



Bell Tower Life

CELEBRATING APRIL

- **National Volunteer Month**
- **Couples Appreciation Month**
- **Occupational Therapy Month**
- **International Fun at Work Day—April 1**
- **National Siblings Day—April 10th**
- **Easter—April 17**
- **Wear Pajamas Day—April 19**
- **Earth Day—April 22**
- **Hairstylist Appreciation Day—April 25**
- **Administrative Professionals Day—April 27**

Making Things New

When you live in Wisconsin, you get used to the changes of the seasons, and everything that goes with them. In the winter months, many of the trees become dormant. Having lost their leaves weeks before with the daylight hours getting shorter, the trees go to sleep. Their thick bark protects them from the cold, as they wait for warmer days. Then the days get warmer and longer, and the trees show new signs of life once again.

Each of us may go through a season of winter as well—a time when we just need to rest and feel protected. We work through or wait through the darker colder days, until we see more light. We breathe in the fresh air of spring and are renewed. With refreshed energy we come back to life, with new hopes and dreams, new plans and goals.

As we turn the calendar page to April of 2022, there is newness all around us. We have new residents calling Bell Tower Residence, “home.” We have new activities with parties and music. Visitors are welcome, and they joyfully enter Bell Tower Residence.

We know the pandemic isn’t over, yet we have learned how to keep moving forward. We are enjoying families, and visitors, and seeing the hugs. Just as the perennial blooms are poking up through the cold ground, we have new activities and outings planned for warmer weather. We are welcoming staff to participate whenever they can—let’s get everyone enjoying the music and sunshine and joy of the approaching spring. Let’s move forward. Let’s make things new. Let’s get excited and have some FUN!

Come join us at Bell Tower Residence. As we celebrate National Volunteer Month, we welcome those who would like to be part of the Bell Tower family through volunteering. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity where you know you are making a difference, Bell Tower Residence has your opportunity.

Enjoy the spring!

Kris McGarigle

Administrator



WELCOME TO THE BELL TOWER FAMILY

Staff Birthdays

4th—McKenna Bessert
6th—Janie Allen
6th—Amber Schroeffer
13th—Rita Kremsreiter
18th—Journey Burgener
21st—Alice Penegor
30th—Audrey Steckling

Staff Anniversaries

Mylene Jones—4 years
Dawn Ives—25 years
Ashley Schilling—3 years
Donna Meier—4 years
Kris McGarigle—6 years
Michelle Steger—21 years

Resident Birthdays

2nd—Larry H
9th—Thomas L
10th—Charlotte S
11th—Jean F
13th—Marlene S
24th—Ruth S

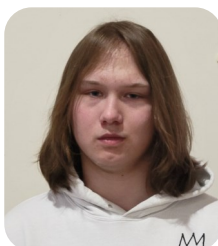
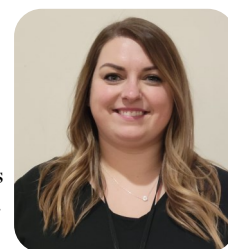
Resident Move In Anniversaries

Florence J—4 years
Mary Ann B—4 years
Lavine W—4 years
Carol H—3 years
Larry & Janet H—3years



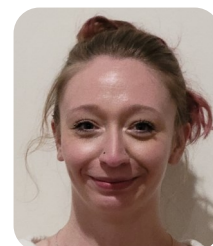
Anna joins our Housekeeping department with 8 years of experience working as a caregiver. When she isn't working on becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant, she enjoys spending time with her husband and two boys, ages 11 and 1. Together, they enjoy the great outdoors and watching movies. We know Anna's dedication to doing the work she loves makes her a great fit for Bell Tower Residence.

Hailing all the way from Wausau, Allison joins our Bell Tower Family as the new Life Enrichment Coordinator. She has previously worked as the General Manager of Sconni's Alehouse & Eatery of Schofield, and Life Enrichment Coordinator at both Primrose of Wausau and The Renaissance of Weston. Alliy is recently engaged and in the process of planning her wedding in Fall of 2023. She enjoys camping at hotels, shopping for anything under the sun and spending time with her chihuahua, Pork. Alliy can be reached via email at afierek@carriagehealthcare.com



Austin is a Merrill native and has recently joined our Dietary Department. He has previously worked for several chain restaurants as a line crew member and brings forth relevant experience to enhance bringing the best dining experience to our residents of Bell Tower. Welcome to the team, Austin!

Natalia or Talie for short, joins Bell Tower Residence as a Part Time Receptionist. Talie lives in Merrill with her husband and two daughters. In her spare time she enjoys reading, crafting, and learning how to knit with her daughters. We know Talie's desire to learn new things and work with people will make her a great asset to our team at Bell Tower Residence.



Jacklyn resides in Birnamwood and is joining Bell Tower Residence as a Certified Nursing Assistant. She enjoys spending time in the great outdoors with her husband and daughter. Jackie is also a lover of animals and enjoys cleaning anything and everything. If you see Jackie at the front desk, make sure to give her a warm welcome to our Bell Tower Family!

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Remembering Ann Ravn



Ann Elsen Ravn, age 92, of Merrill, died March 14, 2022,
at Bell Tower Residence surrounded by her family.

