

## The Holiday Season is Upon Us!

We have had a very busy November at Gardenside! We spent Veterans' Day honoring our veterans. (See more on our Veterans' Day activities on Pages 6 & 7.) We've done some hands-on cooking — making cornucopia snacks and puppy chow. We've also done some craft projects. We've been enjoying movie nights on Mondays. Tailgate parties are always a hit, as well. There have also been a lot of Husker football, volleyball and basketball games to watch this month. We thank the St. Michael's ladies for coming to play Bingo. Many thanks to Pastor Hart for leading worship. Many of the ladies love having our volunteer Rhonda do their nails on Fancy Nails day. Coffee with Kitty is also a fun time of seeing what the ladies bring to show us, and sharing many memories. Plenty of games and fun activities kept us active, as well.



***Residents baked cookies to help with a fund-raising event for Fairbury students planning a trip to Europe.***

We had the dulcimers perform and enjoyed their beautiful music. Entertainment was also provided by Paul Siebert and Billy Troy.

We celebrated a birthday with resident Margaret "Ann" Jones and enjoyed cake and ice cream.

As we look forward to December, watch for some fun themes! We will have crazy Wednesdays, and invite staff and residents (and even visitors) to join us in dressing for the day's theme—whether it's crazy hats or socks or ugly/festive sweaters. We are planning some fun Christmas-themed activities, a resident Christmas party, an open house for family members of our residents, a hot chocolate bar, a Gingerbread house making day and of course a New Year's Eve party. We welcome carolers. Please let us know you plan on coming!

We also welcome family members to join their loved ones for activities or meals. If you plan to join us for a meal, please make reservations with Gardenside staff a few days in advance so we can properly prepare for space and food.

## Schroeder Earns American FFA Degree



Tatum Schroeder, a PRN CNA at Gardenside, earned her American FFA degree and received it at the National FFA convention in Indianapolis in October.

Congratulations, Tatum! We are proud of your achievement! Pictured are Tatum with her Family and with her FFA Advisor.



## Admissions

- Pauline Hynek, Nov. 7
- Clarence Marschman, Nov. 18

## Return Home/Transfer

- Mildred "Betty" Butler

## Deaths

Gardenside was saddened by the death of 1 resident in the past month. Our sympathy is with the family of:

- Richard Schellhorn, Nov. 2

Facetime and Skype are available. Please schedule calls ahead of time to ensure staff availability to assist. To schedule a time, call (402) 729- 5220 (press 1)

## Our Team to Serve You

### Chief Executive Officer & Administrator

Holly Wolff, MHA

### Director of Nursing—Laura DeBoer RN

### Assistant DON—Heather Kracht, RN

### Infection Preventionist —

Savannah Boomgaarn, LPN

### Social Services Coordinators—

Amanda Lewis, Krystal Ward

### Activities Coordinators

Wayne Franzen, Nate Behrends

### Rehabilitation Aide

Mary Feldkamp

### Dietitian

Lisa Edeal, Cassie Whitmore

### Pharmacy Director

Brandon Bleich, PharmD

### Facilities Director—To be named

### Facilities Supervisor—To be named

### Director of Envir. Services— Steph McDaniel,

### Housekeeping/laundry supervisor —

Melissa McBride

### Director of Purchasing

Jennifer Jung

### Director of Public Relations

Lana Likens

### Most recent state survey:

**In a folder on east side of the wall by the Activity Room.**

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## Wacky Wednesdays in December

Staff and residents will be celebrating December with Wacky Wednesday themes. Family members, friends and volunteers are invited to join in the fun!

**Wednesday, Dec. 3—**Winter Wonderland—Blue and White

**Wednesday, Dec. 10 —** Christmas Chaos—Dress like a holiday decoration

**Wednesday, Dec. 17 —** Christmas Character

**Wednesday, Dec. 24—** Christmas Spirit—crazy colors and holiday cheer

**Wednesday, Dec. 31 —** Neon New Year's Eve—Neon colors

## Holiday Meals

Family members are welcome to join our residents for holiday meals. Holiday meals are \$10 if purchased from the kitchen, or priced as marked when purchasing from the cafeteria. Please make reservations with Gardenside staff a few days in advance to help make sure we have appropriate seating and food.

## New Medicare D Card

If your loved one is changing Medicare D plans for 2026, please share a copy or photo of the new card with Amanda or Krystal in social services. Thank you!

Results of the most recent state survey are available on the east side of the wall by the Activity Room.  
Nurse staffing hours are posted west of the nurses station.

