# Hospice Newsletter



Summer 2025

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### **Summer Fun!**

#### Crescent City Fireball Festival

Pictured are Mallory Redeker, RN, Hospice Clinical Coordinator, and her daughter, Emma, who rides her loyal horse, Norm, in several community parades.



## **Baptized in Love**



IMH Hospice patient, Sydney Santana, was baptized in her home on June 18<sup>th</sup> with her family and Hospice team who adore her. She was born with HEI - Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy.

## Blake Kinnett Annual Ride

On June 21st, our hospice Social Worker, Traci Bishop, attended the Blake Kinnett 8th Annual Ride Fundraiser, raising awareness for ALD. IMH Hospice team is honored to care for Blake. What a



special young man he is with an amazing family. It was such a beautiful day to support and share the love for Blake. *Pictured left to right are John and Becky Kinnett (Blake's parents), Traci Bishop, and Larry Ladd.* 

# Bingo at Iroquois Resident Home



Every day is a good day to play bingo! Julie Puetz and Susaine Perry brought the beach to all the residents at Iroquois Resident Home. Beach balls, Lei's, beach towels, and sand pails brought the fun in the sun indoors. There were plenty

of smiles and prizes given out to the seasoned Bingo players! Always a fun time with the residents at IRH.

## Congratulations to Iroquois Memorial Hospice!

IMH Hospice has earned the Strategic Healthcare Program's "SHPBest Superior Performer" patient satisfaction award for the 2024 calendar year! This designation comes from positive responses given by loved ones of our hospice patients about our staff, performance, and their family's overall satisfaction. This feedback and designation validates our mission of providing quality healthcare services to the region in a convenient, caring environment.



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# **Christmas in July**



Our hospice and home health teams held a bake sale fundraiser on July 8<sup>th</sup> to raise money to go towards Christmas gifts for their patients. A wide variety of delicious goodies were donated by not only the teams, but also other generous folks from both within and outside of Iroquois Memorial Hospital.

We appreciate everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success!



### **More Parades!**



On July 4<sup>th</sup>, IMH staff rocked representing IMH in the Watseka Parade!



On July 5<sup>th</sup>, IMH "had a ball" throwing out beach balls at the Onarga Independence Day Parade. Pictured are Mike Tilstra, Steve Reed, Susaine Perry, Mary Kay Lavicka, and Jimmy Lavicka.

# Did Someone Say It's Your Birthday?

Pastor John Franklin had a special day and the team celebrated his birthday! We know you get a lot of teasing from the gals on the team but they do it out of pure love! Hope your day was extra special, John, and that you had plenty of fun!



# Other Upcoming Events!



#### **August**

- Gilman Old Boys & Girls Reunion
- Cissna Park 'Ol Settlers Parade
- Ashkum 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Parade

#### October

- St. Anne Grand Pumpkin Parade
- Labrador Lap and Schnauzer Shuffle Charity Run (for Breast Cancer Research)
- WACC Trunk or Treat

# June was Dementia Awareness Month

Mallory Redeker, *RN, Hospice Clinic Coordinator*, was invited as the guest speaker at Trinity Church in Ashkum on June 9<sup>th</sup>. She spoke on the topic of Hospice and Dementia. It was a very informative discussion on an emotional and sensitive topic. Mallory presented the many facets of the difficult diagnosis that can challenge caregivers and families.

If you or a loved one has questions regarding how IMH Hospice can help, please reach out to Mallory at 815.432.0185.