

Happy 101



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Ruth Nordwick, a Hildebran resident, turned 101 on April 10.

Cambridge House resident celebrates century plus one

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HILDEBRAN — Area resident Ruth Nordwick celebrated her 101st birthday April 10. Nordwick was born in Ohio and was married for 47 years to the late Zeno Nordwick.

She credits her longevity to three things.

“Hard work, lots of love and a little fun,” she said.

Nordwick’s hobbies in life have included riding horses, reading books and drawing. She also raised and bred show horses and dogs. Additionally, she taught dog obedience school in Greenville, Ohio.

On turning 101, Nordwick said it never felt so good.

“It feels wonderful that I’ve lived this long,” she said. “The best thing about turning 101 is being able to accomplish something so few others ever do or have.”

Ruth moved to Cambridge House — a DePaul Senior Living Community — in Hildebran in 2005.

“When I was searching for a place to move, the main thing I was looking for was cleanliness — it’s next to godliness,” she said. “I love it here at Cambridge House. It is my home.”

About two years ago, Nordwick met fellow resi-



Ruth Nordwick is pictured in a photo with one of her dogs. She once taught at a dog obedience school in Greenville, Ohio.

dent John Denny, 83.

The two sat at the same table in the dining room at Cambridge House, and after several days of hitting it off, Ruth asked John to marry her.

The widow of 47 years wasn’t kidding, and Denny, a widower of four years, decided the two would move in together for companionship.

Nordwick said her biggest accomplishment in life was winning a car with a quarter, which she said happened at a community carnival.

She said her father wanted to leave the carnival,

but 13-year-old Nordwick insisted on staying to find out who won the car — and it was her.

Her biggest regret in life is not becoming a doctor.

Nordwick told of how she worked alongside several prominent physicians as a medical assistant. Her father persuaded her not to become a doctor.

The most important lesson she has learned in life is, “to tell the truth always — even if it hurts.”

Cambridge House staff members and residents celebrated Nordwick’s 101st birthday April 10 with cake and a song.