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One of the activities that the Riverview residents enjoy is sorting pieces by color and putting puzzles together. Here are Darry Weber, Jane Tucker and Executive Director Geri Webb in the social room enjoying their time together. Riverview Apartments has provided a much needed service to the community of Arnold and now they are needing the help of the community in return. (Pepper Werner photo)

Riverview Apartments Has Been the Giver; Now They Need to Be the Receiver

By Pepper Werner

Riverview Apartments is a much needed facility in the town of Arnold and now they need a little help from the community.

Riverview Apartments was built in 1979 and occupied in 1980. There are 15 apartments with one currently available and a second one at the end of October. There are few requirements for living at the apartments, one being age 62 or over, disabled or income/asset guidelines. Geri Webb has been the executive director since 2000. She thoroughly enjoys her position and considers the residents to be her extended family.

Geri said, “Riverview is a stepping stone for people to maintain their independence so much longer. They aren’t required to scoop snow, mow grass and the mailboxes are inside. The building doesn’t have any steps, so it is easy to get around.”

There are monthly board meetings that are open to the public. A phone call to Geri will get your name on the agenda if

there is something that you would like to discuss. Visitors are always welcome. Lee Eastburn is the chairman of the board; Rose Bierman, secretary; and Pat Scott, Diana Coleman and John Phillips are board members. A topic of discussion at the most recent board meeting was security doors. Increased security for the building and the safety of the residents is paramount.

Webb stated, “There are reserves for emergencies; however, not general operating money. We try to keep costs down for the residents. We could apply for a USDA grant, but that would be in the next fiscal year. Added security needs to happen before then.”

As for activities for the residents, there is a long list. There is a social room that can be reserved for families and monthly birthday parties are held there. They may include music, poetry readings, a speech, and of course, ice cream and cake. A photo is always included in *The Arnold Sentinel*.

Residents take turns decorating the building for holidays

and special events. Often you will find a puzzle in progress in the social room, a game of bingo, Bible study or even FROG - Fitness Reaching Older Generations. The Rotary Club has been known to bring food baskets and sing carols.

Many activities that happen at the apartments are also open to the public. For instance, the first Wednesday of every month, ladies from Gothenburg Memorial come to do a foot clinic. They trim nails and check feet and are happy to make a recommendation if further medical attention is required. The cost is \$15.00 and an appointment must be made. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board of the apartments. In order to continue the service, 14 people must be signed-up and to this point that has never been an issue.

Another community opportunity is a representative from the Agency on Aging will be coming November 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The representative will be available at Riverview to discuss Medicare Part D Plan reviews. The purpose is to help find the best op-

tion for medications. An appointment is required, but there is no fee involved.

Not all of the residents have vehicles, and Riverview does not provide transportation. However, if a trip to the doctor or church is needed, other residents, or a few local individuals, are quick to step up to the plate. There is the convenience of Reed’s Food Center delivering items, Meals on Wheels will take a meal to an apartment if it’s not possible to make it to The Arnold Exchange and a pharmacy makes weekly deliveries.

Each apartment has a kitchen and the refrigerator and stove are included in each room. There is plenty of storage as well, as laundry facilities are on site. The social room opens to an outdoor patio that also has a clothesline. The monthly fee of an apartment includes the utilities. There is a small fee for the television, and Webb says they are working on a newer plan for the Internet. Local resident Dell Cerny works very hard to accommodate the residents and maintain the facility.

So what does Riverview Apartments need from the community? At this point there are two main concerns. The first is the aforementioned security doors and the other is an additional storage building. There is an overflow of items that need to be stored on sight and there simply isn’t space. It would be set up just behind the building and be similar to the existing structure.

Monetary donations are being accepted to purchase three new exterior security doors that would lock at 9:00 p.m. and unlock at 7:00 a.m. Right now, that responsibility rests on a village resident and has become an added obligation to an already lengthy list. Several people have held this task over the years; however, it has come to the point that new doors would make things much safer and reliable. A pass code may be required for re-entry after 9:00 p.m.

