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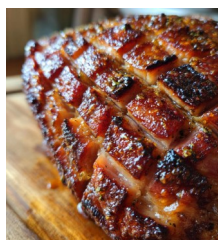
December 2025 Newsletter · Dove Healthcare - Orchard Hills Assisted Living

## Happy Birthday Residents

Dorothee S. 12/7  
Mike K. 12/15  
Patti K. 12/21

## Happy Birthday Staff

Lisa S. 12/11  
Liz S. 12/13  
Allison S. 12/18  
Marissa S. 12/24  
Holly N. 12/30



## ***Families of our Residents: RSVP by Friday, December 19 for Christmas Eve and / or Christmas Day Meal***

- Limit 2 guests per resident (per meal)
- \$12 per guest
- **RSVP Monday - Friday, 8:30AM - 4PM by calling 715-930-6009 (Mindie) no later than Friday, Dec 19**

### **Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30PM**

- Lasagna
- Salad
- Garlic Toast
- Rhubarb Pie

### **Wednesday, December 25 at 11:30AM**

- Pineapple Glazed Baked Ham
- Buttery Sweet Potato Casserole
- Buttered Corn
- Dinner Roll
- Lemon Meringue Pie

## A Message from the Director



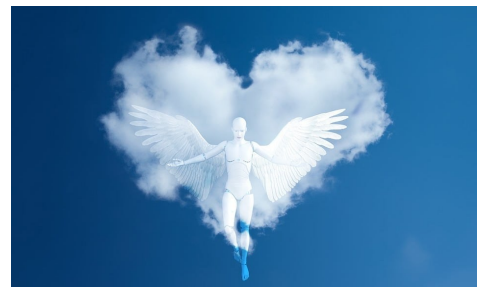
December already, where has the year gone? It has been filled with many wonderful memories and I am so glad that I have been a part of the Orchard Hills family for one year now!

Letters have gone out to residents and family about rate changes for 2026, if you did not receive this letter or have questions, please reach out.

As we navigate some changes in our system, we ask that when writing out rent checks, that you do not include any trust amount on them. Please write two separate checks so we are able to keep things separate.

We would like to remember the ones that we lost this past year, that we near and dear to our hearts.

John M.  
Lillian W.  
Jim D.  
Alvina H.  
Orpha M.  
Susan R.  
Norma L.  
Barb P.  
Elsa L.  
Barb H.  
Ann M.  
Vicki P.



Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season!

Jessie Jack  
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## Deck the Halls! Upcoming December Events

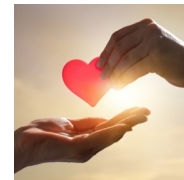
As the snow begins to fall and the holiday spirit fills the air, we are thrilled to present our December activity calendar! This month is packed with festive outings, talented local entertainers, and heartwarming holiday traditions. We hope you'll join us for some joyful celebrations as we wrap up the year.

### December events highlights

- **Dec. 3: Let's Deck the Halls Together!** Join us as we bring the holiday spirit to life by decorating our beautiful Christmas trees. We'll be hanging ornaments, stringing lights, and sharing favorite memories of holidays past.
- **Dec. 4: A Trip to Oakwood Mall** Get some holiday shopping done or simply enjoy the festive atmosphere at Oakwood Mall and have lunch in the food court.
- **Dec. 6: Christmas Piano Recital** Enjoy the beautiful sounds of the season with a festive piano recital.
- **Dec. 7: Pleasant Hill Go-Getters 4-H Club Carolers** We are delighted to welcome the young and vibrant members of the local Pleasant Hill Go-Getters 4-H Club to serenade us with classic Christmas carols. Their visit is sure to fill our home with cheer.
- **Dec. 11: Books-A-Million Outing** For our fellow bookworms, we'll be taking a trip to Books-A-Million
- **Dec. 16: Christmas Lights Tour at Irvine Park** Bundle up for an enchanting evening tour through the Irvine Park Christmas Village
- **Dec. 17: December Birthday Party with Dusty Engedahl** Celebrate all our December birthdays with a special party. The afternoon will feature live musical entertainment from the very talented Dusty Engedahl.
- **Dec. 18: Resident Christmas Party & Saving Grace Carolers** Our annual Resident Christmas Party kicks off with delicious food and good company. Later in the evening, the carolers from the local Saving Grace Lutheran Church will stop by to fill the air with joyful songs.

