



## December News

The month of December closes out the calendar year with a wealth of beauty, wonder and traditions. Our senses almost become overloaded! The sights, sounds, smells, and feelings that come with this final month of the year, create a playground of activity! Our old lifelong traditions continue to happen and yet there is somehow always room for new experiences and relationships to enrich our lives. At Country Villa we embrace the old and welcome the new. This fascinating month has lots of entertainment and tradition planned. Come join us as we jump right into December!

Fa la la la! Several area **High School choirs will be performing in our house** during December. We welcome back High School musicians from Kaukauna, Kimberly and Little Chute as well as Freedom Elementary, Middle and High schools. Church group carolers also come upon the scene and wander our hallways singing the news of Jesus birth. Be sure to check your December activity calendar for the times and dates these groups will be here. Family is **ALWAYS** welcome and encouraged to visit when they are here!

**Country Villa crafters are going to be making yarn dolls for charity.** The second week of the month we have scheduled several times when we will be making the dolls. If you are free to help with this fun and easy project, please join us! We are hoping to make at least 50 dolls and deliver them to the Homeless Shelter in Appleton for Christmas. Tis the season for giving and we will be a part of it! Check your December activity calendar for when this heartwarming project will get underway.

What would Christmas be like without spending at least one afternoon in the kitchen making and **decorating cookies!** This holiday tradition will continue to keep us licking our fingers, making a sugar mess and laughing all the way! Mmmmmmm. Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 is when the fun will happen. Every cookie that breaks is quickly eaten! Come join the fun.

Frosty the Snowman, Santa Claus and magical elves certainly are a fun part of the Christmas season but the true reason for the season is the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our good friend, **Chaplain Ron, will be here to present a very special Christmas Nativity program on Thursday evening December 21 at 6:00 PM.** The program is done by the light of the Christmas tree and will warm your heart with the true meaning of Christmas. Families are encouraged to attend this heart-warming and sentimental look at our own lives, as well as the events that happened in Bethlehem many years ago. Chaplain Ron will do readings and play music that supports those readings. This event will highlight our Christmas season. What a great way to prepare for Christmas with your loved one.

Our **Christmas Happy Hour** will be on **Friday December 22 at 3:30.** Santa will make a special appearance so be sure to have your camera with you. Families and grandkids are welcome to join us as we celebrate another week of friends, family and CHRISTMAS! We raise our voices in song, eat delicious Christmas treats and have a cup of cheer. **Our New Years Eve 3:30 Happy Hour will be celebrated on Friday December 29.** Country Villa Freedom is proud of these holiday traditions.



After research and deliberation, our Friday Happy Hours will be undergoing a change effective on Friday December 1. If our Residents have the approval from their doctor, Country Villa will be able to serve them one alcoholic drink at our Friday Happy Hour. Country Villa however CANNOT serve alcoholic drinks to anyone except to those Residents who have doctor approval. Our RN, Tina, has taken care of communicating this to Resident doctors and their orders are on file with Country Villa. Should you NOT want an alcoholic drink to be served to your loved one, please contact Tina so that this can be noted in our records. If family and friends visiting our Friday Happy Hours want to have a drink with their loved one, they can either bring their own alcoholic beverage with them or enjoy a complimentary soda on the house! A limited drink menu will be available on Friday December 1 for Residents to order from. Cheers!

It isn't every day that we have a Resident who turns 100 years old! We are so happy to announce that **Gert Martin will be turning a century old** on Thursday December 21. We will have a special birthday party for her at 2:30 on Friday December 22, right before our Christmas Happy Hour. Why not come wish Gert a happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and then stick around for Happy Hour with Santa. Ho Ho Ho!

Our next **Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group** meeting is scheduled for **Monday December 18 at 7:00 PM**. Our meetings are always scheduled on the third Monday of the month. If you have a loved one who is suffering from this disease, come join us at our monthly meetings. Just knowing that there are others who struggle and hurt just as you do, makes it easier to deal with the feelings and emotions that are a part of this journey. Our support group needs you!

We are happy to announce that our **Resident of the Month for December is Mary Allerton**. Mary will have her picture and write-up about her posted on the big bulletin board by our front car port entrance. Copies will be given to all of our Residents and extra copies are always available on the white desk below the bulletin board. Help yourself to these and learn about our great Residents here at Country Villa.

Go Pack Go! **In December we will be having 4 Packer Game half-time parties**. Come watch the game with us as we cheer on the mighty Pack! Please see the December activity calendar for these dates.

The entire staff at Country Villa sincerely wishes all of you a wonderful holiday season filled with love and magic. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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## December Activity Highlights

Friday December 1 - 3:30 Happy Hour

Sunday December 3 - 12:00 Packer Game and Half-Time Party

Monday December 4 - 3:45 Kaukauna High School Choir

Tuesday December 5 - 2:30 Wooden Country Christmas Trees Craft

Thursday December 7 - 10:15 Freedom Middle School Band

Friday December 8 - 3:30 Happy Hour

Sunday December 10 - 12:00 Packer Game and Half-Time Party

Monday December 11 - 2:00 Yarn Dolls For Homeless Project

Tuesday December 12 - 2:00 Yarn Dolls For Homeless Project

Wednesday December 13 - 10:30 Paper Snowflakes Craft

1:30 Kimberly High School Choir

Thursday December 14 - 2:00 Yarn Dolls For Homeless Project

Friday December 15 - 10:00 Freedom Elementary School Christmas Kids

3:30 Happy Hour

Sunday December 17 - 12:00 Packer Game and Half-Time Party

2:00 Church Group Carolers

Monday December 18 - 2:00 Paper Angels Craft

Tuesday December 19 - 2:00 Christmas Cookie Decorating

Wednesday December 20 - 2:00 Freedom High School Choir

Thursday December 21 - 6:00 PM Chaplain Ron Christmas Nativity Program

Friday December 22 - 10:00 Little Chute High School Carolers With Instruments

2:30 Gerts 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

3:30 Christmas Happy Hour With Santa

Wednesday December 27 - 1:45 Resident Council Meeting

Thursday December 28 - 2:00 Monthly Fun Awards & Raffle Drawing

Friday December 29 - 3:30 New Year Happy Hour

Sunday December 31 - 12:00 Packer Game and Half-Time Party