

# *The Heart of the Matter...*

## *...Our Residents*



*Dorothy Lerdall  
Resident of the Month*

Dorothy Lerdall was born on the family farm seven miles southwest of Elwood on July 5, 1920. When she was eight years old, her family moved to her farm three miles southwest of Elwood where she lived, with the exception of two years following World War II, until she was 93 years old.

Dorothy attended Ash Grove and Keller grade schools and graduated from Elwood High School in 1937 where she played trombone in the band. During her youth, she learned to drive a 1934 Chevrolet while her Dad spread grasshopper poison from the trunk of the car.

Dorothy is a lifetime member of Elwood First United Church where she received her 80 year membership pin in 2013.

In 1943, she married Glenn Lerdall and together they raised three children, Dennis, Terry and Karen. She worked hard, raising big gardens, chickens to butcher, helping with all chores, cooking and baking wonderful things—especially after school treat for her kids. After her kids were grown and she had some time for herself, she crocheted afghans, baby blankets and sweaters. She had always wanted to paint, so she bought supplies and with no formal training, she began painting, which turned into years of enjoyment

and many beautiful paintings which she shared with her children, grandchildren, and friends.

Dorothy worked hard caring for her family and never complained or put herself first. She has six granddaughters and twelve great grandchildren, and enjoys being part of their lives and watching them grow up.

Dorothy has been a resident of Elwood Care Center since July 24, 2013. We are honored to recognize her as our May Resident of the Month.

## *Elwood Care Center Board of Directors*

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## *Getting to know our Staff....*



Beth Willson works in laundry as an assistant Supervisor.. She has been at ECC for three years.

Beth enjoys meeting the needs of residents, they are like my family as well as co-workers. The friendships I have built here help not living close to home easier. ECC is truly my family "a home away from home."

Something that people may not know about ECC on the outside is wonderful. I've gone places and people will ask where I work and I tell them and they often say oh yes that's a wonderful place for residents and workers. It is nice to hear positive things.

Her hometown is Woodbine, Iowa. None of her relatives have lived at ECC. She has been married for 24 years on June 2, 2014 to Lee Willson. They have two sons—Joshua, 21 lives in Kearney and Justin is 19 and a senior at Elwood Public School this year!

When not at ECC she likes to go camping, walking her dog, being with Lee and her sons and their girlfriends, cooking and trying new recipes.

Favorite food at work is Philly steak and baby bakers and at home she likes Mexican food.

Beth's favorite vacation spot is camping and relaxing anywhere. She volunteers with the TeamMates program and mentor a 5<sup>th</sup> grade girl. She learns a lot from her. They enjoy their weekly visits together and learned how to play a lot of new games in the gym that they play in PE class, decorated holiday cookies and just sit and talk.

*Welcome to ECC*

### **New Residents**

Madeline Schmeeckle

Dora Johnson

### **Staff Birthdays**

Ceanne C—4th

Marla J—5th

Brenda R—7th

Michelle H—9th

Jamie W—13th

Heidi B—14th

Lori K—26th

Diane C—27th

### **Residents Birthdays**

Ina Mace—6th

Erna Schurr—16th

Harlan Gydesen—26th

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Shelia Muga is a Dietary Aide whose hometown is Fremont . She has two kids and one grandson. Her favorite food is Pizza and enjoys reading, spending time with her grandson.



Austin Gydesen is a RN whose hometown is Elwood. His favorite food is potato soup. He would love to travel overseas. Things that Austin enjoy are exercising, sports, work on his house and yard, family and friends.



Lorie Campbell is an RN from Cozad. Her favorite food is Pizza and would like to visit Ireland. In her free time she likes to crochet, watch crime shows, mysteries and to do scrapbooking.

Stephanie Melroy is an RN. Her hometown is Holdrege. She has two boys—Treven 12 and Kaden 6 and a special someone “Mikey”. Her favorite food is Elwood Care Center food!! In her free time she likes to spend time with her kids, friends and family, love to sing karaoke.



*In Loving Memory*



We would like to express our sympathy to the family of Teresa Marquardt. A memorial service was held in her honor.

