

## Happy New Year!

## by Kathy Hiller

As we start 2014, I'd like to ask everyone to help with YOUR newspaper. (We always need dependable delivery people, but it's not that!)

When submitting anything for publication, could you please email it to the News \& Views office? Our contact information is published in every issue. Just open the first page and you'll see our phone number 971-338-6131; our email address nv@seniorestatesgolf.com; the website address www.woodburnestates.com; our regular staff, and
the "fine print"
Of course, if you do not use a computer, we will still accept your handwritten notes, etc. Just be sure we can contact you if we have questions, so include your name and phone number. I love being the editor, and appreciate all the comments - good or bad. How else can we improve if we don't know what our readers want? We are looking forward to another wonderful year of informing everyone of the happenings in The Estates. Happy New Year!



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The Saturday Night Dance troops
danced out the old year to the tunes of
the Jefferson Parks Band. To find out details and to see more pictures of the party, turn to page 6 .

## 2014 News \& Views Schedule

In January and February, News \& Views will publish as follows:

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Thank you, everyone, for your cooperation.

## 2014 Activities And Events

## **Subject to Change

January 24, Friday, 5 p.m. - "Crooners of Days Gone By" sponsored by Country Meadows - \$5-Auditorium
February 7, Friday, 12 noon - Valentine Tea - \$12 - Dining Hall lobby
April 26, Saturday, 7:30-10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast co-sponsored by McCully/Legacy Financial - Open to public $\$ 5$ - Auditorium
May 2, Friday - Golf Fashion Show \& Luncheon - Auditorium
May 9, Friday - 12 noon - Spring Tea - $\$ 12$ - Dining Hall lobby
May 11, Sunday, 3 p.m. - Bernie and Red Show - Ladies Golf event $\$ 10$ - Auditorium
May 13-14-15 (T-W-T) - Rally for the Cure - sign up for a team! Charity event
June 22, Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Pienic sponsored by Cascade Park - \$5-Gazebo
July 23, Wednesday afternoon - Ice Cream Social sponsored by Emerald Gardens - \$5 - Gazebo
August 5, Tuesday, 6 p.m. - National Neighborhood Night Out
August 15, Friday, 12 noon - Summer Tea - \$12 - Dining Hall lobby
August 30, Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Picnic sponsored Country
Meadows - \$5 - Gazebo
September 27, Saturday, 7:30-10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast cosponsored by McCully/Columbia State Bank - Open to public \$5Auditorium
October 17, Friday, 1-4 p.m. - Vendor's Fair "A Fair to Remember"Open to public - Canned food admittance - Auditorium \& Dining Hall
November 22, Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. - Craft Fair \& Book Sale - Open to public - Auditorium \& Dining Hall
December 4 \& 5, Thursday \& Friday, 5 p.m. - Golf Cart Parade (Dinner for participants on Friday) - Breezeway
December 31, Wednesday, 7 p.m. - New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance (Dance only 9 p.m.) - Auditorium

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## January Library Senior Events

Submitted by Elvira Sanchez Kisser - Adult \& Teen Librarian

Basic Computer Classes at the Library

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Library2Go e-books Workshop January 7 from 5-6 p.m., Conference Room

Do you have a new e-reader or are you interested in getting one? Would you like to find free e-books to read from the library? Come to our Introduction to e-Books class and learn how to use Library2Go in finding and downloading e-books, audiobooks, and videos.

Google Drive - Wednesday, January 15 from 4-5 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Google Drive is free online software that allows you to create papers, presentations, spreadsheets, and storage for documents. Learn the possibilities of Google Drive and how to incorporate it into your daily life.

2nd Tuesday Senior Gaming Afternoons, December 10 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room

Spend the afternoon at the Library meeting other seniors while playing Pinochle, Mahjong, chess, checkers, Wii Sports, or learning how to play a new game lead by a librarian. Games and snacks will be provided.

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Afternoon Book Club, 2nd Thursday of the month from 12:001:00 p.m. in the Conference room or visit online at GoodReads Woodburn Public Library Book Club group

January 9 - Mr. Penumbra's 24hour bookstore by Robin Sloan

A tale of global conspiracy, complex code-breaking, high-tech data visualization, young love, rollicking adventure, and the secret to eternal life-mostly set in a hole-in-the-wall San Francisco bookstore.

