

## August 2015

### Resident Birthdays

5th-Mary Ann

9th-Mavis

11th-Mary Jane

16th-Mary Dale

17th-George

20th-Greg

24th-Theresa

30th-Dutch

### Employee Birthdays

2nd-Billie Jacobs

3rd-Kayla Harig

4th-Amanda Salenski

7th-Judi Nies

9th-Cindy King

14th-Tammy Brief

15th-Gina Stepanovich

16th-Gretchen Bowers

17th-Jody Gum

18th-Susie Morrow

18th-Mary Salenski

18th-Ashley Ward

22nd-Vicki Joslin

26th-Susan Schmidt

29th-Ivy Lane



# The Maples

## *Celebrations in August*

### Special Days in August:

2nd-Friendship Day

2nd-National Ice Cream Sandwich Day

3rd-National Watermelon Day

4th-U.S. Coast Guard Day

7th-National Lighthouse Day

9th-Book Lover's Day

10th-S'mores Day

13th-Left Hander's Day

21st-Senior Citizen's Day

26th-National Dog Day

16th-22nd-National Friendship Week

**Family Fun Month**

**National Golf Month**

**National Picnic Month**

**National Peach Month**



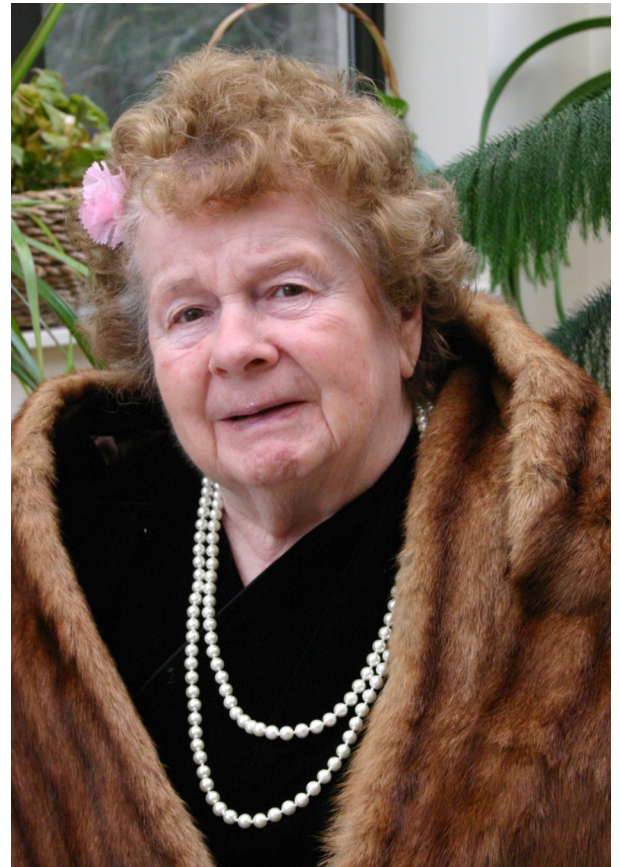
### *A Note from Kathy Dube, Administrator*

Until we can actually move into our new building, I'm going to use this space to give you any updates I can. Since the building is not ours until it is finished and they "hand me the keys", all decisions made on the roof issue are done through the Benzie County Building Authority. At their last meeting they agreed to sign a contract with a new architect, Stu Pettit, and have given both Stu and the county attorney, Ed Roy, the authority to set up a meeting with Mr. Scott, from the state engineering department in Lansing and Mr. Pelinsky, who is with CMS in Chicago, to try to reach an amicable resolution to the roof issue. The next Building Authority meeting is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup>, and hopefully we will have more info. If you have any questions related to the delay in moving into our new building, please feel free to call me at the facility. I don't have all the answers, but I am somewhat in the loop with what's going on. ~Kathy



## *Resident Reflections-Dale Laman*

Mary Dale Laman (Dale) was born in Norfolk, Virginia where she grew up with her older twin brother and sister, Ben and June, and her younger sister, Carol. The family moved to Grand Haven where Dale worked for a drug store and soda fountain and then for the Grand Haven Tribune where she sold advertising. She caught the eye of a young man named Cornell Laman (Corky) when she was walking down the street and they were married in 1948. They have five children: Terri, Tom, Peter, Lisa, and Gina; sixteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. They lived in Spring Lake until their oldest daughter married a park ranger and he recommended they buy a piece of property up north. They moved to Empire when they retired in 1992.



Dale enjoyed gardening at an early age and always had a big, beautiful garden. She kept a number of bird feeders in the backyard and knew the names of all the birds that stopped by to feed. Her favorite color is red and her hobbies included knitting. She enjoyed a number of sports including swimming and downhill skiing. Some of her happiest memories are of trips that she and Corky took together. They had a wonderful time in New Orleans because they both enjoyed jazz and big band music and loved to swing dance.

Corky is grateful for the great job we do taking care of Dale and says he never has to worry about her when he can't be around.

*Interview by Lisa Baker, Corky Laman, and Carrie Parker*



Mark your calendar! The annual Maples Summer Carnival will be held on Friday, August 28, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. GAMES! PRIZES! SNACKS! FUN! Everyone is welcome and there is no charge! Talk with Jennifer if you are interested in helping!

