



**May 2024**

**505 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street | Hills, MN 56138**

**Resident Birthdays**

Lucy V.	May 3
Anna S.	May 7
Marilyn N.	May 12
Betty O.	May 13
Marj R.	May 31

**Staff Birthdays**

Cheyenne E.	May 2
Yomina P.	May 5
Ben V.	May 5
Jane B.	May 6
Taylor H.	May 15

**Staff Anniversaries**

Rebecca S.	1 Year
Alyia R.	2 Years
Morgan K.	2 Years
Noah H.	7 Years
Kelli H.	8 Years

**New Residents**

Robert B.

**In Memory Of**

Ferd Tilstra  
Judy Fenske

**Happy Mother's Day**

What a fast spring it has been! During the month of May we celebrate National Nursing Home Week on May 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is- A Tribute to the Golden Age of the Radio. "It embraces a time when the airwaves resonated with captivating stories and melodies. Radio broadcasts have played a pivotal role in peoples' lives, from updates coming through old time radio to Americas Top 40 hits. Families and friends gathered around the radio to hear the latest music and tune into their favorite shows." With the help of residents and the Life Enrichment Department, these are theme days chosen for each day. Each day will also play a tribute to the radio.

**Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Tuff Pride Day**

- Coronation of Resident King & Queen
- Mother's Day Social with Live Music by Amy Ellsworth

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Sunshine Day**

- Singshine Sing Along
- Radio Bingo

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Western Day**

- John Wayne Movie in McLinktock
- Western Music by Bob LaRoy

**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Camping Day**

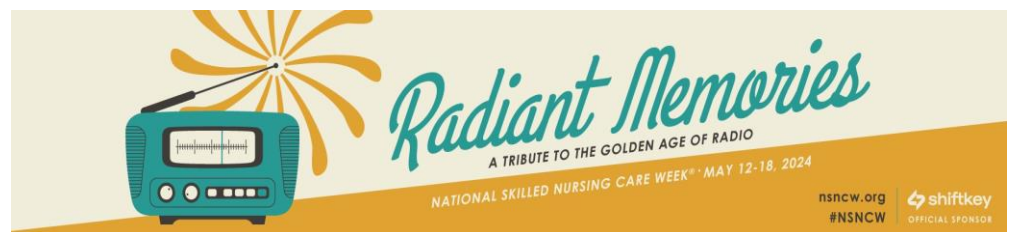
- Singing around the Campfire
- Presentation from Blue Mounds State Park Staff about the bison and prairie

**Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Sports Day**

- Putt-Putt Golf
- Happy Hour Social with food from Functional Nutrition

**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 May

## 5/7- Hills Christian Students Recital

- Students of the Christian School will be here for a spring recital.

## 5/9- Activity with HBC 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

- Seeing students and residents together lights up the entire facility! Can't wait to have these students here for some fun!

## 5/22- May Craft

- Residents will be putting their crafty talents to use for their May craft.

## *In Search of Country Store*

### *Donations:*

*Sun hats*

*Large print word searches*

*Variety of snacks*

## Happy May Day!

Thanks to the Elbers Family for May Day Baskets filled with candies for all residents!



Thank you to the staff of Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort out of Larchwood, Iowa for Residents' May Day flowers.



Arlene F. and family



Marilyn S. and daughter



Cheri H. and family



Karen M. and husband



Don K. and family



Charles K. and family

# 2024 Tuff Resident Senior Prom

## *Bethlehem Lutheran Church Welcomes New Interim Pastor*

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills would like to welcome Pastor David R. Jennys (pronounced jen-ness) as their new interim pastor. He will also serve as chaplain in the Tuff Memorial Home. Pastor David was born 1960 in New York state and graduated from high school in 1979 at a school in eastern Pennsylvania. He is of British and Scandinavian descent. After high school, he entered the U.S. Air Force, serving in Colorado, northern Italy, and Wyoming. After his honorable discharge in 1983, he went to college in Indiana at Grace College where he met his spouse, Susan. They were married in 1984. David and Susan together have two married children, who have given them six grandchildren.

In the late 1990's, David responded to God's call to be pastor. He graduated with his M.Div. at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 2000 and was ordained in The United Methodist Church. David served several churches in northern Indiana until 2010 when he transferred to the United Church of Christ. David and Susan moved to South Dakota for a church call in 2014 living in Beresford, SD and later to Colton, SD at the conclusion of David's call. Susan now pastors the United Methodist Churches in Colton and Chester. Over the last several years, David has been involved with interim ministry and began serving in ELCA churches in the SD Synod until March of this year.

Pastor David is excited to serve now in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He also is excited to get to know the residents at Tuff Memorial Home.

Pastor David will be regularly commuting to Hills from his home in Colton.



## Resident of the Month is:

### *Anna Mae B.*

The featured resident for this month is Anna Mae Berghorst. She was born June 12, 1935 and has been a resident of Tuff since 2017. Her family consists of five children: Minnie Susan, David, Betty and Anita, 16 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren. Her favorite time of year is spring when the flowers are blooming. Favorite foods include hot dish, homemade soup, meat, potatoes and veggies. Hobbies include gardening, canning, embroidering, sewing, cooking and baking. Some of her past accomplishments being a mother, homemaker and employee at the Tuff Memorial Home as a Nurses Aide. She also fostered a number of babies.



## Employee of the Month is:

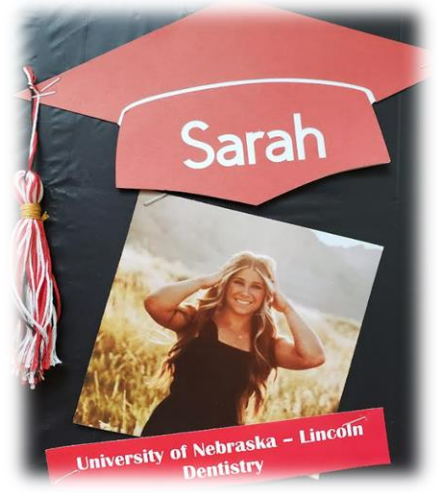
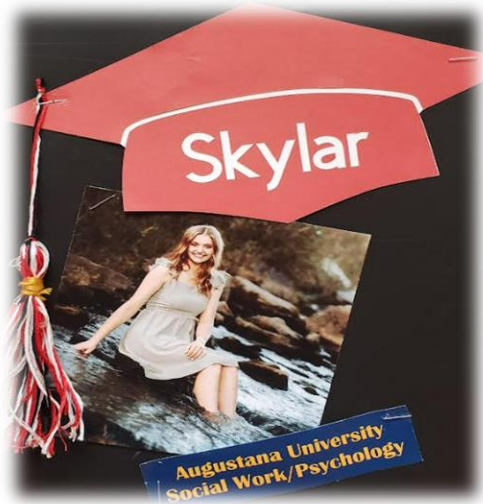
### *Kaylee V.*

Employee of the month is Kaylee V. and has worked as a CNA for 1 year. Her family consists of her parents Sheila and Archie. Siblings include Justin, Alex, Josie and Jack. She loves being around her nephew, two nieces and one on the way. She is originally from Topeka, Kansas and moved to Luverne in 2016. Hobbies include reading all types of books, watching movies, and trying different types of foods. She has traveled to Austria, Hungary, Germany, Czech-Republic, Honduras, and US Virgin Islands. She loves working as a CNA because she loves coming to work and being greeted by everyone. She also works as a caregiver to a little girl with special needs.



# Congratulations!

CLASS OF  
**2024**



Not pictured  
Cade K.