

EASTERN STAR HOME & STAR COURT SUITES

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For the past several years I have had the pleasure of composing the weekly news for the Eastern Star Home in Redfield. After my retirement in 2017 as administrator of the facility, I volunteered to continue writing the articles which appear in the REDFIELD PRESS and are also shared on the South Dakota Eastern Star website "sdoes.org". It brings me great joy to tell our family members, community and Eastern Star members across the state about the many ways that the Eastern Star Home goes above and beyond to bring quality of life and happiness to its residents.

The past week the Home had visitors from the South Dakota Department of Health Licensure and Certification division who arrived for their annual unannounced survey of the facility. They arrived on Monday as the staff and volunteers were preparing for the annual Wild Game Feed which had been postponed from the previous Friday due to weather. The survey covered several areas including federal regulations, state administrative rules for medical facilities and life safety codes. A separate survey of the Assisted Living Unit was also conducted. Although this process is intended to be educational in nature, it can also bring apprehension to both the staff and residents as they carry on life as usual. We are pleased to share that the facility received no deficiencies during the entire survey process. This is a very rare occurrence in our state. Congratulations to Administrator Debbie Bowar and her fine team of employees for the excellent care provided every day to those they serve!

In addition to a most successful Wild Game Feed, our activity week was filled with many other fun and exciting events. We were entertained by the special music of the Frankfort Trio, played Bingo on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon and were treated to a Fancy Feet Spa Day all afternoon on Thursday. We also played Curiosity Trivia of South Dakota and experimented with our Artistic Touch Adult Coloring. Terry Christensen won first place in our annual Soup

Cook-Off on Friday noon while Anna Rohrbach won the runner-up prize. The Gilbert Gals from Hitchcock were here on Friday afternoon as they taught us “ALL ABOUT SPRING” with fun and food.

Special thanks to the many Redfield High School Prom attendees who took time from their special day on Friday to bring a Mini Grand March to the Eastern Star Home. We were also blessed that afternoon to watch a few of the students of the Redfield CORE KINETICS perform their dances for their upcoming recital.

Mark your calendars for Dorothy Thompson’s Birthday Party on Thursday, April 26th and Delores Gilbert’s Party on Monday, April 30th. We also invite everyone to join us this Friday, April 27th for Happy Hour. All activities begin at 3:00 PM in the Nursing Home Dining Room.