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Please contact: Tom or Michelle Randall, Steve or Jana Finnegan if you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter! Your input is sincerely welcomed and appreciated!

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Ames, Iowa 50014

Is this Heaven? Yea, it's Iowa!

Iowa, The Midwest Anyone?

(Interestingly enough, while reading the above named article in *Fortune* magazine, I could only realize with a heavy heart, that many of us who grew up in the midwest, don't appreciate it for what it is. Here is an excerpt if you missed it.)

I (Reed Karaim) discovered on a recent trip to Iowa, that the secret is that life is good in the heartland: low crime, clean streets, friendly neighbors, high-quality health care, and plenty of out-door recreation. In fact, Iowa was just named the nation's "most livable state" by the Morgan Quitno Press, which annually publishes state rankings based on economics, education, crime, weather, and other factors.

In Ames, for example, Iowa State University has a database of over 4,000 local senior citizens who have come in contact with the university in one fashion or another. Many attend ISU's "College for Seniors," which offers reduced-price courses. Visiting performers like Doc Severinsen and the Julliard String Quartet are also popular. "You get spoiled by a university community," says Julia Anderson, 76, a retired associate dean who lives with her husband in an expanding community close to campus.

So is Iowa heaven? Well, I grew up in the heartland, and there's no mistaking January for paradise. Many retirees in the region head south for the winter. Others batten down the hatches and adopt a zen-like attitude. "The thing to do in winter," says Duff Brown, 69, of Lake Panorama, "is sit by the window and look at how pretty it is outside."

Courtesy of: *Fortune* Magazine, August, 1996

As I read the above captioned paragraphs from *Fortune* magazine's article, I realized that what I was reading, stood respectfully tall, just as Northridge stands in Ames. Our small community within a community leaves very little to want or need in a housing development. We are all very proud of the Northridge Development and what our residents have stood for in the community. Where else could you find so many educated, skilled professionals so willing to devote spare time to our neighborhood, community organizations, and the basic welfare of Ames. In each of us, we find the willingness to help one another and befriend someone new to the community. Thanks to everyone who has made Northridge what it is, "A little piece of heaven."

FYI

- * **Barb Koester has a set of silver service** that was left at the Moore Park Shelter after the Northridge Picnic. Please call Barb Koester at _____ . Barb's address is _____ if you would like to claim them in person.
- * **Fellows School is offering SCRIP gift certificates** (Scrip is simply everyday store gift certificates) which when used at local stores, a portion is donated to Fellows School to assist with our children's educations. Many local area businesses are participating such as: Younkers, JCPenney, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster, SavUMore, Happy Joe's and many more! These businesses will give anywhere from 2%-20% of the face value of the coupon directly to Fellows School. Call **Barb Utesch at** _____ for more information! You don't have to give the gift certificates away, just use them as cash for your own purchases and help out our children!
- * **Blue Star Homes** - needed in every area of Ames! Please contact Fellows School for more information. Apply today and you'll provide a safe place for any child in need in just a couple of weeks.
- * **Scandinavian Tea at Bethesda Church** is scheduled for Friday, October 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring your appetite for some wonderful scandinavian treats while you browse the craft show.
- * **Altrusa Holiday Home Tour** is December 7th & 8th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. if you would like to mark your calendars. Please Call Jane Ringwald at _____ for more information. Word has it, a couple of the featured homes just might be in the neighborhood!

Luminaria '96

- * **Luminaria '96 is set for Sunday, December 8 from 5:00-10:00 p.m.** Once again, we need street chairpersons, as well as a Co-Chair willing to help with this process. If you are interested in either the Co-Chair or street chairperson positions call Jana - _____ A.S.A.P.!

Northridge Happenings!

We'll be offering this section as a vehicle for you to send out a notice to our Northridge Neighbors regarding up-coming events. Feel free to include any personal invitations, announcements, or even community or organization events you might be involved in. Call Jana at _____ to submit information.

Homeowner's Association Board Members

Jane Cunningham, Pres.	Dave Haynes
Anne Martin	Kevin Keefe
	Carroll Marty

SERVICES!

Babysitters

Justin Hamilton -
Kristen McGeeney -
Erin Maysent -
Pooja Kanwar -
Christina Bitz -
Ryan Haynes -
Manisha Gadia -
Jeremy Stephenson -
Elizabeth Torres -
Kyle Youngberg -
Eric Weber -
Lovre Franicevic -
Cristina Wall -

Full-time Child Care Provider - Gloria Hamilton -

Pet/House Sitting

Pooja Kanwar -
Ryan Haynes -
Manisha Gadia -
Nishant Parulekar -
Curt & Justin McGeeney -
David Torres -
Kyle Youngberg -

Handyman/Carpentry

Dan Johnson -
Delbert Johnson -

Novelty Flower Gardens - Kathy Bates -

- * Please **contact Jana Finnegan to remove your name from this list.**
- * If you missed the opportunity to fill out this questionnaire, feel free to do so at this time and return to Tom Randall at _____.

Lawn Care/Snow Removal

Justin Hamilton -
Curt, Justin & Bryan McGeeney -
Andy Maysent -
Garrett Burrier -
Ryan Haynes -
Adam Finnegan -
Arno Sandoval -
Jeremy Stephenson -
David Torres -
Kyle Youngberg -
Eric Weber -
Lovre Franicevic -

House Cleaning

Ryan Haynes -

Professional House Cleaners:

Sharon Ingebritson -

Wallpapering

Nancy Brousard -
Pat Long -

Tutor

Kristen McGeeney -
(5-10 yr. olds)

Babysitting-Name

Phone _____ Age _____

Pet/Housesitting-Name

Phone _____ Age _____

Mowing-Name

Phone _____

Car Pooling-Name _____ **Destination** _____ **Phone** _____

Piano Lessons/Misc **Name** _____ **Phone** _____

Snow Shoveling-Name _____ **Phone** _____

House Cleaning (Teens Welcome)-Name _____ **Phone** _____

Tutoring-Name _____ **Age** _____ **Subjects** _____

Other-Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Service** _____