

# Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living



Don & Norma

Foss

2016

The of the Matter...

... Our Valentine's Royalty

Don & Norma Foss were crowned King & Queen of the Elwood CC Community this Valentine's Day. Congratulations to this beautiful couple!

Don was born and raised on the farm southwest of Elwood. He graduated from Elwood High School then served in the Army. He is a Korean War Veteran. Norma was raised in Arapahoe and graduated from Arapahoe High School.

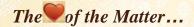
They made their home on Don's family farm where he farmed with his dad and eventually took it over. Norma was known for the beautiful cakes that she decorated which became a career for her. Don and Norma were always involved in many activities. They loved to dance and would travel all over the state for a good band. They are also members of the infamous "Udder Bunch" that proved to be a very entertaining group. Don and Norma have three children, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. They have been married since January 12, 1959.

#### **Board of Directors**

Chairman, Betty Koenig Nina Anderson Dick Bennett Bill Monter Sharlette Schwenninger

Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living is a 2016 member of the Nebraska Nursing Facility Association and Nebraska Assisted Living Association. We are proud of this affiliation

with the state's nursing facility and assisted living facility associations and look forward to working with them to improve and promote long-term care services for all Nebraskans.



## ...Our Employees

# Special Milestone Reached

Thirty years ago on March 15, 1986 Carolyn Houser joined the ECC team. After working in the Nursing and Dietary departments, Carolyn joined the Social Services and Activity Departments as an assistant. She worked alongside Lois Houser for some time until her retirement and Carolyn then became the Activity Director.

Thirty years has brought many changes and Carolyn states she could "write a book" on all of her experiences over the years. Friendly and homelike is how she describes the Center with the "people" being what she has always loved the most. Special projects that come to mind when asked about what she enjoys most about the Activity Department include the Craft Fair where the yearly budgeted funds came from! The baking program remains a favorite, and individual Memorial Services held in honor of each resident is now and will be an ongoing tradition of the care center.

Congratulations on your tenure achievement as you celebrate your 30 year anniversary at the Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living.

Clearly, reaching this milestone is a testimony of your loyalty to ECC over the years. Thank you for the thousands of ways you have brought fulfilling moments and memories to our residents' and families' lives. Thank you!

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES AVAILABLE**

Whirlpool Baths
Free Blood Pressure Checks
Adult Day Services & Respite Care
Out-Patient Therapy
Continence Improvement Program
Exercise Equipment

IT'S OUR MISSION TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY, IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC NEED, GIVE US A CALL, WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO HELP YOU OUT!



# Staff Birthdays Amanda Klein-9<sup>th</sup>

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Miriam Byrns-12<sup>th</sup>
Dorothy Hergenreder-21<sup>st</sup>
Jeff Carrillo-21<sup>st</sup>
Alexa Chrisenger-21<sup>st</sup>
Annette Bessey-24<sup>th</sup>
Lola Debban-27th



#### Irish Fun Facts

Ireland is called Éire in Irish and is also known as the Republic of Ireland.

Irish, or Irish Gaelic is the country's first official language, however the second official language English is more commonly spoken.

Saint Patrick's Day is Ireland's official national holiday. The 17th of March holiday is celebrated in Ireland and also embraced by many other countries around the world.

The world famous Guinness beer is from Ireland, it originated in the Dublin brewery of Arthur Guinness.

Gaelic football and hurling are traditional sports of Ireland and remain the most popular sports in the country.

At the Olympics, boxing is Ireland's most successful sport.

# Irish Blessings

Bless those minding cattle, And those minding sheep, And those fishing the sea While the rest of us sleep.

Wishin' you a pot o' gold, and all the joy your heart can hold.



Shamrock (type of clover) is the national symbol of Ireland and along with the harp it is a registered trademark of the country.



We would like to thank the Elwood Chamber of Commerce for recognizing the Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living as 2015 Business of the Year.



### March Years of Service

Carolyn Houser-30 Years