3rd Monday Senior Book Club from 10-11 a.m. at Country Meadows Village, 2nd floor Kitchen

Join us for coffee, cookies, and conversation on the third Monday of each month. Books are available at the Circulation desk for check out after the following book club meeting.

January 27 - Buddy: how a rooster made me a family man by Brian McGrory

Award-winning journalist Brian McGrory goes head to beak in a battle royale with another male for a top-spot in his home, vying for dominance with the family's pet rooster as he learns how to live by living with animals

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## Neighborhood News

## Poker Players Needed

by Whimpy Girard
Come and join us Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:45 for a friendly game of poker. We play in the card room (the small room off the Dining Hall). It is $\$ 5$ buy in with a quarter limit. All members - men or women - are welcome. If you have any questions contact Whimpy Girard at 503-982-8487.

## Strong Volunteers Wanted!

## by Mary Bowling

Thursday Coffee Hours need several strong volunteers to help with setup and takedown of tables and chairs each week. Setup is at 8 a.m., takedown is immediately following the end of Coffee Hour. We certainly extend our invitation to stay, have a cup or two of coffee (and a donut), and visit with your neighbors, as well as enjoying the entertainment that Connie Lum arranges for us each week. Thank you in advance!

## Saturday Night Dance Schedule for 2014

by Judy Mahaffey
Dances begin at 7 p.m. and cost is $\$ 8$ per person.

January 11: Billy \& the Rockets (Sock Hop)

February 15: Billy \& the Rockets (Valentine's Dance)

March 8: Billy \& the Rockets (Mardi Gras Dance)

April 12: Billy \& the Rockets (Virgil Birthday Dance)

April 26: Supernaturals
May 3: Billy \& the Rockets
May 24: Jefferson Parks
June 14: Billy \& the Rockets
June 28: Supernaturals
July 12: Billy \& the Rockets
July 26: Jefferson Parks
August 9: Supernaturals
August 30: Jefferson Parks
September 13: Supernaturals
September 27: Jefferson Parks

October 25: Billy \& the Rockets plan on attending this great event. If (Halloween Dance)

November 8: Billy \& the Rockets
December 31: Billy \& the Rockets (New Year's Dance)
[Dates are firm but bands are subject to change.]

## "Who's on Third?" Community Concert, Jan. 19th

by Trudy Fowlks Concert Coordinator
We are starting the new calendar year of the "Who's on Third?" community concerts with a new group - Tabor Duo. They will be presenting a wide variety of marimba and piano or organ duets. The Tabor Duo performers are Ruth Ann Yerden and Dr. Dennis Plies, both professors at Warner Pacific College. Ruth Ann provided the fabulous organ concert that we had last spring, and this time is returning as accompanist for Dennis on marimba. Between them they have decades of professional performing experience. Dennis has been performing solo marimba concerts since the age of 14, both nationally and internationally (Japan \& Europe).

The Tabor Duo concert that is planned for us will be a mix of Classical, American Folk tunes and Contemporary pieces. Just some of the songs you will hear are "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", "Amazing Grace", "Fairest Lord Jesus", "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming", "Summertime", and excerpts from "An American in Paris"; along with many other fabulous arrangements.

The "Who'sonThird?"concertseries is held monthly (on the third Sunday) of each month from Sept. - May. It is a community concert offering for all of the Woodburn area. The concerts are held at Woodburn United Methodist Church, 700 N. Cascade Dr. (just south of the Cascade Park Retirement complex). All concerts are supported by a freewill offering to cover all concert expenses and include a mid-concert intermission with refreshments.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday January 19th, 3-4:30 p.m., and
you are new to the community, or have never tried attending a concert, please come and give it a try. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of good entertainment, as well as a chance to meet and visit with folks from your neighborhood. For more information about these performers and a listing of future concerts you can go to the church website (woodburn-umc.org) and click on the "Who's on Third?" icon for the concert page.

## It's Never Too Late To Uke

by Norma Wilkerson
Reasons you think you may pass it by:

Want to learn the Ukulele but have to miss the first class? Guess what? The classes are nonstop. You can start the Uke anytime. There will always be someone ahead of you and someone behind you. Time to lighten up a bit.

