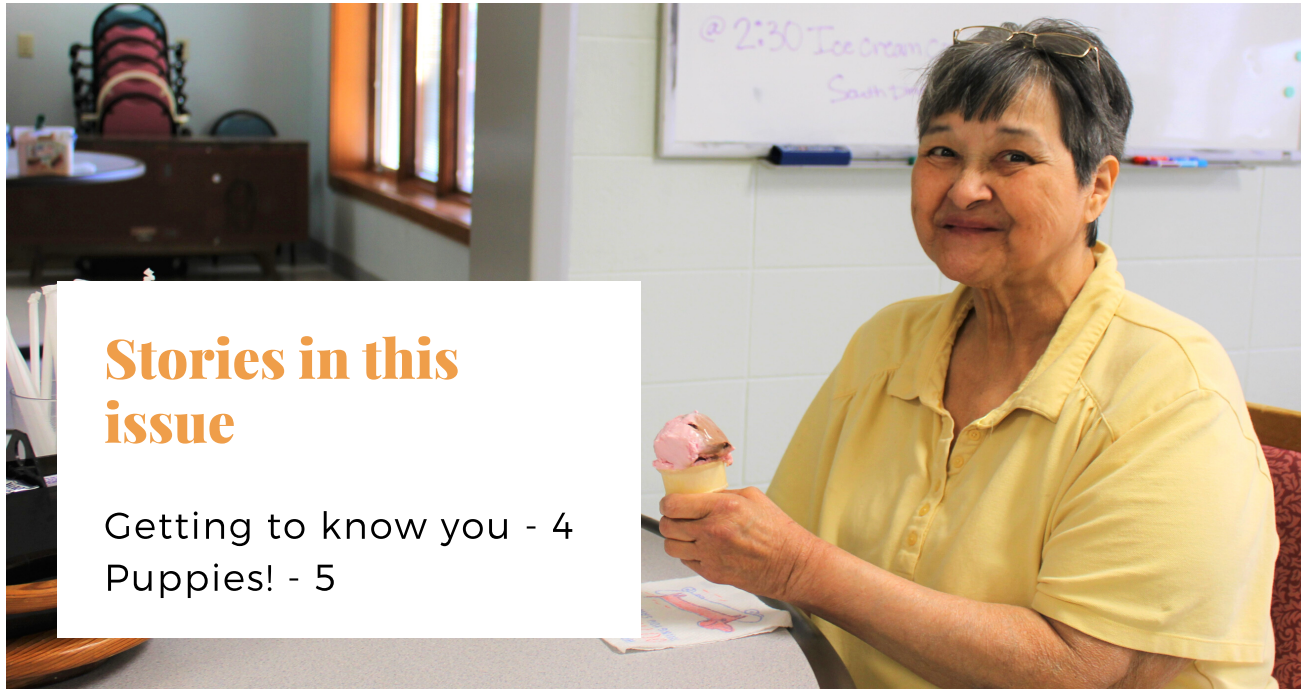




# THE SUNSET OBSERVER



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## Thankful Hearts



The St. Pierre's have been married 53 years. Robert, 90, and Dolores, 86, believe a life well lived means having a thankful heart. Dolores says "We were always a team. Whenever we farmed together and we did business together, everything, even our kids. I gave up nursing so I could be a helper--it meant a lot on the farm." The St. Pierre's spent their days farming and raising their two children south of Clyde, Kansas.

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Dolores was born in Clay Center. When she was twelve her father passed away. Her brother, who was six years older and her mother, continued to raise her. "My mother had to be awfully strong when my dad died" Dolores says.



"After high school I went to nursing school in Kansas City, three years, and then I went and got my BSN in nursing" Dolores says. "In those days you went 11 months a year, one month off." She worked in Kansas City for about seven years before she met and married Robert.

Robert was the youngest of five brothers and grew up near Ames. When they were older, each brother was given a farm by their father.

"I was the only one in my class, all the way through eighth grade" Robert recalls. At his country school, there were only about four students at any time.

Robert went to Clyde for high school. "I rode a bicycle to high school and I rode a bicycle while at college" he says. "They lived in the country so he had quite a little ride to high school" Dolores adds. Sometimes Robert even hitchhiked home from school.

In college, Robert studied soil conservation and earned his degree from Kansas State University. He joined the Army Air Forces and did soil testing for plane runways in Guam.

Robert and Dolores first met in their 30's. "A nurse friend was from Clay Center, and she knew his mother and aunt from high school in Clay Center" says Dolores. She'd sometimes ride to Clay Center with me. 'You've got to meet Robert.' I said, 'I'm not meeting anyone else', but I was there."

Robert and Dolores wintered in Arizona for 18 years. This worked out well because they had grandchildren in Gilbert and grandchildren back in Kansas. They loved watching them all grow up. Robert liked to fish and play golf. "I like to sleep now," Robert says with a laugh.

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*Robert celebrated his 90th birthday in August.*

Another thing Robert enjoys are the drives he takes over to the Clyde area about three times a week. Sometimes he drives by their old farm. "The place where we lived has been changed. The house is all different. The barn is gone," he says. "They're taking good care of it" adds Dolores.

When considering what's next "I guess eternity" Dolores says with a laugh. "We're ready whenever God wants us. Robert's always saying 'I think I should just pass on.' I say, 'You can't pass on, I gotta have you.'"

"I don't have any regrets," says Robert.

"We had hard times, but not that bad, like a lot of people. We've been pretty healthy. We're blessed," says Dolores. 🍁

## Happening at Sunset...

**Every Monday - 10 am**  
Veterans Meeting

**Every Tuesday & Thursday**  
Dominoes @ 1:30 pm

**November 8 - 2:30 pm**  
Science Show

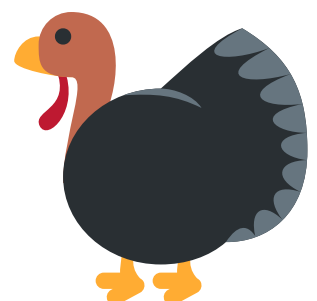
**November 12 - 10 am**  
Corn Hole

**November 22 - 1 pm**  
Fall Bus Tour



**November 23 - 10 am**  
Turkey Shoot

**November 26 - 10 am**  
Fall Coloring Contest





# Hello, New Residents



**Ted Thoman**  
**Concordia, KS**

Before farming, Ted was stationed in the South Pacific with the 25th Division of the Army. He also worked for the Union Pacific and CB&Q railroads.



**Danny Trickle**  
**Oakhill, KS**

Danny loves to grill and smoke meats. Following their noses, his neighbors would often come over to share a meal. Danny was also sought after to sharpen knives and make picture frames along with other odd jobs.

## Spotlight on Robin Nutsch

*Charge Nurse at Sunset Home*



**If money were not a consideration, how would you spend your days?**

Taking care of others and spending lots of time with family--kids, grandkids, siblings, spouse.

**If you could have dinner with one person, living or dead, who would it be and why?** My mom. She's been gone many years and I would love to visit with her again and share stories of my family.

**What's your favorite thing to do in the fall or winter?**

Staying warm, drinking hot chocolate, and reading.

**What is one of your favorite places and why?** Colorado = serenity

**What are your hobbies?** Reading, sewing, baking, and some crafts.



# Furry Fun with CARES

On October 19th, trainers with the Canine Assistance Rehabilitation Education and Services program (CARES) brought service dogs to visit Sunset Home residents. Ewok, Chex, and Dill (a puppy!) received lots of extra attention while residents learned more about CARES.



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