



Kasey's Comments

The fall season is always a time of transition for our workforce. We rely heavily on younger staff members who join us during the summer months. When school resumes, many of these team members reduce their hours or step away entirely to continue their education. This shift creates staffing fluctuations throughout August and into the winter months.

To maintain stability, we have increased the use of agency staffing services. To ensure consistency of care, we have also transitioned to longer agency contracts. This approach allows agency staff to become familiar with our residents and their daily routines, ultimately improving the quality of care we deliver. At the same time, our recruitment efforts remain strong, with an emphasis on hiring individuals who share our values and commitment to resident-centered care. We are pleased to have welcomed several strong new hires who bring energy and fresh perspectives to our team.

The past three months, we have been implementing structural changes within our nursing department. A key element of this transition is the creation of new Nurse Manager positions. Each Nurse Manager will oversee a designated area & assume responsibility for supporting day-to-day operations. This role bridges a long-standing gap between administration & frontline staff, strengthening communication, responsiveness, and alignment in care delivery.

To support these efforts, we will also be launching an anonymous all-staff survey through the nationally recognized Gallup Program. This survey will provide valuable feedback and ideas from our team on how we can better support them in their roles. A supported, engaged, and happy staff translates directly into stronger outcomes and higher quality of care for our residents.

And, finally, please allow me to recognize our Director of Nursing, **Stephanie Popowski**, for receiving the **Nurse of the Year Award** from the South Dakota Healthcare Association. This is a very prestigious award and well deserved. In just two years as Director of Nursing, Stephanie has made a tremendous impact on Jenkins Living Center. Above all, her passion for our residents stands out. Her commitment and dedication to supporting our nursing team and leading with compassion are a driving force in ensuring the best quality of care for our residents.

Kasey Klapprodt, President / CEO



GREAT GROCERY GRAB WINNERS

The winners for the 2025 Great Grocery Grab were Sandy Albertson, Susie Benike, Nolan Fink, Patty Anderson and Mark Beutow. In the end, Sandy and Susie raced through the aisles to claim nearly \$1,000.00 in groceries with some of our best resident cheerleaders in the store. The other three winners received gift cards and a picnic package.

~Thank you to these partners: Plains Commerce Bank, KXLG Radio, County Fair, Borns Group and Slumberland Furniture and, thank you to all who purchased or donated tickets.

****Nearly \$10K was raised for our residents with the hopes of purchasing commercial grade blanket warmers.**



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OCT 17TH
FALL FESTIVAL
9AM-3PM LUNCH
AVAILABLE

OCT 31ST
TRICK OR TREATERS
3-5PM

Candy donations are welcome.

NOV 11TH
VETERAN SERVICE
2PM

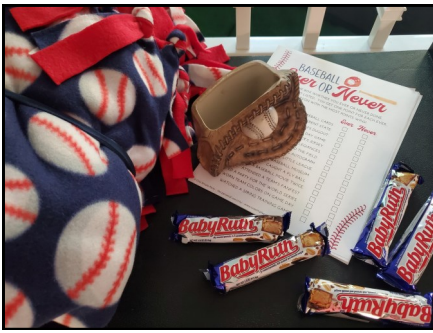
NOV 21ST
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
2PM

DEC 19TH
RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS
PARTY 2PM

RESIDENT CLOTHING

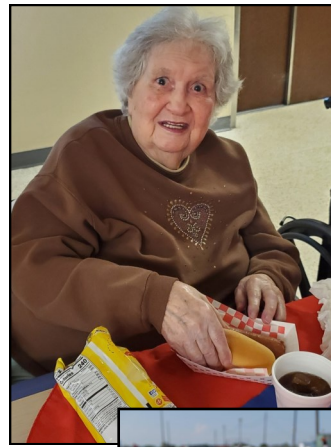
With the seasons changing we ask that any and all new items be labeled.

***Please ask staff for a blue bag to place the new items in to be labeled before they wear it.**



TWINS DAY

Minnesota or Look-Alike



Flowers & Finds & Foundation Park
**Fun making floral arrangements. Thank you Hy-Vee for the flowers!*
**Searching for thrift FINDS!*
**Thursday Night Live music at FOUNDATION Park.*





FUN AND GAMES



AND HATS



Resident Pizza Ranch Party –Thank you Waneta and Larry!



AND HOMECOMING



RALLY FUN at Jenkins Complete with drinks, edible pretzel cigarettes, and tattoos!





"Look Closer, See Me!"

Written by Phyllis McCormack in 1966 her poem highlights the importance of honoring and embracing the dignity of our seniors. To love them, to honor them, to serve them, and to remember, that for all of us time is fleeting, and who we are at any one moment is a tapestry of all of the seasons, joys, and sorrows of our life.



