



**Sunset Home**  
— Senior Living Community —  
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# THE SUNSET OBSERVER



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## Baseball Dreams



Gary Buck, "Buck" was born in Iowa in 1945, but he spent his childhood in Oronogo, Missouri, near Joplin. Buck loved baseball, coon hunting, and swimming in caves. Oronogo was an old mining town and the cave swimming holes were heavy in alkali which burned the eyes. "Those caves are outlawed now," he says. At one time lead mining caves were in parts of Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Arkansas.

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Buck hunted and trapped with his Redbone coon dog, Lady. He really enjoyed the pastime and was very proud of his dog. Buck also fished with a cane pole in a railroad pond. "It would overflow and the fish would get caught in a dam," he recalls. Buck would make dough balls out of wet cereal to catch the carp on. One year he caught 23 carp.

Buck's first job was stocking groceries when he was ten. At 16, he worked at a gas station around the corner from the grocery store. "I thought I was going to be a professional baseball player," says Buck. He played with the Boyer brothers, three of whom made it to the Majors. Four other Boyers also played in the minor leagues. Buck never did make it to professional ball, but he is still a big Cardinals fan.

Fast cars, Levi's jeans, and greased hair were popular in Buck's youth. "I was purdy," says Buck, "A purdy mess. We used Vaseline to grease down our hair because we couldn't afford anything else. Mom always had Vaseline around the house."

Buck continued to hang out with the Boyer brothers and had a 1941 Ford Coupe. He also had a '53 Plymouth. "It was good for dragging," says Buck. "I also bought a 1965 Pontiac GTO. It would go."

Buck was in a bad motorcycle accident after he got out of the army. "I wrecked it when I hit a gas truck. I went clear over the top of the truck before I hit the ground. I was unconscious for 30 days and I was in the hospital over a year." After that, Buck didn't ride motorcycles much anymore, especially on the highway.



*Buck often entertains staff and residents by singing and playing his air "cane".*

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After the army, Buck became a Jehovah's Witness. He's been a believer since 1973 and was baptized that same December.

Buck regularly studies scripture and is reading Colossians. He believes The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6) points to the meaning of life.

### Sunset Home's Employee of the Month



**David Linden**

Certified  
Nurse Aide

David likes to joke around and bring a smile to residents' faces, but he is also eager to lend a helping hand. He readily assists with extra tasks like putting away supplies or helping in the dining room. David supports Sunset Home best through his responsiveness to the needs of both residents and teammates.

# Happy Birthday

**- August -**

**Joann Johnson**

**Wayne Ruud**





# Kids Camp



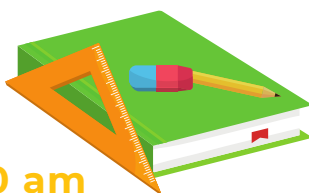


# Sunset Slip n' Slide!



## Happening in August

**Mondays - 8:00 am**  
Coffee Time



**Wednesdays - 10:00 am**  
Christian Service with Donuts

**August 1 - 9:00 am**  
Rock Painting



**August 2 - 9:00 am**  
Elvis Trivia

**August 3 - 9:00 am**  
Cards & Conversation



**August 8 - 9:00 am**  
Tie Dye Time!

**August 15 - 1:30 pm**  
Bus Trip to Big City Scoops

**August 17 - 9:00 am**  
Watercolor Painting



**August 18 - 1:30 pm**  
Root Beer Floats

**August 21 - 1:30 pm**  
Grief Group

**August 22 - 8:00 am**  
Waffle Bar



**August 29 - 9:30 am**  
Slip n' Slide

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