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RIVERVIEW LANDING CONNECTION

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Shirley Novack

During those early years she remembers shopping with ration stamps and tasks such as washing aluminum foil to used again and again. At age thirteen, Shirley was employed by a variety store for 32 cents per hour and found employment with Northwestern Bell at age 16. Yes, she remembers “rubbering,” listening in to conversations between various people. At age 18, she married Jerry Novak and together they had three children, two girls and one boy. Again, as society dictated, she stayed home, caring for her children, etc. for twelve years. Even though it was not a popular thing to do, she went back to work for hire in a grocery store, then a factory, and then for a bank where she developed film. Later, she worked as a clerk for Radisson Hotel as a switch board operator and then as a bookkeeper for Social Services. Even though she had hated math in school, again, the need for a quality wage, she took the job. During Jerry’s working years, at US Steel, he became friends with Leonard Nelson. He and his wife became friends of the couple, and it was discovered that Shirley and Leonard had been in the same class in high school. She and Jerry moved from Duluth to Arizona in 1996, then back to the Elk River area in 2004, when Jerry’s health became needing family support. He died the following year. Their friend, Leonard, had also lost his wife in that same time frame. When it was time for the next class reunion, Leonard and Shirley rode together. Their friendship led to dating. They moved together to Riverview Landing in 2008. Because Leonard’s health became in need of more care, he moved to Wellstead in Rogers this past May. Shirley’s interesting and varied life have made her an interesting, friendly person, as well as an active participant in life at Riverview Landing.



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Volunteer Highlight



A little about myself...



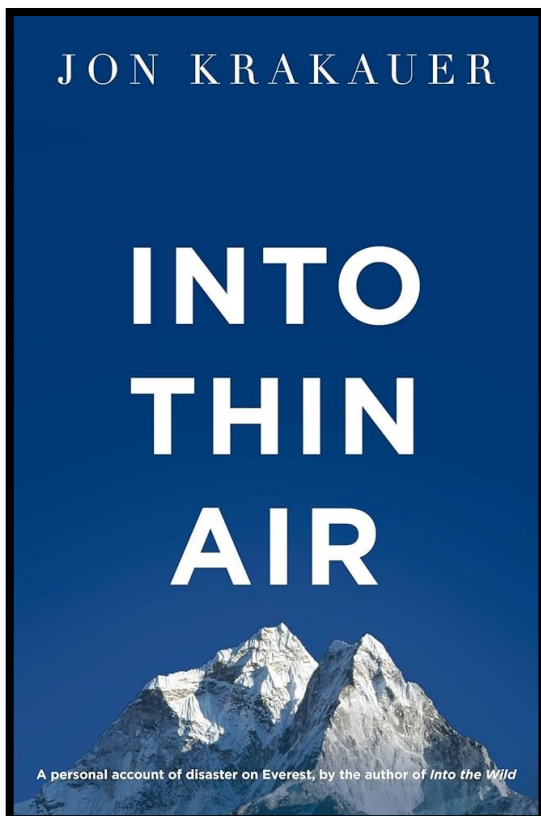
Emma will be joining our volunteer team by sharing her musical talent and playing piano for us. Emma decided to become a Riverview Landing volunteer because she wants to give back to others. She believes music is a gift and she wants to share it. She also believes it is calming and healing. In her spare time she enjoys music, sports and playing board games.



"Into Thin Air"

By: Jon Krakauer

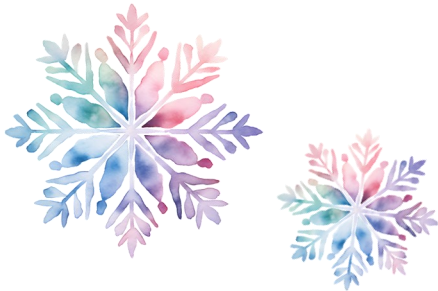
There have been many accounts written about climbing the tallest peak in the world but few can compare to this gripping account of the disastrous 1996 attempt on Mount Everest. Though an experienced climber, Krakauer finds himself fighting for his life in white-out conditions and sub-zero temperatures—when he finally makes it to base camp dehydrated and hallucinating, he finds he is one of the lucky ones. Krakauer, a veteran journalist, brings the whole Everest experience alive with his superb writing.



