

## November 2011

### Resident Birthdays

1st-Mildred Miller  
4th-Beatrice Brewer  
5th-Florence Goethals  
10th-Blanche Johnson  
13th-Kathryn Burleigh  
15th-Mary Ellen Powers  
17th-Emmaline Drobena  
19th-1912 Vera Blausey  
22nd-1913 Maude Mead

### Employee Birthdays

6th-Jessica Bigley  
6th- Carrie Sanford  
9th-Margaret Zajac  
13TH-Angie Fitch  
19th-Barb Holmes  
25th-Crystal Thomas

November's Birthstone is:  
Citrine or Yellow Topaz



Believed to promote happiness and be useful against depression. It symbolizes hope, youth, health, wealth and fidelity.

November's Flower is the:  
Chrysanthemum



Chrysanthemum means compassion, friendship and secret love.

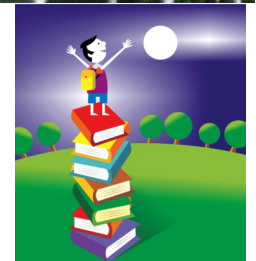


# The Maples

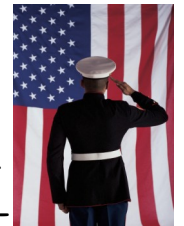
## *Special Days & Celebrations in November*

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Nov. 1-All Saints Day  
Nov. 3-National Sandwich Day  
Nov. 6-Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Nov. 8-Election Day  
Nov. 11-Veterans Day  
Nov. 13-World Kindness Day  
Nov. 17-National Homemade Bread Day  
Nov. 24-Thanksgiving  
Good Nutrition Month  
National Family Caregivers Month  
National Adoption Month  
National Aviation Month  
National Good Nutrition Month  
**2nd Week-National Children's Book Week**  
**3rd Week-American Education Week**



Veterans Day is an annual United States holiday honoring military veterans. It is also celebrated as Armistice Day, falling on November 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed an Armistice Day for November 11, 1919. "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."



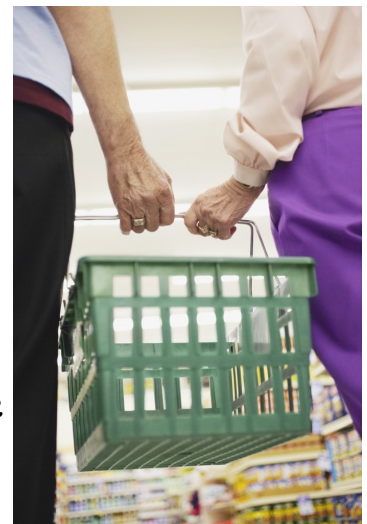
## *Out and About*

The residents were busy during October going to special luncheons and on shopping adventures. Tuesday, October 11, found 18 of the residents attending an excellent luncheon at St. Ann's Catholic Church along with staff members, Leslie Byrd, Lori Hammond, and Jennifer Flynn, and volunteers, Marty Bailey, Jean Bowers and Art Schneider. The food was delicious and included sloppy joes, tater tots, coleslaw, applesauce, and apple brown betty. The residents enjoyed having time to meet with friends from Paul Oliver Long Term Care and to listen to wonderful piano music.



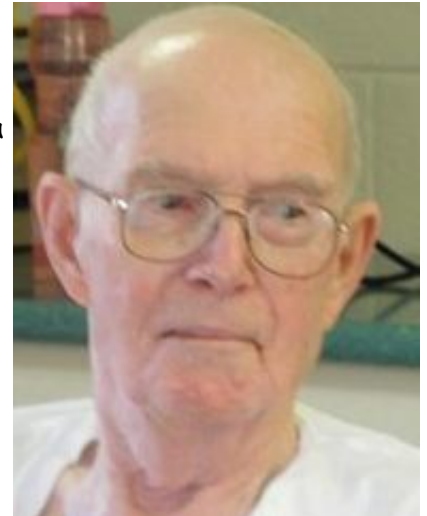
Wednesday, October 19, found the residents enjoying dinner at the Benzonia Congregational Church. It was a beautiful day for a drive and for enjoying the wonderful fall colors. The dinner at the church was delicious and included meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, an assortment of breads, and excellent homemade pies. The residents were then treated to a special concert provided by members of Benzie Central High School choir. It was a most enjoyable evening, from beginning to end.

Friday, October 21, was a shopping adventure in Traverse City as ten residents loaded up shopping carts at Wal-Mart, J C Penney, and Target. The residents, staff, and volunteers had a good time shopping and enjoyed lunch at Jonathon B. Pub, which offers great sandwiches and hearty soups along with the traditional fish & chips. The residents also stopped at the Dollar Store on the way home to pick out decorations for the upcoming special events and holidays.



