

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 715-930-6034 jessie.jack@doveheatlhcare.com



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 2nd 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

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!

A HOITIEGROWN PTO

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



							60
	A	6 tal 6 Recital Room	13 tal	20 tion 20 Haura	27	2	S
7	Saturday	9:00 Morning Visits 10:00 Trivia and Social Day Room 1:30 Christmas Piano Recital In The Community Room 3:00 Visits	9:00 Morning Visits 10:00 Trivia and Social Day Room 1:30 Movie Day Room 3:00 Visits	9:00 Morning Visits 10:00 Rhythm & Motion 10:15ABC Adventures 1:30 Bible Study w/ Laura West Day Room 3:00 Visits	9:00 Morning Visits 10:00 Trivia and Social Day Room 1:30 Root Beer Floats Treat Cart 3:00 Visits	02	
	S	9:00 Morn 10:00 Trivi Day Room 1:30 Christ In The C 3:00 Visits	9:00 Mornii 10:00 Trivia Day Room 1:30 Movie Day Room 3:00 Visits	9:00 Morning V 10:00 Rhythm 8 10:15 ABC Adve 11:30 Bible Studi, West Day Room 3:00 Visits	9:00 Morn 10:00 Trivi Day Room 1:30 Root I Treat Cart 3:00 Visits	7	>
d		r.	12	19	26	7	7
	Friday	9:30 Sing A Long Day Room 10:00 Sonshine Bible Study Day Room 1:30-2:30 Happy Hour 1st Pub	9:30 Sing A Long Day Room 10:00 Sonshine Bible Study Day Room 1:30-2:30 Happy Hour at OH with Emily VanOpDorp	9:30 Sing A Long Day Room 10:00 Sonshine Bible Study Day Room 1:30-2:30 Happy Hour 1st Pub	9:30 Sing A Long Day Room 10:00 Sonshine Bible Study Day Room 10:30-11:30-1:1s w/Leah 1:30-2:30 Happy Hour at OH with Mickey Lynnes 5:30 ROYAL Bingo Day Room	ecember 2025	
	4	-		** .		5	9
		4	11	r 18	25	Ö	312
	Thursday	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 10:00 Mass Community Room 1:30 Bingo Day Room Sensory Oasis 5:30 Chicago Dice Game Day Room	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 10:00 Mass Community Room 1:30 Bingo Party w/OH 1st Floor 3:00 Visits 5:30 Spa Day With Laura Room To Room	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 1 10:00 Mass Community Room 1:30 Bingo Day Room 3:00 Visits 5:30 Stretch And Relax: Theme Christmas Day Room	No Mass Today 10:00 Christmas chat Day Room 1:30 Christmas Craft Day Room 3:00 Visits Merry Merry	De	Change*
		က	10 1	17 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	4:	31	٩
**	Wednesday	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 10:00 Rhythm & Motion Day Room 10:15 Backwards Crossword 1:30 Christmas Card Craft Day Room 3:00 Dove Cart 2nd 5:30 Load Light Drive RSVP	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 10:00 Rhythm & Motion Day Room 10:15 Consonant Cruncher 1:30 Christmas Bowling Day Room 3:00 Visits 5:30 Bingo	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 10:00 Rhythm & Motion Day Room 10:15 What's The Scoop 1:30 Birthday Party w/OH with Dave Engedahl in Community Room 3:00 Dove Cart 2nd 5:30 Bingo Day Room	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 2 10:00 Rhythm & Motion Day Room 10:15 The Colors Of Christmas 1:30 Humane Association Pet Visit -Day Room Sensory Gasis 5:30 Bingo	30 9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 10:00 Rhythm & Motion Day Room 10:15 Word Mining 1:30 New Year's Eye Party 1:30 Nisits 3:00 Visits 5:30 Bingo Day Room New Year's Eve	ities Are Subject To Change*
	Tuesday	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 2 10:00 Knowledge Quest Day Room 1:30 Shuffleboard w/Jesse Day Room Spa Day With Laura 3:30 Rosary 5:30 Flip Flop Game Day Room	8 9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 9 10:30 Oakwood Mall Food Court-RSVP 1:30 Movie Day Room 3:00 Dove Cart 2nd 5:30 EC Men's Choir Community Room	15 9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 16 10:00 Mind Stretchers Day Room 1:30 Christmas With Laura Orchard Hills Livingroom 3:30 Rosary 5:30 Crossword Puzzle Day Room	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 23 10:00 Wacky Word/Trivia Day Room 1:30 Christmas Name That Tune Day Room 3:00 Dove Cart 2nd 5:30 Spa Day With Laura Room To Room	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 30 10:00 Mind Stretchers Day Room 1:30 Baking With Jesse Day Room Spa Day With Laura 5:30 Where in The World? Day Room	*Activities
		_	8	15	22		
	Monday	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 10:00 Mind And Body Day Room 1:30 Pokeeno Day Room 3:00 Dove Cart 1st	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 10:00 Rhythm & Motion Day Room 10:15 Letter Leap 1:30 Polish Poker Day Room Coda Pet Visit 3:00 Dove Cart 1st	14 9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 10:00 Fur With Kris Day Room 1:30 Resident Council Day Room 3:00 Dove Cart 1st 5:30 Red Cup Toss Game Day Room	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 10:00 Mind And Body Day Room 1:30 Christmas Party Community Room 3:00 Dove Carr 1st 5:30 Charismas Stories Day Room	9:00 Morning Hello/Paper 10:00 Rhythm & Motion Day Room 10:15 What Am i? 10:30-11:30-1-11s w/Leah 1:30 Teddy & Tea/Hot Coco Social - Day Room 3:00 Dove Cart 1st 5:30 Tic-Tac-Toe Toss Game Bay Room Day Room	
THE STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE P	Sunday	ALEREA .				3-2-1	
0	Sur		9:00 Morning Visits 10:00 Messiah Lutheran Day Room 1:30 Pokeeno Day Room 3:00 Visits	9:00 Morning Visits 10:00 Messiah Lutheran Day Room 1:30 Messiah Lutheran Carolers Day Room 3:00 Visits	9:00 Morning Visits 10:00 Messiah Lutheran Day Room 1:30 Christmas Watercolor Dayroom 3:00 Visits	9:00 Morning Visits 10:00 Messiah Lutheran Day Room 1:30 Pokeeno Day Room 3:00 Visits	