

Oak Leaves

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It's three girls and two boys!!! That's right, Annie Oakhill blessed us with five new kittens at the end of April. Her original choice of birthing quarters was under the bed of one of our residents, but the whole family is now happily residing in a room of their own. Mother and kittens are doing very well, thank you, and loving the attention of all residents and visitors. Stop in for coffee and we'll introduce you to the family.

The nesting Eagles of Decorah have been another source of nonstop entertainment for all of us at Oakhill. We've had the residents' computer tuned day and night for the last few weeks to the live webcam of the Eagle nest, and watched as mother and father Eagle tended to the eggs and fed the new chicks. Certainly beats television, and we now know more about Eagles than any of us would have ever dreamed before this event.

Oakhill is going online. Local computer guru Jaimie Strong is putting the finishing touches on our new Oakhill web site, and it will be available for viewing soon. When we get it all put together, we can show the world who we are and what's happening on the hill. We're also setting up the e-mail system so that each resident will have a personal e-mail address to send and receive e-mails from friends and relatives.

To top off our high-tech additions, we're going to teach our residents how to use the Skype program on the computer. Skype is a program that allows you to communicate from one computer to another with live audio and video. Our residents will be able to talk to and see live pictures of friends and relatives anywhere in the world via the computer and Internet. We'll keep you posted, and let you know how to communicate with us in this high-tech way.

Spring is planting time in Iowa, and at Oakhill. West Sioux Ag/Industrial Arts instructor, Tom Chapman and his students have agreed to build some high-rise planters for Oakhill residents to plant a garden this spring. There are reportedly at least a few green thumbs among our residents, so by the June edition of this newsletter, we hope to be eating early radishes and enjoying spring flowers.

We Passed!!! Despite all the recent publicity about lack of inspections of a variety of care agencies, be assured that Oakhill is inspected, tested, reviewed and scored. We recently had a visit from the Iowa Department of Inspections and

Appeals auditor, and we have been certified until 2012. That only happens because we have a first-class staff that does things right. Thanks, staff!!!

The learning never stops. In our continuing effort to find every option to help our residents find just the right funding for their stay at Oakhill, Jan spent a couple more days in Des Moines learning about changes in the Elderly Waiver program. Oakhill is the only assisted living program in the area that takes Elderly Waiver and other subsidy programs to help our residents fund their stay. We want to be sure we are experts in this funding, and understand every angle of this complicated program so our residents don't have to worry about it.

Meet staff member Marlene Schiefen. Marlene has been with us at Oakhill since



the beginning, and previously worked at Bee Hive since 2002. She is a native of the Hawarden/Akron area and is married to Robert Schiefen. She and Robert have four children and 8 grandchildren (#9 due in June). Management, staff and residents are really glad she's a part of our Oakhill family, too.

Know what you're buying. Many assisted living facilities charge residents a relatively low basic fee and then add on fees for every little service they provide—meals, laundry, housekeeping, etc. At Oakhill, we keep it simple and include all of our services right up front in the basic fee.

We have three levels of care, with all the extras included, and we carefully assess all new residents to determine which of the three levels of care they want and need. There's one basic monthly charge, no hidden fees, no extra charges that suddenly show up on your monthly statement. Simple, easy, honest.

Know of someone who might be interested in what we have to offer at Oakhill? For more information, call Mary at 551-4284, or Jan at 551-2979. It costs nothing to take a tour of Oakhill, talk about our programs, services and funding, and explore all the ways we have to make a stay with us comfortable and affordable.

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