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“Topping out” the Wheat Ridge Apartments



The final beam is installed in the new Wheat Ridge Apartment building.

In March, the final steel beam was placed on top of the new Wheat Ridge Apartment building. This is called “topping out” of a building project in the construction industry. The topping out provides an opportunity to recognize a milestone and give thanks for the hard work and safety of the construction workers.

For a week prior to its installation, the last beam was displayed in the Wheat Ridge lobby. During that time, current and incoming residents, families, team members, volunteers, and visitors were able to sign their names on the beam, adding prayers, Bible verses, or notes of appreciation. Eventually, that beam was inserted on the roof, roof trusses were installed, and then the roof and shingles.



Incoming Wheat Ridge Apartment resident Esther Becker signs the beam.

The addition of the new Wheat Ridge Personal Care Activity Room is moving rapidly along also. The roof is in place and work on the interior is progressing nicely. After completion—anticipated for early summer—the activity room and nurses’ station will be centrally located with easy access to each resident’s room. An open house of the new activity room is being planned for June 26 at 2:00 p.m. See below for more information.

You can track building progress by following Paul Risk Construction’s Behind the Build website. Find the link to that page by going to FairmountHomes.org and clicking on the Campus Happenings link. ➤



Upcoming Events

Seminar: “Making Your Wishes Known”

June 6, 2:00 p.m., Wheat Ridge Chapel

Jamie Detweiler, Trust and Investment Advisor with Everence Financial Advisors, will offer guidance on estate planning and creating wills, trusts, and advance directives.

Open House: Wheat Ridge Personal Care Activity Room

June 26, 2:00 p.m., Wheat Ridge Chapel

Tour the new Personal Care Activity Room and Care Center. Receive an update on the progress of the new Wheat Ridge Apartment building construction.

Please RSVP for either event at 717.354.1811.

Navigating Life's Decisions

The President's Perspective

"Our daughter, Jenna, is finishing her junior year at Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) in Harrisonburg, VA. I well remember the process several years ago of searching for the college that fit her requirement list. Campus visits included lots of questions: Average class size? Cost? Did they offer the courses she wanted? Was it the type of community she envisioned? After evaluating various options and praying for God's guidance, she chose EMU because it felt like the right fit for her.

Now, several years later, we are starting to look at colleges with our son, Jeffrey. Helping Jenna navigate college selection didn't make us experts. After walking alongside Jeffrey the last few months, I realize that it really is an individual decision.

The college search process has similarities to choosing a retirement community. Neither one is an easy decision and there are lots of questions to ask and personal preferences to consider.

Here at Fairmount, we want to help guide you through the process of selecting the best retirement option for you. The great people in our marketing department are knowledgeable and can answer questions and help alleviate any concerns that may arise. We are aware that there are numerous retirement

communities from which to choose, and each has its individual strengths. But if you are seeking an apartment or cottage, or looking to help a loved one choose a retirement facility, I encourage you to explore what Fairmount has to offer.

"When choosing a college or a retirement home, the decisions and preferences are very personal."

In this *Perspective* issue, you will read about Gail and Carole Sensenig's decision to move into one of our new Wheat Ridge apartments. The Sensenigs are still very healthy and active, yet they made the decision to move to Fairmount now so they can enjoy a lifestyle free of the responsibility of caring for their current property. I really appreciate their philosophy: "It is better to move two years too early than one year too late." After hearing the Sensenigs' story, I wish my son's college search was as easy! ➔



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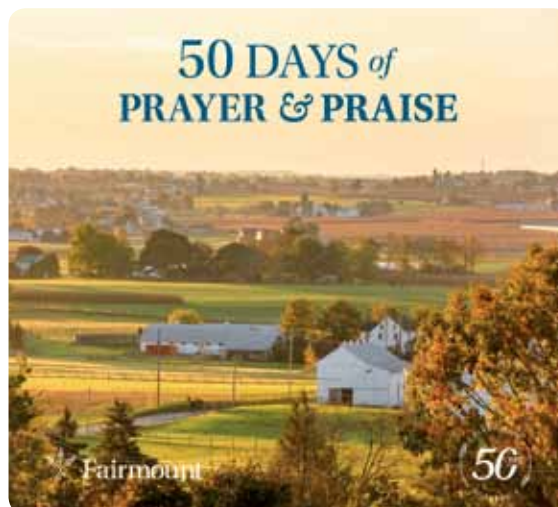
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50 Days of Prayer and Praise

