

★ THANK YOU ★
VETERANS



Resident Birthdays

Greg K. Nov. 10th
Beverly D. Nov. 19th
Jackie D. Nov. 20th

Staff Birthdays

Rachel H. Nov. 4th
Madi B. Nov. 8th
Breanna T. Nov. 11th
Michele G. Nov. 15th
Mark O. Nov. 16th
Jocelyn J. Nov. 18th
Judy P. Nov. 25th
Jackie G. Nov. 28th

Staff Anniversaries

Katelyn C. 1 year
Anjemillo O. 3 years
Elvia V. 8 years
Judy D. 35 years

Wedding Anniversary

Bob and Dar B. celebrating their
68th wedding anniversary on
November 2nd

New Residents

Ed D.
Dorothy W.
Marvin L.
Bruce W.

We Remember

Gert Steinberg

November 2024

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Hello November

As we begin the month of November, we want to thank our veterans who served for our country. We will be recognizing our residents Bob B., Bruce W., Everett V., Don K., Marvin L., and Ralph W during our Veterans Program on Monday, November 11th with guest speakers Gwayne D. and Bob W.

The month of November also observes National Long-Term Care Awareness Month and Family Caregivers Appreciation month. A.C.E. (Advocate-Connect- Educate) of Southwest Minnesota is such a great program with so many great resources for caregivers and other family support of loved ones living in long term care facilities. They have many services ranging from Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia Caregiver Education to Telephone Reassurance by having a friendly phone call visit. For further information please contact Linda Wenzel, Program Manager, in Rock County at 507-283-5064 or online at www.aceswmn.org

Thank you all for the abundance of candy donations for Halloween. We had 115 kids come through- such a great turn out! Residents loved seeing all the kids and even parents dressing up in costumes.



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 November

11/8- Chair Volleyball

- Residents will be getting to compete each other in another round of chair volleyball.

11/11- Veterans Day Program

- Resident veterans will be getting recognized during our program with guest speakers Gwain D. and Bob W.

11/15 – Reading with the HBC Kindergarten Class

- Residents will be reading some classic books to the HBC Kindergarten Class

11/21- Music by Amy Ellsworth

- Can't wait to have Amy back to fill up the dining room with beautiful music.

11/29 – Country Store Black Friday Shopping

- Residents will get to shop at a discount for some of their favorite things. Donations greatly appreciated.

Tuff Family Council

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

Thursday, November 7

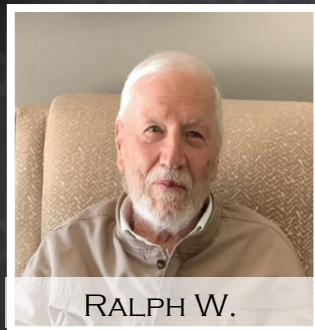
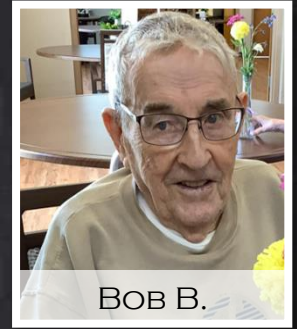
These meetings are designed for families to gather amongst themselves to discuss topics related to their loved ones in a safe space. Stay tuned for meetings with educational guest speakers.



Congratulations to Jocelyn, as she was awarded the 2024 Minnesota Statewide Activity Professional Award. Jocelyn attended her Minnesota Statewide Activity Professionals conference in October where she received her award. To her surprise, her husband and 2 young children showed up to and watch her receive her award. She is more than deserving of this achievement and we are grateful for what her and the activity gals do! Jocelyn shared, "I feel truly honored to receive this award. It would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of my staff Glenda, Morgan, Rebecca, Mea and Olivia. Together we create a great team that brings joy and purpose to the residents we serve. This award motivates me to continue sharing our mission and life enrichment!"



HONORING OUR VETERANS



Employee of the Month is: *Adriana M.*

Adriana M. was chosen for employee of the month. She has worked for the Tuff Home for 1 year in the nursing department as a CNA. She enjoys talking to residents and getting to know them. In her spare time she enjoys reading. Fun fact, she is from Brazil and is the youngest of 8 siblings.

“Overflowing With Thankfulness”

Have you ever looked at a tree and thought of thankfulness? Have you ever looked at a house being built and thought of being thankful? Have you ever passed a health club and given thanks? I can't say I have either! But these are the images that the Apostle Paul uses to describe the practice of being thankful. In Colossians 2:6 & 7, Paul wrote, “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” That's a great image at the end of verse 7: “overflowing with thankfulness”! All too often we go through our daily lives and take for granted the many blessings that we enjoy and neglect to give thanks for these gifts of life. Paul reminds us that when we focus on God and God's grace through Jesus Christ, we are showered with reasons to be thankful. Though we are buffeted by the storms of life, we stand firm in thankfulness like a tree deeply rooted in the ground, or a building securely anchored by a well-built foundation, or strengthened as a body through exercise.

Do you feel run down and discouraged these days? Then look to God to strengthen you and to keep you rooted in God's truths and promises. As we celebrate this holiday season of Thanksgiving, let us remember that when we turn to God, our lives will overflow with reasons to give thanks. When we overflow with thankfulness, we become a blessing to others as well.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for showering us with so many blessings! Help us to turn to you so that our lives will overflow with thankfulness, and that we will be able to be a blessing to others. Amen.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. David R. Jennys

*For further reading: Colossians 2:6-15

