

# Deephaven Woods

Independent and Assisted Senior Living

## Spiritual Care in our Chapel

Mon. Dec 1, 11:00am Protestant Service & Communion

Tues. Dec. 3, 10, 17, & 31 3:30pm Catholic Mass

Sat. Dec 21, 10:00am St. Therese Music Eucharistic Service

Tuesday, Dec. 24, No Mass at DHW, check bulletin

Mondays in December 6:00pm Rosary, Chapel

**Behold the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."**

## Notable Highlights

### Sophia's Crafting Corner

Monday Dec. 2 at 3:30pm, Community Room

Sophia has everything you need to make a 3D Snowflake. Sign up is requested.

### Mysteries of Faith Docuseries

Every Friday in December at 11:00am, Theater

The Vatican is giving unprecedented access to some of the most famous holy relics.

### Holiday Lights Drive

Thursdays, Dec. 12 and 19 at 6:00pm, Lobby

Stay comfortably seated as the bus tours around to see the best light shows nearby. Very popular!

### MacPhail Series "Unwrapping Music"

Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 1:00pm, Community Rm

MacPhail instructor presents an in depth look at the making of a musical artist.

### 2024 Slideshow DHW in Review

Monday Dec. 30 at 1:30pm, Theater

Join us as we look back at 2024 in pictures taken of people and events at DHW.

### New Year's Social

Monday Dec. 30 at 3:00pm, Club Lounge

We will ring in the new year with sparkling beverages and goodies to eat!

## December Birthdays

- December 2 Carol Sturgeski #213
- December 15-Donna Healey #248
- December 22-Dave Browdie #107
- December 28-Wanita Rolfes #227

### December 19 @ 3:00pm Birthday Social-Club Lounge

- Lou Rawls (singer) – December 1, 1933
- Louis Prima (singer) – December 7, 1910
- Judi Dench (actress) – December 9, 1934
- Connie Francis (singer) – December 12, 1938
- J. Paul Getty (tycoon) – December 15, 1892
- William Parry (explorer) – December 19, 1790
- Ava Gardner (actress) – December 24, 1922
- Ted Danson (actor) – December 29, 1947
- Tiger Woods (golfer) – December 30, 1975

**Happy Birthday to All!**

## On the Bus!

**Please sign up for these outings in the Bistro. Meet in the lobby.**

Lunch and Christmas Trees at the Minnesota Arboretum and Café  
Thursday, Dec. 5 at 10:30am

Target/Cub Shopping  
Dec 4, 12, 19 at 10:30am

Holiday Lights Scenic Drive  
Thursdays Dec. 12 and 19 at 6:00pm

## Your Voice Heard:

- Dec. 4 Resident Council
- Dec 10 Chat with our Chef Max
- Dec. 31 Calendar Planning

## December Music

St. Therese Student Carolers  
Tuesday, December 3 at 11:20 to 11:55-Community Room

Dinner Music with Rita  
Tuesday, December 10 at 5:00pm-Dining Room

Sing Along with Denise  
Thursday, December 12 at 1:45pm-Chapel

The Preacher's Daughter  
Wednesday, December 18 at 11:00am-Community Room

Chan-O-Laires Senior Choir  
Thursday, December 19 at 1:45 pm-Community Room

Student Piano Recital  
Sunday, December 22 at 6:00pm-Chapel

## December Movies

Tues. Dec. 10@7:00pm-"One Christmas"

Mon. Dec. 16 @1pm-"White Christmas"

Mon. Dec. 23@1pm-"It's A Wonderful Life"

Thurs. Dec. 26@1:00 "Clifford the Big Red Dog"

## Deephaven Woods Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 17

4:00-6:30pm

Appetizers & Wine, Family Photos, Live Piano Music, Dinner & Dessert

Reservations Required by December 11

\$20 for Guests & Non-Meal Plan Residents



**Toy drive began on Nov. 25 and ends Dec. 18. Please place a new and unwrapped toy in the TOYS FOR TOTS box in the Lobby!**





## The Demo Heard 'Round the World



Some call it the day that launched the personal computing revolution. Others call it the “Mother of All Demos.” On December 9, 1968, a computer engineer named Douglas Engelbart

made a presentation to an audience of 1,000 at the San Francisco Convention Center. During this presentation, Engelbart foresaw the future of computing.

In 1968, computers were considered by many to be little more than fancy calculators, but Engelbart and a group of 17 other researchers had been working since 1962 at the Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park, California, to prove that computers were much more than that. Computers, they believed, could augment human intelligence: using a computer, we could work smarter and faster, thereby dramatically increasing our ability to do good in the world.