If there are any questions regarding the apartments, the new security doors or the requested storage building, please feel free to contact Geri Webb 308-660-1445 or stop by Riverview Apartments at 607 South Carroll Street.

Fundraiser for Rialto Theatre Set for December 2

Arnold Chamber is sponsoring a silent auction and a cake decorating contest on Saturday, December 2, during Christmas Around Town. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the Rialto Theatre.

If you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact Patty Lamberty at (308) 520-4495.

Halloween Costume Contest & Carnival Set for Friday

Chamber will sponsor its annual Kids’ Costume Contest & Carnival this Friday, October 27.

The free kids carnival starts at 9:00 a.m., and judging starts at 10:00 a.m. sharp. The carnival will include last year’s fun games, plus a few new ones. The parade through downtown businesses follows judging and awards at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Due to the large number of young children, nine groups will be judged, from 1 year olds through high school. The top three winners in each age group will receive large prizes. Families and adults can vie for the coveted “Best Themed Family or Group” award and one of three “Best Dressed Adult” awards.

Be sure to bring your pumpkin for the “Best Decorated Pumpkin” contest.

This year’s organizers are Kendra Veirs, Katie Weinman and Rose Bierman.

Craft Show is Saturday

Twenty-plus home-based businesses and vendors offering unique crafts will be set up at the community center on Saturday, October 28, for the annual Chamber-sponsored craft show. Doors will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Arnold fourth graders will be serving a meal to raise money for their trip to Halsey. Tickets for the November 4 Arnold Housing Tour will be available at the front door.

Event organizer is Barb Gunther.

Over 100 People Attend Last Call Ministry’s Free Movie Free-Will Donations Benefit Theater

Cars were lining the streets last Wednesday night, as Last Call Ministry hosted another free movie. “The Case for Christ” drew over 100 people to the theater, with free-will donations totaling \$250.00. This money, plus concession sales was then donated directly to the theater to help with monthly expenses to keep it up and running.

Lori Stutzman, who is on Last Call’s strategic planning team, said this was the third movie that they have sponsored at the theater.

“Initially, it was about the ministry and trying to make an impact on the community - even if it was small,” she said. “We tried to show movies at the church, but with no success. This is a by-product of that. When we found out the Rialto was struggling, we approached theater board members, and they were on board.”

Once the strategic planning team determined that the movies were indeed making an impact, they began planning monthly movies. “Joyful Noise” - a more light-hearted movie - is scheduled for November, and Last Call is in the process of planning a December movie.

Stutzman said three youth groups, including one from Gandy, attended last Wednesday night’s movie.

Theatre treasurer Patty Lamberty stated that the free-will donations and the concessions from the free movies are helping to keep the theatre open. There has not been enough attendance at the movies on the weekends to pay the monthly expenses.

“It is because of movie sponsors, the fundraisers and the free-will donations that the Rialto Theatre is able to stay open!” said Lamberty.

It was all about the kids

There’s no telling how many kids Dwaine Lehmkuhler (pictured, left) has worked with over the years as horse Project Leader for the Western Riders 4-H Club, but when he started dates back to when his oldest daughter was 10-years-old. On Sunday night, his retirement as project leader became official, as a large group of current and past 4-H members and their parents honored him at the Methodist Church at their annual volunteer appreciation supper. Dwaine was presented a new pair of chinks to thank him for his many years of volunteering, and a table (pictured below) was decorated with framed photos of the many memories that were made over the years. Current 4-H Horse Project members also presented him an autographed photo taken at his last Custer County Fair as leader. “His wife, Caro, deserves a lot of credit, to,” said one 4-H parent. “Even though she didn’t have too, she would often drive out and watch our horse practices, and she was always with Dwaine at fair. (Courtesy photo)