Don't have a uke? Guess what? We try to have loaners available until you decide if you go for it.

You can't read music? You don't have to.

You can't remember things? It's good for increasing brain activity, for learning songs, for relaxing, and for just having some good old fashioned fun. Do yourself a favor.

You really have health issues? Many have found their fingers move better and many health issues mental and physical start reversing.

You don't think you can do it? Give it a try anyway. What will you miss? What's to lose?

Well.... uh... When is it?
11:00 a.m. - noon is the Beginner's Ukulele Class. If you love music and fun, check out the Ukulele Class. There is a $\$ 1$ per class donation for music and supplies. No previous knowledge of any kind with music is required.

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. is the Advanced Ukulele Jammers Group Uke-dee-doo's. If you have some experience playing, come check out this group and have some fun. There is also a weekly donation of $\$ 1 /$ week for music and supplies.

Interested? Just show up. Questions? Call Norma Wilkerson, 503 981-9234.


## Upcoming Activities

## Ladies' Golf Club Meeting \& Luncheon

Monday, January 20, 2014
11:30 a.m., Dining Hall
Hot Turkey Sandwich with Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Salad
Dessert
Punch, Coffee, and Tea
**\$ 8.00**

RSVP for lunch with check made payable to Estates Women's Golf Club by Wednesday, January 15th

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## Northbound Temporary l-5 Ramps Open

Northbound Temporary I-5 Ramps Open As Part of Woodburn Interchange Project

ODOT News Release - January 7, 2014

The contractor working for the Oregon Department of Transportation will be shifting northbound I-5 traffic at the Woodburn Interchange (Exit 271) to new temporary on and off ramps that connect to OR 214/ OR 219. This traffic pattern switch will take place in mid-January. The temporary ramps will be used until the permanent ramps are constructed as part of the Woodburn Interchange and Transit Facility Project.

Pedestrian improvements have been made along the south side of OR 214/219, including additional street lights at the intersection of OR 219 and Woodland Avenue. Pedestrian access across OR 214/219 is located at crosswalks at Woodland Avenue and Evergreen Road.

While motorists should not experience delays, it may take a day or
two to get use to the new configuration. Signs will be posted warning motorists of the changes. Motorists should proceed with caution through this area.

Construction on the project began this summer. Most of the funding for the project comes from the Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA), a funding plan adopted by the 2009 Oregon Legislature to improve and upgrade the state's transportation system.

Major project elements include: OR 214/219 improvements to a half mile east and west of the interchange; a reconstructed interchange that includes higher capacity on and off ramps, and wider bridge over I-5; new multi-modal transit/park and ride facility with electric vehicle charging stations; and "gateway" design package that will be unique to Woodburn and promote economic development.

## The Dog Food Diet

Yesterday I was buying a large bag of Dog Chow for Socks the wonder dog and was about to check out. A woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had, an elephant?

I'm retired now, with some spare time on my hands, so on impulse, I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, and that I was starting the Dog Food Diet again. Although I probably shouldn't, because I'd ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds

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before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially the perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Dog Chow nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry and that the food is nutritionally complete so I was going to try the diet again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in the line was by now enthralled with my story.) Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no. I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter and a car hit us both. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack, he was laughing so hard!

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## The Estates Golf \＆Country Club News \＆Views Schedule－ 2014

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## The Best Divorce

She spent the first day sadly packing her belongings into boxes，crates and suitcases．On the second day，she had the movers come and collect her things． On the third day，she sat down on the floor in the dining room by candlelight， put on some soft background music， and feasted on a pound of shrimp，a jar of caviar，and a bottle of Chardonnay When she had finished，she went into each and every room and deposited a few half－eaten shrimp and caviar into the hollow of the curtain rods．She replaced the end caps on the curtain rods and cleaned up the kitchen．Then she moved out．

When the husband returned with his new girlfriend，all was bliss for the first few days．Then slowly，the house began to smell．They tried everything from cleaning，mopping，and airing the place out．Vents were checked for dead rodents and carpets were steam cleaned． Air fresheners were hung everywhere． Exterminators were brought in to set off poison gas，during which they had to move out for a few days．They even paid to replace the expensive wool carpeting．Nothing worked．

