

Pioneers are bridge builders.

The Golden Years Inc. in the 1970's began to build bridges with other organizations and agencies serving older adults.



1973 Older American's Act created Area Agencies on Aging

They were created to
serve as advocates
for older
Americans.

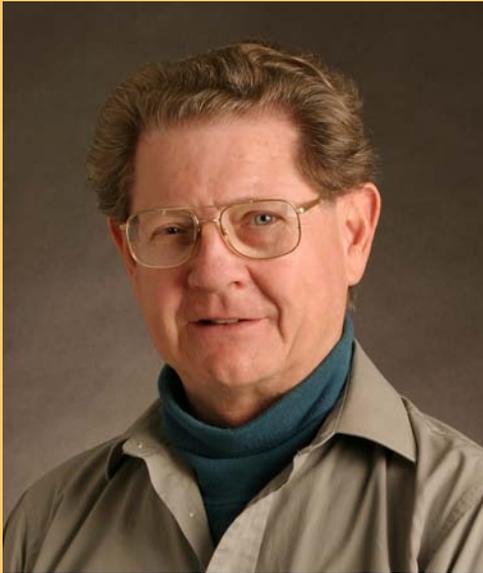
The Flint Hills AAA
was to
serve 18 counties
which included
Marion County

- **Today it is called
North Central –
Flint Hills AAA**

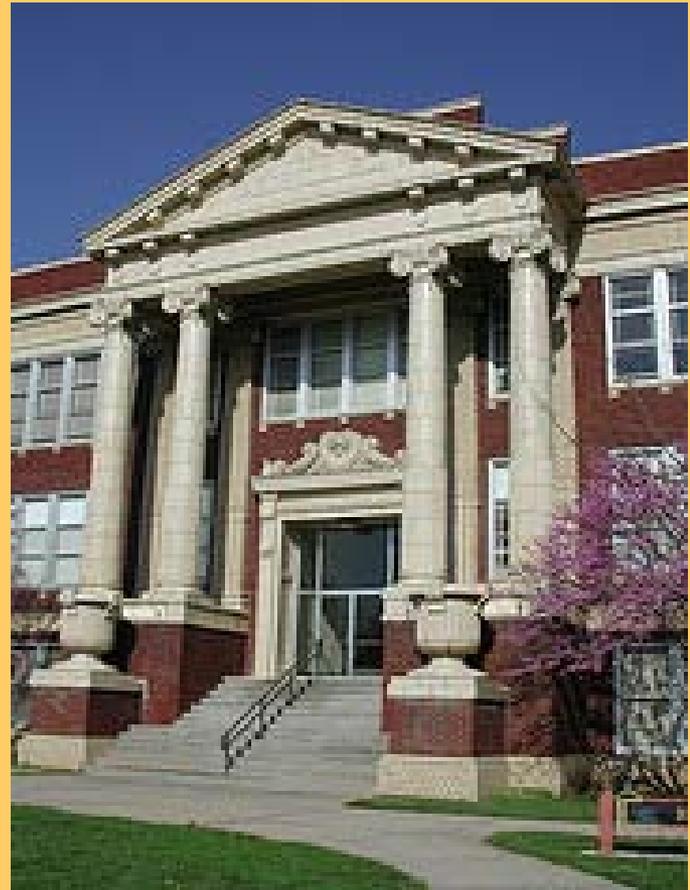


North Central-Flint Hills
AREA AGENCY ON AGING, Inc.

The Flint Hills AAA formed the Marion County Council on Aging in 1973



Jim Seeber was the founding director of Manhattan AAA from 1973-1987.



Tabor College housed the Marion County Council on Aging

Members of the Marion County Council on Aging



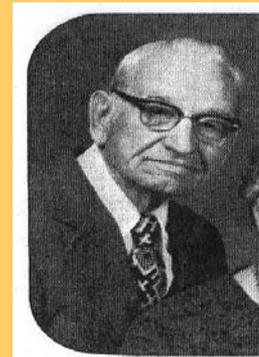
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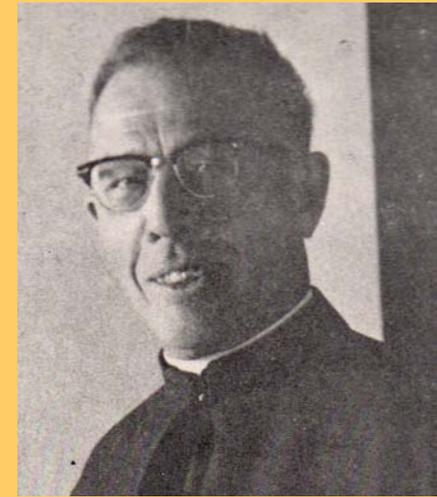
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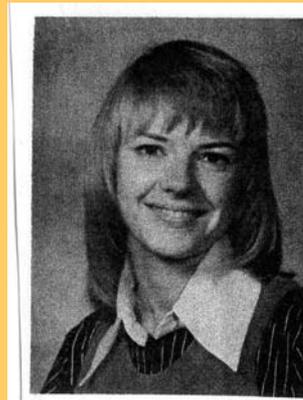
H.S. Ewert



