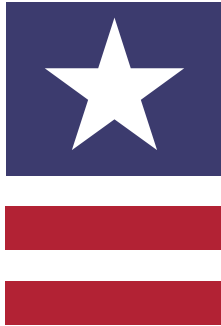




**J**erry Hinton was born on a farm in Wymore, Nebraska on June 12, 1919. He now resides in Topeka, Kansas at Brewster Place in the Redwood apartments overlooking the waving American flag. He is a tall, well-built man who seldom loses a gentle smile and a happy, "Hello!" to everyone he sees. He is approachable,



kind and easy to talk with. But Jerry Hinton has a life story few people would imagine.

"In 1941, right after Pearl Harbor, I entered the Selection Service in Hutchinson, Kansas. I went with two others and some Native Americans from Haskell to Fort Ord, California on Monterey Bay. I was to protect the west coast from a possible Japanese invasion at the time. Soon we were sent to Escondido, California, and then to Alabama on a train. We departed on a ship in New York and 14 days after I saw

## EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL AND SOME STORIES ARE EXTRAORDINARY

### JERRY HINTON BY DIANA REED, RESIDENT

the Statue of Liberty, we were docking in Liverpool, England. There were masts of ships and it was then that I saw World War II."

Corporal Jerry Hinton joined a large group of young men suiting up and preparing for the invasion of Normandy Beach. The large group of young men were gathered from all over the United States. They got their barracks bags and walked eight miles to the American camp.

"It was then that we got our 155 artillery guns with a six inch barrel and a 45 pistol for our hip," he said.

Jerry said that the service gave them some entertainment before they went into battle.

"We went to a USO show in England. They got 1,200 guys together and we saw Jack Benny on a flatbed truck, with a pretty girl singing. It was windy and Jack Benny held her skirt down. Everyone was yelling," he said. Jerry continued soberly, "then we went to Normandy."

Jerry explained, "In June 1944, they took us on LST ships (Landing Ship Tanks) that were built for World War II. It had two decks. Howitzers on the bottom decks, jeeps and soldiers manning the top deck. They put big canvas bal-

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### MISSION

Brewster Place is a retirement community providing all of its residents opportunities for an optimal quality of life.



The Brewster Health Center is accredited by The Joint Commission.



## CREATIVE ARTS

WITH SAMANTHA BANKS  
CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR  
785-274-3317

### CINCO DE MAYO CENTERPIECES

Wednesday, May 4

1:00 pm | Klinge Activity Center

Join Sam in making tissue paper flower decorations for our Cinco de Mayo event on May 5. All supplies provided. This is a great project for beginners.

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### MOVIE DATE

*Da Vinci: A Man of Science and the Arts*

Friday, May 13

1:00 pm | Main Street Chapel

In this short documentary, learn about the life of Leonardo da Vinci, the quintessential Renaissance figure who was not only a skilled artist, but also inventor, astronomer, and more. Refreshments provided.

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### BAZAAR CREATION STATIONS

Wednesday, May 18

1:00—2:30 pm | Klinge Activity Center

Would you like to participate in the June 10 Bazaar, but you are not sure where to start? Sam will have “creation stations” with easy-to-make crafts in a come-and-go-style event. Learn how to make earrings, coasters, no-sew bags, magnets and more. Great for beginners!

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### NEEDLE FELTING WORKSHOP

Monday, May 23 and Friday, May 27

1:00 pm | The Evergreens Art Studio

What in the world is needle felting? Call Sam at 785-274-3317 to reserve a place at either of these workshops to find out. You will make your own mini gnome sculpture. Beginners welcome, no prior skills necessary.

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### PAINT WITH SAM

For the month of May, Paint with Sam will be on:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

1:00—3:00 pm | Penthouse Art Studio ■

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Resident Council has several Standing Committees that work in cooperation with various departments at Brewster Place. One such committee is the Service Activities Committee.

**As stated in the Resident Council Bylaws, the purpose of the Service Activities Committee is to:** *Work in cooperation with the Directors of Social Services and Arts and Crafts in planning and developing service projects. The Committee shall be responsible for expenditures of service funds, and shall keep a record of all such expenditures.*

We are currently looking for new members for this committee. If you are interested, please contact Sam Banks at 274-3317. ■

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### PLEASE NOTE



The speed limit at Brewster Place is 12 mph.

