

# The Whispering Pine



PINE HAVEN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

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## 60+ Years of Service from a Real Gem!

Pine Haven truly has their “diamond” in Wayne Reimes. This year Wayne celebrates his 60th year with the Pine Haven Men’s Chorus.

The chorus started one year after the original Pine Haven Christian Home opened. Wayne joined at the tender age of 17. At that time, each of the supporting churches was asked to provide a quartet to help make up the chorus. They focused originally on classical music and had 52 members.

Today at age 77, he still practices with the Men’s

Chorus every Sunday afternoon, September through May. The Pine Haven Men’s Chorus is still very active with many performances throughout their season and 42 members, who now focus on the Gaither style of music.

He smiles as he tells me stories of chorus members on the bus to performances, who had to switch shirts with the bus driver because they forgot a white shirt. Then there were forgotten ties and thank goodness for a long beard that could cover up a missing tie so another member could borrow it!

After he retired as a truck driver, he was asking God what he should be doing and how he could use his voice. He received his answer in a phone call asking him to help lead Tuesday morning hymn sings at Pine Haven. Ten years later, Wayne is still here every Tuesday morning and many times you will find his wife of 55 years Mert volunteering for the Women’s Auxiliary in the Corner Store.

Wayne says his rewards for his time are great. At hymn sing, a nursing home resident, who was unable to communicate, was at hymn sing in the back of

the room and she began to sing. She sang word for word, loudly and beautifully. It brought Wayne to tears. A few days later, she passed away.

*“I will be fully satisfied as with the richest foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.” Psalm 63:5 Thank you Wayne!*



## Love Across the Generations

*Exodus 20:6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

We are blessed so many times when groups of young adults and children come to participate in an activity with our residents.



*Van Fikkert and Shirley Brecht share stories and laughs with Anna DeMaster.*

On April 5, Chris Hancock from Oostburg Christian school brought out 8 students to interview and have lunch with 16 of our residents. They were to share stories about different times in their lives. It was a wonderful and eye opening experience for all of those who participated!

The students asked many questions in order to write an article on each of the

participating residents’ lives. Once the students create the stories, they will send them back for each resident to proof read to assure all details are accurate.

The end result will be a new book in our library that has photos and stories on all the residents who were interviewed. We cannot wait to read the end product!

## Hal Hennig – The First Century

“Old Age Ain’t for Sissies” is proudly displayed outside his door at Prairie Crossing. All Prairie Crossing residents, staff and family members were treated to cake, ice cream and special movie commemorating Hal’s 100 years.

Hal’s family had a separate celebration with 60 family members on Saturday, April 9. Hal is the proud father of four daughters: Margo Noworatzky of Sheboygan, Susan Hansen of Antioch, IL, Julie Berg of Bristol, WI and Claire Koperski of Minneapolis, MN. He has 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren...all of whom adore their “Gramps”.

He enjoyed 66 years of marriage to his lovely wife Marjorie. He was an excellent clarinet and saxophone player, participating in several dance bands throughout his life. He eventually began his own band, “Hal Hennig’s Modernaires”.

Hal has had two hole-in-ones in his lifetime, the last one at age 84! Congratulations!



*Hal Hennig celebrates “100 years” with his Prairie Crossing family on April 13..*

# Sheboygan Area Retirement & Senior Resource Network

## Program Line-Up

**June 14**

**How Do Reverse Mortgages Work?** *Renee Suscha –Shorewest United Realtors & Sarah Gicius Reversed Mortgage Specialist –M&I Bank*

**July 12**

**Exercise and Healthy Summer Eating**–*Valerie Stone, OTR –Mueller Therapy*

**September 13**

**Comprehensive Financial Planning as We Age** *Pete Mersberger-Mersberger Financial Group*

**October 11**

**What Medical Equipment Will Medicare Really Pay For?** *Bonnie Markus, RN –Home Care Resources*

**November 8**

**Living Today-Planning for Tomorrow**  
*Jane Brill –Pine Haven Christian Communities & Kathy Arndt– RN -Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice*

