

Assisi Hall Contract Update:

Bell Tower Residence is committed to providing a welcoming space for our residents, families, and staff to gather and celebrate special occasions. Effective August 1, 2026, Bell Tower will be implementing an updated Assisi Hall Rental Contract. Beginning August 1, a \$50.00 rental fee will apply to all reservations made by residents' family members and Bell Tower staff for family gatherings and special events. Please note that Assisi Hall rentals are available exclusively to Bell Tower residents and their families, as well as Bell Tower staff. A detailed memo outlining the changes and rental guidelines will be mailed to all families who currently receive invoices from Bell Tower. If you do not receive invoices from Bell Tower and would like additional information regarding this update, please contact: Allison Heckendorf (Director of Life Enrichment) at 715-539-1403 or aheckendorf@carriagehealthcare.com. Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we work to maintain and preserve this valued gathering space for our Bell Tower community.

Tunnel Storage Unit Reminder

If you or your family member currently has a storage unit located in the tunnel, please ensure that it is clearly labeled with the resident's name and room number. Proper labeling helps staff identify units and maintain an organized storage area. Storage units are limited and subject to availability. If you do not currently have a storage unit and would like one, please contact Mikaela Plautz, who will be happy to check availability and assist you. To ensure accurate records and confirm ownership, the Admissions Coordinator will be reviewing the tunnel storage area and placing identification tags on each locker. Please do not remove these tags at any time. Residents and family members are kindly reminded that they may not claim, use, or remove items from any storage locker other than their own without first contacting the Admissions Coordinator. If you have any questions regarding storage units or locker assignments, please feel free to call or email Mikaela Plautz: 715-536-5575 or mplautz@carriagehealthcare.com for additional assistance.

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 Plautz at mplautz@carriagehealthcare.com

A Newsletter for Residents and Friends,
about *Life* at Bell Tower
- July 2026 -
Bell Tower Residence

Celebrating July

- 1st– International Joke Day
- 3rd– Portrait Painter Day
- 4th– Independence Day
- 6th– Far from the Sun Day
- 7th– Lucky 7 Day
- 8th– Liberty Bell Day
- 10th– Don't Step on a Bee Day
- 11th– Slurpee Day
- 12th– Family Feud Day
- 14th– Shark Awareness Day
- 16th– Hula-Hoop Day
- 17th– Robbin Hood Day
- 19th– National Zookeeper Day
- 21st– Wonders of the World Day
- 22nd– Good Sports Day
- 23rd– Get Outside Day
- 24th– Pajama Party Day
- 25th– Water Gun Fight

As We Settle Into Summer

As we settle into the beautiful days of summer, it has been wonderful to see so many residents enjoying the outdoors. Whether it's taking a stroll along our walking paths, relaxing on the patio, enjoying the sunshine with friends, or admiring the flowers around campus, spending time outside provides many benefits for both physical and emotional well-being. Fresh air, sunshine, and movement can help improve mood, reduce stress, encourage socialization, and support overall health.

We are very excited for the Bell Tower Carnival on July 9th! We invite all family members and friends to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The carnival will feature live music, a bounce house, petting zoo, carnival games, and other activities for all ages to enjoy. Events like these help create lasting memories and strengthen the sense of community that makes Bell Tower such a special place.

As summer activities increase, we would also like to remind families of the importance of signing residents out when taking them off campus. While this may seem like a small step, it plays a vital role in resident safety. Signing residents out helps our team know who is in the building and who is enjoying time away with family or friends. In the event we are unable to locate a resident, the sign-out log allows us to quickly determine whether they are safely out with loved ones rather than initiating a search. When returning, please remember to sign your loved one back in as well.

We also encourage families to take advantage of the beautiful weather by enjoying time outdoors with their loved ones. Whether it's going out for ice cream, taking a scenic drive, attending a local event, or simply sitting outside together, these moments can be meaningful and enriching.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to an exciting month ahead filled with sunshine, laughter, and opportunities to make wonderful memories together. We hope to see many of you at the Bell Tower Carnival on July 9th!