# December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 10:00 Pitch 2:00 Christmas Jingo/ Christmas Songs 6:30 Movie Night	2 10:00 Snowball Toss 2:00 Christmas Art Projects/ Cards	3 10:00 Balloon Tennis 2:00 Reindeer Hunting 2:15 Fancy Nails	4 10:00 Coffee with Kitty 2:00 Christmas Song Trivia 3:00 Christmas Cards	5 10:00 Paper Chain Making 2:00 Happy Hour	6 <b>Watch a Holiday Movie!</b>
7 <b>Church Radio/ T.V.</b>	8 10:00 Pitch 2:00 Christmas Bingo 6:30 Movie Night	9 10:00 Making Snowglobes 2:00 Making Snowglobes 6:30 Bus Ride (Christmas lights)	10 10:00 Christmas Balloon Tennis 2:00 Pie Tasting/ Cider/ Egg Nog 2:15 Fancy Nails	<b>JCH&amp;L Ugly Christmas Sweater Day</b> 11 10:00 Gardenside Chapel with Kitty 2:00 Decorate Cookies	12 10:00 Holiday Price is Right 2:00 Happy Hour	13 <b>Read a Cozy Book!</b>
14 <b>Church Radio/ T.V.</b>	15 10:00 Mark Ivin 1:30 Resident Council 2:00 Hot Chocolate Bar/ Cookies/ Music 6:30 Movie Night	16 11:00 Memorial Service 2:00 St. Michael's Bingo 6:45 Bus Ride (Christmas lights)	17 10:00 Susan Dux on Piano 2:00 Christmas Tree Prize Rolling 2:15 Fancy Nails	18 10:45 Pastor Emery 2:00 Making Gingerbread Houses	19 10:00 Christmas Trivia with Grinch Punch 2:00 Happy Hour	20 <b>Drink a Hot Chocolate!</b>
21 <b>Hello Winter</b>	22 10:00 Pitch 3-5pm Gardenside Open House/ Bobby Godoury	23 10:45 Pastor Hart 2:00 Resident Christmas Party with Santa	24 10:00 Christmas Bible Trivia 2:00 Christmas Olympics 2:15 Fancy Nails	<b>Merry Christmas</b> 25 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026</b>	26 10:00 Ring Toss 2:00 Social Hour	27 <b>Make a New Year's Resolution!</b>
28 <b>Church Radio/ T.V.</b>	29 10:00 Pitch 2:00 Bingo 6:30 Movie Night	30 10:00 Reminiscence/ Year in Review 2:00 Virtual Trip 6:30 Old Glory	31 10:00 Bible Trivia 2:00 New Years Eve Party!	1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026</b>	2	3



## No December Birthdays

Wacky Wednesdays  
3rd Winter Wonderland (Blue & White)  
10th Dress Like a Holiday Decoration  
17th Favorite Christmas Character  
24th Christmas Spell  
31st Meet New Year



# December 2025

## Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> L: Hot roast beef sandwich S: Swedish meat balls	<b>2</b> L: Chicken enchilada S: Chili, cinnamon roll	<b>3</b> L: Sirloin tips with peppers and onions S: Chicken broccoli bake	<b>4</b> L: Shrimp alfredo over noodles S: Chicken tenders	<b>5</b> L: Baked fish S: Hot roast beef and Swiss sandwich	<b>6</b> L: Chuckwagon Steak S: Hot turkey sandwich
<b>7</b> L: Oven Fried Chicken S: Patty Melt	<b>8</b> L: Beef stew S: Beer Batter Fish	<b>9</b> L: Roast turkey S: Lasagna, garlic bread	<b>10</b> L: Tacos S: Creamy chicken biscuit	<b>11</b> L: Pork tenderloin, parmesan fried potatoes S: Chili, cinnamon roll	<b>12</b> L: Fried shrimp, onion rings S: Goulash	<b>13</b> L: Roast beef S: Egg bake
<b>14</b> L: BBQ Meatballs, au gratin hashbrowns S: Chef salad L: Glazed meatloaf S: Chicken tenders	<b>15</b> L: Spagetti with meat sauce S: Fairbury Hot Dog	<b>16</b> L: Roast turkey S: Hamemade pizza	<b>17</b> L: Beef broccoli stir fry S: Salmon loaf	<b>18</b> L: Oven fried chicken S: BBQ Ribette	<b>19</b> L: Shepherd's Pie S: Pork roast	<b>20</b> L: Breaded ranch chicken S: Sloppy Joe L: Roast beef, baked potato S: Egg bake
<b>21</b> L: Pot roast, mashed potatoes and gravy S: Chicken tenders	<b>22</b> L: Smothered Steak with onions S: Chicken Parmesan	<b>23</b> L: Liver and onions S: Smoked Sausage	<b>24</b> L: Beef stroganoff with noodles S: Christmas eve supper	<b>25</b> L: Christmas Day Lunch S: Chicken fried chicken	<b>26</b> L: Baked fish S: Turkey tetrazzini	<b>27</b> L: Meatloaf S: Reuben
<b>28</b> L: Chicken Fried Steak S: Chicken Tenders	<b>29</b> L: Ham loaf S: Egg bake, sausage link and french toast sticks	<b>30</b> L: Pork roast and kraut S: Hamburger pizza	<b>31</b> L: Tator Tot Casserole S: New Year's Eve supper			

If you would like to join us for a meal, please let us know a few days in advance by calling 402-729-6849 so we can plan for food and space. Regular meals are \$5 (tax included) and holiday meals are \$10 (tax included.) You will pick up meals and pay for them in the JCH&L cafeteria.

