

HAPPY EARTH DAY!



April 2024

505 East 4th Street | Hills, MN 56138

Resident Birthdays

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| Audrey D. | April 5 th |
| Donna L. | April 11 th |
| Harriet L. | April 22 nd |

Staff Birthdays

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| Ashton D. | April 4 th |
| Sandy B. | April 5 th |
| Lora F. | April 7 th |
| Joanna S. | April 10 th |
| Emily B. | April 12 th |
| Avril S. | April 15 th |
| Olivia S. | April 15 th |
| Samantha K. | April 27 th |
| Gracie W. | April 28 th |
| Jessica H. | April 30 th |

Staff Anniversaries

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| Abbie H. | 1 year |
| Kalylee V. | 1 year |
| Sarah D. | 2 years |
| Mea D. | 2 years |
| Katie K. | 3 years |
| Sheryl B. | 13 years |
| Jody D. | 24 years |

New Residents

Lillian Peterson

In Memory Of

Allan Top
Joan Boeve
Donna Landsman

Happy April!

The Activity Department has been busy hanging up shadow boxes outside of residents' rooms. These boxes were funded through the Lyon County River Boat Foundation. Each box has 3 removable shelves and can house different types of resident's memorabilia and prized possessions. New name tags have been hung up to match other updates going on in our facility. Soon there will be new furniture in lounges, new paint updates, and new décor. Family members are encouraged to decorate their loved one's boxes, see mock examples below. Activity Staff can also assist with decorating.



Mission Statement

The Tuff Memorial Home is a Christian home with a heart. In Christian love, we provide heartfelt quality care to people in a way that contributes to their sense of dignity and self-worth.

Department Heads

Interim Administrator- Judy Bernat
Administrator in Training- Katie Kendal
Executive Director- Jane Blank
Director of Nursing- Dana Huisman
Social Services Professional- Emily Baatz

Life Enrichment Director – Jocelyn Jacoby
Laundry & Housekeeping Supervisor – Judy DeNoble
Maintenance Supervisor – Ben Vander Poel
Dietary Manager – Kelli Hellerud

Highlighted Activities for April

4/4- Music with Gary Gylsen

- Giddy up! Gary is back with his guitar and is ready to sing.

4/10- Activity with HBC 1st Graders

- Seeing students and residents together lights up the entire facility! Can't wait to have these students here for a game and cookies.

4/19- Homemade Hand Soap

- Guitar player, Bob LaRoy, will be performing for the St. Patrick's Day Party.

4/24- Art & Craft Show

- Residents and staff will be showing off their creative pieces during the show.

4/26- National South Dakota Day

- On this day South Dakota became the 40th state. We'll learn more about the state and enjoy the

Save the Date **Resident Senior Prom**

Saturday, April 27th, 2024 from
2-4p.m. located in the
new Hills – Beaver Creek High
School Gym in Hills, MN.

*Please RSVP to the Activity
Department by April 8th*

Contact Jocelyn for questions at
507-962-3275 ext. #4



HBC Kindergarten Class with residents



Arlene K. with ocean
sensory bin.



Resident and daughter planting seeds.



Ferd with ocean sensory bin.

Resident of the Month is:

Jackie D.

The featured resident for the month of April is Jackie D. Her family consists of 3 children (1 deceased), numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She grew up in Sioux Falls, SD attended college at what is now University of Sioux Falls.

Did some work for the IRS along with working other various jobs. She called herself “a jack of all trades.” Past and current hobbies include fishing, collecting Angel figurines, going to Lewis Drug to see what is new, finding great bargains at thrift stores and playing bingo. Her favorite time of year is autumn because of the different leaf colors on trees. Pepperoni Pizza and Dr. Pepper is her favorite food and drink. Stopping at Culver’s was always a must to grab a Strawberry Malt too. She belonged to Wesley United Methodist Church where she helped support in any way she could. Her best accomplishment was receiving Grand Champion on the bird house she painted for the County Fair.



Employee of the Month is:

Anjemillo O.

Employee of the month is Anjemillo. He has worked as a CNA for almost 3 years. His family consists of his wife, Yomina, who also works here. Children are:

AJ, JJ, Paul, and Yorinda. He has shared many interesting things about his culture, originally being from Micronesia. He enjoys being outside any chance he gets, whether its going fishing, camping, or exploring. His favorite thing about working here is working with the friendly residents and helpful staff.



Pastor Nita Parker will be greatly missed as the Tuff Home Chaplain. She built so many connections with our residents during Worship, Bible Studies and visits. Please keep her in your prayers.

Feb. 29, 2024

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N Main Ave.
Hills MN 56138

Alan Leenerdts President
Bethlehem Congregation

Dear Friends in Christ;

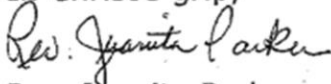
Psalm 19: 10-14

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. ¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. ¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, LORD, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19 has been a text that I have lived by my entire ministry, reminding me that God's word is sweeter than honey, and the key to doing God's will. My ministry has meant more than I can even speak. Which makes this time in my life a very deep valley.

It is with deep sorrow that I must turn in this letter of resignation. As you all know I have been really struggling with my health. I have been fighting my battle with Arthritis for many, many years, and when I battled Covid last September it damaged my heart. I have taken two months to rest, to find some med changes that would help with this struggle, however we have not found a good combination. I have been given long term disability, which means that I must resign so that you can find a new pastor. I am incredibly sad to have to leave, and I pray that God will provide you with better leadership than I am able to give you at this time. God was here long before I came, and God will be here long after I am gone. That being said, my tears fall as I say goodbye to a family of faith who have supported me and cared for me in the lowest part of my life. I can never thank you enough for your prayers, your hugs, and your deep love that has kept me going. You all deserve better than I can provide now. My resignation is immediate, and I will continue to pray for all of you as long as I live.

In Christ's grip,



Rev. Juanita Parker