

Putting education on the map



Oak Meadows Senior Living tenant, Roy Thomson, along with his wife Evelyn, donated a map of the United States to Oakdale Elementary School last week. Roy Thomson has spent the last 10 years collecting the new quarters for each state and assembling them in a special map that has a place for each coin. He just finished the collection and donated it as a learning tool for Oakdale Elementary.

Oak Meadows' Executive Director Connie Dow has been tutoring first grade students at Oakdale Elementary for the past seven years with the help of Fred Stalley, a retired Hopkins teacher and tenant at Oak Meadows. Dow and Stalley visit the school twice a week to tutor students in reading. Each year, the students come to Oak Meadows in May and show off their developed skills by reading to the seniors. A strong relationship has developed between the school and the senior living community and Roy and Evelyn wanted to give back and enjoyed sharing the gift with the children, they said. The map coin collection will be on display in the library for the children to use.