## Variety of entertainment in November



*Residents enjoy November entertainers, including Billy Troy, and a dulcimer group.*

### **Need a Christmas idea for your loved one?**

If you need a Christmas idea for your loved one, please visit with Amanda or Krystal in social services. They would be happy to help you brainstorm ideas your loved one might appreciate.

One idea for Gardenside residents who sometimes like to go to the cafeteria for a treat—the JCH&L cafeteria does sell cafeteria gift cards. They also have a box where they can keep cards so a resident could go to the cafeteria for a pop or a snack. Ask Amanda or Krystal if this would work well for your loved one!

### **Families are invited to a Holiday Open House**

Family members are invited to join us for a holiday open house on Monday, Dec. 22, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy live music by Bobby Gadoury, sweet treats, and holiday time spent with your loved one.

Families will be getting invitations in the mail.





# Honoring Our Veterans



*Veterans Don Mahlman, Norris Gold, Mike Slater, Keith Snyder and Mark Schmidt were joined by family members to help celebrate Veterans' Day.*



*Above, Krystal Ward presents a cup to veteran Keith Snyder, with his wife, Rita. Left, veteran Don and wife Connie Mahlman at the high school program.*

*Top, veterans and their families enjoyed lunch together. Above, left, Wayne Franzen presents a medal to veteran Norris Gold. Above, right, Krystal Ward helps veteran Mike Slater into the high school auditorium for the program.*

## *Mike Slater Presented Quilt of Valor*

Keith Michael "Mike" Slater served in the US Navy from January 1958 to January 1962. He was a Seabee MCB5 and was stationed in the Midway Islands, Philippine Islands, Guam and Coronado Base in San Diego, Calif. He was the recipient of a Good Conduct Medal and received his honorable discharge in January 1964.

He was involved in numerous construction projects and survey crews including the construction of an airport runway in the Philippines. Upon return to the Coronado Naval Station in San Diego, he was advanced to heavy construction mechanic and was commended for his work as boat engineer and engine repairman.

He always remembers being released from active duty in California on Jan. 5, 1962, in 80 degree weather and returning to Fairbury to -4 degree weather.

A Quilt of Valor<sup>®</sup> (QOV) is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation."



*Left, Becky Hoover presents Mike Slater a Quilt of Valor. Right, Becky and Mike's wife, Jan, pose with him after he is awarded his quilt.*

## Many activities on Veterans' Day

Gardenside's veterans had a police escort to Fairbury High School for a Veterans' Day program, then had a special meal with their families at Gardenside. A Quilt of Valor was presented, and all of the veterans showed their Quilts of Valor. Each veteran received a gift from JCH&L and a gift from the Quivera Chapter of DAR. Mark Schoenrock, veteran and county commissioner, spoke to the group.

**Right—Mark Schmidt and Norris Gold attend the Fairbury High School program with Gardenside and community veterans.**





## Halloween Guests



JCH&L Gardenside hosted Trick or Treaters at Gardenside on Halloween.

## Schoenrock Speaks on Veterans' Day



*As part of a full day of Veterans' Day activities, county commissioner and veteran Mark Schoenrock spoke to the veterans and their families.*



***Thank you, veterans!***



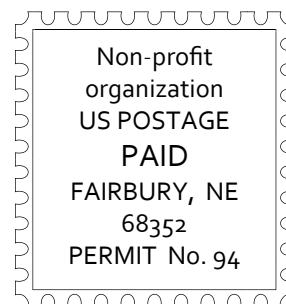
## Enjoying Cooking Activities



*Enjoying cooking activities—top left, Janis Westerhoff and Bruce Grummert make cookies. Top right, Wayne helps Bev Leseberg and Idonna Gaston. Bottom left, Bruce Grummert, Bev Leseberg, Wayne Franzen, June Weichel, Idonna Gaston and Don Mahlman make edible cornucopia treats. Bottom right, Don Mahlman makes cornucopia treats.*

***Reminder about Holiday Decorations***  
***Reminder: all decorations must be approved, and no extension cords are allowed. Please ask the activities department if you have questions.***

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Happy Birthday!



*Happy November birthday to Margaret "Ann" Jones.*