

May 2019

Belle Estate

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Celebrating May

Happy Birthday, Darbi!

May 5

Cinco de Mayo Party

May 6

Happy Birthday, Diane!

May 8

Nurse's Day Lunch

May 9

Mother's Day Tea

May 14

Planting

May 23

**Happy Birthday DeArley &
Courtney**

May 24

Men's Pie

May 30

Breaking News

It is with extreme sadness that I am writing this breaking news, Kayla is leaving us. She will be starting the next chapter in her life, and moving to Sioux Falls the beginning of May. While we wish her the best of luck, we are going to miss her so much. And, I don't even know how to put into words the importance she has had at Belle Estate, but I will try.

Kayla originally started working at Belle Estate in May of 2014 as Certified Medication Aide. She was fabulous. Kayla would cover any shift, work all different shifts in a week, and was excellent with the residents. She decided after a couple of years, that she wanted to finish her college degree, and moved to return to school. Kayla received her Bachelor's Degree in General Studies in December of 2017. Which was right in time for the Assistant Managers position to open at Belle Estate. Hooray!

Our loud and fun lover of pineapple decor, Kayla, joined the management team, focusing on activities, scheduling, and filling in when needed. She literally saved my life. I was to the point of complete burn out, and she came in and helped take so much off my plate. I will never be able to thank her for the first six months of her arrival.

In the last two plus years Kayla has done so much to help improve Belle Estate. Organizing activities, decorations, and managing so many different little things that improve our residents' everyday lives. She has also helped keep me organized, and has been my left and right hand. She is adored by staff, residents, family members, and mostly me. Well, and of course, Leann, her mom.

Like I said, we are going to miss her. I don't know how I am going to transition into a quieter environment, or who is going to keep me on my toes, but what I do know is, I want nothing but happiness for Kayla. I am super jealous of her next employer. Pineapple, you are a rare gem. Good Luck!

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SO...who will be taking over for Kayla?
Please welcome **AMBER RASMUSSEN** to the
management team!!!

Amber has been working at Belle Estate for just over two years. She has worked primarily on the night shift, and has done such an amazing job. Amber has kept the night shift organized, trained new employees, and worked extra and stayed late more times than I can count.

Amber has a true passion for the residents, and is really looking forward to being able to interact with them more. She is very creative, and I know she will take our activities to another level. Amber is also looking forward to doing the staff schedule. AND, being able to enjoy some daylight.

I am so excited for Amber. I know she will be a tremendous addition to the management team, and bring joy to the residents each and every day!



Nurses Are Angels

In my opinion, nurses are some of the most hard-working professionals out there. They work long hours, they sacrifice their health, their time, and their families, to make sure each of the patients/residents are taken care of. They often retire with physical problems of their own from all their sacrifices. And, every single one of them would do it all over again.

When I think of all the services that Belle Estate offers, I always think our care is our best service. There is not another a facility with a more devoted nurse than our nurse, Leann Hintz. She deeply cares about each resident.

Leann makes sure that each resident's every need is taken care of. And, no, she doesn't do that alone. She is able to do that because she listens to the staff when they have concerns and immediately responds to those concerns. That is what makes her completely fabulous.

Leann leads the care team with her actions, and willingness to pitch in anytime, and in any situation. She takes any opportunity she can to teach the staff about care, medications, and dealing with certain situations. Leann is fearless in any situation, and comes to work every day being joyful and positive. I know that I say this all the time, but I could never thank Leann enough for all she does, never.

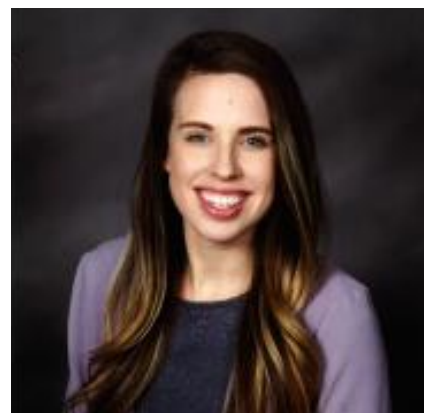
We also have three other amazing women that assist with our nursing needs. Diane Jensen, Darbi Anderson, and Tyler Neiman. You may not see these ladies very often, but they are the nursing support when Leann is not on-call. Each of them has come in and assisted our residents and staff in big ways. Thank you so much, ladies.

"When you are a nurse, YOU know that every day YOU will touch a life or a life will touch yours."

Nurse Are Angels



#1 Leann Hintz



Darbi Anderson



Tyler Neiman

Honorary Resident of the Month Fern Moe

January 9, 1929-April 9, 2019

Sometimes people know when the end of life is near. Fern told us after her 90th birthday in January that she wasn't going to make it to spring. While technically it was spring, but in South Dakota you could hardly call it spring. Fern went to heaven on April 9th. And, we are so happy for Fern. She had many people waiting for her.

Fern was such a neat, and strong lady. She had so many things working against her, but she always maintained her sense of humor and her grit. Fern fought through numerous injuries in the last few years of her life that would have completely debilitated most people. In fact, this last July was the first July that she didn't break a bone in the last 4 years. We literally threatened to wrap her in bubble wrap this last July. She was thrilled when she made it through July with no problems.

Fern has been debilitated by her eyesight for many years, but that didn't stop her from "reading". Fern has been receiving books on tape for 4 years. In the last 4 years she has listened to 844 books. Which is an average 211 books a year! How amazing is that? But that was Fern, amazing.

We will never forget Fern. We will never forget the nicknames she gave us. The way she was able to play Yahtzee even though she couldn't see the dice. How she was able to make you laugh even in the most difficult situations. And, how she worked so hard every day to walk so that she could stay at Belle Estate. So she could stay at home. Because Belle Estate became her home, and we became her family.

We miss you Fern, Fernis, Ferny, but we know you are in a better place. A beautiful place where she can see every gorgeous color. You are with your kids that left too soon, your parents, and your husband. Love you always, Ferny Moe.