- **Dec. 22: Ryan Herman Plays for Us at Dinner** Join us for a special dinner at 4:30PM featuring live music from local entertainer Ryan Herman. Known for his old-time and classic country tunes, Ryan is sure to get our toes tapping.
- **Dec. 24: Christmas Cookie Decorating** Get creative and indulge your sweet tooth by decorating festive Christmas cookies.
- **Dec. 25: Christmas Day Family Visits & Laura's Nativity Collection** While we hope you enjoy your visits with family and friends throughout the day; we also invite you to join Laura in the Day Room of 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Dove Healthcare West at 1:30PM to see her incredible Nativity Scene Collection.
- **Dec. 26: Happy Hour with Mickey Lynnes** Keep the good times rolling with a happy hour at 1:30PM featuring music from local legend Mickey Lynnes.
- **Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Cocktail Party** Ring in the New Year with a festive cocktail party in the dining room, starting at 1:30 Raise a glass and toast to a wonderful new year ahead!

Please sign up for all outings with life enrichment. We can't wait to share these wonderful moments with you.



**The Giving Tree** is up and ready for your attention. If you wish to brighten a residents Christmas with a donation to their "wish list", please retrieve a name off the "Giving Tree" at the front door and put your name next to the residents name you took on the list beside the tree. The name of the resident is on the front, and their wish list is attached. Please return the name with your gift items UNWRAPPED to the front office by **December 15**. We will then distribute them to the residents at our Resident Holiday Party.

## A Message from Life Enrichment

Due to the volume of requests for hair and nail appointments, we have made Tuesdays our "Self-Care Groom and Glow Days." This is the weekly day that is scheduled with our beautician, so we decided to include our nail care appointments on that same day. Life enrichment staff will follow the appointment schedule for both hair and nails to meet the needs of all our residents.

Please keep in mind that we will continue to get to each resident appointment, but that the nail appointments will be scheduled every two weeks (not weekly like the hair appointments). This is to ensure that we can get to each resident that needs nail care. If you would like to make a hair or nail appointment, please let a staff member know to help schedule one. Residents will receive a reminder slip for their scheduled appointments.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly for appointments or with any questions or concerns. My direct line is 715-930-6044 or [melissa.neill@dovehealthcare.com](mailto:melissa.neill@dovehealthcare.com)

Thank you for your understanding.  
Have a happy holidays!

Melissa Neill  
Life Enrichment Director  
Dove Healthcare -  
West Eau Claire &  
Orchard Hills Assisted Living



## Rockin' In Rehabilitation

With Winter Comes.....Snow!



We have already had a couple brief episodes of snow fall this season, and there will be more to come. It is important during the holiday and winter season to be mindful of snow and ice to prevent falls. Here are a few tips to keep you safe while dealing with the elements.

- **Focus on footwear:** Rubber or neoprene soles, especially those with plenty of tread, provide better traction on snow and ice than either leather or plastic soles, making them the best choice for fall prevention.
- **Careful with cars:** Many falls occur when exiting or entering vehicles. Always make sure your footing is clear and both feet are planted when you get out of a car.
- **Beware of black ice:** It's just as slippery as regular ice, but difficult to see, making it a top winter safety concern. Stay on clear pathways or ones that have been treated with sand or salt.
- **Shovel safely:** If you have to shovel, clear a level pathway to stand on so you won't lose your balance. Or help our economy and hire the neighbor kid to do your shoveling!
- **Make winter safety a priority:** Avoid rushing and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination safely. Avoid short-cuts through snow or over icy areas.

Please keep safe with snow and ice during the holiday and winter season!

Sincerely,  
Angella Niblett, PTA,  
Regional Director of Rehabilitation





## A HomeGROWN Promotion!



We are excited to announce **Katie Kuehn's HomeGROWN promotion to assisted living compliance and operations director!** Katie will continue serving as Director at Dove Healthcare - Bloomer Assisted Living while also assuming duties as Director

at Dove Healthcare - Spooner Assisted Living. Additionally, Katie will provide support at Dove Healthcare - Barron Assisted Living, **Orchard Hills Assisted Living**, and Osseo Assisted Living to ensure assisted living regulatory compliance and operational success.

Katie has been a valued member of our Dove Healthcare family since 2018. She has done tremendous work to provide compassionate, quality care at Dove Healthcare - Bloomer Assisted Living. Katie's commitment to excellence makes her a great fit for our leadership team.

Dove Healthcare has experienced great success over the years with our HomeGROWN approach: recognizing passion, dedication, and capabilities in team members and then supporting them with growth as opportunities arise.

***Please join us in congratulating Katie on her HomeGROWN promotion!***

## November Memories





