

Bell Tower Residence NEWSLETTER

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Set on 12 beautifully landscaped acres with over 68,000 square feet 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 at mmeier@carriagehealthcare.com

Important Information

- As the construction on O'Day street continues, please continue to keep a safe distance away from the road for your safety.
- Family members and staff, please be mindful of the on call schedule when contacting the appropriate staff when needed outside of business hours.
- Staff and Family members, please remember to sign out the residents when leaving the facility. We appreciate the effort!

Upcoming Events

- Live Entertainment with Paul Waide on Sept. 12th at 2:00 pm
- Live Entertainment with Charlie and the Chaplain on Sept. 19th at 2:00 pm

Wish List

- Sponsor a Monthly Birthday Party Celebration - \$40
- Sponsor a Zumba Class - \$20
- Sponsor Live Music - \$50
- Bingo Prizes
- Happy Hour Supplies

Thank you for your donations!
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A Newsletter for Residents and Friends

- September 2024 -

Life

Bell Tower Residence

Celebrating September

2nd- Labor Day

4th- The Price is
Right Day

6th- May Flower
Anniversary

9th- Line Dancing
Week

11th- Word Game
Wednesday

13th- Friday the
13th

15th- Balance
Awareness Week

17th- Country
Music Day

18th- U.S Air Force
Birthday

20th- American
Made Cars Day

21st- October Fest
Begins

22nd- Autumn
Season Begins

27th- Fall Foliage
Friday

Inspiring Generations

September is here! The evenings are cooler, and fall is right around the corner. In September we celebrate National Assisted Living Week, September 8-14. This year's theme is "Inspiring Generations."

Each generation is able to look to another. Families connecting across generations build respect for the past, and hope and inspiration for the future. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren learn the stories and lessons from the experiences of their elders. Our older generation can look into the eyes and lives of the young and see hope, youth, and energy.

Let's refuse to engage in the stereotyping of generations that are different from ours! Instead, take some moments to deliberately connect, learn, engage and inspire. How can we connect? Grandparents and young ones, take the time to see the world through the eyes of each other:

- Play a game on a smartphone or video system together.
- Volunteer together.
- Go out for ice cream.
- Go on adventures! Visit an escape room, a zoo, or a trendy market. If your physical strength allows you, try laser tag, kayaking, urban adventure parks, or outdoor games together.
- Do quieter activities together such as coloring, puzzles, or crafts.
- Look at photo albums or create scrapbooks.
- Tell and listen to stories. Sometimes you may hear these over and over again, whether it's a preschooler talking about their day, or a grandparent telling stories of the past. Don't just listen to the story, get involved: "What was that like?" "How did you feel?" "Thank you for sharing that with me."

At Bell Tower Residence we connect our generations in what we do every day. The stories and smiles, the lives shared are what inspires us. Join us as a resident, employee, volunteer or part of our Bell Tower family as we Inspire Generations and connect to each other with respect and hope.

-Kris Mcgarigle

Staff Birthdays

8th- Malakai W
 11th- Dawn I
 17th- Aleya W
 19th- Cheryl R
 19th- Madison P
 21st- Deborah G
 25th- Alysian K

Staff Anniversaries

1 year- Morgan S
 3 years- Tracy H
 3 years- Journey B
 17 years- Arick B

Resident Birthdays

6th- Walter B
 22nd- Nancy C
 22nd- Leroy O
 22nd- Mary W
 27th- Deborah S
 28th- Barbara H

Resident Anniversaries

9 years- Judy C



Assisted Living & Memory Care

Welcome to Bell Tower!



Deb Seubert Donna Schneider Barb Hanson Lorene Baran
 3 East 2 West 1 West 2 West



Gary Engebretsen Emily Frahm Katerina Jahn
 2 West Dietary PCW

Monthly Mailing List

Are you interested in joining the Bell Tower Monthly Mailing List? Each month Allison our Activities Director sends out an update of important information to families and volunteers. Things included in the email consist of the Activities Calendar, the most recent Newsletter, updates on chapel services, and volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in joining this list, please reach out to Allison at ablaubach@carriagehealthcare.com



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September Movie Matinees

4th- "The Little Rascals"
 3rd Floor @ 6:30 pm

11th- "My Girl 2"
 3rd Floor @ 6:30 pm

18th- "Back to the Future"
 3rd Floor @ 6:30 pm

25th- "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2"
 3rd Floor @ 6:30 pm

2nd- "Jumanji"
 Coffee Counter @ 2:00 pm

16th- "A Walk to Remember"
 Coffee Counter @ 2:00 pm

30th- "Hope Floats"
 Coffee Counter @ 2:00 pm



Assisted Living & Memory Care

A message from our Chaplains:

In September, Bell Tower will celebrate National Assisted Living Week, the theme being "Inspiring Generations." This made me think of the following verses from Deuteronomy 6:1-8.

¹ "Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ² so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. ⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

These verses are especially important to our Jewish neighbors because of the command and verse 4. It is also important for those who are Christian of all denominations as well. In these verses, God gives us the task to continue to teach the generations to come the love and commands of God, so that they know God.

What important things to teach generations and to learn from our older generation and ancestors, love. I see this in action as a Chaplain with the care that our residents receive from staff and through the support and love their family and friends give them. We are a community that loves and through that we show the love of God. Let us continue to learn from our elders and teach our generations to come love, so that the presence, promise, and power of God may continue to dwell with us in our communities and families.



