

Sunny Side of Life

February 1, 2020

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Celebration is Appropriate -Keith Pankratz, Administrator

Most people in Kansas are happy to celebrate the Kansas City Chiefs' great season and trip to the Super Bowl. WOW! The playoffs have been fun to watch. Who deserves it more than the Chiefs? After all, it's been 50 years since the team has been in a Super Bowl. Everything had to line up right, in order for this to happen: a well-respected coaching staff, talented players, a solid organization, and some really good teams losing in the playoffs paved the road for the Chiefs Kingdom. The 50-year wait caused me to reflect on what was taking place at Sunshine Meadows in 1970. SMRC originated in 1945, so there are 75 years of history, but let's just look at the last 50:

	1970	2020
Total residents:	49	130
Occupancy:	full	93%
Employees:	32	140
Nursing rates:	\$175/month	\$7500/month
Medicaid reimbursement:	\$200/month	\$215/day
Medicaid dependence:	30%	70%
Sponsoring churches:	4	7
Average resident age:	85	87
Incorporation Charter:	yes	continues
Operating budget:	\$120,000	\$6.2 million
Planned expansion:	2 nursing wings	assisted living memory care

Back in the 70's, the administrator was a retired pastor, responsible for many tasks, as there were only one or two others working in the office. Regulations, market demands, and complexity of systems have created much change in 50 years. Today, there are closer to 20 staff members covering administrative work in offices. Over the past 30 years, I have added over \$1 million dollars in salaries just to keep up with regulatory mandates.

Change is inevitable, so, like the Chiefs, we have to always be preparing our strategy for the next game. We have great staff, giving of themselves 24/7 to provide the best possible care for all residents. Could we say Super Bowl quality? (By the way: Go, Chiefs!)

A pearl of wisdom from Art Dick:

"Don't fight."

Art will be celebrating

his 100th birthday on March 2!



We said Goodbye to...

Leona Cutliff

Myrna Robinson

Faye Spencer

We Welcome...

Cindy Armstrong

Tim Corwin

Resident & Staff Birthdays:

Residents...

2/4: E. Schiefelbein
 2/5: C. Hogan
 2/8: W. Daniels
 2/9: B. Israel
 2/9: H. Adrian
 2/10: B. Griggs
 2/11: F. Pankratz
 2/12: L. Pauls
 2/13: L. Pemberton
 2/18: D. Gouge
 2/18: C. Glaze
 2/20: R. Fairchild
 2/21: W. Bridgess
 2/22: D. Kjeldgaard
 2/24: L. Jost
 2/29: D. Dirks

Staff...

2/1: Linda Dettwiler
 2/2: Julie Christian
 2/3: Olivia McDonald
 2/8: Karla Doerksen
 2/9: Ana Marquez
 2/10: Christopher Beya
 2/13: Veronica Jaquez-Perez
 2/13: Tiffany Taggart
 2/14: Cortney Pattinson
 2/16: Linda Simmons
 2/18: Lewis Sader
 2/20: Morgan Rust
 2/23: Keith Pankratz
 2/28: Billie Cairns
 2/29: Taylinn Peters

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Meeting Our Neighbors With Judy Dickinson

John Lyle's life can only be described as extraordinary. John was born at Hutchinson's Grace Hospital in 1930, following the stock market crash in 1929, when many folks were struggling to find a job and food for their families. John's parents owned 22 acres just north of Union Valley School on Halstead Street. They had an orchard of several kinds of fruit trees, and a large garden area. His dad had a stand on old Highway 17 called Ciderville, where he sold the apple cider that he made himself; they also sold fruit there. John and his brother helped, and also helped take care of the cows, pigs, and chickens. John's father partnered with a friend to open the McCrory-Lyle Hardware Store, located at 4th and Main Street, during John's childhood. The business was a success and his dad was able to pay for John's college education.

God seemed to have a plan for John's life all along. John was 15 years old and was at Camp Webster, now Webster Conference Center near Salina, when he felt God calling him to the ministry.