Happy Birthday

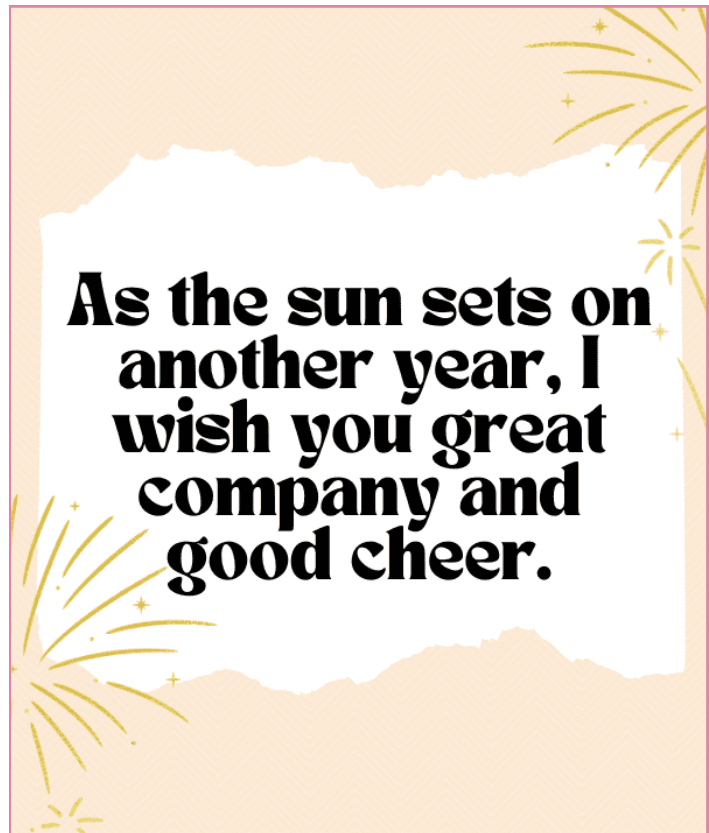
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LaDonna Kettner	1/11	John Van Slyke	1/22
Janet Cisewski	1/13	Wayne Modeen	1/23
John Hall	1/13	Priscilla Sension	1/27
Donna Rehard	1/16		

“No matter how hard the past, you can always
begin again” ~ Buddah



Welcome
WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

John & Betty
Halverson



Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr Day

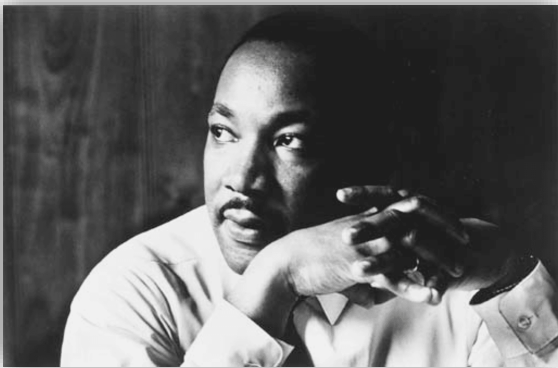
I Have a Dream

In 1963, Martin gave his famous “I Have a Dream” speech, at a famous rally named ‘March on Washington.’ Over 250,000 people gathered in the country’s capital to hear Martin and other activists speak about the importance of civil rights.



King was arrested 29 times

His charges (many of which were dropped) ranged from civil disobedience to traffic violations.



King entered college when he was 15-years-old

King skipped two grades and entered college at the age of 15. He was admitted to Morehouse College in 1944 and graduated in 1948.



After his death, the King family filed a civil case against the government and won

On December 8, 1999, twelve jurors reached a unanimous decision that King’s death was a result of a conspiracy. After the evidence showed James Earl Ray did not pull the trigger, local, state and federal U.S government agencies, and the Mafia were to blame.