BALLET

Exercise with the Grand Rapids Ballet is a seated exercise class that strives to increase coordination, balance, flexibility, and strength through music and movement. It is scheduled to resume on September 9. Class will be offered on **Mondays at 2:00 pm** in the Buiten Wellness Center.

STEPS IN SEPTEMBER

The fitness team is challenging residents and staff to move more during the month of September. Please pick up a tracking sheet from the fitness center to track how many minutes you spend walking or exercising on a piece of cardio equipment (nustep, treadmill, bike, elliptical, etc.). We encourage you to track the number of minutes you go above and beyond your normal routine. Please return your tracking sheet by October 4. Participants will be entered in a prize drawing. 

LIFE ENRICHMENT

VETERANS WALL

Every year Vibrant Living focuses on updating our Veterans Wall in the tunnel just outside Buiten Wellness Center. If you have served our country or abroad in any form of military service, active or not, we would like to extend an invitation to have your picture taken and added to this honorary wall. Please call or email Jaci in the Life Enrichment office to schedule a time to have your picture taken - this process is very quick and you'll be in and out in less than 5 minutes. *Contact Jaci at, 616-235-5042, or jaci.martin@hollandhome.org.*

HOLLAND HOME FOUNDATION

SAVE THE DATE

Keeping the Promise Dinner
DeVos Place
December 16, 2024

Please consider joining us for the 2024 Keeping the Promise Dinner as we celebrate the gift of God's Son and reflect on the theme of friendship, community and generosity as demonstrated in the beloved holiday story, It's a Wonderful Life. This event is always a highlight of the holiday season so mark your calendar now. Acclaimed Christian singer and songwriter, Francesca Battistelli, will add a special musical touch to our Christmas celebration. Proceeds from this event directly benefits the Holland Home Resident Assistance Fund ensuring that individuals are cared for even if they outlive their personal resources. Complimentary bus transportation is available to Holland Home residents. Invitations will mail in October. *Questions: contact Marcia Timmerman at marcia.timmerman@hollandhome.org or 616-235-5118.*

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A NEW RESIDENT PORTAL EXPERIENCE IS COMING.....

Holland Home is excited to announce the upcoming launch of our NEW resident portal app at the end of September. The Holland Home Hub will provide Raybrook Estates and Homes residents with an innovative and improved digital experience, connecting you to programming calendars, resident directories, campus documents and MUCH MORE! More information and detail will be sent to residents in the mail but mark your calendars for launch events taking place September 23rd and 24th!! Additionally, we look forward to welcoming the creators of the Holland Home Hub to the Raybrook Campus on these dates. During their visit they will provide information sessions, and eagerly await the opportunity to meet you and help get you connected!

Monday, September 23rd

- Holland Home Hub 101 - A resident portal overview and info session. 1:30 - 2:30pm - Friendship Room
- The Hub Launch Lounge - Drop in to learn more about the Holland Home Hub. Bring your own device to receive one on one support in setting up your personal hub experience. 3pm - 4pm - Friendship Room

Tuesday, September 24th

- Holland Home Hub 101 - A resident portal overview and info session. 10:00am - 11:00am - Friendship Room
- The Hub Launch Lounge - Drop in to learn more about the Holland Home Hub. Bring your own device to receive one on one support in setting up your personal hub experience. 11:30am - 12:30pm - Friendship Room

BALLY SPORTS

As you have likely heard, Bally Sports has returned to Xfinity service but unfortunately has been included in a channel package that is not part of the Holland Home Bulk Service Agreement. We are certainly disappointed by this series of events and have communicated that with Xfinity. If you are interested in upgrading your channel line-up from our current package to the Ultimate package, please call or visit an Xfinity store to complete this process. Holland Home cannot make this upgrade on your behalf. *Xfinity is currently running a limited time promotion on the Ultimate Channel Package - receive 3 months FREE, then it's \$20/mo. Please call 1-800-XFINITY with any questions or to upgrade your cable service.*

VOLANTE - POINT OF SALE

Volante - Our new point of sale system, coming this fall, will allow residents to pay at the Bistro, Market, and Salon with their key fob. If you would like to utilize this technology, please submit your fob number, to Danni or Renee, to be entered into the Volante system.

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