This is a month of change and celebration. Not only has the weather finally turned to warmer days but we also rejoice in the annual renewal of life all around us. Budding flowers and trees lift our spirits as we breathe in the fresh, pure air of spring, allowing the scent to fill us



## FROM the CHAPLAIN

REV. CAROLINE VAUTRINOT, M.DIV

### BREATHE DEEP

*"May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive." —Fennel Hudson*

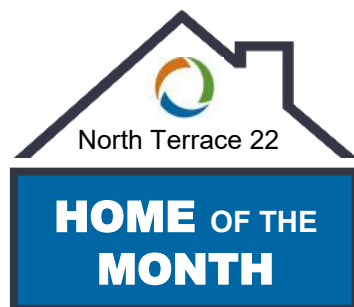
month of May has been a time to celebrate the wonders of the Earth. Throughout the ages, people have taken time out of their lives to rejoice in the promise of food and other life-giving sustenance that we find all around us with a little thought and care.

As we breathe the spring air and enjoy the many activities of a world bursting with new warmth and light, I hope that we all enable ourselves to be invigorated by the energy around us. Allow yourself to be swept up in the renewal of the season. Be reminded of the ever-present cycle continuing around us, knowing that each passing day brings new possibilities for life and for joy to fill our souls.

Each budding flower is an opportunity for gratitude, each breeze a reminder of our connection with all of Creation – touching each of us as it gusts past. Breathe deeply this month. Breathe deep and come alive with the world around us. ■

with energy and with the promise of new life. Even the winds seem to notice this reinvigoration, plucking playfully at our hair and clothes.

Throughout this month we plant gardens, start planning our summer, and look forward to the warming days ahead of us. Historically, the



## THE SUPER-DUPER SUPER TWO

North Terrace 22 is this month's Home of the Month and its super-duper! This two bedroom, two bath apartment is 1,000 square feet of amazing living space. You won't believe the size of the owner's suite with an unbelievable large walk-in closet. The kitchen is a dream, it's plumbed for a washer and dryer, and the second bedroom would make a perfect TV room, office, or, of course, a bedroom! It's just plain super-duper!

To see this swell apartment, contact Chris Gallagher at 785-274-3351 with Sales and Marketing at Brewster Place. Remember, you can help choose your future neighbors by making a referral and receive one month's free rent once the friend moves in! ■



### BPTV Channel 1960

Your go-to place for daily news, announcements, updates, music, exercise classes, movies, and fun photos!

**Morning audio announcements occur Monday—Friday from 8:00—8:30 am**

# FROM THE BREWSTER ARCHIVES...

## RESIDENT COUNCIL | STANDING COMMITTEES

**D**id you know that the first Brewster Place Resident Council was selected in 1964 and consisted of 10 members who represented the various floors and wings of the original Main Building (now Redwood)? Bylaws for Resident Council were first adopted in January 1965 and have stood the test of time with changes being suggested and approved when necessary. Standing committees were also formed, some of which are still active today.

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### PURPOSE OF RESIDENT COUNCIL — BYLAWS ARTICLE II

To provide residents with an orderly manner of communication with each other and with the management about matters of common interest, welfare, and concern.

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### STANDING COMMITTEES | BYLAWS ARTICLE VIII

The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall appoint a Chairperson for each Standing Committee. In the interest of efficiency, all Standing Committee Chairpersons should work in cooperation with the Department Directors of the various services. Each Chairperson of a Standing Committee may select a Co-Chairperson, and may select additional members, if desired.

When necessary, the number of Standing Committees shall be increased or decreased by proper action of the Council.

Standing Committee job descriptions shall be given to each Committee Chairperson at the time of the appointment.

All Committees shall make regular reports to the Council.

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### CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEES

AS APPROVED IN BYLAWS REVISED IN 2015

- a. The Historical Committee
- b. The Spiritual Life Committee
- c. The Library Committee
- d. The Service Activities Committee
- e. The Gardens and Grounds Committee
- f. The Social Activities Committee
- g. The Food Services Committee
- h. The Volunteerism Committee
- i. The Security/Safety/Transportation Committee
- j. The Recycling Committee
- k. The Welcoming Committee (not active)

### MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to learn more about the history of Brewster Place or Resident Council, contact Janis Swanson at 274-3389.

Copies of Resident Council Bylaws are available as well as archives of the Brewster News from 1964—present.

**A complete list of Standing Committee chairs and members can be found in the Spring/Summer 2022 Resident Directory. ■**

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**GET INVOLVED!  
BE A PART OF YOUR RESIDENT COUNCIL.**

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loons held up by steel on the top, like dirigibles, so that the Germans by air couldn't strafe (attack by low-flying aircraft) us."