Thanks to our devoted Chaplain, and his family, the residents at Bell Tower are looking forward to our annual trip to the "Bourke pumpkin patch". Thank you John, for allowing us to partake in something so special!

IN LOVING MEMORY

Joe Folta

08/07/1932 - 07/21/2024



Joseph F. Folta, age 91, of Merrill, passed away Sunday, July 21, 2024, at Bell Tower Residence in Merrill. He was born August 7, 1932, in Merrill to the late Simon and Oillie Folta. He met the love of his life, Jean Rajek, and the two were united in marriage on May 2, 1953, a loving union lasting over 70 years. Together, they raised their three children, Sue, Bill, and Tammie.

Joe enlisted in the United States Army in 1952. He served in Korea and was honorably discharged in 1953. Joe worked for GTE for over thirty years. He worked as an installer and repairman and eventually took a position as a switching tech. Joe enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golfing. He excelled at woodworking and made several keepsakes. In younger years, Joe enjoyed playing baseball and slow-pitch. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Joe was a Fourth Degree Knight and was a Past Grand Knight.

Joe and Jean looked forward to going square dancing.

They traveled often, visiting Germany and going to Branson many times. Joe and Jean also belonged to a camping group and would enjoy bringing their camper to many favorite spots. They loved attending all events that their grandchildren and great grandchildren were involved in.



IN MEMORY OF

Wayne Smith

11/29/1927 - 07/22/2024




WAYNE H. SMITH, 96, OF MERRILL, PASSED AWAY MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024, AT ASPIRUS MERRILL HOSPITAL.

WAYNE WAS BORN NOVEMBER 29, 1927, IN ATLANTIC, IOWA, SON OF ROY AND MIRIAM (BUTLER) SMITH. WAYNE ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND SERVED DURING THE KOREAN WAR. AFTER HIS HONORABLE DISCHARGE AND UPON HIS RETURN TO THE STATES, WAYNE ATTENDED BROADCASTING SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA. IT WAS DURING HIS TIME IN CALIFORNIA THAT HE MET THE FORMER ROSEMARY REILAND. WAYNE AND ROSEMARY WERE MARRIED ON OCTOBER 10, 1953, IN CALIFORNIA.

THROUGHOUT THEIR MARRIAGE, WAYNE AND ROSEMARY LIVED IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT STATES INCLUDING CALIFORNIA, TENNESSEE, LOUISIANA, MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN.

WAYNE WORKED IN RADIO BROADCASTING FOR OVER 40 YEARS. HE WORKED IN SALES, AND AS AN ENGINEER AND A GENERAL MANAGER. IN 1990, WAYNE AND ROSEMARY MOVED BACK TO THE WAUSAU/MERRILL AREA TO BE CLOSER TO THEIR DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW, LISA AND ANDY. WAYNE WORKED AT WJMT RADIO AND ALSO STARTED THE Z104 CLASSIC ROCK RADIO STATION IN THIS AREA.

WAYNE WAS INVOLVED WITH MANY CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING, THE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY, ST. VINCENT DEPAUL, NOON LION'S CLUB, ROTARY CLUB, AND MERRILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WHERE HE SERVED AS PAST PRESIDENT. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND MADE FRIENDS EVERYWHERE HE WENT. WAYNE ENJOYED PUBLIC SPEAKING AND WAS A LECTOR AT CHURCH MASSES. HE ENJOYED READING, WORKING ON DIFFICULT PROJECTS, SWIMMING, AND RUNNING. WAYNE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR AND HIS PATIENCE.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Lorena Sosnovske



11/16/1937 - 08/13/2024

Lorena J. 'Lori' Sosnovske, 86, of Merrill, formerly of Gleason, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at Bell Tower Residence, Merrill.

Lorena was born November 16, 1937, in Merrill, daughter of Herbert and Dorothy (Bergman) Lee and grew up on a farm in Langlade County.

As a youth, Lori was a member of 4-H in Langlade County. She graduated from Antigo High School with the class of 1955. After graduation, Lori spent six years in Milwaukee doing office and factory work. During a trip home for the weekend, she met Louis Sosnovske.

They were married on May 29, 1962.

Lori kept busy by helping her husband on their dairy farm and raising four children. She enjoyed field work, especially chopping, raking, and bailing hay. She drove a tractor on the family farm until she was 80 years old. Her involvement in 4-H continued when she became a leader for the Dudley Doo-Rites and proceeded onto becoming a member of the 4-H Leaders Association in Lincoln County.

Lori was a longtime member of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Gleason. She was a member of the Worthwhile Women's Club in the Town of Summit and the Merrill Chamber of Commerce Dairy Promotion Committee. Lori was also a charter member of the Gleason Lion's Club and collected eyeglasses for the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. She volunteered with the Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary, AMPI, and Foremost Farms Women's Dairy Promotion. You could find her scooping ice cream at various places including Hodag, the county Fair, and Gleason Lions Club activities. Lori was a fan of the Milwaukee Brewers. She enjoyed country music, bowling, gardening, baking, quilting, and needlework. She especially enjoyed helping her son Marty and grandson Ben with their maple syrup production.

September EMPLOYEE — OF THE MONTH —



Macy Wesbrock

Nominated by Lynn Erickson- “Macy is a true joy to work with. She always goes above and beyond with her care for the residents at Bell Tower. Macy is always willing to help when needed and she shows a positive attitude when creating a wonderful place for the residents to live. Macy is an asset to Bell Tower.”



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