

## Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living

# The of the Matter...

December 2010

### ...Our Residents

#### Resident of the Month

*Dolores Oelkers*



December resident of the Month is Dolores Oelkers. Dolores Corrin Pfeiffer was born to Cornelius and Ida Pfeiffer on January 16, 1930. She has seven siblings, Lyle, Ardella, Alvin, Elaine, Dale, Dortha, and Lloyd. She attended Elwood High School and graduated in 1948. She started dating Arthur Oelkers that year and was married to him on December 25, 1949. They have three daughters, Charlen Tilson, Jacklin Hanson, and Patricia Brown and one son, Kent Oelkers. Dolores and Art also have eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Dolores has been a school teacher, a farm wife, house painter, and postal clerk. She has been an active member of the Lions Club and Lutheran Women's Mission League. She also enjoyed working at the Gosper County Carnival and did so from its inception through 2008.

Dolores is an active member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. She enjoyed embroidering bibs and blankets for her children and grandchildren, entertaining at large and small parties, traveling to other countries, playing pinochle and singing in the choir. She was a wonderful cook, (which her family deeply misses) but she still enjoys reading, word puzzles, watching TV and spending time with Art. They have lived in Elwood since 1964.

Dolores is a sweet, caring, and kind-hearted woman. She takes time to chat with fellow residents and staff. She enjoys asking about their family and remembers the details that are shared with her. She has a friendly smile and a love for her family and friends is immeasurable.

Dolores became part of the Elwood Care Center Assisted Living Family on October 18, 2009. We are pleased to honor her this month.

**Elwood Care  
Center Board of  
Directors:**  
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# Salon Services

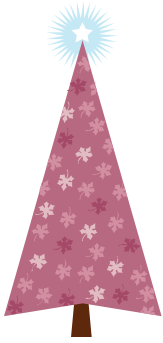


We say goodbye to Char Nott our beautician after many years of service. Char had been coming to the Elwood Care Center for close to 35 years, the last 17 of those on a weekly basis. We will miss her smiling face, singing voice, and caring heart; not to mention her very much appreciated Salon Services!! We wish her well. Thanks Char for your dedication to our residents over the years, your service is to be commended.



Please welcome our new beautician Dorthea Niemeier. Dorthea has been a long-time resident of Elwood and has been a Beauty Shop owner/operator since 1982. She and her husband Lamoyne operate L & D Trucking and Auction. Dorthea stated she looks forward to working with the residents of the ECC as many of them are like family. Dorthea will be in our building on Thursdays or Fridays. Please be patient as she adjusts her schedule. Welcome Dorthea!





## Holiday Decorating Safety Tips

We encourage you to decorate your or your loved one's room for the holidays as you like. Our Fire Marshall has some guidelines for us to ensure everyone's safety:

- No extension cords can be used, ever!
- Lights that are UL Listed are okay, we recommend "LED" lights as they stay cooler
- Small fiber optic trees are okay
- Any decoration placed on a resident's door that opens to a corridor must be flame retardant and made of artificial materials, fresh pine arrangements are beautiful, but the Fire Marshall says they are a hazard, sorry!
- If you have any questions feel free to ask our Maintenance Supervisor, Larry Warner, 308-785-3302

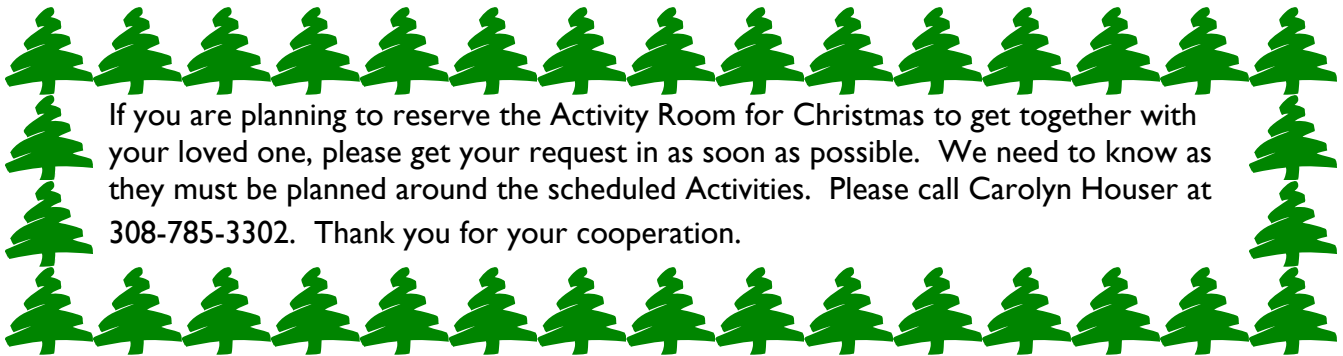
*May you each enjoy the beauties of the upcoming season!!*

