



Riverside WAVES

Empty Nesters Say You Don't Have to Be Young to Help Young People

As Carol Bicak wrote in the *Omaha World-Herald*, 'you don't have to be young and hip to be a Big Brother or a Big Sister.'

There was a very nice article in the *World-Herald* about our very own Riverside Lakes residents Mary Hamilton and Jack White. They are a Big Couple to 15-year-old Matthew, a Little Brother. Even though Hamilton is 69, and White is 81, they are not considered too old to be a Big Brother/Sister. According to Jim Frederick, director of marketing and recruitment for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands, many of the most successful matches come from baby boomers or empty nesters. The organization welcomes volunteers of any age. Right now there are more than 120 kids on the

waiting list for a Big Brother, Big Sister, or Big Couple.

White and Hamilton were invited to meet Big Brothers Big Sisters executives at a presentation for potential donors. What they learned at the meeting left them wanting to give more than money. They applied to be a volunteer Big Couple.

Matthew has been their Little Brother now for six years. Over the years, they've had outings that were both fun and serious mentoring, trying to expose Matthew to different careers and introducing him to interesting people in those fields. He's met a soybean farmer, a flying instructor (who took him up in a plane), and a banker. They've visited a small manufacturing plant in Florence and the OPPD coal-fired plant in

north Omaha. They also go out to eat, play miniature golf, see movies, go bowling, enjoy board games, attend sporting events, or simply go out for ice cream.

The couple, who were the 2012 Big Couple of the Year, have made a big impression on Matthew. In his nominating letter, Matthew wrote: "They always treat me with respect and make me feel special. ... They always have fun things planned for us to do. They always check first to see if I'm interested in it. I am always interested, even if it sounds boring. I have never been disappointed in the things we do together."

White and Hamilton urge possible volunteers to not let age be a factor. There are so many things to do!

Come One, Come All to Octoberfest!!

Octoberfest!
Saturday, October
19th
6:00 P.M.
RSL Pavilion

In the survey earlier this year, residents suggested a band in the park! We're excited to announce, *A Live Band*, RLRA resident TwiLea Fletcher's band will be playing for Octoberfest on 10/19.

Chili Cook-off: Whether you want to cook and compete or

just eat, you are sure to have some fun! Bring your best chili for a chance to earn the traveling trophy. Please bring a side dish to serve 12 people to share. RLRA will provide dessert.

Pumpkin Decorating - RLRA will provide 1 pumpkin to each child 12 and under!

Beer exchange - Bring your favorite fall 6 pack to share and you will get to enjoy other beer lov-

ers picks as well.

RSVP by 10/16 - Lisa Lahners: lmlahners@gmail.com or 402-690-3413

This is a RLRA function. Non members and guests \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children. Maximum \$25.00 per family. RLRA Dues (\$75.00) can be sent to Dave Mayberry, 538 Riverside Drive.

Plenty of Fun at Riverside Lakes Summer Fun Days!

Did you miss the fun? Well, if you did be sure to mark your calendar for our annual Summer Fun Days next August. Here's a recap of the weeks events: We began on Saturday morning with the **Fishing Tournament**. Young and old baited their hooks in hopes of getting the "catch of the day". The winners were: Big Lake = **Grace Traynor** and the Small Lake = **Conner Schonlau**. That night the **Tapas and Tiramisu** parties were held. Although this is not a Riverside Lakes Recreation Association [RLRA] event, we kicked off the week with a bang! From the Wild West, on to a Taco Fiesta, then Duck Dynasty and finally Fifty Shades of Gray - each had their own special flare. After all of this, we ended the evening with the Tiramisu Party = Minute to Win It.

The annual **Horseshoe Tournament** was held on Sunday. After a tough competition **Jim Meier** was awarded the trophy.

Kid's Night and the **Softball Game**

were held on Wednesday. Lots of children and grandchildren who took part in this event had fun on the water slide, played beanbag toss, had their face painted or took aim with water balloons, then cooled off with a delicious snow cone.

Adults and children alike played a friendly game of softball. It was nice to see so many families take part in this event.

On Thursday, we held the third annual **Duck Race**. We sold out! Hundreds of little ducks floated and bobbed down the Elkhorn River as participants cheered their ducks on to victory. The winning ducks went to: **1st place = Jamie Streff, 2nd place = Bill Reppert, and 3rd place = Mollie Anderson.**

Believe it or not that was not all! On Saturday morning the **Triathlon** brought out some terrific athletes. They ran, swam and rode their bikes around the lakes. The trophies were awarded



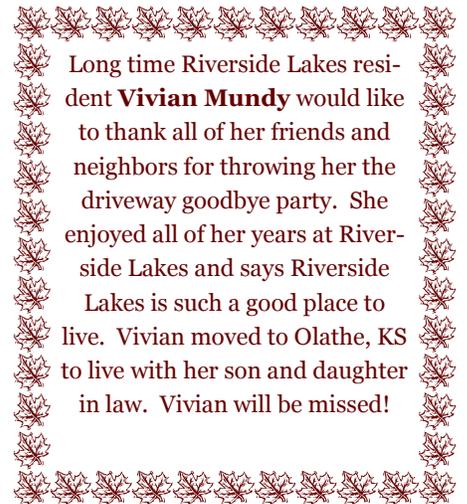
to: Adult division = **Peyton Hottovy**, Children's division = **Parker Hottovy**. Congratulations to all our winners.

We culminated the week's events with our **Dinner Dance** in the park. Chicken was provided by RLRA while attendees brought sides and desserts. We have some wonderful cooks and bakers here at the lake! Everything was yummy!

Residents danced to the tunes of DJ Doug E Fresh (**Doug Eggen**).

