

NORTHERN LAKES

NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

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Happy 100th Birthday, Imogene Benson!!

Imogene Benson celebrated her 100th Birthday on February 13th!

Imogene was born in Butler and at home to Herbert and Bertha Tyson. She was the youngest of six siblings. Imogene graduated from Butler High School in 1942, where she enjoyed playing in the band and participating in clubs after school.

Imogene met her husband, Bill, at the Silver Moon Roller Rink in Auburn. They had four children: David, Craig, Linda and Louise. Imogene and Bill worked their farm on the west side of Angola. During the 1960s, when the interstate was being built and Hwy 20 was a main route of travel, motorists would stop and picnic off the side of the road in their fields. This inspired them to capitalize on the opportunity and turned some of their land into a campground. What started as a small primitive campground grew into a popular travel destination on Hwy 20, Circle B Campground. Imogene lived on-site in her family home until she came to live at Northern Lakes. Imogene also worked as a secretary for Farm Bureau insurance.

In her spare time, Imogene loved her flower gardens and spending time with her family, which eventually blossomed to include 7 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Imo (as her loved ones call her) cultivated many friendships over the years while running the Circle B Campground. The name came about from "Circle" for the round barn on the farmland and of course "B" for Benson.

March 2024

100th Birthday Festivities

Imogene was able to spend her birthday surrounded by her loved ones, and even had a few special guests come in!

Included in the photos are Imogene's family, Angola Mayor Martin, Ken & Karen Shelton, and "Diesel" the Clydesdale.



Employee Spotlight



This month's Employee Spotlight goes to Nicole Muehlfeld.

Nicole has worked at Northern Lakes for almost 2 years. She works in the housekeeping department, and Nicole says "I truly love it when I'm in the residents' rooms cleaning and get a chance to visit with them while I'm in there!"

Nicole has been married 24 years and has 2 children, a son and a daughter, and a granddaughter who is a very important part of her life. Her daughter, Kayla, also works at Northern Lakes as an ORBA student. Nicole has 3 dogs, Cleveland, Diesel and Zena, and several barn cats.

Nicole lives on a farm in Ohio, but the drive is not too far from Northern Lakes. She loves to be involved in extracurricular activities with the kids, and is very family-oriented. She loves the outdoors and camping. Nicole says summertime is her favorite time of the year. They take a lot of small weekend trips in their new camper. She also enjoys music of all genres, but Christian music is her favorite.

We would like to give a big thank you to Nicole for all she does here at Northern Lakes. Thank you, Nicole!



Valentine's Day Luncheon

On February 14th, the air was filled with Love as we hosted our Annual Valentine's Couples Luncheon. We had 11 couples for this event.

The tables were decorated to set the mood for this event including flickering candles, roses, chocolates, sparkling wine, soft music and a fireplace that finished off the elegant look and feel of the room. Each man gave his wife a long stemmed rose and a box of chocolates for Valentine's!



*Northern Lakes
Valentine's Day
February 14, 2024*



Resident Birthdays

03/05 Roland Coler
03/08 Gene Gray

Employee Birthdays

03/01 Kendall Henderson
03/03 Kayla Smothers
03/05 Kelly Hassett
03/24 Regan Nestor
03/28 Grace Johnson
03/29 Rosalie Carter
03/29 Tanya McHenney
03/31 Tiana Latta



Employee Anniversaries

03/08 Mckenzie Cox 1 Year
03/09 Taylor Darby 2 Years
03/16 Bridget Stark 9 Years
03/16 Tresa Byers 8 Years
03/16 Tatiana High 8 Years
03/25 Carl Little 4 Years
03/27 Rene Morgan 5 Years
03/28 Violet Key 1 Year

A Rhythmic Birthday

A birthday is so much fun; celebrations have begun. Over a century since his birth, his poems still hold their worth. Rhyme along with Dr. Seuss on his 120th birth anniversary, March 2.



 **Activities** 



Diesel the Clydesdale walked the halls with Molly, his owner, and visited residents room to room. Thank you, Molly & Diesel!

A special thank-you to the Lake George Walkers for your recent snack box delivery to our employees for Valentine's Day. They truly enjoyed and appreciated your kindness in thinking of them.



Thank you to Hilary Parsons with Cardinal IG and the Cardinal care team for your Valentine's Gifts for our residents. We loved seeing the residents' smiles while receiving these.

We appreciate Hilary and the entire Cardinal Care Team for your generosity!

Join Us!

We offer a wide variety of activities each month and invite each and every one of you to come and join in on the fun. It's a great way to meet up with friends, both old and new, and maybe even try something new!



Northern Lakes has teamed up with the Bowen Center to promote mental health awareness. Alicia Johnson, Director of the Bowen Center, has joined us at monthly luncheons at two of the local senior living apartments, Terrace Ridge and Brockville Commons in Fremont.

We've discussed topics such as dealing with depression and stress over the holidays, seasonal affective disorder and this month, heart month, stress and its impact on the heart and how to effectively deal with stress.

Northern Lakes enjoys providing some of the best breakfast around to our friends at Pleasant Lake. The 1st Thursday of every month, Dee Smallman, Administrator, Bridget McShane, Nurse Liaison, and Jody Hoffman, Medical Records, host a hot breakfast to members of the Pleasant Lake Community.

Thank you for letting us be part of the Pleasant Lake Community Members.



 **Team Member Highlight**



Bridget Barnes

Long-Term Employee

Bridget Barnes started at Northern Lakes as a housekeeper in 2005. During her employment with NL, she has also served in the laundry department, as an activity assistant, then the Activity Director, Social Service Director, and the HR Director.

Bridget is currently in the process of completing her Administrator in Training program. She has also returned to college to obtain her nursing license.

Bridget is married and has a beautiful bonus daughter. She enjoys spending time with her family, which includes a beagle and a lab, playing pool, and traveling all over Michigan on her husband's fishing trips.

Thank you, Bridget, for your long-term dedication and devotion to everyone at Northern Lakes! We appreciate all that you do!

THESE ARE OPEN TO ALL SENIORS IN THE COMMUNITY!



Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation is pleased to be an active part of the community in sponsoring these events:

- Second Tuesday of the month, 11:00 a.m., Brunch at the Angola Moose
- Third Thursday of the month, 2:00 p.m., Senior Movie Matinee at the Brokaw
- Fourth Wednesday of the month, 12:00 p.m., Lunch & Learn at the Steuben County YMCA