

# THE STAR NEWS

June Edition 2026

## Staff Spotlight:

### Meet Serena!

Serena is an LPN whom you'll often see working on the floor as a Charge Nurse! She has been a valued member of the Eastern Star Nursing Home team for nearly 12 years and will celebrate her 12-year anniversary this September.

Before joining Eastern Star, Serena worked at Full Circle Services from 2012 to 2014 as a Community Assistant.

In her free time, Serena enjoys creating diamond paintings and collecting gnomes. She also loves spending time with her six children. Together, they enjoy traveling and attending concerts. Their adventures have taken them to Mexico, Peru, and numerous states across the United States.

Last month, Serena and her daughter traveled to Texas to attend a BTS concert. This summer, the family is looking forward to their next adventure—a trip to Colorado!

When asked what her favorite part about working at Eastern Star is, Serena shared: "This is going to sound cliché, but Eastern Star has always felt like a second home to me. There are good days and bad days, but I don't dread coming to work—I enjoy coming here. The atmosphere is relaxed, and I enjoy working with my coworkers. Some of the connections I've made with residents, both past and present, will stay with me for the rest of my life. It's a beautiful facility, and we have the best DON and staff you could ask for!"



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## Entertainment:

1<sup>st</sup>: Tim the Music Man @ 10am  
1<sup>st</sup>: Dave Poggenklass @ 3pm  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Aaron Wolle @ 2pm  
10<sup>th</sup>: Eden Ehm @ 2pm  
12<sup>th</sup>: Gary Froiland @ 2pm  
13<sup>th</sup>: Quartet Winneshiek @ 10am  
15<sup>th</sup>: Larry Reis "Honey & Native Bees" @ 2pm  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Muse Hour @ 2pm  
25<sup>th</sup>: Kent Larson @ 2pm

## Church Services:

3<sup>rd</sup>: First Lutheran Church @ 11am  
10<sup>th</sup>: Good Shepherd Church @ 10am  
17<sup>th</sup>: Decorah Lutheran Church @ 11am  
18<sup>th</sup>: Catholic Mass @ 3:30pm  
24<sup>th</sup>: Zion Lutheran Church @ 11am

ROSARY W/PHYLLIS @ 9:30am  
THURSDAYS

## Events:

11<sup>th</sup>: Fishing @ Lake Meyer 10am, loading @ 9am  
21<sup>st</sup>: Father's Day Grab N Go Donuts 8am until gone  
26<sup>th</sup>: WW Homestead Tour @ 9:30am, loading @ 8:45am

## Staff Anniversaries:

Brianna Busta – LPN – 1 year  
Ruth Hageman – RN – 4 years  
Liza Hotvedt – CNA – 5 years  
Megan Protsman – Activity Assistant – 20 years  
Addison Quandahl – Activity Assistant – 1 year

## Staff Birthdays:

1<sup>st</sup>: Paige Wrightsman – CNA  
14<sup>th</sup>: Yasmin Ramadan – Activity Assistant  
24<sup>th</sup>: Jessi Gordon – CMA  
30<sup>th</sup>: Cathi Blake – AL Attendant

## Resident Birthdays:

18<sup>th</sup>: Mildred L.

## Tenant Birthdays:

3<sup>rd</sup>: Margaret B.  
24<sup>th</sup>: Joann S.

# GRAB N GO DONUTS WITH DAD



JUNE  
21<sup>ST</sup>



8AM

TILL GONE

— SWING BY THE —  
★ ACTIVITY ROOM TABLE ★





**WINNESHIEK COUNTY  
CATTLEMEN**

# SWITCHBACK

AMERICAN ROOTS & CELTIC SOUL

— Join us for our —

## OUTDOOR CONCERT

★ *Fundraiser* ★

for Activity Dept & updating furnishings in Resident's rooms

**SUNDAY JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> 4-6PM**



**Frog & Loaf  
Bakery**  
will have sourdough  
baked goods  
for purchase

- ★ Cheeseburger  
meal \$10
- ★ Steak Sandwich  
meal \$15

*Bring  
a chair*



**911 RIDGEWOOD DR ★ DECORAH IA**

# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



Baked an Applesauce Cake!



Grilled Cheddarwursts for lunch!



First Trishaw Ride of the season!



Put the Sheriff's in the hot seat, and asked them questions.



Muse Hour with Linda Martin!

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Staff completed a Dementia Insight Program with NE3IA!



Wonderful afternoon with Aurora Choir.



Tim the Music Man!



Got to see Sister Luv!



# DONATIONS

## THANK YOU!

We want to give a BIG thank you to those who continue to donate to our facility! Whether you feel it be big or small every donation makes a HUGE difference for our resident's, tenants, staff, and facility as a whole. From the bottom of our hearts...THANK YOU to everyone who donates to our Campus!

*Thank  
You*

## Donations:

David and Diane Kin \$100  
Order of the Eastern Star – Oelwein Chapter \$50  
Bonnie Rinken for Bob Rinken Memorial Fund \$600  
Eric and Laurie Krueel \$300  
Ross and Kim Bosworth for BINGO treats and prizes!