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Happy New Year – 2007!

Dakota Estates Retirement Center



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Credits

This newsletter is written and edited by Gina Heley, administrator at Dakota Estates. Additional editing by Candee Werth, Diane Woytassek and Elaine Trittin.



DE resident Lyle Clark (center) joined his cousins, entertainers Earl and Jim Fust (left to right), for a couple of songs at the Dakota Estates New Year's Bash held on December 29.

Dakota Estates started 2007 off on a good note as the annual New Year's Bash was held on Friday, December 29.

Residents enjoyed a special concert by Earl and Jim Fust, who sang many classic country favorites and took requests from the audience.

During the party, residents dined on an early supper of peanuts in the shell, cheese and crackers, relish tray, herring, cup of tomato soup, turkey salad on a

croissant and rice crispy bars. Sparkling grape and apple cider, as well as wine topped off the meal.

At 4 PM, everyone donned hats and fired up their noisemakers as they "counted down" to the "New Year."

"I thought it was great, really nice," says resident Frieda Arndt. "I liked everything about it. People were cordial. The music was great – really nice. It was a good way to start the new year."

Resident Mabel Coppin turned 97 on the day of the party.

"This New Year's party was the best way to spend my birthday," says Coppin.



Ray Vaplon, Barbara Wohlwend, Harold David (left to right) and Mildred David (back to the camera) enjoyed the festivities. Pictured in the background (left to right) are Mavis Stibal, Archie Stibal and Activity Director Elaine Trittin.

Santa Claus Came To Town!



DE Resident Regina Haas took a picture with Old Saint Nick at the annual Christmas supper.

The residents of Dakota Estates must have been good this year as they received a visit from Jolly Old Saint Nicholas at the annual Christmas supper on Sunday, December 17.

As part of the tradition of the night, Ernst "Buddy" Trittin kicked off the evening with a reading of a special Christmas

story and the blessed story of the birth of Jesus.

After that, the blessing was said, and everyone dug in to a feast of Cornish game hen, twice baked potatoes, fruit salad, relish tray and pumpkin roll for dessert. Residents had their choice of wine, Seven Up or sparkling cider to drink.

Santa Claus showed up to hand out gifts and take pictures with all of the residents.

"I thought Buddy's story was wonderful," says DE resident El-

Richard Rud, a new resident at Dakota Estates, is pictured with Santa at left.

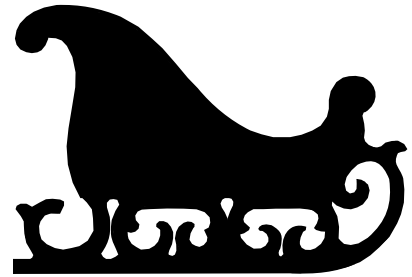


eanor Berndt. "It was a good supper, but it was too much food!"

"I liked the idea of pictures with Santa," says Frieda Arndt.

Each resident received a picture of themselves with Kris Kringle. Pictures can also be found on our website: www.dakotaestates.org.

It was a Merry Christmas for all and for all a good night!



DE resident Helen Novotny sat on Santa's lap so she could tell him what she wanted for Christmas.





Resident Happenings

Birthdays

Francis Arth	Oct. 6
Evelyn Stack	Oct. 18
Alma Fink	Oct. 19
Bud Strouse	Nov. 11
Hilda Bohn	Nov. 12
Nellie Hoefs	Nov. 13
Irene Vaplon	Nov. 17
Richard Rud	Nov. 30
Irene Robbins	Dec. 9
Myrtle Wurl	Dec. 16
Hazel Rossow	Dec. 22
Lyle Clark	Dec. 22
Mildred David	Dec. 23

Anniversaries

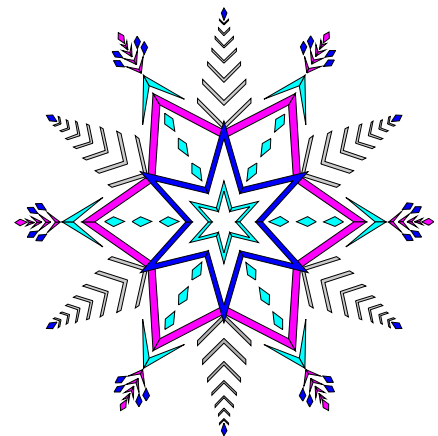
Mabel Coppin	Dec. 29
Harold & Mildred David	Oct. 5, 1944
Bud & Evelyn Strouse	Oct. 6, 1979
Albert & Alma Fink	Dec. 24, 1942

Welcome To

- Richard Rud
- Marcella Fettes

Memorials

- Anna Tuma by Pat & Darlene Illies
- Lillian Wollitz by Ken & Darlene Clark



Special Thanks

- To Jim and Nettie Smykowski for the donation to our window fund.
- To Earl Weber for donating the small building that houses our generator.
- To Irene Robbins for the donation of cookbooks
- To Bank of the West in Lidgerwood for a donation to our general operation fund.
- To Dakota Valley Electric Operation Round Up for a donation to update our fire alarm system
- To John & Connie Blixt for donating a computer on which our residents can play games.

Dakota Estates Wish List

- ◆ Round Pizza Pans (3)
- ◆ Miscellaneous Craft Items
- ◆ Subscription to Fargo Forum
- ◆ Quilting Material
- ◆ Upright Freezer
- ◆ Microwave



Santa and the Staff Santa visited with some of the Dakota Estates staff as well. Pictured left to right are Jane Medenwald, Santa, Jolene Podliska, Elaine Trittin and Natalie Tweit.

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Halloween Highlights



The DE Staff participated in a costume contest voted on by the residents. Pictured left to right are the football player (Jane Medenwald), the rabbit (Jolene Podliska), the skunk (Elaine Trittin), Sacajawea (Candee Werth) and the movie star (Gina Heley).

Halloween was a spooktacular time for the residents of Dakota Estates as they celebrated with a ghostly party on October 31.

Everyone listened to scary music as they played several games. Bud Strouse guessed closest as to how many M & M's were in a jar. Irene Robbins, Edith Ceroll and Barbara Wohlwend were winners at the Halloween word game.

Residents also participated in a scavenger hunt as well throughout the day in which they collected paper ghosts, black cats, pumpkins, moons and bats that were hidden around the building.

A "spider" on pumpkin pie and hot apple cider were enjoyed by all.

The residents also voted

on the staff costumes. First place went to the skunk (Elaine Trittin), second place to the rabbit (Jolene Podliska) and third went to the movie star (Gina Heley).

DE resident Alma Fink gives out candy to a trick-or-treater. Also pictured are Julius Murack and Harold David.

