## HILLCREST TERRACE NEWSLETTER

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## **EDITOR'S DESK**

### By Vicki Bruno

Residents, family and friends,

Happy New Year! It's a new year and I am looking forward to spending 2025 with all of you. I am getting to know you better and I hope you are getting to know me a little better. The one thing that I want you to know about me is that I am always open to suggestions. I have some things planned for this new year that I hope will be fun and exciting. Not every one is going to enjoy the same activities so I am adding more variety. I love seeing the increased participation in activities and am striving to see participation increase even more.

Last month, you residents started an Employee of the Month Recognition Program so I have added this recognition to the newsletter and their picture will be hanging with the Resident of the Month's picture on your new Honor Wall. It was also suggested that your staff should choose the resident of the month via secret ballot and that is the new procedure we started following. These are great ideas and I look forward to hearing from you even more.

Beginning this month, we will be tracking, getting updates, getting live sighting videos, and learning the habits of wildlife. We will start with Esmeralda, a sloth in Costa Rica, Marigold Puddlefoot, who is a loggerhead sea turtle, off the Florida coast, and Long'oipa a 7 year old lion in Northern Kenya. Other animals we will be tracking include another lion, a gorilla, a penguin, a polar bear, an elephant and a dolphin. I will be passing on all the information to you as soon as I receive it in our new forum, "Wild Tracking" (posted on your activity calendar each month.) I hope to see you all at some or all of our activities. Let's all have a great time in 2025!

Vicki

**Activity Coordinator** 

### **DECEMBER IN REVIEW**

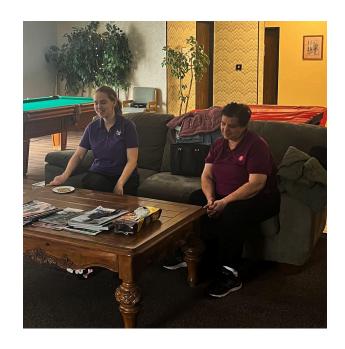
# Putt-Putt Pool was fun, but harder than it looks



The residents voted for Irene for Employee of the month! Irene is hardworking, helpful and always pleasant to be around.



We also had the Salvation Army in for a visit and to sing Christmas Carols



# While Tony was being creative making his candy sleigh, Leroy was busy cheering on the Vikings. Good boy, Leroy! Safety first!!!





# Tina and David added this month's positive affirmations at the "Positively Me" activity





## **Christmas Crafts**

Some made Snowmen, gingerbread men, snowflakes and angels! We made candy sleighs and reindeer tree ornaments and even decorated cookies. The residents put names on their stockings and decorated them







We played Bingo and another edition of Holiday Family Feud. We had auctions and ended the month with Mistletoe Madness, where residents had a chance to cash in the gift certificates that they received in their stockings for gifts of their choice.



### **RESIDENT OF THE MONTH**



Ballots were sent out to the staff and a vote was taken. The staff voted for Steven M to be the featured resident this month. Steven is the father of 3, two sons and one daughter. His oldest son shares Stevens passion for music, as they both lettered in band in high school and Steven also played drums with a local band. Steven, also, enjoys getting out in the woods to bird hunt. His last partridge hunting trip was as recent as this last week. Steven is trained in First Aid, CPR, and fire safety. His future aspirations include going back to college and getting a degree in psychology. Steven is a bright young man and we wish him all the luck for his future endeavors.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan 6, 2025 Wild Tracking Starts

Jan 9, 2025 Resident Council Meeting

Jan 12, 2025 Happy Birthday Adam

Jan 14, 2025 Happy Birthday Billy L

**Jan 15, 2025** Auction

Jan 16, 2025 Start making 2025 Vision Boards