

# Quarterly Article

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## Social Services Article

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Is it possible to heat things up with a variety of cool activities? Well, at Riverview Rehabilitation and Health Center in Flandreau, we're sure trying! From hot dog cookouts with our special daycare buddies at The Happy Face Place to raspberry picking on our patio, we've delighted in celebrating the easy-breezy days of summer.

We've also been able to celebrate our ties to the local community. This June, the congregation from the Second Presbyterian Church joined us for interdenominational worship service and fellowship luncheon, and the Methodist Church will be visiting us in August. With our annual Ladies Dinner Show,

the rib-tastic Men's Night, and the upcoming Midsummer's Eve Senior Prom and "Dog Days of Summer" Dog Show, our residents' families and friends are also able to join in on the fun.

This summer has brought its share of sunshine, steamy days, and even serious storms, but Riverview's residents have weathered it all! On July 1<sup>st</sup>, after a powerful wind storm ripped through the Flandreau area, the community's beautiful trees were left in shreds, our citizens were left powerless, some of Flandreau's buildings were left in shambles, but most importantly - our residents were left unharmed. Without full power for three days, our residents missed the conveniences of elevator service, air-conditioning, and bright lights, but they braved this "roughing it" weekend with even brighter spirits. Together with our staff, we couldn't be more overwhelmed by their patience, can-do attitudes, and tenacity. Given the magnitude of the storm, we were blessed to be safe, and we continue to be blessed and humbled by the company we keep. All-in-all, it's been a pretty great summer at Riverview.

Photo: Riverview founder LouElla Nace shares a laugh with Hazel Headrick and her daughter Rita Burns at the annual Ladies Dinner Show.