



Hammond Center

for Assisted Living

HAMMOND CENTER HUB MARCH 2024

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Names to Know

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Executive Administrator

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Manager/RN

Lauren Lacaeyse

RN

Callie McCaslen

Fitness Director

Diane Fuller

Tori Funke

Activity Directors

Sherry Hansen-Hass

Housekeeper

Jaxon Drake

Maintenance

Happy 5th Year Anniversary!

We will be celebrating our 5 year anniversary on Tuesday, March 5th at 1:00 p.m. The theme for our anniversary party is "Make new friends but keep the old, some are silver and some are gold."

Individual photos of the tenants will be taken followed by a group photo on Tuesday morning before we eat lunch.

The Hammond Center opened on March 4th, 2019. Since opening, 50 tenants have lived in the Hammond Center—10 men and 40 women!

The current national average length of stay for Assisted Living tenants is 22 months. We have two tenants who will be celebrating their 5-year anniversaries this year. Dorothy Peak will celebrate her 5-year anniversary on March 19 and Bill Wilson will celebrate his 5-year anniversary on Sept. 24.

I want to thank all of our current tenants, past tenants and their families for entrusting my staff and me to care for them here at the Hammond Center. I look forward to making more memories with all of you!

— Sammi Bryan, RN
Manager



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Everyone is welcome to join us for these events!

Anniversary Party!

The Hammond Center will be celebrating its 5th year of being open! Please join us in celebration on Tuesday, March 5th at 1pm!

REMINDER:

A Hammond Center photo will be taken on Tuesday, March 5th starting at 11am which will hang in the lobby!

Important Dates in March:

**5th Anniversary Celebration for
the Hammond Center**

March 5th

Daylight Saving Time

March 10th

St. Patrick's Day

March 17th

First Day of Spring

March 19th

Easter

March 31st

March Outings

**Newsies Jr. Musical at North
Mahaska High School**
March 14th, 12:45 pm

Chuong Garden
March 18th, 11:30 am

Walmart
March 21st, 2 pm



St. Patrick's Day Fun!

Friday, March 15th
we will be celebrating
at 2pm!

Let's Celebrate!

Tenant Birthday:

Paul Sears 26th

Staff Birthdays:

Lauren Lacaeyse 14th

Kelly Burns 30th

Nikki Brandon 31st



Music Entertainment

Thursday, March 7th, 2pm

Rearview Mirror Band

Social Center

Sunday, March 24th, 2pm

Pella Barbershop Chorus

Social Center

Movies Showing in March:

8th @ 1:30pm—"Cheaper by
the Dozen" 1hr 39m

22nd @ 1:30pm — "Rescued
By Ruby" 1hr 33m

MONTHLY RECAP



The Hammond Center and Seeland Park ladies celebrated Go Red for Women on February 1st! The event included blood pressure checks given by Brooke Holder, public health manager, a presentation by Sadie, a nurse from Public Health, and a style show sponsored by Suzi's Boutique. Laura Eidsness and Betty Hammond, two of the Hammond Center tenants, walked

down the runway and showed off their beautiful red outfits. It was great to see all the ladies in red, showing their support for Go Red Day, which is a fun event to spread awareness about women's heart disease. Remember to take charge of your health, know the signs, talk to your doctor about concerns, and maintain a healthy lifestyle!

—Callie McCaslen, Fitness Director



Welcome, Bob!



We welcomed Bob Ryan to the Hammond Center on February 12th. Bob's daughter Jody and son Rick were here too! We are excited to have Bob as part of our Hammond Center family!



Cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes!



Several Hammond Center tenants watched history being made as Caitlin Clark scored the first 8 points of the February 15th home game to break the record with 3,528 points! We are proud of you!

MONTHLY RECAP

Valentine's Day at the Hammond Center was celebrated with Chef Arnie cooking us made-to-order eggs for breakfast! We later enjoyed brownies, cookies, a game of unscrambling words, and each tenant received a box of heart chocolates!



Bob & Janet were married on January 30, 1960, sweethearts for 64 years!



Glenn and Coleen were married on June 1, 1962, sweethearts for 62 years!

What wonderful legacies these couples are passing on to their families and friends!

The Central Iowa Christian School kids visited the Hammond Center in February! The tenants made valentines for the kids and the kids read books and sang for the tenants. We always look forward to their visits!



HC CREW



Pat shared her collage of her parents, her husband, and her parents-in-law. She and her husband were married in Wyoming on the F.E. Air Force Base. They were married for 65 years!



Betty Rowell knitted a small sweater for her New Year's baby boy 70 years ago! All 4 of her children wore it. She learned to knit from a pattern that someone gave her.



Bill made a beautiful Valentine quilt in 2 days for the Bingo winner! He has quilted over 200 quilts!



Marge showed us a picture of her family. She had 2 older sisters and 2 brothers. One brother was 6 ft. 6 in. tall! This is a very special picture to her.



Laura grew up in South Dakota and went to a craft show where she learned how to make clothespin dolls—from painting their legs, arms, shoes, and faces, to making their outfits and their hair—she loved making these as gifts for others!



Marilyn brought 3 pictures of her family. She and her husband lived north of Lynnvile and raised 3 children. She has many grandchildren and loves being with family!



Jane has an oil on canvas painting called "Walk on the Hudson" that her Great Uncle Roberts Alexander Graham painted. He was alive from 1873-1946. What a treasure!



Dorothy made a Dutch girl sewing bag with a pocket for the thimble when she was 8 years old at Bible School...that makes it 92 years old!

HC TENANT SPOTLIGHT



Leila Maring was the first tenant to move into the Hammond Center on March 4, 2019. She LOVED to visit with staff and tenants. She was a nurse for many years and continued to give “nursing advice” to tenants and staff during her stay with us. She never knew a stranger and loved to keep in touch with family and friends. Faith in God was a very big part of her life. She enjoyed a good game of cards, was a beautiful lady with a very kind and loving heart, and never looked or acted her age. She enjoyed her Bloody Marys and tiny cans of Diet Dr. Pepper. We missed Leila when she moved to St. Francis Manor in December, 2022. Leila passed away on January 31, 2024, and she will be missed by friends, family, and her Hammond Center Community.