Ann was born January 28, 1930, to the late Albert and
Hazel (Willett) Elsen in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her
family later moved to Merrill, where she grew up. She
attended St. Francis Xavier Catholic School and graduated
from Our Lady of the Holy Cross High School in Merrill.

Ann later attended the College of St. Francis in Joliet,
Illinois.

On June 15, 1950, she married Erling O. Ravn Jr. (Ole) at St. Francis Xavier Catholic
Church in a ceremony officiated by her brother, Father Vincent Elsen. Their marriage
lasted 68 wonderful years, ending with Ole's death on September 12, 2018.

Ann devoted her life to raising her five children and supporting Ole's commitment to
medicine and the Merrill community.

Ann will always be remembered for her fun-loving approach to life and the many
valuable lessons she imparted on her family. She enjoyed hosting social gatherings,
cooking holiday dinners, traveling with family and friends and watching the Badgers
and Packers. A special place in her heart was the Ravn Cottage on the Prairie River,
where so many lasting memories were created.

Ann actively volunteered in the community, serving as a charter member of the Holy
Cross-Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary and the United Way Board of Directors. She
volunteered for the Merrill Community Food Pantry and St. Robert's Church Council
and Altar Society. Ann enjoyed many years of involvement with Merrill's Study Class
and the Beta Sigma Phi-Laureate Kappa Chapter.

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APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

Are you or someone you know interested in making a difference in the lives of others? Bell Tower Residence has countless opportunities for you to be a part of our community! We are seeking volunteers to join us in enriching the lives of our residents through various activities such as :

- ◇ Assisting residents complete craft projects
- ◇ Joining residents in playing cribbage, sheephead, bingo, Yahtzee, etc.
- ◇ Accompanying staff during resident shopping outings
- ◇ Companionship during church services or social events
- ◇ Helping staff paint resident nails during manicures
- ◇ Sharing your musical talent with our residents
- ◇ Becoming a certified “pilot” for our Trishaw bicycle

If you are interested in being a part of The Bell Tower Volunteer Program, please reach out to Life Enrichment Coordinator, Allison Fierek via phone at 715-539-1403 or by e-mail at afierek@carriagehealthcare.com. Volunteer Applications can also be picked up at our reception desk.

April Activity Outings

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| Tuesday, April 5th at 2:00 | Dollar Tree |
| Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 | Craft Show at Merrill Life Enrichment Center |
| Tuesday, April 12th at 2:00 | Walmart |
| Wednesday, April 13th at 10:15 | Scenic Bus Ride—3rd Floor |
| Wednesday, April 13th at 11:00 | Lunch at Friendship House |
| Monday, April 18th at 2:00 & 3:00 | Scenic Bus Ride 1st & 2nd Floor |
| Tuesday, April 19th at 2:00 | Walgreens |
| Tuesday, April 26th at 2:00 | Kohl's |
| Wednesday, April 27th at 10:15 | Scenic Bus Ride—3rd Floor |

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While we appreciate our community thinking of us when it comes to donations, we currently have an abundance of puzzles and games in our activity closets. We ask that prior to donating any used items, you speak with a member of our staff to see if there is a need for our building. All inquiries can be directed to Allison Fierek, Life Enrichment coordinator.

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Eagles Pancake Breakfast

Merrill Eagles Club

April 24th 9am to 1pm

Regular or Potato Pancakes

*All proceeds will be given to Bobbi Grund
to help with medical expenses*

HAPPY RETIREMENT!



Thank you to Marge Bong for your 7 years of dedication with us at Bell Tower Residence. We will miss you and wish you nothing but the best as you start your next chapter!

RESIDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

Living in a community setting like Bell Tower, residents won't need to keep cash on hand as meals and salon services are included in most monthly fees. If our residents would like to have cash available to them, we encourage families to assist them in setting up an Activity Account. Residents may keep up to \$200 in their Activity Account which is then deposited into a non interest bearing account at a local bank. Residents may access funds in their account 24/7 by contacting a member of our administration or the receptionist on duty. Activity Accounts are ideal for residents who are unable to manage their own finances but would still like to participate in any activities associated with a fee such as : shopping trips, special outings, food delivery, etc. Our Life Enrichment Coordinator is then able to pay for resident purchases after their Activity Accounts are set up. Quarterly account statements will be sent out by our Business Office Manager. For more information on setting up an Activity Account, please refer to our Front Desk Receptionist or Life Enrichment Coordinator.



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Set on 12 beautifully landscaped acres with over 68,000sf of living and common spaces, Bell Tower is a friendly assisted living community where residents feel at home and live life well with purpose and dignity. We offer private apartments, religious services, activities, outings, delicious home-cooked meals and our caring and compassionate staff are always nearby to help.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please reach out to our Admissions Coordinator, Mikaela Meier.

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Berm poses for a photo while enjoying live music during our St. Patrick's Day Celebration.



Administrator Kris McGarigle shares a smile with Ed during our St. Patty's day Celebration. Not pictured : GREEN BEER



Our residents on the 2 East Neighborhood decorate a seasonal tree each month and even make their own ornaments!



Activities Aide, Amber and Ruth up to their normal shenanigans.



The smiles say it all with Nancy and Phil!