**December 13**

**Christmas Social**

## Our Members:

Easy Living Home Health Care  
920-994-9700

Home Care Resources  
920-458-5768

Mersberger Financial Group  
920-467-4909

Mueller Therapy  
920-994-9700

Pine Haven Christian Communities  
920-467-2401

Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice  
920-467-1800

Steimle Birschbach, LLC.  
920-686-4904

Shorewest United Realtors  
920-912-0459

Wenig Funeral Homes  
920-467-3431

**Come join us! We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. at the Sheboygan Falls Memorial Library Lower Level (Elevator Accessible) located at 330 Buffalo St. in Sheboygan Falls**



*Though she will forget, I will not forget you. See I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.  
Isaiah 49:15-16*

**Please give to the 2010-2011 Resident Assistance Campaign (See Information in your churches)**

## MATTHEW 28:6

HE IS NOT HERE;  
HE IS RISEN, JUST  
AS HE SAID.  
COME AND SEE  
THE PLACE WHERE  
HE LAY.

## Upcoming Events

### Pine Haven Women's Auxiliary

**May 16** Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

\*\*Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Italian Night. The Auxiliary raised over \$3,000 and fed 422 people!! Thank you to everyone who donated bake goods and crafts for the sale at Oostburg Bank on May 6th! We are blessed to have so many wonderful supporters!

### Pine Haven Men's Chorus

**June 25** Brat Fry & Nursing Home Open House

**August 12** Oostburg Heritage Days

## Thank you!

It takes many people besides our board members to help develop the future and maintain the current vision of Pine Haven Christian Communities. Thank you to the members of various committees and the Foundation Board, who help in keeping things running smoothly.

A special thank you to Steve Klescewski for six years of service between our Foundation Board of Directors and Finance Committee.

Your time and efforts are deeply appreciated!



Sheboygan Falls Memorial Library Lower Level (Elevator)

Phone: 920-467-2401

To submit a story

E-mail: [jbrill@pinehaven.org](mailto:jbrill@pinehaven.org)

[www.pinehaven.org](http://www.pinehaven.org)

# The Whispering Pine

*Our Hearts and Rooms Are Open to All*

PINE HAVEN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

## The Dust is Settling

The Skilled Nursing Facility remodel should be completed by the end of May. This project was closely monitored by Director of Nursing, Barb Te Stroete, RN, BSN and COO Cathy Kelling, RN, BSN, COO/Administrator.

Weekly meetings were held by all those involved in the project to assure schedules were maintained and disturbances to the residents were held to a minimum.

Very special thank you's go out to all the residents of the skilled nursing facility and their families during this improvement project. The

staff's patience and extra efforts were phenomenal!



*Updated dining room.*



*The new Welcome Center.*

We'd also like to thank the contractors for their professionalism and respect for our residents while they worked here:

*Abacus Architects, Inc.  
Advance Comfort Systems  
Ahern Fire Protection  
Automatic Entrances of Wisconsin  
B&N Drywall & Painting  
Claerbout Furniture & Flooring, Inc.  
Dirkse Glass  
Dreams Unlimited  
JL Painting & Decorating  
Konz Electric  
The Lock Shop  
Luedtke Electric  
O&W Communications*



*Residents enjoy the new gathering space.*

*Oostburg Lumber  
Shoreland Builders  
Tenpas Drywall  
Verhalen*

Please join us for our open house on Saturday, June 25th during the Pine Haven Men's Chorus brat fry.

## Join the Pine Haven Team in the Battle Against Alzheimer's!

With the opening of Covenant Home Assisted Living for Memory Care in February of this year, our staff has been through many hours of specialized training to care for those with Alzheimer's and many other forms of dementia.

Alzheimer's related facts:

\*Today there are 5.4 million Americans with Alzheimer's disease.

\*By 2050, as many as 16 million people will have the disease.

\*Every 69 seconds, someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Last year, Sheboygan County raised over \$60,000 towards Alzheimer's research! Please consider walking with the Pine Haven team. The date for this year's walk is September 24, at the Sports Core in Kohler.