Jerry continued, "A soldier told us to charge. He said, 'I'm going to run you right up the sand rather than back onto the sea so you stay away from the beach. The anti-aircraft guys pulled their guns, the weapon carriers had their own weapons. They let 200 men leave the LST at a time. Before it was my time, I went back to the kitchen truck to get something to eat. A K-ration was a box with three meals: one can with scrambled eggs and bacon, a box with cheese and an evening meal with meat and potatoes. A D-ration box was just a large candy bar you could eat little by little or it would give you a belly ache. You could also get your cigarettes and your little sheets of toilet paper. Then you were ready to run up the sand."

The LST ships went back to the large vessels to reload men, artillery, and jeeps. At the same time, Allies were dropping paratroopers from the air. Allies were dropped behind the enemy lines. Thousands of men, equipment and jeeps were being off-loaded at the same time. The Germans were fortified at the top of the hills shooting down toward the sea as men crawled up. Streams of men and trucks found the road after they had neutralized the Germans. The soldiers then marched on to the next town.

After the Allied Forces took Normandy, they entered Saint-Lô, France in July 1944. The plan was to force the Germans to retreat along the hedgerows from small town to small town through France toward Germany. This was the period of the most intense fighting. Corporal Hinton bravely fought with the American troops, fought through the hedgerows, taking Orleans, Mortain and Van

Hough. Many of the hedgerow towns were littered with tanks, jeeps and wrecked trucks.

"In December 1944, we found ourselves in the Tanks of the Forest," Jerry said. "It was the forest of the tanks. The Nazis had tanks and tanks in the forest. It was the coldest, snowiest winter they ever had. There was 10 inches of snow. They called it the Ardennes Offensive, between Belgium and Luxemburg. The Battle of the Bulge was the bloodiest battle for the Americans on the Western Front – 20,000 Americans were killed in this battle."

The Battle of the Bulge was over on January 25, 1945. After this battle, Corporal Hinton was sent to a hospital in Belgium for shrapnel wounds and recuperation. He remembers that he was physically and mentally exhausted. After his release, he returned to the service. The Germans had surrendered and Corporal Hinton worked in Germany for the United States government to govern the Germans on the Danube after the war.

When that job was completed, Corporal Hinton received \$300, and was taken out of the war. He was sent to Newport News, Virginia where he was part of a large welcome homecoming, complete with yelling, screaming, singing and United States flags. The war was over.

Jerry married a precious lady, Jean, and was married for 74 years before her death in November 2020. He says they never had an argument. Jean was a beloved member of the Brewster Place community. The Hinton family has two sons, three granddaughters and one grandson. Jerry is proud to be 102 years young and will celebrate his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on June 12. ■

**Awards and Medals**

- Normandy – Northern France
- Rhineland: Ardennes – Central Europe
- Good Conduct Medal
- American Defense Service Ribbon

**End of War**

**Fought at five major campaign battles:**

- Saint-Lô
- Crossed the Rhine Took Orleans
- Mortain
- Van Lough
- Bulge
- Normandy





WITH CHELSEY WESSEL  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST

### BrewsterConnect

**B**rewster’s monthly membership program, BrewsterConnect, continues to grow. For a small monthly fee, people can continue to live in their homes and join BrewsterConnect to enjoy the programs, classes and amenities at Brewster Place. It’s a wonderful program and many members end up moving in!

If you have a family member or friend that would like to learn more or join, please contact Chelsy Wessel at 785-274-3394. Get connected at Brewster Place!

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

**P**art of Brewster’s community engagement is to host volunteers from the Topeka community to do a variety of tasks – everything from moving furniture to calling BINGO to intergenerational activities. This month we want to thank the Washburn University Student Government group for coming in late April to help get our beautiful 35-acre campus ready for spring! ■

### BREWSTER CHOIR

**A**s we gear up for summer, we are forming another special Brewster Choir to perform at the July 4 event. Dorothy Ififf (Cornerstone choir director and daughter of Mary Muilenburg) has volunteered to direct the choir this year. If you have questions, please call Jamie at 785-274-3398.

#### CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

**Tuesdays, May 10, 17, 24 and 31**  
3:00 pm | Main Street Chapel

**Fridays, May 13, 20 and 27**  
3:00 pm | Main Street Chapel



Practices will also be held in June. ■

### BREWSTER NEWS SUBMISSIONS

**I**f you are a member of a Brewster Place committee, group, or club, and want events or items of note to be placed on the activities calendar and/or in the Brewster News, please have those items to Janis Swanson by the 15th of the month.

The best way to have your meetings and events advertised is to have them published on the monthly calendar and in the Brewster News. This gives us time to advertise via posters, BPTV, K4, and the Weekly Wellness Opportunities bulletin.