## *Resident Reflections - Homer Morris*

Homer was born in Beulah on October 2, 1927, in a house across from where the Beulah EZ Mart is now. He has one brother, Don, who is 17 years younger than Homer. He attended elementary school in Benzonia and then his family moved to Keego Harbor, where his father took over the job that Homer's grandfather had been doing. They both ran an Episcopalian camp for girls on Pine Lake in Keego Harbor that was owned by Henry Ford. Homer graduated from Keego Harbor High School. He said he did not have much time for dating because he was involved in sports and played football, basketball, and baseball. He played left field on the baseball team. As soon as he graduated, he joined the service. He served in the South Pacific as a photo lithographer and also took photographs. While he was in the service, his family relocated to Benzonia. He met his wife, Donna McConnell, at a Sadie Hawkins dance in Frankfort. Homer went to the dance, even though he was from Benzonia, and when he walked in, the superintendent asked him why he was there. Donna was busy decorating the hall and Homer pointed to her and said, "I'm with her." They had not even met! Later at the dance they went out for a cigarette and he asked her out on a date. Donna was all dressed up without hat, mittens or boots for their date—Homer took her sledding on Warren Hill! Homer and Donna were married on June 29, 1952, in a Methodist church that was on Leelanau Street in Frankfort, next to where the grade school is now. Homer and Donna had three children, Laura, Cheryl and Dan. They have two grandchildren, Jenelle and Derek, and one great-granddaughter, Kylee. Kylee has decorated Homer's room with her artwork. Homer worked for Benzie County and served on the Benzie County Fire Department as the Assistant Fire Chief. The only time that Homer was ever hurt fighting a fire occurred when the church on the corner of Grace and Forester burned and a burning timber fell on him. Homer was a dedicated fireman, and even after retirement he would go to the fire station to make coffee for the firemen when they had calls.



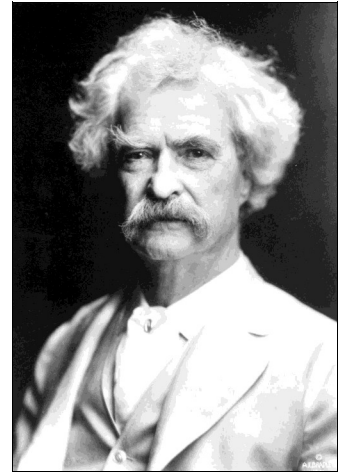
He worked as District Foreman for the Benzie County Road Commission and retired from there after 34 years. Homer was one of the only men who could drive the V-Plow, so during any bad snow storms he was out there pushing through the deep snow to clear our roads. Lottie Pelky's son, Joe, said that Homer was the best boss that he ever had. Homer was also the assistant commander of the VFW.

Homer is a drummer and played in many different bands including the Jeannie Weaver Trio. He played at many local venues including The Villa, The Cabbage Shed, The Mayfair and the Frankfort Hotel. His favorite color is green; his favorite foods are sirloin or T-bone steak. He has always liked animals and the family had cats and dogs as pets. Here at The Maples, Homer enjoys looking out the window and watching all the people coming and going.

*Interview by Jennifer Flynn*

## **Mark Twain-Author and Humorist**

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, would have celebrated his 176th birthday this November 30th. He was most noted for his novels *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Twain grew up in Hannibal, Missouri, which would later provide the setting for Huck and Tom. He apprenticed with a printer. He also worked as a typesetter and contributed articles to his older brother Orion's newspaper. After working as a printer in numerous cities, Twain became a master riverboat pilot on the Mississippi River. He headed out west to join his brother and to try his hand at gold mining. After failing at that, he turned to journalism and wrote *The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*, which brought him nationwide attention. He left behind numerous tidbits of wisdom and humor.



- *A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way.*
- *A man's character may be learned from the adjectives which he habitually uses in conversation.*
- *A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read.*
- *Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.*
- *Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.*
- *Buy land, they're not making it anymore.*
- *Don't let schooling interfere with your education.*
- *Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.*
- *Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.*



Frankfort's Fall Festival was picture perfect! The day was sunny and warm, the fall colors were gorgeous, the parade and The Scottville Clown Band brought lots of smiles, and the decorations were wonderful. Check out the lamp-post decorated by The Maples crew. It looks like this red-headed witch wasn't watching where she was going! The decorations were made by the residents along with Leslie Byrd, Jennifer Flynn, Lori Hammond, Stephanie McCarthy, and Eppie Sanchez. Great job!