Msgr. Tonne



Les Fruechting



Marilyn Janz



**Lois
Graham**

Not pictured: LaVerne Loewens, Ethel Spinden, Arlene Toews, Beth Schroeder

County mill levy was passed in 1976 for the purpose of creating a service program for the elderly of the county.



Mill Levy Tax for services to Elderly
came in 1976

Joyce Clark, hired as Director for Dept for Elderly in 1978



Golden Years and Marion County Council on Aging merged in 1978

- This organization became Elderly of Marion County Inc.. The new board members were:



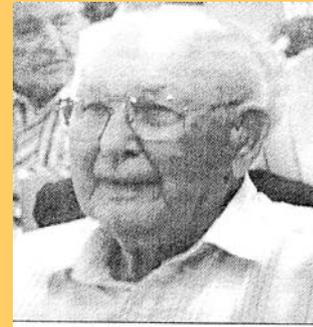
Barb Longhofer



Ed Winter



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Natalie Wheeler



Rev. Peter Goering

Boyde Coffey, first Transportation Coordinator for the county



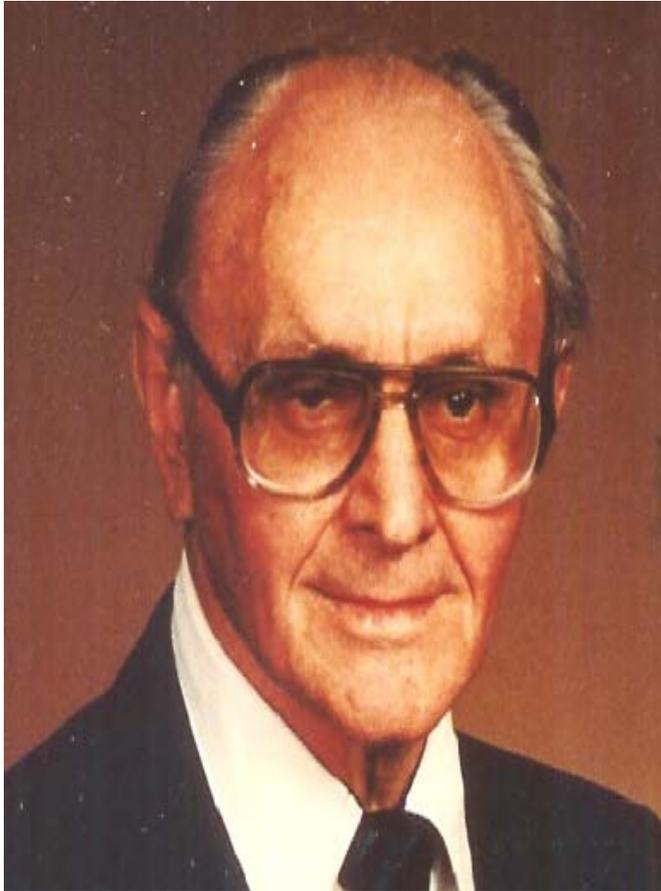
After the passing of the County Mill/Levy five more Senior Centers were created in the county.



Lehigh Senior Center organized in October 1977. The group purchased this home.



Rev. Peter Goering was Lehigh's first Chairman



- Lehigh sold their building in 2008 and disbanded at this time.

Tampa Seniors organized in 1977



Tom Duggan is presently our Silver
Haired Legislator



Tampa Seniors chose the name
Sunflower Senior Citizens of Tampa.



Lincolnvile Seniors first met in the old
Lincolnvile Community Center in 1977



Millie Suffield, former president of Lincolnvile Senior Citizens



Millie Suffield, former president of Lincolnvile Senior Citizens in 4-H 9005

Evelyn Matz and Betty Foebenius purchased a private residence for a place for seniors to meet in 2004.



Lincolnvile Friendship House



A mural was painted in the
Friendship House.



Inside the Friendship House in Lincolnvilve



Seniors now meet at the New
Community center after the Friendship
house was sold in 2009



Lincolnville seniors meet at the Community Building



Durham Golden Years in 1978



Durham Seniors in 1981 on a bus trip.