After graduating from Union Valley School, John rode the bus to attend Buhler High for two years, where he met his future wife, Ruth Lillian Martens. John transferred to Hutchinson High School and graduated in 1947. Hutchinson Community College, then known as Hutch JuCo, was the start of his college education. Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, was followed by Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

John worked as a Fuller Brush salesman and then sold Electrolux Vacuums door-to-door. He was a good salesman. God blessed his efforts: he saved up enough money to pay for his own seminary education.

John and Ruth were married in 1950. She took classes at Bob Jones University too, and then the couple moved to California. While still in seminary, John pastored a small church, which gave him some experience.

After seminary, John pastored Temple Baptist Church at Perris, California. When he began his ministry, the church had 85 members. They couldn't support a full time pastor, so with permission from the board, John supplemented his income by working a secular job. This was quite necessary, as John and Ruth were blessed with three daughters.

John had an interest in airplanes and flying since he was a young man. A picture was published of him with a fly-

by-wire model plane. (The photo is shown on the next page.) Competitive flyers stood in an open lot east of the fairgrounds and flew their planes in a circle until they ran out of gas.

The speed of the airplane was important, so John did his own renovation and put on a high tail, which stabilized the plane and made it fly faster. He won the competition.

John had always wanted to learn how to fly an airplane. A young lady who attended his church was married to Carl, a local crop-duster and a highly certified flight instructor. Carl was too busy to come to church, but John and Carl became friends. Carl suggested that John take flying lessons and obtain a commercial pilot license to support himself. John didn't have the money to pay for lessons but Carl was determined to teach him anyway. John achieved the commercial rating, instructor rating, and instrument rating. During this process, John had the privilege of leading eight of the people he met during lessons, including Carl, to the Lord.

Temple Baptist Church was located near an air force base; because he was a pilot, John spoke the servicemen's language. When he began as pastor, the church had 85 members. John remained the pastor for the next 32 ½ years, and the membership grew to over 800. Then the base closed, and almost overnight, the membership dropped to 500. John had some health issues, so he retired not long after that, and was named Pastor Emeritus.

John wasn't done serving the Lord. He took on a less stressful but still meaningful job as Minister-at-Large for the Conservative Baptist Association of Southern California, with a membership of 105 congregations, where he served for the next eleven years. John was on call to preach at any one of the member churches, often without much notice because of an emergency, or sometimes because a pastor had planned to be away for a time.

John and Ruth were still living in California when his father, John G. Lyle, passed away in 1957. Eventually his mother, Myrtle, became a resident at Sunshine Meadows. She had been living on proceeds from the sale of the hardware store, but her money had begun to run out. *Lyle Cont'd. next page.*

Thank You for Your Consideration: Cold and flu season continues to affect both our residents and our staff. Our nursing staff continues to work diligently to care for our residents during this time. We appreciate your compassion and understanding towards our SMRC family when, at times, we have worked short-staffed due to illnesses. - Becca Meitler, Social Services

Prairie Star Dental provides service to all SMRC residents, with dental cleanings at SMRC available every six months, & transportation to Hutchinson provided for extractions, fillings and other issues. Medicare/Medicaid insurance is accepted. All clients are on a sliding scale & only charged according to their ability to pay with monthly funds allocated.

“Live your life to the fullest.”

A pearl of wisdom from Ellie Jones

With flu season upon us, we ask, for the protection of our family of residents: PLEASE don't visit if you are sick.



With around 85 residents living here, keeping track of personal belongings can be a challenge! Families can help by taking new clothing to the laundry department for marking, and adding anything valued at \$25 or more to the inventory list on the back page of the charts at the nurses' station BEFORE leaving the item in the resident's room. All cash is to be kept in the business office, where it is always accessible during normal business hours, and through the nurse's station on weekends and off-hours.