Staff Years of Service

3 years  
Amanda Klein

16 years  
Rita Darnall

25 year  
Star Schutz



**Activity Calendar  
Approved by the  
Resident Council**

**Friends and Family Welcome**

**“Special Events”**  
5th Merry Makers  
Tim Javorsky  
12th Mother’s Day Tea

Sign Up Sheets for  
Monthly Shopping Trips,  
Senior Center Outings,  
and Van Rides are  
located at the Social  
Services Office. Make  
sure to sign up if you’d  
like to attend.

- Caring Hands 1:1  
Visits Provided

**Activity Director:**  
Carolyn Houser  
**Activity Assistant:**  
Rita Darnall

# Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living May 2013 Event Calendar

Thursdays Are Beauty Shop Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p><b>Birthstone:</b> Emerald <b>Flowers:</b> Lily of the Valley <b>Colors:</b> Yellow and Red</p>				
4 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits National Hug Week <u>Ceanne C—B</u>	5:9:15 Devotions Card Recycling 10:15 Refreshments 2:00 Merry Makers Tim Javorsky 4:00 Small Group 6:30 Travels of the World <u>Marla G—B</u>	6:9:15 Devotions Tater Peeling 9:15 Small Group 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Bingo (Win A Prize) 2:30 Refreshments <b>BirthDay Dinner</b> <u>Ina M—B</u>	7:9:15 Devotions Jeopardy 10:10 Refreshments 10:15 Exercise with Stacey 2:00 Our Redeemer Lutheran Church 3:00 Coffee Time <u>Brenda R—B</u>	8: Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions Baking Day 10:15 Tasting 1:30 Garden Planting	9:9:15 Devotions Chicken Soup for the Nurse Soul 10:00 Refreshments 10:15 Exercise with Stacey 1:30 Movie & Popcorn <u>Michelle H—B</u>	10 Let's Go Fishing Day
11 Mother's Day 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits	12 9:15 Beauty Hour 10:15 Refreshments 2:00 Ladies Tea <u>National</u>	13 9:15 Devotions Kate's Bingo Small Group 2:00 To Haiti with Lori <u>Jamie W—B</u> <u>Nursing</u>	14:9:15 Devotions Preschool Graduations 10:15 Refreshments 10:30 Exercise with Stacey 2:00 First Christian Church 3:00 Coffee Time <u>Heidi B—B</u> <u>Home</u>	15: Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions Lawrence Walk Live from Hawaii 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Terry Nichols Gospel Singing Hawaiian Day <u>Week</u>	16 9:15 Devotions Nebraska the Good Life 10:00 Refreshments 10:15 Exercise with Stacey 1:30 Movie & Popcorn <u>Erna S—B</u>	17 9:15 Devotions Cards & Games 10:15 Refreshments
18 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits Visit Your Relative's Day	19 9:15 Devotions Beauty Time 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Wii 4:00 Small Group 6:30 L. Walk	20 9:15 Devotions Bingo (5c Day) 10:15 Refreshments Small Group 1:30 Allen Sing 2:30 Gerri Cookies	21 9:15 Devotions Find A Word 10:15 Refreshments 10:30 Exercise with Stacey 2:00 Eusits United Methodist Church 3:00 Coffee Time	22: Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions Climb Every Mountain 10:15 Refreshments 1:00 AL Meeting 1:30 Staff Recognition	23 9:15 Devotions Chicken Soup for the Kids Soul 10:00 Refreshments 10:15 Exercise with Stacey 1:30 Movie & Popcorn <u>Mr. Mom</u>	24 Brother's Day
25 9:15 Church 9:30 Communion Family Visits National Wine Day	26 <b>Memorial Day</b> 9:15 Devotions "In Remembrance" 10:15 Refreshments <u>Harlan G—B</u>	27 9:15 Devotions Over the Fence Visits 9:15 Small Groups 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Bingo (Win A Prize) 2:30 Refreshments <u>Diane C—B</u>	28 9:15 Devotions Bible Studies 10:15 Refreshments 10:30 Exercise with Stacey 2:00 Elwood United Methodist Church 3:00 Coffee Time	29 Allen at the Organ 9:15 Devotions Wilbur Sayles, Words of Assurance 10:15 Refreshments 1:30 Bean Bag Toss Root Beer Floats	30 9:15 Devotions Cat's Meow 10:00 Refreshments 10:15 Exercise with Stacey 1:30 Movie and Popcorn <u>Dr. Quim Medicine Woman</u>	31 National Macaroon Day