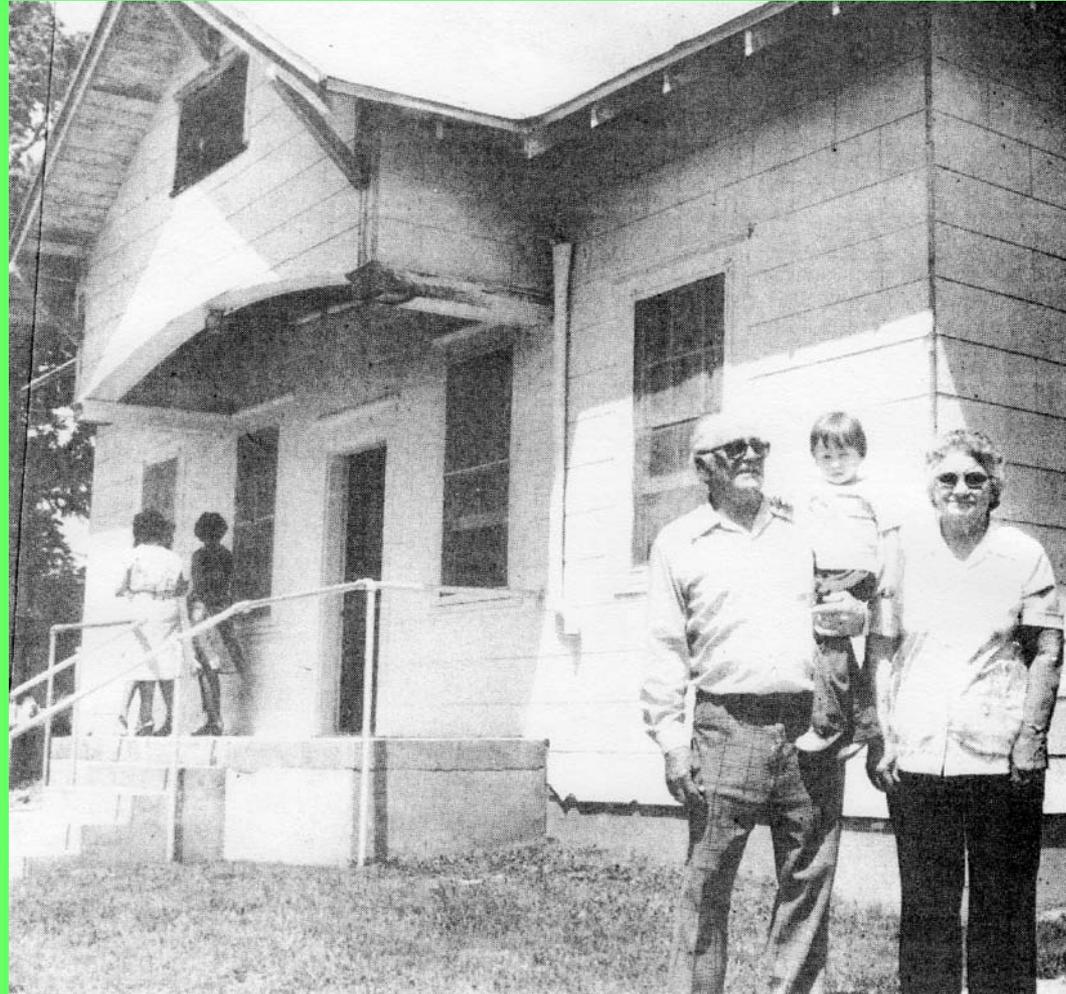
Irvin and Henrietta Geis and Don Ewert making ice cream at the Durham Center



Potluck at Durham Senior Center



Ramona Senior Center was donated by Dan and Wanda Riffel in 1979



Ramona Senior Citizens



Ramona Group playing Cards



Ramona Senior Center Today



- Noreen Weems became in Director in August 1980.

Noreen Weems Named Elderly Director

August 6, 1980



Noreen Weems

Lanell Hett has been s
Secretary/Transportation Coordinator
since 1982 to the present.



Nancy Reynolds, developed a relationship with SCMC back in 1985 when she did her Dissertation on “Older volunteer leaders in Marion County”



Nancy Reynolds, NC-FH AAA field representative left a contribution from her estate to SCMC in 2000.



- SCMC gave some of the money to Flint Hills Foundation in which the interest is to be used to assist seniors in Marion County.