"What do you see, people, what do you see?"

*What are you thinking, when you look at me
A crabby old woman, not very wise.
Uncertain of habit, with far-away eyes,
Who dribbles her food and makes no reply.
When you say in a loud voice "I do wish you'd try!"*

*Who seems not to notice the things that you do.
And forever is losing a stocking or shoe.
Who, unresisting or not; lets you do as you will.
With bathing and feeding, the long day to fill.
Is that what you're thinking, is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, you're not looking at me.*

*I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still!
As I rise at your bidding, as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of 10 with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters, who loved one another.
A young girl of 16 with wings on her feet,
Dreaming that soon now a lover she'll meet.
A bride soon at 20 – my heart gives a leap,
Remembering the vows that I promised to keep.*

*At 25 now I have young of my own
Who need me to build a secure happy home.
A woman of 30, my young now grow fast,
Bound to each other with ties that should last.
At 40, my young sons have grown and are gone,
But my man's beside me to see I don't mourn.
At 50 once more babies play around my knee,
Again we know children, my loved one and me.*

*Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead,
I look at the future, I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing young of their own.
And I think of the years and the love that I've known.
I'm an old woman now and nature is cruel,
'Tis her jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body is crumbled, grace and vigor depart,
There is now a stone where I once had a heart.*

*But inside this old carcass, a young girl still dwells,
And now and again my battered heart swells.
I remember the joy, I remember the pain,
And I'm loving and living life over again.
I think of the years all too few – gone too fast,
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people, open and see,
Not a crabby old woman, LOOK CLOSER,
SEE ME."*

*"Praise be to the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Father of
compassion and the God
of all comfort, who
comforts us in all our
troubles, so that we can
comfort those in any
trouble with the comfort
we ourselves have
received from God."*

*Second Corinthians
1: 3-4*

For each of us, these last 10 years have passed very quickly, and we are all 10 years older. For me I am now in my 70's, and so quickly feeling my age. And yet with, I pray, a greater compassion and understanding for those we have cared for, and those we now care for. May we as Phyllis McCormack invited us so long ago, "Look deeper" and see the inner self of each new friend the Lord sends our way.

Pastor Scott serving as Chaplain, then and now



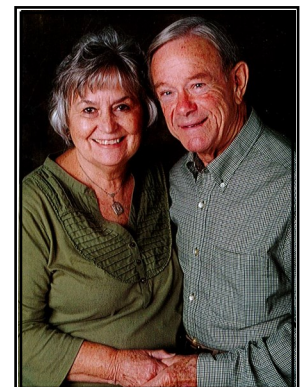
HOMEcoming—Once A Ky-Yi Princess, Always A Ki-Yi Princess

Meet Janice (Frandsen) Tate. Janice is a proud 1954 graduate of Watertown High School. Janice doesn't care for attention, but recognition is deservedly so, especially during this Homecoming season! Janice was not only part of the Ki-Yi tradition and all it's tradition and glory, but she was actually voted by her peers as THE Ki-Yi Princess in the fall of 1954. Janice was involved in band, chorus and the Future Nurses Club.

This picture is a beautiful reminder of the pride of the Ki-Yi celebration that was created in 1939 by a former art teacher, Florence Bruhn, of WHS. Her intent was to create a theatrical presentation about two fictional warring tribes, the Kione and Yiwawa, who meet on Lake Kampeska, and yet, despite their differences, ultimately unite. Ki-Yi was replaced with a new legend that features a "Protector," "Guardian," and "Champion of

Arrows" instead of Native American-themed roles in 2016.

We are proud to share in this honor Janice received at WHS but are even more thrilled that she is part of our Jenkins family and will share the homecoming celebrations right here at Jenkins this year. Both Janice and her husband, Tom Tate, reside at Jenkins. We are so proud to have them both here to celebrate in our Jenkins' traditions.



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We are asking you, our readers, to share this amazing benefit with friends and families that might consider a career with our FAMILY!



while we help take care of your littles.



Jenkins Board of Directors Adds Two Directors

Marlene Nogelmeier and Joel both joined the Jenkins Living Center, Inc. Board of Directors at their monthly meeting in September.

Marlene is retired and has been for a few years now. She enjoys volunteering and spending extra time with her grandkids. She has years of managing senior apartments, including 200 Maple Place before she retired. "I'm excited to be on the advisory board for Jenkins and really look forward to what's ahead."

**Photo unavailable.*



Joel and his wife Jessica own Office Peeps where he serves as President. They have three sons. Joel also currently serves on the boards of the Watertown Area Community Foundation, Junior Achievement of South Dakota, and the Codington County Historical Society.

