



St. Francis Manor

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St. Francis Manor is an equal opportunity provider and employer

Names to Know

Exec. Administrator

Dion Schrack

Administrator/RN

Tiffany Criswell

Director of Nursing

Morgan Beck

Activity Directors

Caitlin Mellick, Abby Moyer,

Leona Bodensteiner

Dietary Manager

Cindy Strobel

Fitness Specialist

Kayla Faas

Office Administration

Tammy Creps, Denise O'Polka, Shelley Schrack, Jamie Vogel & June Watkins

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Important Dates in January

New Year's Day

1st

Luke Farland Entertainment

9th

Dennis Perry Entertainment

17th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

21st

Tom & Theresa Anderson

31st

(For more fun dates see the Activity Calendar)



Activity Directors get their photo taken with Santa at the Christmas Parties. Look for more on Page 4!

In Memory: Marjorie Byerly, Lee Hauser, Mel McCarthy, Grace Port-Hagedorn

Welcome: Bill Hansen, Robert Kinseth, Del Larsen, Margaret VanDerKamp, Pinky VanWyk

Good Luck: Rachel Crawford, Larry Criswell, Linda Overturf, Bernie VanWyk

All About January

What does January mean to you?
Snow. **Snow**. SNOW! Festivities are at a pause and everyone is on a DIET!
Resolutions. *Will you keep them?* Scraping ice from your windshield. Long underwear. Seeing evidence of your breath in the air. Lots of NFL Football. Good movies in the cinema - it's Oscar Nomination time! A good pair of winter gloves. Indoor activities. Reading. Puzzles. Hot Chocolate.

Maybe even a warm destination vacation??
We can only hope! That is **January...**

How Many Snowflakes?

Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!
Count the snowflakes blowing through this newsletter!

Answer on Page 5.



Anniversaries

(Department, Hire Date, Years of Service)

Dion Schrack, Administration

January 01, 1982, 37 Years

Julia Ingle, Nursing

January 11, 2008, 11 Years

Shelley Schrack, Administration

January 17, 2008, 11 Years

Ashley Havley, Nursing

January 10, 2012, 7 Years

Ashley Lang, Nursing

January 10, 2012, 7 Years

Denise Cheney, Nursing

January 31, 2012, 7 Years

Josie Leshen, Nursing

January 09, 2015, 4 Years

Denise O'Polka, Administration

January 13, 2015, 4 Years

Tonya Hess, Nursing

January 25, 2016, 3 Years

Haley James, Nursing

January 24, 2017, 2 Years

Mark Lloyd, Maintenance

January 22, 2018, 1 Year

Birthdays

Residents

Bonnie Creps—01

Del Larsen—02

Margaret VanDerKamp—05

Janice Springer—10

Delores Oliver—12

Pauline Couchman—20

Bob Cooper—21

Virginia Ashby—23

Jack Hall— 31

Staff

Kayleen Beck—03

Morgan Beck—03

Ashley Lang—05

Trent Arment—07

Stacy Welsh—07

Teresa Courtney—12

Brenda Arment—16

Denise Cheney—16

John McCulley—22

Randa DeHoedt—25

Samantha Moore—28

Rosalind VanGorp—29



St. Francis Manor Receives National

Recognition as One of the Best Nursing Homes for 2018-19

U.S. News & World Report has identified St. Francis Manor as one of the Best Nursing Homes for 2018-19 with an Overall Rating of "High Performing" for the second consecutive year. As the global authority in healthcare rankings, U.S. News & World Report has awarded this designation to St. Francis Manor based upon its nurse staffing levels, medical quality measures and state-conducted health inspections. Out of a total of 439 Iowa nursing homes, only 80 are rated as top performing for 2018-19.

"We wish to thank all of our staff for their dedication to maintaining high standards and providing quality service to our residents. This recognition is due to a great team effort under the leadership of Director of Nursing Morgan Beck and Administrator/RN Tiffany Criswell," said Executive Administrator Dion Schrack. "Credit also goes to the volunteer board members of St. Francis Manor for always putting the residents first and allowing us to prioritize financial resources so that we can attract and maintain excellent staff members and avoid using temporary agency staff. This is a great achievement in a very tight labor market."

U.S. News & World Report has released its updated Nursing Home Finder (<http://health.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes>) which offers comprehensive information about care, safety, health inspections, staffing and more for nearly every nursing home in the country. With this tool, individuals can easily conduct a customized search for a highly rated nursing home by location, distance, size, and Medicare/Medicaid coverage.

"We appreciate the community's support and the opportunity to be of service to those who may be going through one of the most difficult times in their lives with having a loved one in a nursing facility," said Dion. "We look forward to expanding our services to Grinnell and the greater Poweshiek County area with the upcoming opening of the Hammond Center for Assisted Living."



Month In Review

The month of December was full of many wonderful Christmas festivities! Phew! Residents enjoyed making a gingerbread village, cinnamon ornaments, and getting their glamour shots taken by the tree. Our events included a Cookie Walk fundraiser, old fashioned sing-a-long, and Christmas Parties.

Residents enjoyed baking cookies for the Cookie Walk where the Activity Department raised funds to bring in music entertainment for 2019. We raised over \$850! Pictured right is the table full of cookies! Thank you to all who donated and came to take cookies! We hope you found a cookie you loved with over 30 different kinds to choose from!



The sing-a-long brought many lovely singing voices out as we sang many of the season's best songs! A big thank-you to Shirley Arvidson and Beth Eddy for putting together the program.



Residents and their families were treated to a fun afternoon Christmas party. The parties were filled with happy people singing carols, eating Christmas goodies, and telling Santa what they wanted for Christmas! All residents received a gift from Santa!



Hammond Center for Assisted Living

“Sneak Peek”

Over 200 people got a “Sneak Peek” of the Hammond Center for Assisted Living at an Open House on Sunday, December 9. Staff members gave guided tours of all three levels of the building and many future tenants enjoyed seeing their apartments. Leila Maring was even present in her 1-bedroom apartment greeting the guests! Many attendees socialized in the Hawk Center before and after their tours while eating Christmas cookies and sipping on hot cider! For more information about the Hammond Center for Assisted Living, please contact Sammi Bryan, Manager/RN at 641-236-7592.



Breakfast with Santa

Many residents, staff, and families came to visit Santa and eat as many pancakes as they could! Pictured with Santa are Rosie Schrack, Jane Sorensen and Marie Allbee, Emily Hurst with family, Wayne Zegers with family, Ila Mae Huyser, and Kayla Faas with family. This event raised \$1,875 for the Hammond Center for Assisted Living. Thank you to the Culinary Department for making the delicious pancakes and sausage and to the Seeland Park volunteers who helped clear tables.

7 Snowflakes
 are in this
Newsletter!



Happy New Year Hidden Picture