### Excellent Full or Part Time Opportunity for Nursing Staff RN/LPN & Assistants

Join the Elwood Care Center Team!  
We are known for our High  
Quality standards and are  
Proud to be a leader in the  
long-term care industry.

We offer excellent wage & benefits  
As well as NA class reimbursements.

Call (308) 785-3302  
For more details!



If you are planning to reserve the Activity Room for Christmas to get together with your loved one, please get your request in as soon as possible. We need to know as they must be planned around the scheduled Activities. Please call Carolyn Houser at 308-785-3302. Thank you for your cooperation.

## December Birthdays

### Residents

Annabel Wills	6th
Freddie Rhinehart	12th
Corrine Ficken	21st

### Staff

Holly Almazan	12th
Sylvia Kipp	14th
Gayle Bazzle	18th
Marilyn Burkhalter	19th
Vicki Kotschwar	22nd
Shelly Monter	31st



# Elwood Care Center &

# December 2010 Event Calendar

Wednesday's Are  
Beauty Shop Day

Activity Calendar  
Approved by the  
Resident Council

Friends & Family  
Welcome

Special Events

Sign Up Sheets for  
Monthly Shopping  
Trips, Senior  
Center Outings,  
and Van Rides are  
located at the  
Social Services  
Office. Make sure  
to sign up if you'd  
like to attend.

