

Activity Calendar Highlights:

Daily Exercise

1st– Humaine
Society Dog Treat
Making

2nd– Writing back
to our Pen Pals from
Washington

8th– Resident
Council

9th– Live
Entertainment with
the “Good Times
Band”

15th– Cookie
Decorating

16th– Family
Council

22nd– Clay Craft

23rd– Painting our
Clay Crafts

Resident
Social Hour

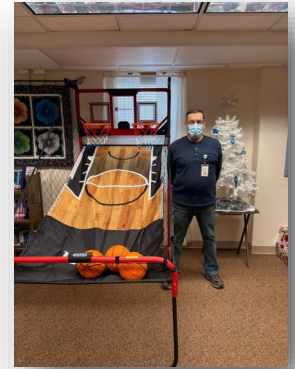
Bell Tower Recap!



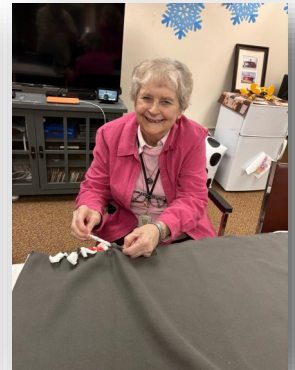
Therapy Dog River enjoying back scratches from a resident during exercise!



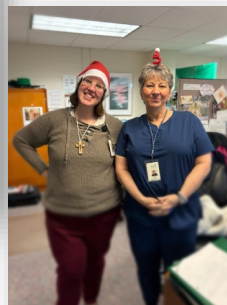
Bell Towers Life Enrichment Director posing next to the 2024 Toy Drive donations!



Our Maintenance man Steve and his wife donated this basketball game to the activity department!



Our crafty residents made tie blankets as a community project for the local humane society! Look at those smiles!



Happy New Year from the staff at Bell Tower Residence!

LORENE BARAN

Jan 12 , 1924 - Nov 28 , 2024

Lorene Baran

Wisconsin; proud to be the oldest person in her ancestry books, she lived to 45 days short of 101 years.

Lorene was born to Orville and Edith (Eickenberry) Fischer at home in Dayton, Iowa on January 12, 1924. She was the oldest of five children. Iowa winter snowstorms created the blizzards she so dearly loved. There were many sledding parties with her friends on Fischer Hill in front of her house. Nothing made her happier than a snowy winter storm.

Basketball was her sport in high school, playing half court. After graduation and during her glory days, she attended AIB business school in Des Moines and then worked for the Iowa Tax Commission.

She was a civilian volunteer during World War II enforcing blackout regulations. During the war she and her roommates wrote to soldiers, one of which was a Navy man, Tony Baranowski, who she married in 1944. Lorene and Tony moved to Philadelphia where they both worked at an airplane manufacturing company. They relocated to Chicago in 1950. Her three beloved children were born along the way.

Upon retirement, Lorene spent 33 years in Dixon, Illinois where she made many friends of all ages. She worked for Sears Roebuck from 1965-1997, retiring from the accounting department in the Sears World Trade building in downtown Chicago. She made and kept lifelong friendships that became family. Lorene was known as Lori, Mema and Gram. Famous for oatmeal cookies and butter horn rolls, a crafty crocheter, a 50-year member of the Eastern Star and a collector of turtle statues. She was a team member of the 1st place Chicago Women's Bowling Classic in 1962. She loved to simply drive her Buick anytime and anywhere. Boston terriers, gardenias, Snickers, ice cream, children and pretty much any furry animal put a smile on her face and warmed her heart.