People stopped coming over to visit．Repairmen refused to work in the house．The maid quit．Finally，they could not take the stench any longer and decided to move．A month later，

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even though they had cut their price in half，they could not find a buyer for their stinky house．Word got out and eventually the local realtors refused to return their calls．Finally，they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place．

The ex－wife called the man and asked how things were going．He told her they were selling the house but did not tell the real reasons why． She listened politely and said that she missed her old home terribly and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for getting the house back．Knowing his ex－wife had no idea about the smell，he agreed on a price that was about $1 / 10$ th of what the house had been worth，but only if she were to sign the papers that very day．She agreed，and within the hour his lawyers delivered the paperwork for her to sign．

A week later the man and his girlfriend stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything to take to their new home， including the curtain rods．

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Judy Mahaffey (R) thanked Jeannine and Chuck Olson for their service at Saturday Night Dances


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Estates Resource Fair!


## by Kathy Hiller

The New Year's Eve Dance was a two-fold ushering out of the old and ushering in of the new. As many of you may recall from a previous article, Chuck and Jeannine Olson, who have overseen the Saturday Night dances for several years, have passed along to Bill Coleman the responsibilities for the dances in 2014. Judy Mahaffey gave a special announcement of appreciation for Jeannine and Chuck (I have to give Jeannine top-billing here, since we know she was the real boss!) as they step down for their leadership roles.

The dances have lost attendees for some time, and like some other dance clubs, the decision was to reduce the number of dances each month to just one, during fall and winter, and as many as two per month during the spring and summer. Be watching for the list of upcoming dances, and plan to participate. It is lots of fun and good exercise, too.

Thank you, Jeannine and Chuck and your crew, for your past work, and we expect we will still find you on the dance floor at many of the coming dances.

Thank you also to Bill Coleman for taking on the task of keeping these dances going. Bill, as most of you know, is the leader of his own band, Billy \& the Rockets, who have a big following on their own. We look forward to dancing to their 50 s and 60 s music often. Happy New Year 2014!!



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## Rats... continued..

## by Patty Soza

After reading the article in News \& Views dated Friday, October 25, 2013 entitled "Rats!" I did some further investigating on my own. On Sallal Road where I live, someone puts peanuts out for the squirrels, which unfortunately also attracts the skunks, raccoons, and rats, too. Having a dog that is fascinated by rodents, however, I already knew that the real problem was rats living in the sewers, which makes the nuisance an ongoing problem.

I called Mike Bergeron of Woodburn Public Works, who told me that they have a vermin abatement program using Warfarin in the sewers. My concern is the safety of my dog, so I looked up Warfarin Rodenticides. It is just as toxic to dogs as it is to rats, and they die a horrible death, slowly bleeding to death internally after a couple of days, and unless caught early, there is nothing that can be done for the dogs except to put them to sleep.

Fortunately, I had already found a more humane remedy a couple of

years ago that I found online called "Shake Away Rodent Repellent". I used to hear rats on the roof and in the attic at harvest time each year until I sprinkled the product in my attic and crawl space, and it works quite effectively to drive them away. Shake Away smells like one of their natural predators, the fox, and the scent scares them away, although I noticed no smell at all.

In my research I also read of another alternative called "Havahart Trap". It's a humane cage-type trap to catch and release the rodents to a more desirable location out of town. I enjoy all the wildlife in the area, even the pests, so I will go out of my way to protect them all. It's my feeling that with the construction so close by, there may be more interaction with them in the community than ever before. And as long as we can enjoy them from a distance, it's safer for everyone.

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## Attitude by Charles Swindoll

## Submitted by Evelyn White

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, and a home.

The remarkable thing is that we
have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is $10 \%$ what happens to me and $90 \%$ how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes.

## On Ageing

## by Donna Rector

Looked in the mirror today.
Saw my mother staring back. When did that happen? Luckily, always liked that woman. Wisdom, it is said, comes with age. So, I wasn't yet at sixty a sage. But still have some time
The elders separating the bridge Between earth and eternity have departed.

