



Resident Birthdays

Don K.	Aug. 6
Carol H.	Aug. 7
Marilyn S.	Aug. 13
Pat L.	Aug. 14
Bob B.	Aug. 19
Karen M.	Aug. 22

Staff Birthdays

Meghan L.	Aug. 3
Agina S.	Aug. 11
Nicole S.	Aug. 13
Rebecca S.	Aug. 19
Morgan K.	Aug. 23

Staff Anniversaries

Makynzie H.	1 year
Nicole S.	1 year
Jackie G.	3 years
Layla D.	4 years
Tara P.	4 years
Kailey R.	7 years
Lydia H.	20 years
Cherlyn B.	30 years

New Residents

Anna Mae V.S.

August 2024

505 East 4th Street | Hills, MN 56138

The Tuff Memorial Home will be observing their 64th anniversary August 1, 2024. Do you know the story behind the beginning of the Tuff Memorial Home? The story began with the reading of the will of Gilbert Tuff, who was born in a sod house on the Iowa line, four miles from Hills, and for 78 years made his home in the Hills community, until his death August 8, 1957. The will of Gilbert Tuff left properties and funds to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to be used toward the building of a home for the aging in Hills. Gilbert Tuff, together with sister-in-law Mrs. Bernard (Alfrida) Tuff gave a full block of property, including their house as a building site. The properties, except for the building site, were sold and together with the cash gift given provided about \$160,000.00 in available cash. To this amount Alfrida added \$1,000.00 and the Women's Missionary Federation of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Hills added \$5,000.00 toward building, furnishing, and equipping a new home for the aging. The Evangelical Lutheran Church elected a board of directors and the first meeting was held August 19, 1958. The board consisted of Victor Sandager, chairman, Pearl Hellie, secretary, Arthur Johnson, treasurer, Rev. O. G. Salvesson, Mrs. Bernard Tuff, Nels Opheim and Hans Nordby. Harold Spitznagel and Associates of Sioux Falls, South Dakota were engaged as architects for the nursing home December 7, 1958. The first resident Susan Menning entered the nursing home on August 1, 1960

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

Administrator- 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 August

8/8- Lavender Lane Flower Farm Bouquet Making

- Residents will be getting to create their own floral bouquet with flowers from Lavender Lane Farm near Brandon, SD.

8/9 – Sturgis Rally

- Rev up your engines, this Sturgis Rally will be a wild one!

8/12- Piano Playing by Elliot

- Elliot, a local Hills community member will be here to play piano for us all. All the music he plays is self-taught by ear.

8/22- Tuff Fair

- All entries entered by residents and staff will be on display and judged by Rock County Fair Members. Then of course ending with some delicious fair foods.

Tuff Family Council

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 5p.m. located in the Tuff Chapel.

Thursday, August 8th

These meetings are designed for families to gather amongst themselves to discuss topics related to their loved ones in a safe space. Stay tuned for meetings with educational guest speakers.



Tractor Parade



Resident of the Month is:

Lillian P.

The featured resident for this month is Lillian. Her children include Brenda, Bonita, Connie, and Rick. Past accomplishments include working at different bakeries in Luverne, working at an egg factory in Adrain, and did housework for women who just had babies. She just celebrated her 90th birthday on July 28th. Summer is her favorite time of the year. Ice cream, corn, mashed potatoes & gravy and hamburgers are her favorite foods. Her favorite hobbies include playing cards, reading books and magazines, baking, and sewing. You will often find Lillian involved in every activity and greets everyone with the warmest smile.



Employee of the Month is:

Joni D.

Employee of the month is Joni. Joni works as a CNA and has been employed for the Tuff Home since September 2018. Her family consists of: son-Oliver, daughter- Layla, daughter-Emma, daughter-Olivia, 1 granddaughter Maelyn who is 10 months old and a future daughter in law, Hannah. Favorite hobbies include playing games with her kids and playing with Maelyn on her days off. You will often find her enjoying the outdoors and loves camping. Fun Facts: she and her 3 girls work at the Tuff Home along with her mom, Cherlyn. She is preparing for her son's upcoming wedding in August.



“Dare To Be A Daniel”

The Biblical stories of Daniel are some of the most inspiring stories of the Old Testament. You may recall some of these stories; they're part of most Sunday School teachings. Kids have grown up on the stories of Daniel who was delivered by God from a den of hungry lions, and of Daniel and his friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego whom God delivered from death in a super-heated fiery furnace. Daniel's faith in God was so strong, so sincere. Daniel trusted God even in the most seemingly impossible situations. One of the most simple but amazing facts Scripture reveals about Daniel was that he allowed himself to be a vessel of God and as a result was given the special gift of being able to interpret dreams. On several occasions in Daniel's life, he was called upon by Babylonian rulers, who had exhausted their own supply of soothsayers and necromancers trying to discover what their dreams meant but got wind of Daniel and Daniel's special God-given gifts and called on him for interpretation. In one instance, Daniel is brought before King Nebuchadnezzar, who has had a very troubling dream which none of his court magicians could interpret. Nebuchadnezzar asks Daniel, "What do you think? Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and then to interpret what it means?" I love Daniel's response. He replies to King Nebuchadnezzar, "No wise man, enchanter, magician, or diviner can explain to you the mystery you have asked about. But there is a God in heaven, who reveals mysteries (Daniel 2:26-28a). Did you catch that? THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN, WHO REVEALS MYSTERIES! Hallelujah! This week when you are faced with struggles and perplexities and you feel overwhelmed by decisions that need to be made and you wonder how on earth to make sense of everything coming at you, I invite you to remember Daniel's words to King Nebuchadnezzar: "There is a God in heaven, who reveals mysteries"! Take your worries and cares, concerns and troubles to Him and put them in His capable hands. Pray about the decisions you must make. Ask for God's wisdom and guidance on all that you do. And then trust Him to lead, guide, and direct your path! There's a song that highlights Daniel's life with a refrain that goes, "Dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone, dare to have a purpose firm, dare to make it known."

Let Daniel's life be an inspiration for how we live our lives.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. David R. Jennys

Bethlehem Lutheran Church





Summer
Splash
Party