-Elizabeth Grubb



Staff Birthdays

9th– Steve A
21st– Claire H
25th– Sierra L
27th– Rebecca S
30th– Seth M

Staff Anniversaries

2 years– Emily F
3 years– Theresa G
21 years– Abby S
26 years– Dan H
31 years– Nicole G

Resident Birthdays

1st– Linda B
2nd– Gary E
4th– Ruth F
9th– Phyllis B
12th– Mark D
21st– Annette K
21st– Audrey R
22nd– Dionne K
30th– Marlene S

Resident Anniversaries

1 year– Dorothy A
4 years– Dolores O
5 years– Joan B
5 years– Jean F



Welcome to Bell Tower



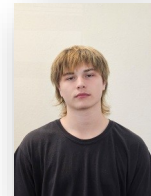
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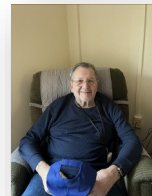
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Theodore
Woller– DA



Katie
Kolpacki– CNA



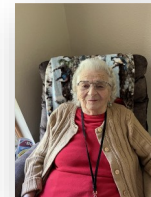
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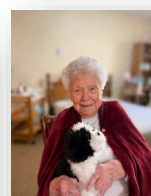
Julie
Engebretsen– 2W



Scott
Peterson– 2W



Emily
Edmund– 2W



Helen
Brandt– 1E

We are so glad you are here! Welcome to our Bell Tower Family! Bell Tower is still searching for Care Givers for all Shifts!

Embrace God's Creations

"Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty." — Psalm 93:4

I have spoken with some of you about my time growing up in Iowa and my newer adventures in Wisconsin, but there is one place that holds a special place in my heart: Oregon. During seminary, I spent my internship year in Coos Bay, a coastal town where I discovered my love of the ocean and often found myself marveling at the majesty of God's creation. For me, water reminds me of God's constant presence in the world. Just as the ocean never stops moving and continually shapes the shoreline, God is always at work in our lives, leading us through different seasons with mercy and grace. No amount of weariness, doubt, or despair can change God's purpose of bringing love and life to you and those around you. What makes you feel most alive? Is it the ocean, like me, or something else? As your new chaplain, I look forward to hearing the ways you experience God in the world, and perhaps sharing a walk outside as we breathe in the beauty of the nature with which God has blessed us.

-Jen Hoffman



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(715)-536-5575 Admissions Coordinator

Bell Tower Wish List:

- Roku TV for each neighborhood
- Sponsor a Zumba Class
- Sponsor a Birthday Cake
- Natural Color Nail Polish
- Sponsor Live Music
- Purchased Bingo Prizes
- Sensory Games
- Resident Social Hour Supplies
- Purchase Chocolate for Bingo
- Craft Kits
- 100 Pc Puzzles
- Puzzle Tables
- Board Games
- Craft Supplies

Amazon Wish List:

<https://a.co/0ipUkcHF>

Employee of the Month

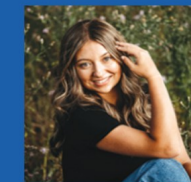
Congratulations to Loral March on being selected to be Bell Towers Employee of the Month for July. This was well deserved, and we are glad to have you a part of our team!



Congratulations Graduates of 2026



Seth Morgan



Emily Frahm



Maddie Prentice



Dax Dufour



James Crockford



Mylee Sykes

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Renovation and Project Updates

There is plenty of progress happening throughout Bell Tower as we continue investing in our residents' comfort and quality of life. Work is underway to replace the fire doors on 2 East, and the final details of the third-floor kitchen renovation are being completed. New plate warmers will soon be installed in each neighborhood kitchen to help ensure meals are served at the ideal temperature. We are also partnering with a designer to begin planning exciting updates to the main lobby, creating an even more welcoming space for residents and visitors. In addition, the finishing touches are being made to our whirlpool rooms, enhancing these relaxing spaces for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to sharing more updates as these projects continue to take shape!