It's now me as the defining generation
It's now time to step up to the line. Life has been good, can do no whining;
But yet, not ready for the time Maybe just a little pining at the loss Got lots to do before the inevitable bell tolling.
Perhaps it will all get sorted out soon. You know, those elusive answers.

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## January 24, 2014

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## Change in Oregon Medical Deductions

Submitted by Diana Lindberg
See the following website: http:// www.oregon.gov/dor/PERTAX/ Pages/medical-subtraction.aspx to find out what changes are being made for 2013 taxes and whether these changes may affect you.

Special Oregon medical subtraction (ORS 316.693)

Introduction
New for tax year 2013, the special Oregon medical deduction is no longer available. The deduction has been replaced with a subtraction that is limited to a maximum of $\$ 1,800$ per taxpayer age 62 or older on December 31, 2013, with qualifying medical and dental expenses.

If you or your spouse/RDP are age 62 or older on December 31, 2013 and have qualifying medical and/or dental expenses, you may qualify for the special Oregon medical subtraction. See IRS Publication 502

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for types of qualifying medical and dental expenses. You cannot subtract medical or dental expenses:

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You may not claim a subtraction if your federal adjusted gross income is $\$ 200,000$ or more $(\$ 100,000$ or more for those who file as single or married/RDP filing separately). Use the worksheet and table below to determine the amount of your subtraction.

If you qualify for the subtraction, you will report it as an "other subtraction" on line 18 of your Form 40 , or line 37 of your Form 40 N or 40P, using subtraction code 351 .

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## Waiting

## by Leona Weakland

The solitary sentinel waited patiently, by the gate, while the snow fell softly.
He knew that he would see his mistress soon,
because she always came home.
The pretty wrapped gift, he carried in his mouth.
She wouldn't mind that there were wet spots.
He wanted to give it to her himself.
She loved him, that he knew,
because he loved her too.
He waited and waited. It was cold.
He remembered how she would play with him, And brush the tangles from his fur.
He could feel her caresses still.
But it was oh, so cold.
She never stayed away this long before.
He gave a couple of barks, so she might hear.
The solitary sentinel finally lay down.
He curled around the gift box.
She always came home, so he'd wait right here.
Dawn came slowly, peeping through the trees.
All was quiet, and all was white.
A lone car slowly turned in at the gate,
The headlights were shining brightly and picked up the box and the dog covered with snow.
The man got slowly out of the car, and approached the small mound.
He gently brushed away the snow.
Slowly, the still forms of the dog
and the box came into view.
The man slowly straightened and walked back to the car.
"It's Teddy, mom's old dog, with a gift," he said.
"He must've waited here for her to come home,
when he saw her leave with us."
Not knowing that she's never coming home!
But he'll catch up with her and they both will play.
He was a good old dog, faithful to the end.

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## Two Sisters, Two Restaurants, One Family Legacy

by Russ Baglien (Originally published January 1, 2014 in the Woodburn Independent; reprinted by permission)

When sisters Connie Cummings and Renee Hayes were informed by ODOT that their Country Cottage restaurant would be torn down to make room for the new I-5 Woodburn Interchange they were "shook up." They had spent 10 years developing a steady trade that included patrons from off the freeway. Learning they would face having to move or go out of business altogether, they were, in their own words, "devastated."

A year later that devastation is gone. Though they are no longer partners, both are still in the restaurant business and doing well. The sisters knew the restaurant business and they were going to "stay in it."

Their mom, Joyce Fischer, had moved to Woodburn to be near her sister, Dody Flack, a resident of The Estates. She had operated a restaurant in the Seattle area, in which both girls had worked, so at the urging of her sister, she put in a bid to lease The Estates Golf and Country Club to operate the clubhouse restaurant. Her bid wasn't accepted, but after the two daughters came visiting, they decided they could have success
operating a family style restaurant in a smaller building available nearby.

Mom and the two daughters opted to make that location the home of their new family diner, Country Cottage. Within two years they had moved to the former location of Woodburn Berry Inn, closer to the freeway exit and giving them increased eating capacity for their thriving new restaurant.

