

April 2025

# SUMMIT HOUSE

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## Celebrating April



### Passover

*April 12-20*

### Catholic Mass

*April 2 10am*

### Lisa/Cowgirl

*April 9 10:30am*

### Jeff Beuge/Singer

*April 9 2pm*

### Steve Lang

*April 14 2pm*

### Music Therapy/Adrienne

*April 16 10:30am*

### Easter

*April 20*

### Pastor John/Nancy

*April 23 3pm*

## ST. PAT'S SHENANIGANS



What a great time we had playing some St. Pat's Bingo.



After Bingo we all enjoyed some treats and a green Grasshopper drink to celebrate the Irish.

## Tenant of the Month!



Barb Lynn Robinson (Hinders) was born on November 10, 1946, in the Forest City Hospital. Barb was raised on a farm by Rake with her brother Ron. Her parents were James and Mabel Robinson. She graduated in 1965 with 18 fellow classmates from Rake high school. After graduation she attended business school in Mankato for one year. She then worked for the Ma Bell telephone company. After she left there, she worked at Winnebago for a short time before working for many years at the Manufactures Bank in Crystal Lake. She met her husband Chris on a blind date and from there they dated for 8 months before being married on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1969. They had four children and lived in Woden for many years before moving to the Summit House 7 months ago. Barb enjoys music, painting, playing cards, getting her nails done, and crocheting. Congratulations on being Tenant of the Month!

## PAPER QUILTING



Our paper quilts turned out beautiful.



Trying a new craft always has it's challenges, but these ladies always come through.

## INTERNATIONAL WAFFLE DAY



## NURSING NEWS

Are you an Organ Donor?

Did you know that more than 100,000 people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants? It's estimated that every 8 months a new person is added to the national transplant waiting list. April is National Donate Life Month.

There are 2 different types of organ donation. A deceased donation is when the organs, corneas, and /or tissue are taken after the person has been declared deceased by a medical professional. A living donation is when a living person donates an organ (such as a kidney) or part of an organ (such as the liver) to another person that needs it.

You can help save someone's life by registering to be an organ donor at [www.registerme.org](http://www.registerme.org) or speak to someone at your local DMV. You can always let me know if you have any questions or would like more information!

Shanda Mallory, RN, BSN



## CRAFT CORNER



We tried our best to make these butterflies with a little help from a YouTube video. They turned out great so we will be making more of these come spring.

## HOMESPUN MUSIC



The Dirksen family band (Homespun) from Woden graced us with a wonderful performance of Gospel and Bluegrass music.

## The Story Behind the Plate

On April 25, 1901, New York became the first state to require license plates on vehicles. At that time, the state didn't provide the plates. Rather, individuals created their own license plates out of leather, brass, or whatever was available. When people began to create unlawful plates, state governments stepped in and began making their own.



In 1903, Massachusetts became the first state to issue plates. The very first license plate was number 1, issued to a man named Frederick Tudor. Amazingly, his family still maintains an active registration, which gives them the right to use the number 1 on a modern plate.

The first plates were made of iron covered in porcelain enamel. The background was a dark blue with the numbers in white. There were no standard sizes back in the early days of license plates. The more numbers on the plate, the larger the plate got. Motorcycles, too, needed license plates. The first looked identical to car plates, but started with the letter Z.

As if letters and numbers weren't enough, many plates have had slogans touting a state's fame or history. In our quiz below, try to connect each state with one of its license plate slogans.

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Idaho           | A. Sunshine State      |
| 2. Missouri        | B. Vacationland        |
| 3. New Hampshire   | C. Land of Lincoln     |
| 4. Washington      | D. Garden State        |
| 5. Illinois        | E. Stars Fell On       |
| 6. New Jersey      | F. America's Dairyland |
| 7. Pennsylvania    | G. Live Free or Die    |
| 8. Wisconsin       | H. Show-Me State       |
| 9. Florida         | I. Keystone State      |
| 10. Alabama        | J. First in Flight     |
| 11. Maine          | K. Evergreen State     |
| 12. North Carolina | L. Famous Potatoes     |

Having trouble? Perhaps a road trip is in order....

**Answers:** 1. L; 2. H; 3. G; 4. K; 5. C; 6. D; 7. I; 8. F; 9. A; 10. E; 11. B; 12. J

## April Birthdays

In astrology, those born between April 1–20 are Aries, the Ram. Rams are adventurous go-getters and full of enthusiasm, charm, and energy. They make dynamic pioneers and adventurers—undeterred when the going gets rough. Those born from April 20–30 have the star sign of the Bull of Taurus. Bulls show steady, dogged persistence in achieving their goals. Once goals are reached, they enjoy being rewarded, especially with beauty and peace at home.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tenants		Staff	
Mary Franzen	4/1	Sandy Janes	4/11
Joni Short	4/7	Sandy Baade	4/14
Beulah Perry	4/11		

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Introducing Sara Mann, our Employee Spotlight of the month. Sara lives on an acreage south of Kanawha with her husband. In her spare time, she likes to read, go camping, fishing and playing with her fur babies. She has worked at the Summit House for a year as a Residential Aide. Sara loves working with the residents and her co-workers and putting a smile on their faces. Thank you for all you do!