A commemorative book titled *50 Days of Prayer and Praise* is nearing completion and will be available for sale shortly. The book is a compilation of historical milestones and photos depicting Fairmount's 50 years of growth. Each milestone is accompanied with a corresponding prayer for Fairmount today. For more information or to purchase this commemorative book, please call 717.354.1800. ➔

Better Too Early Than Too Late

What do Gail and Carole Sensenig most anticipate about moving into their new Wheat Ridge apartment? “The freedom to just lock the door behind us and leave on a vacation or hunting trip without worrying about home responsibilities,” replies Gail without hesitation.

The Sensenigs now live nearby in a home they built 35 years ago on a picturesque farm that has been in Gail’s family since 1749. Their son and his family also live on the property in the house Gail’s parents once occupied. People ask them why they would ever leave their farm. “I tell them that while it will be a change, our philosophy is to not wait. It is better to move two years too early than one year too late,” Gail explains.

The Sensenigs describe friends who put off a decision to move: “One of them fell ill, and they had to relocate quickly. Unfortunately, there was no available space at their first choice of a retirement community, and they had to accept a less desirable alternative. We want to choose now so that we can be where we want to be down the road.”

New Building Project Provides Incentive

Fairmount is the only place the Sensenigs ever considered for retirement, and they have had their names on the waiting list for five years. Learning about the new Wheat Ridge Apartment project gave them the incentive to act promptly, and they were delighted to secure a 4th floor corner apartment overlooking beautiful farmland. “We feel like Fairmount is almost like family and it fits our lifestyle better than many other places,” Carole reflects.

Their own family played a primary role in their decision. Over the years, numerous aunts, uncles, and



Gail and Carole Sensenig stand in front of what will be their new 4th floor Wheat Ridge Apartment.

cousins have made Fairmount home. Two of Gail’s sisters moved into Fairmount’s Crest View Apartment building when it first opened in 2005. One sister is now 94 and still lives in that same apartment with some help from Fairmount at Home. The other sister has moved to the Skilled Nursing area.

Because the new Wheat Ridge Apartment building will be connected to Personal Care and Health Care, the Sensenigs will be able to visit there without having to go outside in inclement weather. This is important to them, for if one eventually needs a higher level of care, they want the other to be able to visit conveniently.

An Active Lifestyle Remains a Priority

What else do the Sensenigs look forward to when they move to Fairmount? As they are both very active and love the outdoors, they will probably be found taking in the view from one of Fairmount’s walking trails. Visiting long-time friends, making new friends, and continuing current activities are high on their list. For Carole, that means crocheting, knotting comforters, and quilting regularly at the Akron Church of the Brethren where they attend. For Gail, it means volunteering with Christian Aid Ministries and with a local drug and alcohol rehab ministry—that is, when he is not hunting in Lycoming County!

Should you or someone you know like to follow the advice of the Sensenigs and relocate to Fairmount sooner rather than later, please contact Mitchell Hanna in the Marketing Department at 717.354.1810. ->



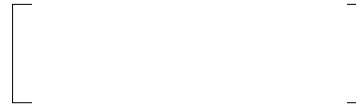
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Thank You, Quilters!

The busy needles of 230 volunteers finished 14 quilts and brought an additional four close to completion for our September 14 Benefit Auction. Special thanks to those who coordinated this annual quilting event and provided food for all the volunteers.

Quest Diagnostic Health Screen

Fairmount plans to host a Quest Diagnostics Health Screen on Wednesday, May 8, from 6:00-9:00 a.m. in the Farm Crest Community Room. To sign up, please contact Ferne Motto by **May 2** at 717.354.1895 or fernem@FairmountHomes.org.

Financial Wellness Seminar

Joyce Martin from Covenant CPA will be presenting a free Financial Wellness Seminar on May 21 at 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. in the Wheat Ridge Chapel. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Central PA Blood Drive

On June 13, the Central PA Blood Bank will hold a blood drive in the Farm Crest Community Room from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. For an appointment, donors may call the blood bank at 1.800.771.0059. Walk-ins are also welcome until 6 p.m.



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