**You can email items to:**  
janiss@brewsterplace.org  
*or*

Send hard copies via interoffice mail to Janis Swanson at The Evergreens.

**Questions:** Please call Janis at 274-3389. ■





# KU OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING SERIES

# SUMMER SESSIONS

## WOMEN, the FORGOTTEN “MEN” in HISTORY

Tuesdays, June 14, 21 and 28  
1:00—3:00 pm | Cultural Arts Center

This course looks at nine history-making women, three each session, whose achievements are not commonly known. Among them are a scientist, a Nobel Peace Laureate, a pioneering pilot, a suffragist, a presidential candidate, a women’s and African American’s rights activist, a British anthropologist, and a pioneering politician from the western U.S.

**Instructor:**  
**Diana Carlin, Ph.D.**, is Professor Emerita of Communication at Saint Louis University and a retired professor of Communication Studies at KU. Dr. Carlin has written several articles and co-authored a book on gender and politics. She also taught courses on women as political leaders, the rhetoric of women’s rights and communication and gender.

## JOHN BROWN: ARDENT ABOLITIONIST or DOMESTIC TERRORIST

Tuesdays, July 26; August 2 and 9  
1:00—3:00 pm | Cultural Arts Center

John Brown opposed slavery and became the leading exponent of violence in the abolition movement. We’ll examine his life and association with Bleeding Kansas, the sacking of Lawrence, the Pottawatomie massacre, the battles of Black Jack and Osawatomie, incursion to free Missouri slaves, and the failed raid on Harper’s Ferry.

**Instructor:**  
**Jim Peters, J.D.**, is the director emeritus of the Osher Institute at KU. He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the New England School of Law. He teaches courses on John Brown, the Underground Railroad, Arlington National Cemetery, Harry Truman, Teddy Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, George Washington Carver, and Presidential Assassins, among others. ■



**PHOTO SESSION**  
Monday, May 16  
1:30—3:00 pm  
Redwood Founders Room

If you have the K4 app and haven’t had your photo taken yet, please come to this photo session. It only takes a few minutes and it will allow us to continue to add photos to the K4 digital directory. If you had your photo taken and don’t like your photo, you may have it retaken. ■



**STRONGER TOGETHER**  
SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Thursday of the month.  
1:00 pm | Redwood Founders Room

If you have questions, please contact Taylor Cooper, LMSW, Resident Engagement Specialist at 274-3348. ■

# DAY TRIP — CRUISING CONCORDIA

Join us as we explore many of the unique sites in Concordia. We'll visit the Cloud County Historical Museum which preserves and exhibits objects and documents of historical items representing early-day Kansas. Records are on display of the military Prisoner of War Camp, churches, and schools.

While enjoying lunch you will be treated to a presentation about the history of Cloud County. We'll spend time at the Whole Wall Mural, the longest sculpted brick mural in the U.S. which is 140 feet in length. This incredible piece of public art depicts the history of Cloud County. We will visit Camp Concordia, a prisoner of war camp for captured Germans, which was maintained a few miles north of Concordia during World War II. At its peak, the Camp housed 4,000 German prisoners and 1,000 military and civilian staff.



**Wednesday, May 11**

7:15 am | Shuttle

**Fee is \$60 and includes:**

- Transportation
- Museum admissions
- Guided tours
- Lunch

To reserve your spot, please call Jamie at 785-274-3398.

We'll stop the POW Museum and see the original guard house that has been restored. Concordia is the home of the national Orphan Train complex that preserved the stories and artifacts of those who were part of the Orphan Train Movement from 1854 to 1929. ■

## PEN PALS, CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SHARING JOY!



**Susan Perry** has participated in a Pen Pal program with students from Pauline Central Elementary School. Recently residents made painted t-shirts to give to their pen pals at an upcoming event in May. Residents from all areas of campus participated.



**Marge Robards** showed her KU spirit before the big NCAA Men's Championship game in April. No offense to K-State fans, but we have to celebrate when a Kansas school reaches the pinnacle. Way to go Jayhawks! We will root for the Wildcats next year just as hard!



**Patricia Watson** is a retired teacher who loves to spread joy each and every day. She creates special cards and posters to give to staff and residents to show her gratitude. One day she gave this touching sign to housekeeper Georgia. Thank you Patricia and Georgia!



# OFF CAMPUS — A few highlights!

## **TOUR ALICE EBERHART-WRIGHT'S FARM**

**Wednesday, May 4 | 12:30 pm | Shuttle (pick up from RW and EV)**

If you are looking for an interesting bus ride around west Topeka, this is for you. We will stop to explore Alice's home to view her beautiful artwork and learn about her farm. We always find something interesting to check out. If interested, please call Jamie at 785-274-3398. We will be stopping for a treat somewhere!