Sadly, some fine new Christmas clothing is stuck in the laundry, as it wasn't marked. There is a rack outside the laundry room from 6 am to 2:30 pm Monday—Friday; please look through it to see if any of your family member's clothing wound up there! Thank you! - - Laundry Department


Lyle Continued Not wanting his mother to live in a shared room, John came home to see about her finances. He found out that his dad had purchased government bonds and they were part of his inheritance: \$10,000 that he had known nothing about. He decided to try trading on the stock market, and God blessed him in that endeavor. He has lived on investments since then. His mother kept her private room for the seven years she lived at Sunshine Meadows, and he still had \$11,000 in an account when she went to be with the Lord. When the stock market took a downturn in 2002, John became a funeral director for 10 years to supplement their Social Security income, but his day trading continued to bless him.



John not only piloted, but owned airplanes. He flew into Hutchinson often to visit his mother, storing a car at the Hutchinson Airport. John was given a great price on one airplane purchase and was blessed again when he sold it at nearly three times what he paid for it.

Completely surrendering to God's call has truly given John an extraordinary life. He was richly blessed by his wonderful wife, his daughters, his dear friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ that he has known along the way. He also feels blessed that he was allowed the opportunity to fly and own airplanes. It has been said that flying is an occupation that sometimes can consist of hours of boredom interspersed with moments of sheer terror. John has experienced some close calls; he feels God supported him through those, too. He believes this scripture says it all: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

February 2020 Sunny's Specials

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Sunny's Café</i> inside Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community serves breakfast all day, daily specials, and fresh homemade desserts. Sunny's takes special orders for cakes, pies, zwiebach, & cookies.</p>			<p>400 S. Buhler Rd., Buhler, KS. Open to the PUBLIC</p>			<p>1 <u>2/\$10</u> <u>Sunny's Famous Burgers & Chips</u></p>
2	<p>3 Banh Mi Sandwich with Chinese Pasta Salad</p>	<p>4 Shrimp Carbonara With Grilled Garlic Sourdough Bread</p>	<p>5 Beef and Noodles with Small Salad and Breadstick</p>	<p>6 Margarita Grilled Chicken with Cilantro Lime Rice</p>	<p>7 Pollo con Chorizo Dinner with Tortillas</p>	<p>8 <u>2/\$10</u> <u>Sunny's Famous Burgers & Chips</u></p>
<p>9 </p>	<p>10 Traditional Philly Steak And Cheese With Peppers And Mushrooms</p>	<p>11 Chicken Piccata with Stir Fried Vegetables</p>	<p>12 Mama's Meatloaf Dinner</p>	<p>13 Pulled Pork Nachos</p>	<p>14 El Chavo Chicken Dinner with Tortillas</p>	<p>15 <u>2/\$10</u> <u>Sunny's Famous Burgers & Chips</u></p>
16	<p>17 Chicken or Seafood Salad on Croissant with Chips</p>	<p>18 Toasted Ravioli with Meat Sauce And Bread Stick</p>	<p>19 French Dip With Potato Salad</p>	<p>20 Chicken Fried Steak Dinner With Texas Toast</p>	<p>21 Build Your Own Taco Salad</p>	<p>22 <u>2/\$10</u> <u>Sunny's Famous Burgers & Chips</u></p>
<p>23 Now Serving JACKSON MEAT <small>Hatchinson's Finest, Freshest Meat Since 1946</small></p>	<p>24 Chicken Bacon Swiss On Grilled Focaccia Bun</p>	<p>25 Grilled Pizza with Salad</p>	<p>26 Hot Beef Sandwich With Mashed Potatoes and Gravy</p>	<p>27 Loaded Mac And Cheese Dinner with Toasted Sourdough Bread</p>	<p>28 Chicken Enchilada Dinner</p>	<p>29 <u>2/\$10</u> <u>Sunny's Famous Burgers & Chips</u></p>

\$12.50 + tax

Seniors: \$11.95

Children under age 10: \$7.95;

Under age 2: free.

SMRC Residents:

\$10.80

Sunday Buffet



February 9th, 2020, 11-1:30

MENU:

Starters

Salad Bar and More

Entrees

Old Fashioned Roast Beef, Chicken and Noodles

Sides

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Farmer Beans, Buttered Corn

Broccoli and Cheese Sauce

Dessert

Chocolate Cake with Matilda Frosting

Strawberry Short Cake ~Ice Cream with Toppings