## 4th of July Celebration

The weather was perfect and the parade routes were packed as Benzie County celebrated the 4th of July.

The Maples had an awesome float with a USA theme. Many thanks to Dave Burley, Leslie Byrd, and Sharon Gilbert for their decorating skills and to all the volunteers who walked the parade route and passed out candy.

The residents had a great time watching both the parade in Frankfort and the parade in Beulah. Many of them put on their red, white, and blue and they all enjoyed being out and about. Thanks to everyone who helped with transportation and loading up chairs.



## *Dog Days at The Maples*

The Maples recently held their first Dog Show and Parade. The dogs were all on their best behavior and the residents had a great time interacting with each of them. There were awards and prizes all around and we share a big "thank you" to our sponsors: Platte Lake Veterinary and Backcast Pet Shop.

Congratulations to the following:

- \*Abbie for being the best behaved dog
- \*Junie for being the most active dog
- \*Bailey for having the shortest legs
- \*Chaz for being the biggest dog, having the longest ears, and being the resident favorite
- \*Odin for having the longest tail
- \*Poe for being the smallest dog and having the smallest tail
- \*Bailey Two for being the friendliest dog
- \*Douglas Fur for being the smartest dog



## *Beach Bums Baseball Game*

The residents had a great time at the Traverse City Beach Bums baseball game. It was a perfect afternoon to watch the Beach Bums play the Florence Freedom. The residents enjoyed munching on pizza, hot dogs, pop, and chips while cheering on the local team. In spite of all the cheering, the Beach Bums lost 5-2. Many thanks to all the volunteers, staff, and family members who helped with transport and with watching over our residents to make it an awesome afternoon!



## *The Maples Mission Statement*

*To provide accessible, high-quality long-term care; to meet the evolving health care needs of the residents of Benzie County.*



## *Theater Performances and Concerts*



We are so fortunate to have an abundance of local events which the residents may attend, especially in the summer. Many residents were able to enjoy Lakeside Shakespeare's presentations of "The Taming of the Shrew" and "Cymbaline". The Lakeside Shakespeare Theatre was founded to share the Chicago Theatre community with the Benzie County community. In 2003, Elizabeth Laidlaw created an organization to bring free, outdoor performances of Shakespeare to the Benzie community under the name of Lakeside Shakespeare Theatre.

There were also many resident who attended the Benzie Area Symphony Orchestra concert along the shores of Betsie Bay. BASO was formed in 1980 and features over 60 musicians.





# August Wordsearch



August brings time for picnics and cooling off at the beach!

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APPLE PIE	CHICKEN	HEAT	PICNIC	SHORTS
AUGUST	COOKIES	HOT	POOL	SPLASH
BASEBALL	CUPCAKES	HOT DOG	POTATO CHIPS	SWIMSUIT
BASKET	FLIP FLOPS	ICE CREAM	POTATO SALAD	SWIMMING
BEACH	GARDENING	ICE TEA	SANDALS	TRAVEL
CAMPING	HAMBURGER	JUICE	SANDWICHES	VACATION



**August Church Schedule**  
**Wednesday Services are at 10:45 a.m.**

**Sunday Services are at 2:45 p.m.**

**Every Wednesday: Catholic Communion at 10:00 a.m.**

2nd-Eden Bible Church

5th-no church scheduled

9th-Homestead Community Church

12th-St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

16th-Community of Christ Church

19th-St. Ann's Catholic Church

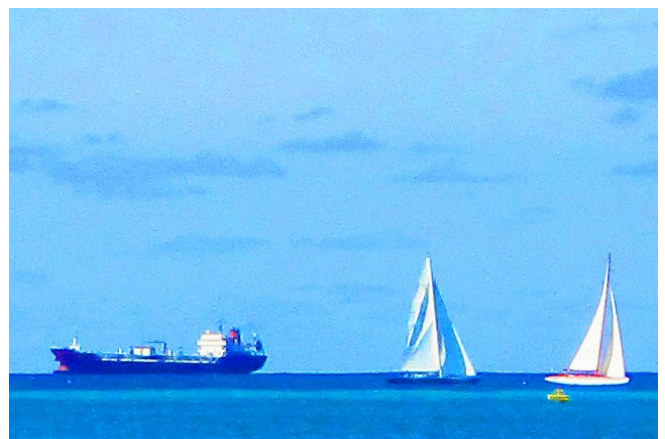
23rd-Our Savior Lutheran Church

26th-Frankfort Elberta Methodist Church



*This edition of The Maple Leaf is dedicated to the memory of Gordon Nordbeck and Jerry Stedronsky. Our thoughts are with their families and friends.*

**Welcome to our  
New Residents!  
Bonnie and Stanley**



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** There are a number of ways you might volunteer at The Maples. Our residents love interacting with our volunteers and we appreciate the extra help. Please talk with Jennifer Flynn, Activities Director, for more information.

*This edition of The Maple Leaf is brought to you through the efforts of Lisa Baker, Kathy Dube, Kris Dykstra, Jennifer Flynn, Sharon Gilbert, Corky Laman, and Carrie Parker.*

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