

December 2024

SUMMIT HOUSE

Summit House Assisted Living, 600 1st st. NE, Britt, Iowa 50423

Celebrating December

Hymn Sing

December 1 1:30pm

Catholic Mass

December 4 10:00am

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 7

Sara Mann/Singing

December 10 2:30pm

Singing Cowgirl

December 11 10:30am

Jeff Buege/Gospel Singer

December 11 2:00pm

Carl & Joanne Nord/Singing

December 16 2:00pm

Music Therapy/Adrienne

December 18 10:30am

Pastor John

December 18 3:00pm

Steve Lang/Singing

December 23 2:00pm

Summit House Veterans



Thank you to all our Summit House Veterans. Left-Right Karlyle, Mark, Clarence and Harland. It's a true honor to know every one of you.



We honored our Veteran's with a breakfast, music and a small gift to show our appreciation.

Crafting Corner



These ladies were making us some Mosaic Turkeys for window decorations.



Cedar Valley Bluegrass Singers



A big Thank You to these wonderful musicians for bringing their Bluegrass music to our residents.

Calling All Bingo Lovers



Bingo is celebrated throughout December in church halls and community centers because December is Bingo Month. The game dates all the way back to 1530, when Italians played a game called *Lo Gioco del Lotto d'Italia*. Some even say that this game was used to fight government corruption.

Instead of winning a pot of money, those holding winning numbers were elected as local leaders.

The French first introduced a playing card full of numbers. Then in the 1800s, the Germans used the game as a tool to teach children math and spelling. It first appeared in America in 1929 at a carnival near Atlanta, Georgia, where it was called "Beano." When an excited winner shouted out the word *bingo* by mistake, an entrepreneur named Edwin S. Lowe overheard the faux pas, renamed the game, and employed a Columbia University mathematician named Carl Leffler to create 6,000 randomly numbered bingo cards. Leffler purportedly went insane from the task. A Catholic priest asked Lowe to show him the game as a way of raising money for the church. Bingo has been a church hall mainstay ever since.

Surprise Reunion



Dorothy (Zrostlik) Hestness made a surprise visit to Doris Schultz who was her teacher at Orthel #6 from 1944-1945. Doris was surprised to see her and it brought a big smile to her face. Dorothy brought her some flowers, a picture of the school kids and of course an apple.

Sam the Illusionist



Where did it go? It disappeared right before my eyes! It was a magical show.

Bread in a Bag



Luella and Barb were putting their baking skills to the test.



They still have the magic touch even though it's been years since their bread making days.

Tenant of the Month! Shirley lone James



Shirley lone James was born on August 8th, 1932, on a farm near Buffalo Center. Her parents were Bill and Leona Haselbroth. Shirley was the youngest of four children. She had one brother and two sisters. Shirley graduated from the Buffalo Center school district in May of 1949 and was married at the age of 17 on October 6th, 1949, to Jimmy James for 50 years. They were married on the same day as her parents, and the tradition has carried on with her children and grandchildren. Shirley has three daughters, one son and is a grandma to 9 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren. Shirley stated they went out west to Wyoming on vacations as a family many times. Shirley has been a lifelong member of the Methodist Church in Buffalo Center. Her hobbies are quilting, sewing, jigsaw puzzles and painting. Shirley has lived at the Summit House for one year and enjoys playing 500, music, crafts and our Yogurt Jello. Congratulations on being Tenant of the Month!

December Birthdays

If you were born between December 1–21, you are Sagittarius, the Archer. Archers are optimistic, energetic, generous, and honest. They enjoy exploration and keep an open mind during new encounters. Those born between December 22–31 are Capricorns, the Goat. Capricorns are the most stable and serious signs of the zodiac. Reliable, resourceful, and determined, they make excellent leaders and managers.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
STAFF**

SARAH HILBERT 12/14
VICKIE NIELSEN 12/27
MEGHAN MUMM-SENNE 12/31

Employee Spotlight



Our Employee Spotlight for the month is Cassandra Gretillat. She is married and lives in Corwith with her 7 kids and 2 bonus kids. Cassandra has worked at the Summit House for a year and in her spare time she likes to work with resin and play Call of Duty. Her favorite thing about working here is that you gain a whole new family. The tenants and fellow co-workers form a bond and that is a beautiful thing. Congratulations!