

Mary Swenson - Resident of the Month

Mary was born May 28, 1936 in Maryville Missouri. She grew up on a farm in Tarkio, Missouri. Mary graduated from Tarkio High School, and went on to graduate from Tarkio College with a B.A. in teaching in 1958. She later graduated from University of Nebraska in 1965 with a Masters of Education degree. Mary and her late husband, Art, were married July 17th, 1966, and were married for 47 years before his passing. Mary says she spent summers with several nieces and a nephew that came to visit them on the farm. Mary taught at Valley High School for 31 years, and through out lowa for over 6 years. She came to Bickford of WDM 9 years ago, and says she enjoys visiting with the BFM's and the other residents of Bickford. Mary shares her apartment with her "little furry friend" Diva. Mary loves playing most games and enjoys bingo. She says she also enjoys plays and musicals.



Great People and Great Times



BFM of the Month Trista Gohring

Trista was born in Gillette, WY. She moved to Marshalltown, Iowa at a young age. She states she loves to sing! She attended choir and show choir all through school as well as cheerleading. She recently moved to Des Moines area

from Marshalltown. She has 3 daughters, Morgan, Myla and Charlee. Trista has been at Bickford of WDM since March of 2013. She works as a CNA and also as a CMA. She says she loves getting to take care of all the residents at Bickford, and that they have become family to her, and loves putting a smile on their faces.

Happenings At Bickford
Residents and family
enjoying the courtyard at
Bickford of WDM

August Birthdays

26th -Bettinna Bourjaily Ronald Volcheck



National Senior Citizens Day

President Ronald Reagan proclaimed August 21st of each year to be National Senior Citizen's Day. The purpose of having a National Senior Citizen Day was to celebrate and honor the lives and contributions of the generations of Americans that took care of their families, the communities and the country. The Proclamation urged Americans to honor the special day with ceremonies and activities. Throughout the country on August 21st, younger generations show their appreciation and thanks to America's seniors by honoring them in many different ways.

Special events, festivals, ceremonies and dinners are held with seniors as the guests of honor. Youth groups and scouting organizations make arrangements to visit the elderly in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Family get together with their older loved ones, spending this special day together sharing stories and memories and making new ones.