Knowing they would have to close their doors and find a new location or go out of business, Connie and Renee began looking for the "right place" for a new home. Renee, a born optimist, looks back and says, "All things happen for a reason and we were destined to each take a new path."

They had been paid by ODOT for their building and had capital to make choices. Marquam Tavern, an eatery and "watering hole" established in 1895 , burned down in 1950 and wasn't rebuilt until 1970, when it reopened as Markum Inn. It was for sale. Both sisters showed some initial interest.

Connie, who had operated tavern restaurants in North Dakota earlier in her life, thought that was the answer for them. But Renee, who still has a teenager at home, didn't like the prospect of driving 25

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minutes to work and didn't want to it, says, "Renee and her staff were lose quality time with her family, so she decided she would look for other opportunities.

Connie went ahead with the purchase of Markum Inn and has been "just flabbergasted" by the reception she has received.
"We've been busy since the day we opened and gotten busier by the day," she says.

She has already expanded seating with the addition of a beer garden for good weather. She has tripled business since she assumed ownership in November 2012.
"I've never been so excited in my life," she says.

She is also pleased for sister Renee's success at the reopened Country Cottage at The Estates.

Renee had been in contact with The Estates and had learned that the club was again looking to lease their clubhouse restaurant to a new operator. After weeks of negotiating and encouragement from Country Cottage patrons and Estates residents, Renee signed a lease and set about rehabbing and redecorating for her relocation reopening. Country Cottage opened once again October 2012.

Estates general manager Sharon Schaub, aware that four previous operators had failed to make a go of
an immediate fit with our residents and we are absolutely delighted that Country Cottage is at The Estates."

Day by day, old customers find their new location and became regulars again, says Renee.
"Even some of our old freeway patrons have found us again and we are busy every day," Renee says.

She couldn't be happier and is equally pleased that sister Connie is happy with her new venture.

The sisters are both prime examples of what hard work and good business habits can to do ensure success. They are grateful that they learned restauranting from their mom, who willed Country Cottage to both girls when she died in 2005.
Make no mistake, each sister has her own individual personality. What they have in common is good, home-cooked food served in a comfortable, friendly manner by an efficient service staff. They know the trade. "Momma taught us good," say the sisters. If you visit Country Cottage or Markum Inn, you will find that momma, indeed, taught ' em good. They belong in the restaurant business.
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| Saturday, January 11 |  | Sunday, January 12 |  |  |  |  |
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| Wednesday, January 15 | Thursday, January 16 | Friday, January 17 | Saturday, January 18 |
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| 8:00a Fit For You Exercise - Aud <br> 8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool <br> 8:30a Ping Pong Players - DH <br> 8:50a Walking Club Indoors - Aud <br> 9:00a AARP Smart Driver - Conf Room <br> 9:00a Estates Woodcarvers - Craft Room <br> 9:00a Walking Club Meeting - Blue Room <br> 10:00a Blackjack - Card Room <br> 10:00a Tai Chi - Aud <br> 11:00a Zumba Gold - Aud <br> 12:00p Ladies Billiards - Billiard Room <br> 1:00p Golden Squares Workshop - Aud <br> 5:00p Neighborhood Watch - Conf Room <br> 6:00p Wed. \& Thur. Eve Pinochle - Blue Rm <br> 7:00p Bingo - DH | All Day News \& Views Copy Deadline 8:00a Yoga Exercise - Conference Room <br> 8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool <br> 8:30a Estates Quilters - Craft Room <br> 9:00a AARP Smart Driver - Conf Room <br> 9:30a EZ Bridge Club - Blue Room <br> 9:30a COFFEE HOUR/Doors Open - <br> Refreshments <br> 10:00a COFFEE HOUR PROGRAM - Aud/ DH/Kit <br> 10:00a Bicycle Club - by Flag Pole <br> 11:15a Estates Chorus - Aud <br> 12:30p Chicago Bridge Group - Card Room <br> 6:00p Wed \& Thurs Evening Pinochle - <br> Blue Room <br> 6:00p Advanced Line Dance - Aud <br> 6:30p Water Volleyball - Swimming Pool | 8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool <br> 8:30a Fit For You Exercise - Aud <br> 8:30a Ping Pong Players - DH <br> 9:00a Walking Club Meeting - Blue Room <br> 9:45a Bible Study - Craft Room <br> 10:00a Red Hat Bunco - Blue Room <br> 1:00p Bunco - Craft Room <br> 1:00p Friday Party Bridge - Blue Room <br> 1:00p Dulcimer Group - Conf Room | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8:30a Ping Pong }- \text { DH } \\ & \text { 7:30p } \text { Saturday Night Dance }- \text { Aud/DH/Kit } \end{aligned}$ |