"Jenkins is quietly a key pillar in our community. This compassionate non-profit serves Watertown through skilled nursing care, memory care, rehabilitation services including rehab suites, and multiple senior living options. I look forward to joining the board and being a part of the Jenkins neighborhood."

We welcome both to the existing 11 member board as we navigate the challenges and changes that exist in long-term care.

Amazing Angels



We have the most AMAZING STAFF...we like to call them **Amazing Angels!** See just a few of them here! Residents, families and staff are encouraged to nominate staff that exceed the normal expectations of their work here. Those selected receive angel wings, recognition & financial reward!



Nursing Home Rounds

"Mom is going to the nursing home doctor—when will you see her?"

Many years ago, there were no regulations regarding how often nursing home residents needed to be seen by a provider. That changed in 1987 when Congress passed the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA '87), also known as the Nursing Home Reform Act. This defined specific visit schedules.

According to current regulations, a resident must first be seen by a physician for a complete history and physical. This includes not only the reason for admission, but also a review of social, medical, and family history, as well as documentation of allergies, alcohol use, and tobacco use.

After the initial visit, residents must be seen once a month for three months, and then every two months thereafter, indefinitely. A physician assistant (PA) or nurse practitioner (NP) may conduct alternating visits in place of the physician, as permitted by law.

But what if a resident develops new problems, such as a fever or shortness of breath? In those cases, you don't have to wait one or two months for the next scheduled visit. The resident can—and should—be evaluated immediately, and even daily if they are unstable and require close monitoring. Once their condition improves, they return to the regular visit schedule.

Aaron Shives, MD, CMD



**Picnics
on the
Patio!**



HEARTS & HOMECOMING AND...

Alyce wanted to attend the homecoming parade so we bought her a team spirit shirt with Heart's Delight funds!



HAIR

Phyllis told staff she wanted to catch up with her previous hair stylist again so the reunion became reality! They enjoyed coffee & conversation.

We Are Celebrating our 67th Anniversary

October 2025 marks 67 years of Service in Watertown! Jenkins has served thousands and continues in their mission to serve those in need of skilled care, memory care, rehabilitation, outpatient care and more.

Please help us celebrate in **"67 style"** with an anniversary gift.

Thank you so much for your consideration as we continue our mission of care!

~The donation form can be found on the back page.

GENERAL FUND

Stan & Jan Winkels in memory of
Dr. Bill Yseth

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Anderson
Ron & Cathy Jutting
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MISCELLANEOUS

Carol Braley
Kathy Andresen
David Pester
Elvina Hamman

STAFF RECOGNITION

Family of Phyllis Jellis
Larry & Millie Furney

FLOWERS

Family of Charles Falk
Buck Jacobson
Vern Luken

JLC FOUNDATION

Marv & AJ Sherrill



October

17...Doris Town
19...Dawn Larsen
19...Darlene Jurgens

November

4...Betty Arendsee
4...Curtis Dahl
4...Mechele Rodengen
14...Waneta Anderson
14...Katie Weber
21...Charles Heustess
23...Gerry Stormo
29...Carolyn Anderson

December

1...Betty Spanton
6...Alice Johnson
9...Myrtle Stickle
10...Susan Norberg
20...Larry Niles
21...Kathy Raml
23...Carol Pickering
29...Marlyn Taecker



Living Faith Fellowship
Jenkins Living Center
Sunday Morning
Worship

Interfaith-Families are
welcome and encouraged
to come and worship
together

Sunday Mornings
9:30 Chapel on Main
Street
11am Maple Place
Hymns-Scripture &
Prayers

*"Greater love has no
one than this: to lay
down one's life for
one's friends".
John 15:14*

THANK YOU

*Our heartfelt thanks for the
tender loving care everyone at
Jenkins provided Mom while
she was with you. You made
her last months as comfortable
as possible and we are so
grateful.*

The Family of Marcella Aas

THANK YOU

*We want to thank you so very
much to all who cared for and
loved Sandy(Tierney). Thanks
to those who helped with her
room; it was a big help.*

Bryan Tierney

THANK YOU

ALL DEPARTMENTS

*Thank you so very much
for the outstanding,
personalized care
provided for our mom,
Phyllis Jellis. She was
grateful for the kindness,
warmth, patience, love and
assistance she received
while a resident since
November 2024. Thank
you for the home you
provided for her!*

Family of Phyllis Jellis

DID YOU KNOW?

~Residents traveled
300 miles on scenic
drives this summer?

~Housekeeping provides
services in about 500
rooms/common areas
each week.

~Staff fulfill 616 nurse
hours & 1008 nurse aid
hours each week and
2464 hours in a month
and 4032 hours in a
month.

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___\$267
___\$367
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Please consider celebrating Jenkins with a gift to our Foundation!
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provide loving, compassionate care to all those who need us!

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In **HONOR** of _____

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