## **FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK**

**Friday, May 6 | 4:30 pm | Shuttle**

Let's go check out the beautiful artwork of Brewster Place resident Naomi Cashman at the NexLynx Gallery of Art (Please note the gallery requires steps). Naomi has always had a creative urge. She came to be a watercolor artist later in life after having first spent nearly 20 years sculpting waterfowl out of wood, giving them finely textured details, painting with oil pigment for a natural life-like appearance. Please call Jamie at 785-274-3398 if you are interested in this outing.

## **DAY TRIP TO CONCORDIA**

**Wednesday, May 11 | 7:15 am | Shuttle (pick up from RW and EV)**

Please see more information on the back page of this issue.

## **BLUE JAZZ COFFEE TOUR AND TASTING**

**Wednesday, May 18 | 12:30 pm | Shuttle (pick up from RW and EV)**

Coffee makes every morning better. Let's tour locally owned coffee factory and tasty beats training lab of Blue Jazz Coffee. We will learn about the sourcing and tasting of coffees from around the world. It will be fun but educational. The trip tour cost is \$10 and includes tastings. If interested, please call Jamie at 785-274-3398.

## **DAY TRIP TO ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI**

**Wednesday, May 25 | 8:30 am | Shuttle (pick up from RW and EV)**

Our day will start with a tour of the Albrecht-Kemper Art Museum in St. Joseph. This museum is one of the Midwest's finest collections of 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> century American art as it includes both fun and powerful works. We will also enjoy a special exhibit of Stephen Johnson and Karen Matheis at the Museum. We will eat lunch and check out downtown St. Joseph. On the way home we can stop by Nell Hill and the surrounding shops to see what is new for spring. The trip fee is \$20 includes admission and transportation. Lunch is Dutch treat. If interested, please call Jamie at 785-274-3398.

**SAVE THE DATE**

## **SUMMER MINI BAZAAR**

**Friday, June 10**

**10:00 am—3:00 pm | Redwood Lounge**

We will hold a Bazaar this summer open to staff and residents only. If you are interested in helping to make merchandise, baked goods, or volunteer to be a cashier at the Bazaar, please contact Sam at 785-274-3317 or email her at [samantha.banks@brewsterliving.org](mailto:samantha.banks@brewsterliving.org)

## **KU OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING SERIES SUMMER SESSION**

**New classes in June and July!**

See page 7 of this issue for more information.

# ON CAMPUS — A few highlights!

## **CINCO DE MAYO**

**Thursday, May 5 | 11:30 am | Cultural Arts Center**

Join us for walking tacos, Choco tacos, and drinks. \$5 each.

## **MEET AND GREET AUTHOR MARJORIE VAN BUREN**

**Tuesday, May 10 | 2:00 pm | Main Street Chapel**

In April we highlighted resident author Marjorie Van Buren. This month we hope you'll join us to meet Marjorie for an informal visit celebrating the publication of her first novel, *Dark Moon Over Brooklyn*. Depending on your interests, Marjorie will read selections from her book, offer behind-the-scenes glimpses of publishing as she's experienced it, and/or try to answer your questions about her process of writing. She'll be happy to sign your copy (available at amazon.com) and will have available a few copies of her novel as well as her earlier non-fiction book, *In Our Hands*. Cash or check only, please.

## **K4 PHOTO SESSION**

**Monday, May 16 | 1:30—3:00 pm | Redwood Founders Room**

If you haven't had your photo taken for the K4 App here is your chance. It only takes a couple of minutes. K4 photos are uploaded to the app as part of the digital directory. Get to know your neighbors and friends by seeing their photo!

## **CHAT WITH SARA TUCKER**

**Tuesday, May 17 | 1:00 pm | Main Street Chapel**

Join Brewster Place resident Sara Tucker to discuss how life can be wonderful but also drive us crazy. True love can be hard to find and difficult to keep. Times change and can bring all sorts of adventures and problems. Sara will share her humorous perspective on ordinary life.

## **HUMANITIES KANSAS BOOK TALK**

**Tuesday, May 24 | 1:00 pm | Main Street Chapel**

Brewster Place resident Sara Tucker is our facilitator as we discuss the book *So Long a Letter* by Mariama Ba. It is an outstanding story of a women's perceptive testimony to the plight of women who live in social milieus dominated by attitudes and values that deny them their proper place. If interested in a book, please call Jamie at 274-3398.