-Caring Hands 1:1  
Visits Provided

Activity Director:  
Carolyn Houser  
Activity  
Assistant:  
Rita Darnall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><u>Birthstone:</u> Turquoise <u>Flowers:</u> Narcissus <u>Colors:</u> Indigo and Green</p>		<p>1 9:15 Devotions Christmas Trivia 10:15 Refreshments 11:15 Exercise with Connie 2:00 Our Redeemer Lutheran Church 3:00 Coffee Time</p>	<p>2 Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions 9:30 Pre-Schoolers 3 yr. old 1:30 Decorate Christmas Tree 4:30 Paper with Mary</p>	<p>3 9:15 Devotions Christmas Magic 10:15 Refreshments 11:15 Exercise with Connie 1:30 Movie &amp; Popcorn "The 12 Dogs of Christmas"</p>	<p>4 9:15 Devotions &amp; Card Bingo 10:15 Refreshments Big Twelve Championship Game Coats and Toys for Kids Day</p>
<p>5 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits  Premier of Nutcracker 1892</p>	<p>6 9:15 Devotions Sounds of Christmas 11:15 Exercise with Connie 4:00 Men's Corner 6:30 Wheel 7:00 Bing Crosby Christmas <b>Annabel W-B</b></p>	<p>7 9:15 Tater Peeling 10:15 Refreshments 9:15 Small Groups <b>Birthday Dinner</b> 1:30 Bingo 5c Day 2:30 Refreshments</p>	<p>8 9:15 Devotions 9:30 Bible Study 11:15 Exercise with Connie 2:00 First Christian Church 3:00 Coffee Time</p>	<p>9 Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions Stories Behind Christmas 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Penny Ante 2:30 Refreshments 4:30 Paper with Mary</p>	<p>10 9:15 Devotions Toys We Remember 10:15 Refreshments 11:15 Exercise with Connie 1:30 Movie &amp; Popcorn "The Christmas Hope"</p>	<p>11 9:15 Devotions Christmas Bingo 10:15 Refreshments  National Day of the Horse</p>
<p>12 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits Poinsettia Day  <b>Fritz R.-B</b></p>	<p>13 9:15 Devotions Mixing Gingerbread 11:15 Exercise with Connie 1:30 Baking Gingerbread 4:00 Men's Corner 6:30 Wheel 7:00 Any Williams Christmas</p>	<p>14 9:15 Devotions Win A Prize 9:15 Small Groups 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Beauty Hour 2:30 Refreshments</p>	<p>15 9:15 Devotions Find A Word 10:15 Refreshments 11:15 Exercise with Connie 2:00 Eustis United Methodist Church 3:00 Coffee Time</p>	<p>16 Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions Sights &amp; Sounds of Christmas 10:15 Refreshments <b>Staff Christmas Party</b> 4:30 Paper with Mary</p>	<p>17 9:15 Devotions Cookie Cutter Day 10:15 Refreshments 11:15 Exercise with Connie 1:30 Movie &amp; Popcorn "Christmas Angel"</p>	<p>18  <b>National Bake Cookie Day</b></p>
<p>19 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits 2:00 Resident's Christmas Party <b>Marilyn B-B</b></p>	<p>20 9:15 Devotions Reminisce Christmas 11:15 Exercise with Connie 4:00 Men's Corner 6:30 Wheel of Fortune 7:00 L. Welk Christmas</p>	<p>21 9:15 Devotions Surprise Bingo 9:15 Small Groups 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Allen &amp; Sharon Sing Flannel PJ's Day  <b>Corrine F.-B</b></p>	<p>22 9:15 Devotions Pre-schoolers 4 yr. olds 11:15 Exercise with Connie 2:00 Elwood United Methodist Church <b>Vicki K-B</b></p>	<p>23 Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions White House Christmas 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 The Christmas Story 2:30 Refreshments 4:30 Paper with Mary</p>	<p>24 9:15 Devotions Legends of Christmas 10:15 Refreshments 11:15 Exercise with Connie 2:00 Christmas Tea</p>	<p>25  <b>Merry Christmas</b></p>
<p>26 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits National Whiner's Day</p>	<p>27 9:15 Devotions Snowman Day 10:15 Treats 11:15 Exercise with Connie 1:30 Snowman Day 2:30 Treats</p>	<p>28 9:15 Devotions Over the Fence 9:15 Small Groups 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Bongo (Win A Prize) 2:30 Refreshments</p>	<p>29 9:15 Devotions Crossword Puzzles 10:15 Refreshments 11:15 Exercise with Connie 2:00 Eustis St. John's Lutheran Church</p>	<p>30 Allen at the Organ 9:15 Christmas Miracles 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Movie &amp; Popcorn "Noelle"  4:30 Paper with Mary</p>	<p>31 9:15 Devotions A Victorian Christmas 10:15 Refreshments 2:00 New Year's Eve Party National Champagne Day <b>Shelly M-B</b></p>	



### **“Patsy Martin Nominated for Nebraska Health Care Association Outstanding Service Award”**

Patsy Martin, the Dietary Manager at the Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living, was nominated for the Nebraska Health Care Association Outstanding Service Award. Patsy has worked for the Elwood Care Center for 25 years which is the longest continuous employment span of the Center’s 60+ current employees.

In Patsy’s 25 years she started as a morning cook and moved up to the Dietary Manager position in June of 1992. 5 years ago she worked tirelessly to start an amazing buffet dining program which our residents love. Her co-workers said “she is always willing to put resident requests on the menu and salad bar, including sauerkraut salad to fried hash browns. She works hard to improve our residents’ quality of life.” She takes great pride in her work and the work of the entire dietary department. Patsy comes in early to make special meals for parties for the residents and is known far and wide for her wonderful cinnamon rolls that she makes as special treats for the residents and staff. Carolyn Houser, Activity Director who nominated Patsy said “ Patsy is so deserving of the award, she has dedicated 25 years of her life bringing joy to others”.

The Elwood Care Center is a 47 bed skilled nursing facility with a 10 bed Assisted Living. The mission of ECC is “*Excellence in Care & Compassion*”. We’d like to congratulate Patsy!

*Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more”. - Anthony Robbins*

The staff at the Elwood Care Center will be taking donations for local food pantries and local churches. We are inviting family & friends to join us in giving. You may drop off your donations at the nurse’s station or business office. We will be taking non-expired food items through December 16<sup>th</sup> and then distributing the items so that those in need will receive them by Christmas. Thank you for helping others less fortunate enjoy the special holiday season.

*Happiness... consists in giving, and in serving others. –Henry Drummond*

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*Merry Christmas*

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