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## Getting To Know... Fred & Marilyn Esser



Fred and Marilyn started their courtship when they were introduced by a good friend and co-worker of Fred's at the Nebraska City Corp. of Engineers. Shortly afterwards they were married and Fred joined the Air Force and served in the ice and snow of Northern Japan where he restored radars and was a plane spotter. He retired after four years and returned to Nebraska to go to College at the University of Nebraska., where he received his Masters and a Doctorate in Education and Administration. Marilyn was also attending college and graduated with a degree in Music



and Education. In their "free time",,, Fred opened two shoe stores; Esser's Shoes. Marilyn had her hands full raising their three daughters, Christie, Kathy and Shari. If you notice Marilyn beaming with joy, she'd be happy to tell you about her brand new great grandchild,, a bouncing baby boy, Nathan Joshua Rose. His big sister was their first Great Grandchild, and they also have six grandchildren. Their daughter Chris, lives and works as a Legal Secretary here in Springfield. Kathy works in the health care field in Odesa, MO., and Shari is a Real Estate Agent in Monett.

The Esser's vacationed often in Springfield and the surrounding area., and decided to move to Maryville so Fred could take the Dean's position at Northwest Missouri State University. In 1974 they returned to Springfield where Fred taught at SMS, until he retired. Both Fred and Marilyn share a passion for collecting artifacts. Over the years they have finds and treasures and have many

arrowheads and other Indian collected and displayed their fond memories of vacations

and hunting with friends. "Huge Husker Fan", and memorabilia to prove it!

Fred is also a has a lot of



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Gladys, Nancy, & Celia being entertained by Ken Roberts (AKA Elvis) at our West Facility.



Ms. Jens' is as "pretty as a picture" enjoying "Happy Hour"!



Russie enjoying a little pampering with Shirley King and Mary Kay products.



Ellen & Daughter Sally



Funnel Cake anyone?



Wanda Jackson's darling Great Grandkids.



Jean W. & Ellen's lil' Great Granddaughter Octavia enjoying a game night!



Beverly & Loraine performing their famous "Table Ballet"

# Employee Spotlight... Jessie Toa Sio



Jessie and daughters, Leesah (9) and baby Penina (3 months)

Talofa! That's "Hello" in my native language. My name is Jessie Marie Koreti Toa Sio. I'm 27 years old, and was born October 11th 1983 in Wellington, New Zealand. My family and I moved to the United States in 1984. Both my parents are from the island of Samoa. It's a little island in the middle of the South Pacific, also known as Penina or Pearl of the South Pacific. I was a year old when we moved to Anaheim, California. I have two sisters, Vise, and Nina and two brothers, Malo and Sua. My baby brother Sua passed away when he was a baby. He's

with God, and in my heart forever. Things were tough when we first moved here. I didn't like it because all I'd ever really known was California. After a while both my parents were working and life got better.

I attended Pipkin Middle School and then Central High School. I am the proud mother of three gorgeous children, Leesah is 9 years old and very smart. My son Hezakiah is 7 years old and Penina is 3 months old and growing very fast. I love my children and thank the Lord for them.



Jessie and Family

I enjoy listening to music, especially reggae and hip-hop. I love to cook and eat Chinese and Samoan food. I've been employed with Culpepper Place for a year and a half doing dietary and recently as a residential assistant. I really enjoy my job and love taking care of the residents. They teach in my culture, Age before beauty, respect is most important, and families always.



Fa'afetai, in my language means Thank You.  
Fa'amanuia le Atua- God Bless.



*Happy Birthday!!!*  
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Ersie 9/21



Gertrude 9/25



Esther 9/29



*Nurses Notes.. with Melinda*  
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### Sam's Hearing Aide Center

Available to all residents if interested— Kathy Smith at Sam's Hearing Aid Center is offering free hearing tests using Culpepper Place Senior Living's Sam's Card. This hearing test is free and you are under no obligation to purchase a hearing aide. If you do decide to purchase a hearing aide, Sam's Club will require you to enroll as a member for \$40.00 in order to purchase. If interested, please contact Geneva to arrange transportation.

Melinda Puckett, Health & Wellness Director

# Home Spun Talent... Ethel Taft



Ethel was born here in Springfield on a farm right by the cemetery at Hwy 60 & Hwy 65 intersection on February 3rd 1910. Back when the highway was a dirt road and there were Street Cars. Her father raised hogs, cattle and a large garden. Ethel had three siblings, two brothers, Nobel Henry and Joseph, and a sister, Marie. When their father passed away Ethel's mother took a job in a restaurant in Kansas as the head cook and baker. Both Ethel and her sister waitressed and was taught to cook and bake there. That is how she learned to bake such wonderful pies that she is so famous for. Ethel has fond memories growing up in and around the restaurant. Ethel met her husband Clarence there and they married and moved to Buffalo, Oklahoma. Clarence worked for an oil company based out of Texas and traveled all over setting up new stations. Shortly after they married, he went to war and served as an Engineer in the Army for over three years. Ethel went to work for Douglas Aircraft in California when their son Gene was just a baby. She assembled and installed motor parts in B17 airplanes. After a while Ethel became quite homesick and got a transfer to Tinker Field, Oklahoma where Clarence's mother lived and waited for him to come home from the war. They lived 17 years in Buffalo, New York and retired in Buffalo, MO. Ethel moved back to Springfield to be near her son Gene and his wife Mary. She is the proud grandmother of 3 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 1 great, great grandchild. Ethel loves to bake pies, play Bridge with her friends, garden and dance. Once she won a 40 hours dance marathon! WOW!!!



# *Karen's Korner...* *Karen's Korner...*



It's hard to believe it is already September! This is definitely my favorite time of year. Once the air gets cool and crisp, it is a great time to open those windows and let some of the stagnant air out of our building, since it is closed up most of the summer with the air conditioner on. It is also a good time to remind you that good handwashing is so important when fall and winter comes along, because it is also time for flu season to begin. Some of the precautions are long gone in the warm weather, but using Kleenexes only one time, coughing in your sleeve, and notifying staff if you have coughing, fever, or other symptoms keeps the group as a whole well longer. Have a happy fall!



## In Loving Memory Of Our Dear Friends



Jim Pettijohn



Roberta Elmore



Herb King