

**RUTH SNIDER - RESIDENT OF THE MONTH**

She's kind-hearted, beautifully dressed, and adores the color red. Ruth was born in Perry, Iowa to Thomas and Floy Barnes. Her childhood was happy and centered around her little sister, Kay. Ruth studied business at William Penn and soon began working for her county superintendent. She prides herself as being the youngest person to work in the courthouse. She met her husband, Dean, after she noticed "the most handsome man across the ice cream parlor." They were both too shy to speak to each other, but he followed her and her sister home in a cute little blue coupe. With a grin, she says she walked really slow to make sure he caught up to them. They eventually married and had 2 boys, Mark and Gary. While her kids were her life, she also kept busy playing the organ at church, scrapbooking, writing poems, and collecting Madonnas from local artists across the country. Her entire basement was lined with display cases showcasing her collection. She eventually did traveling presentations to show her treasures all over the state.



*Good Times, Great People*

**GET TO KNOW HECTOR!**



Hector Ascencio has been making amazing meals for Bickford for over 5 years. He grew up in Matamoros, Mexico with 7 sisters and a brother. After high school, he studied and became an accountant. When a friend asked him to move to Iowa to help at his restaurant, he learned his love of cooking. He then found himself as a chef at a number of places over the years, soon becoming regional chef for a retirement community in Illinois. Nine years ago, Hector met and married

his wife, Tanya, and eventually moved to Des Moines. He has one son, Dahir, from Iowa City.

**WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?**

We have been enjoying spring and all it brings, keeping busy making and delivering May Day baskets and planting flowers. We also enjoyed celebrating Cinco De Mayo, the Kentucky Derby and Mother's Day. Many beautiful afternoons were spent in the courtyard, too. Most importantly and lucky for us, we have two new residents, Marjorie Moore and Loraine Evans. Photos clockwise from top left: Donna and Carolyn enjoying Cinco de Mayo; Lena making May Day baskets; Helen cheers on beanbag baseball, Loraine; Marjorie; Mary Helen coaching Dr. John,



*Hello, Summer!*

We welcome families to come and celebrate special occasions, help with our art projects or sit back and enjoy our entertainers. Check out the calendar and see what works with your schedule. There's always something fun going on. This month, we have several sing-alongs, a piano recital, music, singers and a story teller. Join us for a luau or a beanbag baseball game. Last but not least, we are going to visit the Historical Building and Botanical Center. We would love you to join us. You won't be disappointed!

text. It does not measure your satisfaction, but shows us how happy you are with us.

**ARE THE KIDS HOME FOR THE SUMMER?**

With all that extra time, encourage your children to come to Bickford and help with lots of fun activities. Art, gardening, manicures, music, croquet, horseshoes, board games, are a just a few ideas. Actually, we can do just about anything. Have them bring their passions and talents and let's see where that leads us! What a great way for your children to earn volunteer hours, build their compassion muscle or simply create heartwarming memories.

**WHAT CAN WE DO?**

What can we do to make you happy? Please take a minute and respond to our monthly happiness



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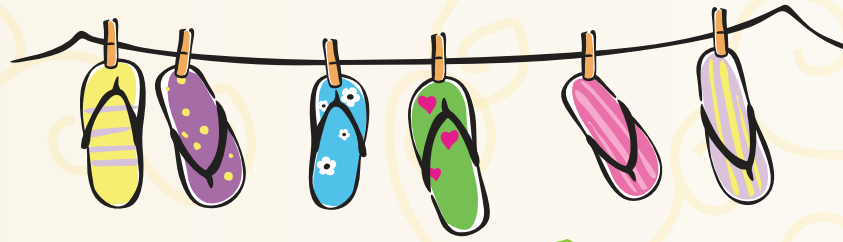
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**Olgune's Birthday**  
 10:00 Gospel Songs with Richard  
 2:00 Piano Recital with Irene Kaplan

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**Latoshla's Birthday**  
 10:00 Chair Yoga/News  
 11:00 Word Play  
 11:45 Marcy/Piano  
 1:00 Patriotic Sing-Along w Jerry McCallum  
 2:00 Creative Corner  
 4:30 Lucille/Singer

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10:00 Chair Yoga  
 10:30 News/Chat  
 11:00 Walking Club  
 1:00 Devotions  
 2:00 Communion  
 2:30 The Tellin' Man/ Jim Boardman  
 6:00 Movie Night