To join our team contact Jane Brill at 467-2401 ext. 127.



## Oostburg Girl Scouts & Residents Design an Easter Egg Tree

Oostburg Elementary Girl Scout Troop 365 with leader Janna Heinen visited Oostburg Pine Haven on April 4 to spend a little time with us.

Several residents joined in with the 11 girls to color and decorate blown out eggs for the egg tree in the activity room.

Eggs were definitely not the only things colored! Many left the event with colored finger tips. We were glad we had plastic tablecloths as a few of the dye containers managed to tip over too!

The girls spent time while they decorated eggs getting to know our residents and how they celebrated Easter with their

families. It had been years since the residents colored eggs and some never had.

Many of our residents knew the girls parents and grandparents so there were many fun stories shared. Everyone had an Egg...cellent time!



*Meghan Batzner and Alyce DePagter dye and decorate eggs for Oostburg*

## Officers

President: **Carol Dulmes**  
Vice President: **Rich Daane**  
Secretary: **Jerith Buteyn-Gier**  
Treasurer: **Dirk Zylman**

### Pine Haven Christian Home Board of Directors

#### Name & Church Affiliation

**Carol Dulmes, Board President**  
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**Rich Daane, Board Vice President**  
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First Reformed Church, Sheb. Falls  
**Bob Van Der Puy**  
First Reformed Church, Oostburg

The Corner Store at Pine Haven's main campus has beautiful crafts and cards at prices you cannot beat!

Hours are:

Monday-Friday 9:30-Noon  
12:30-1:30  
Saturday 1:00-4:00



## Thank you to all the donors listed below who sent gifts to the Pine Haven Christian Home Foundation between February 2011 and April 2011.

### In Memory of:

**Arleen Reichardt**  
Barry & Bonnie Sorensen  
Jane Kesting  
**Caroline Wieser**  
Janet Biskobing  
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### Area Churches

Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church  
Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church  
Calvin Christian Reformed Church  
First Christian Reformed Oostburg  
First Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
First Reformed Church -Oostburg  
Hope Strict Baptist Church

### Groups

Pine Haven Women's Auxiliary  
Pine Haven Men's Chorus  
Reformed Church Women's Mission Circle

### Our Mission

To provide those we serve an environment that is a Christ-centered, safe haven offering quality, compassionate care.

### In Memoriam:

Please keep our deceased loved ones and their families in your prayers:

Norman Gartman  
June 7, 1923 – February 4, 2011  
Harriet Kuck  
December 9, 1918 – February 8, 2011  
Dorothy Theune  
September 4, 1918 – February 8, 2011  
Florence Lensink  
July 17, 1927 – February 8, 2011  
Robert Kuck  
June 19, 1918 – February 16, 2011  
Pearl Irish  
April 1, 1923 – February 23, 2011  
John Damkot  
August 7, 1926 – February 27, 2011  
LaMonte Dulmes  
December 28, 1915 – February 28, 2011  
Ralph Dulmes  
October 26, 1926 – March 5, 2011  
Lois Meeusen  
March 1, 1927 – March 13, 2011  
Carol Spelshaus  
June 12, 1936 – March 19, 2011  
Ruth Dekker  
February 2, 1918 – March 20, 2011  
Verna Knoener  
September 5, 1912 – March 23, 2011  
Erna Schwartz  
April 12, 1917 – March 26, 2011  
Elmer Bitter  
February 23, 1923 – March 30, 2011  
Eugenia Bepalow  
January 6, 1919 – April 4, 2011  
Sylvester Forstner  
December 13, 1924 – April 16, 2011  
Shirley Covey  
April 6, 1933 – April 17, 2011  
Ruth Buehler  
October 2, 1928 – April 20, 2011  
Jeverna Lammers  
July 4, 1919 – April 20, 2011  
Donald Grapentine  
December 21, 1923 – April 22, 2011  
Leroy Hartman  
April 15, 1912 – April 23, 2011  
Helen Busse  
March 16, 1920 – April 25, 2011  
Adele Jordan  
April 22, 1916 – April 26, 2011