# Upcoming Holiday Season

## Gift Ideas for Your Loved Ones

It can sometimes be challenging to choose the right present for your loved ones who live in nursing homes. Here's a list of suggestions if you're finding yourself at a loss as to what to purchase or even do for your resident:



- During the Thanksgiving or Christmas holiday season think about taking your loved one home for a special meal with family or even celebrating at a local restaurant catering to the holiday event
- Crosswords, games or books in large print or clocks with large numbers
- Transfer old family videos and slides to a DVD
- Digital photo frame with family photographs
- Address books with addresses written in for family and friends
- DVDs of favorite TV shows of years past such as I Love Lucy, Ed Sullivan, etc.
- Jitterbug cell phone with large buttons
- Upcoming calendar with relative birthdays, anniversaries, etc. already entered
- Magazine or newspaper subscriptions
- Bring in a pizza or favorite homemade soup to enjoy with your loved one



- CDs of favorite music from the 20s, 30s, or 40s
- Nursing home gift certificates for on-site beautician
- Warm, easy-to-wear clothing or twin-size soft blanket
- Bring loved one's pets in for a visit
- Prepared stationery, note cards, pens and stamps
- Most important—your gift of time

## ***Annual Chili Cook-Off***



The Maples' annual chili cook-off was held on Friday, October 28, in the Activity Room from 11:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m. A \$3.00 donation provided the chance to taste a variety of homemade chili along with salad, dinner rolls, two varieties of cornbread, and dessert (wonderful chocolate brownies provided by Bud Cleghorn). After enjoying the delicious lunch, participants were able to vote for their favorite chili and awards were presented for 1st Place, Dave Burley; 2nd Place, Leslie Byrd; and 3rd Place, Lisa Weller. Congrats to all for participating!



## ***A Special Thank You***

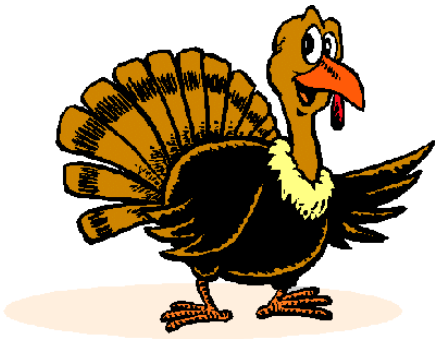
The residents and staff of The Maples would like to extend a huge thank you to Charlotte Blecker and family for the thoughtful and kind donation of two reclining lift chairs in memory of her husband, Harry Blecker.

## ***Pink Lids Make a Difference***

Yoplait has started their annual support for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. For each pink lid sent in before December 31, 2011, they will donate 10¢ up to \$1.6 million. Over the past 13 years, their deep commitment to this cause has resulted in a \$25 million contribution, helping and inspiring many lives. So grab your friends, coworkers, or neighbors, and join The Maples' staff and residents in making a difference!  
*(clean lids may be left at the front desk)*



**November Newsletter Word Search**



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

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

**Every 3rd Wednesday: Catholic Mass at 10:00 a.m.**

*2nd-Trinity Lutheran Church*

*6th-Springdale Community Church*

*9th-Honor Congregational Church*

*13th-Benzonia Faith Baptist Church*

*16th-St Ann's Catholic Church*

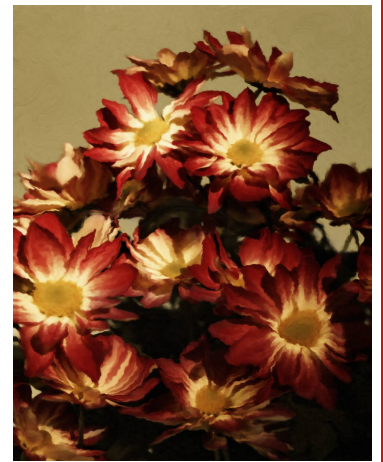
*20th-Crystal Lake Baptist Church*

*23rd-Herring Lake Baptist Church*

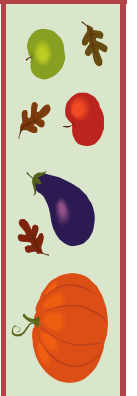
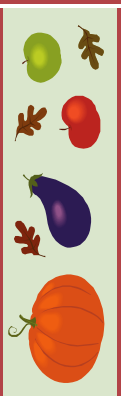
*27th-Our Savior Lutheran Church*

*30th-No One Scheduled*

*This edition of The Maple Leaf is dedicated to the memory of David Kalosky, Lowell Knapp, Marjorie Norris, Mildred Peters, Mildred Smith, Joyce Snow, and Jim Trosen. Our thoughts are with their families and friends.*



**Welcome New Residents!**  
**Helen Fasan, Carl Green,**  
**Patricia Petrie, Dick Kishline and**  
**Edward Ward**



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