During the 100-minute presentation, Engelbart presented the first computer mouse, so called because of the long cord resembling a mouse's tail. He used the mouse to move a cursor around a screen, highlight words, and resize windows. A video of Engelbart himself appeared on half of the screen, while the other half displayed the computer's working output. Soon after, Engelbart's colleagues appeared on-screen to converse and help modify the document. The team was effectively demonstrating the first collaborative remote videoconference.

While we take such technological innovations for granted today, in 1968, such a presentation was mind-blowing. Personal computers would not even become accessible to the public for another 12 years. Furthermore, the interface Engelbart first described on December 9, 1968, is still the basic computer interface we use today. Before his presentation, some believed Engelbart to be a “crackpot.” Afterward, he was hailed as a visionary and genius.

## Weather Watchers

The first Saturday of December is Skywarn Recognition Day, a day of appreciation for over 350,000 volunteer storm spotters. These spotters provide timely and accurate reports of wind, hail, flash floods, lightning, tornadoes, and hurricanes. Skywarn volunteers are often the first to signal warnings of severe weather as it approaches.

Anyone can be a Skywarn weather spotter. Local National Weather Service offices provide training in storm structures and development, weather safety, and how to report severe weather information. These spotters are a gift to their communities, giving them time to prepare for whatever Mother Nature brings.

## Calling All Bingo Lovers

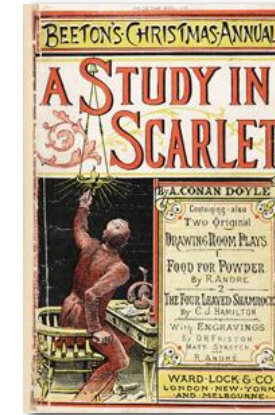


Bingo is celebrated throughout December in church halls and community centers because December is Bingo Month. The game dates all the way back to 1530, when Italians played a game called *Lo Gioco del Lotto d'Italia*. Some even say that this game was used to fight government corruption.

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.

## From Beeton to Baker Street



Samuel Orchart Beeton, an English publisher from the 1800s, was best known for publishing his wife's book, *Mrs. Beeton's Book of Household Management*, a guide for keeping house in Victorian England. Beeton went on to launch a new magazine that came out only once a year, called *Beeton's Christmas*

*Annual*. His 1887 issue contained three stories, including a story by a writer named Arthur Conan Doyle titled “A Study in Scarlet,” featuring a detective named Sherlock Holmes and his friend and assistant, Dr. Watson.

Doyle had not originally intended to become a writer of mystery stories. He studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh in his native Scotland. One of his professors, Dr. Joseph Bell, inspired him greatly with his amazing powers of deduction. It is said that the character of Sherlock Holmes is based on Dr. Bell.

Doyle moved to London to practice medicine, but work was slow, and he wrote in his free time. When “A Study in Scarlet” was first published, it did not garner much attention. However, as Doyle introduced more adventures, the public clamored for more Sherlock Holmes stories. Eventually Doyle quit medicine to become a full-time writer.

“A Study in Scarlet” is marvelous in that it shows the first meeting between Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson and paints a full picture of Holmes' many eccentricities. It is also famous for being the first detective story to include a magnifying glass as a detective's tool. Only 11 complete copies of the 1887 *Beeton's Christmas Annual* are known to exist, and copies in excellent condition are collectors' items worth more than \$100,000. Doyle would go on to write more than 50 Sherlock Holmes stories, and his famous detective would forever influence the future of the crime and mystery genre.

## Blessings by the Sea

While the northern hemisphere is bundling up for winter, in the southern hemisphere, Uruguayans are preparing for beach season. One of the great secrets of this South American country is that its coastline is one long, never-ending beach. In fact, Uruguay boasts some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, earning the nickname of the “Uruguayan Riviera.”

Beach season unofficially opens every year on December 8, the Day of the Beaches, when local priests perform a “Blessing of the Waters.” After the blessing, sailboat regattas and horseback-riding competitions are held. Then everyone begins a summer of frolicking in the surf.

## Cutting-Edge Fun



Nothing announces the arrival of the holiday season like the smell of freshly baked cookies. If you're looking to spruce up your baking this year, ditch the common round shape for some fun cookie cutters during Cookie Cutter Week, held the first week of December.

While evidence shows that ancient Egyptians created interesting molds for baking cakes, Queen Elizabeth I of England is said to have popularized the novelty of baking cookies in the shape of her guests. Gingerbread men and women soon became popular in bakeries across 17th-century England.

Today, you can find cookie cutters in every conceivable shape and size. Some manufacturers will even create custom cookie cutters. Some people enjoy collecting cookie cutters, and serious enthusiasts belong to the Cookie Cutters Collectors' Club (CCCC). In fact, it was the CCCC that originally conceived Cookie Cutter Week about 30 years ago. Members enjoy benefits such as a quarterly newsletter and an exclusive cutter designed to commemorate Cookie Cutter Week.