Once again **Katie Brichacek** bested the younger ones in the Limbo...there was fierce competition!

Thanks to all who helped and participated in Summer Fun Days. If you missed out, look ahead to next year and mark your calendars as soon as the dates are announced in the newsletter. It's a great way to meet and socialize with your Riverside Lake's neighbors!



Long time Riverside Lakes resident **Vivian Mundy** would like to thank all of her friends and neighbors for throwing her the driveway goodbye party. She enjoyed all of her years at Riverside Lakes and says Riverside Lakes is such a good place to live. Vivian moved to Olathe, KS to live with her son and daughter in law. Vivian will be missed!

Riverside Lakes Hosts Another Fabulous Fourth!

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the fireworks this year. Once again a magnificent light show was held over the Riverside Lakes skies.

A flotilla of decorated boats paraded around the Boating and Fishing Lakes on the 4th too. The trophies went to **La Rita's** [Boating Lake] and **Bock/ Morris**



[Fishing Lake].

A big Thank You to all the teams who participated in the 4th of July Boat Parade! As usual, the parade was a hit with all ages and spectators! Start thinking and/or looking for ideas for next year because there's some tough competition out there!

Meet The Board!!

Hi! I'd like to introduce myself to the Riverside Lakes Community. My name is **Charlyn Westley**.

[Pronounced like it looks Charlyn] My husband Bob and I moved here from the Chicagoland area. We built our home and moved in at the end of January.

After teaching Kindergarten and First Grade in Illinois, I retired in June

of 2012. We wanted to be closer to our sons so the move to Omaha seemed right. We have two sons – Brad, his wife Tracey and our grandchildren Brooke and Chase live here in Omaha and Scott, who lives in Des Moines.

I feel that it was a God-send that we ended up building our home at Riverside Lakes. We have been greeted warmly and have developed new

friendships. We look forward to many years here at the lake and hope to meet more neighbors and friends. I am proud to be a part of the RLRA board and will meet and greet new neighbors with the same warmth that I received.



News & Requests From Your Riverside Lakes Recreation Association

Santa Night

One of the comments in several of the surveys was more events for children at Riverside Lakes. RLRA is going to sponsor a Santa Night this year. The event will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 10th, at The Pines.

Do you know a Santa? If so, let **Julie Mogler** (402-981-2610 or juliemogler@hotmail.com). We need some help from Jolly Ole St. Nick that night.

Hot Dog Roast

Approximately 70 adults and 10 kids enjoyed a beautiful September afternoon on the island. Thank you to **Tim Mogler**, **Bob Westley**, **Nick Heinrich** for your help with the wood, fire and grilling!!!



Website

We've added a Classifieds page to the website (www.riversidelakes.org). If you have something you'd like to sell or an event you'd like to promote, please send the following information to Chris Imm

(chris_imm2000@yahoo.com) and we'll get it posted on the website.

THANKS!

Thank You Katie Clark for all of your hard work and dedication on the RSRA board. Katie went back to work this fall and resigned to spend more time with Steve and girls!! Katie you will be missed.

We Need YOU!

The RLRA board has an opening starting in January 2014 for a treasurer. Do you like to crunch numbers? If so, this is for you! Please contact **Julie Mogler** at 402-981-2610 or juliemogler@hotmail.com if you are interested!

Save The Date:

Octoberfest /Chili Feed -

Saturday, 10/19

Santa Night = The Pines - Tuesday, 12/10 6:30

Holiday Party - Indian Creek CC - Friday, 12/13 6:00

Welcome New Neighbors!!

- **Ken & Marilyn Knox**
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Dave Mayberry

My bride (Jana) and I purchased our lot on the fishing lake about 8 years ago. We decided to build after mowing a big empty lot for several years while watching everyone else enjoy everything the community has to offer. We introduced our daughter (Kinsley) to the world about 15 months ago. She is like a learning sponge and a ball of energy combined. I think she is going to keep us busy for many years to come....

I grew up in Omaha and I graduated from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. Go Huskers!! I have worked at Mutual of Omaha for over 15 years. I enjoy outdoor activities including getting out on the lakes and kayaking down the river. I am a big fan of music and I play drums in a classic rock and blues band called "The Omaha Rock Company." You haven't heard of us because we don't play many shows and pretty much stick to practicing in the basement, but we still have a lot of fun just playing music.

Jana and I enjoy everything Riverside Lakes has to offer and we are looking forward to raising our daughter here.

**Riverside Lakes
Holiday Party**
When: Friday, December 13, 2013
Where: Indian Creek Golf Club
3825 N 202nd St
Elkhorn
Time: 6:00 cash bar
7:00 buffet dinner
8:00 entertainment
The cost is \$10 per paid RSRA
members or \$20 per non-paid
guests

Please RSVP to Julie Mogler
At: juliemogler@hotmail.com or
402-981-2610
by Tuesday, December 3, 2013

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Chris Imm

Carmen and I moved into our "Permanent Summer Home" on the river in August of 2009. We have three boys and this neighborhood is perfect for them. While we were house shopping, we always saw cookie-cutter houses in generic neighborhoods. We decided to look farther "out West" and never looked back. Carmen and I both grew up around the Harlan County Lake and Republican River in Southern Nebraska. We couldn't have asked for a better fit in Riverside Lakes.

I am currently a Technical Lead at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska, and my wife Carmen is a self-employed hair stylist and Super Mom. Our three boys are Adrian (7), Tyson (4), and Davis (1) and we have two Chihuahuas Charlie and Sam. I have been on the Riverside Lakes board since 2010 and am responsible for the Riverside Lakes website.

Thank you for making Riverside Lakes such a great place to live!