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10:00 Chair Yoga  
 10:30 News/Chat  
 11:00 Love of Music  
 1:00 Beanbag Practice  
 2:00 Life Song  
 3:30 King's Corner

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**Therese's Birthday**  
 10:00 Chair Yoga  
 10:30 News/Chat  
 11:00 Show it Off  
 1:00 Bible Study  
 2:30 Luau Party  
 4:00 Sit & Sip

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9:30 Men's Coffee  
 10:45 News/Chat  
 1:00 Beanbag Practice  
 2:30 Happy Hour  
 3:00 Dave Gray/Music  
 4:00 Walking Club  
 6:00 Friday Flicks

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1:00 Courtyard Chat with Becky  
 7:00 Lawrence Welk

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**Zippy's Birthday**  
 10:00 Gospel Songs with Richard  
 2:30 Church

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**Red Rose Day**  
 10:00 Chair Yoga/News  
 11:00 Word Play  
 11:45 Marcy/Piano  
 1:00 Beanbag Practice  
 2:00 Let's Make Roses  
 3:00 Book Lovers'

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10:00 Chair Yoga  
 10:30 News/Chat  
 11:00 Walking Club  
 1:00 Devotions  
 2:00 Communion  
 3:00 Music with Mark Challis  
 6:00 Movie Night

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**Flag Day**  
 10:00 Chair Yoga  
 10:30 News/Chat  
 11:00 Historical Building & Baratta's Lunch  
 2:00 Life Song  
 3:30 Letter Writing

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10:00 Chair Yoga  
 10:30 News/Chat  
 11:00 Show it Off  
 12:00 Father's Day BBQ  
 1:00 Bible Study  
 2:00 Bingo  
 3:00 Helene Viall/Piano

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9:00 Beanbag Baseball World Series  
 3:00 Classical Guitar w Jeff Bianchi  
 4:00 Walking Club  
 6:00 Friday Flicks

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1:00 Zentangle w Jody  
 7:00 Lawrence Welk

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**Father's Day**  
 10:00 Gospel Songs with Richard  
 2:30 Church

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**National Kiss Day**  
 10:00 Chair Yoga/News  
 11:00 History of the Kiss  
 11:45 Marcy/Piano  
 1:00 Iowa Tales  
 2:00 Creative Corner  
 3:30 Croquet

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10:00 Chair Yoga  
 10:30 News/Chat  
 11:00 Walking Club  
 1:00 Devotions  
 2:00 Communion  
 3:45 Music with Tom Anderson  
 6:00 Movie Night

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**Hector's Birthday**  
 10:00 Chair Yoga  
 10:30 News/Chat  
 11:00 Love of Music  
 1:00 Life Song with Manicures  
 3:30 Horseshoes

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10:00 Chair Yoga  
 10:30 News/Chat  
 11:00 Show it Off  
 12:00 June Birthdays  
 1:00 Bible Study  
 2:00 Bingo  
 3:00 Gospel Music with Jim Quails

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**Bob's Birthday**  
 9:30 Men's Coffee  
 10:45 News/Chat  
 1:00 Choose Joy  
 2:30 Happy Hour  
 4:00 Walking Club  
 6:00 Friday Flicks

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1:00 Movie Matinee  
 7:00 Lawrence Welk

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10:00 Gospel Songs with Richard  
 2:30 Church

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**Forgiveness Day**  
 10:00 Chair Yoga/News  
 11:00 Forgive & Forget  
 11:45 Marcy/Piano  
 1:00 Iowa Tales  
 2:00 Creative Corner  
 3:00 Courtyard Fun

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**Helen's Birthday**  
 10:00 Chair Yoga  
 10:30 News/Chat  
 11:00 Walking Club  
 1:00 Devotions  
 2:00 Communion  
 2:30 Front Porch Sit & Sip

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10:00 Chair Yoga  
 10:30 News/Chat  
 11:00 Botanical Center & Lunch  
 2:00 Life Song  
 3:30 Walking Club

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**Hug Holiday**  
 10:00 Resident Council  
 10:30 News & Hugs  
 11:00 Show it Off  
 11:00 Mass  
 1:00 Bible Study  
 2:00 Bingo  
 3:30 Book Lovers'

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9:30 Men's Coffee  
 10:45 News/Chat  
 1:00 Walking Club  
 2:30 Happy Hour  
 3:00 Mike Lozano/Singer  
 6:00 Friday Flicks

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