| Sunday, January 19 | Monday, January 20 | Tuesday, January 21 | Wednesday, January 22 |
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|  | 8:00a Fit For You/Ball Exercise - Aud <br> 8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool <br> 8:30a Estates Quilters - Craft Room <br> 8:50a Walking Club Indoors - Aud <br> 9:00a Ladies Billiards - Billiard Room <br> 9:00a Walking Club Meeting - Blue Room <br> 10:00a Tai Chi - Aud <br> 10:10a EZ Bridge Club - Blue Room <br> 11:00a Zumba Gold - Aud <br> 11:30a Ladies Golf General/Lunch Meeting - <br> Aud <br> 12:00p Monday 3 Table Dup Bridge - Blue Room <br> 1:00p Ladies Poker - Card Room <br> 6:30p Water Volleyball - Swimming Pool <br> 7:00p Golden Squares - Aud/Kit/Aud Foyer | 8:00a Yoga Exercise - Conference Room <br> 8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool <br> 8:30a Ping Pong Players - DH <br> 10:00a Bicycle Club - by Flag Pole <br> 10:00a Tuesday Morning Crafters Club Card Room <br> 11:00a Ukulele Group-Beginners - Craft Room <br> 1:00p Ukulele Group-Advanced - Craft Room <br> 1:00p Tuesday Afternoon Bridge - Blue Room <br> 5:30p Tuesday Night Poker - Card Room <br> 6:00p Crafting Time - Craft Room <br> 6:00p Line Dancing Beginners - Aud <br> 7:00p Line Dancing Intermediate - Aud | 8:00a Fit For You Exercise - Aud <br> 8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool <br> 8:30a Ping Pong Players - DH <br> 8:50a Walking Club Indoors - Aud <br> 9:00a Estates Woodcarvers - Craft Room <br> 9:00a Walking Club Meeting - Blue Room <br> 10:00a Blackjack - Card Room <br> 10:00a Tai Chi - Aud <br> 11:00a Zumba Gold - Aud <br> 12:00p Ladies Billiards - Pool Room <br> 1:00p Golden Squares - Aud <br> 6:00p Wed. \& Thur. Eve Pinochle - <br> Blue Room <br> 7:00p Bingo - DH |


| Thursday, January 23 | Friday, January 24 |
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| 8:00a Yoga Exercise - Conference Room <br> 8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool <br> 8:30a Estates Quilters - Craft Room <br> 9:30a EZ Bridge Club - Blue Room <br> 9:30a COFFEE HOUR/Doors Open - <br> Refreshments <br> 10:00a COFFEE HOUR PROGRAM - Aud/ DH/Kit <br> 10:00a Bicycle Club - by Flag Pole <br> 11:15a Estates Chorus - Aud <br> 12:15p 4th Thur Pinochle - Blue Room <br> 12:30p Chicago Bridge Group - Blue Room <br> 1:00p What Is Your Legacy - Aud/Kit <br> 6:00p Wed \& Thurs Evening Pinochle - <br> Blue Room <br> 6:00p Advanced Line Dance - Aud <br> 6:30p Water Volleyball - Swimming Pool | All Day News \& Views Publication <br> 8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool <br> 8:30a Fit For You Exercise - Aud <br> 8:30a Ping Pong Players - DH <br> 9:00a Walking Club Meeting - Blue Room <br> 9:45a Bible Study - Craft Room <br> 10:00a Blue Room Bunco - Blue Room <br> 1:00p Bunco - Craft Room <br> 1:00p Friday Party Bridge - Blue Room <br> 1:00p Dulcimer Group - Conf Room <br> 5:00p Crooners of Days Gone By - Aud/DH/ Kit |


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