**Ed Winter, Chairman of SCMC
receiving a
Plaque from Flint Hills Foundation**

KDOA awarded Senior Citizens of Marion County with the Quality of Life in 2000



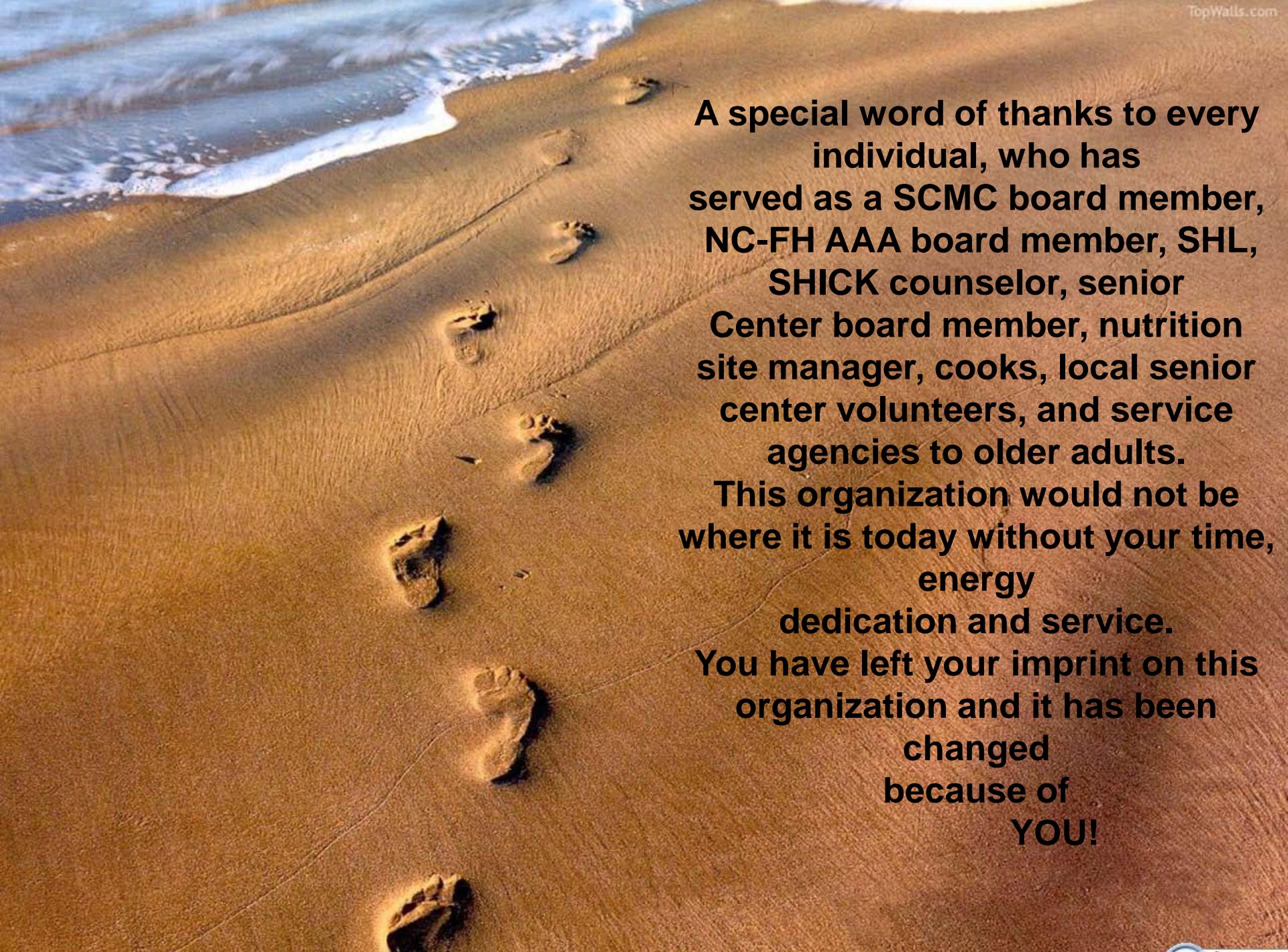
This was awarded to the SCMC for showing extraordinary achievement toward improving security, dignity and independence for Kansas elders.

Virginia Downing joined Dept for Elderly in 1992 as county case manager, later SHICK volunteer and presently AOK volunteer.



Gayla Ratzlaff, became
Coordinator for Dept on Aging in
2008.





A special word of thanks to every individual, who has served as a SCMC board member, NC-FH AAA board member, SHL, SHICK counselor, senior Center board member, nutrition site manager, cooks, local senior center volunteers, and service agencies to older adults.

This organization would not be where it is today without your time, energy dedication and service.

You have left your imprint on this organization and it has been changed because of YOU!