

Welcome to our New Staff



Renae Guttormsson Activities Director

Hi, I'm Renae, I have 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 1 on the way, My interests: being outdoors, doing crafts, scrapbooking, quilting, reading, watching sports, especially Mn Vikings football! I'm excited to see where my new adventure takes me here at Hill Street Place!

New Tenant



Jim Curwick Apt. 233

Musings from Activities . . .

~ Renae Guttormsson

Well, growing up on the farm was something we all took part in. I was the 3rd child, out of 6. As a young girl, we did have chores, as my folks raised, pigs, cattle, horses, cats, kittens, a dog and baby puppies. The crops were corn, soybeans, oats or wheat. We had to help with mowing, gardening and we had 4 apples trees. We used to always throw the fallen ones to the pigs and see who could hit the feeders (target). We had neighbors, every 1/2 mile, which were also my cousins, rode bicycles back and forth to see if my dad was helping (farmed with his brother), with the drying of corn or beans. With the neighbors/relatives, we also went to one farm for a church night and we ended up with our own softball teams. Picking rocks were something I'll always remember when my dad, we just got off the bus, changed clothes and he would WHISTLE to get us on the flatbed. This is a memory, he would drive along the field and point to the rock, well, he kept on going and I needed the spade to dig it out. He never did stop until he was pretty far ahead and I'm on my knees, trying with the heel of my shoe. Walking beans he would be whistling, time to get up and wanted us to start before it got to hot. We couldn't go the Yellow Medicine County Fair, until we had our beans walked at least once. We were successful!!! I still believe we helped the whole neighbor with both of these chores!! Thanks dad. We always baled and did Corn pickings, until we had that storm, destroyed everything.

My sister , mom and I were the ones that cleaned up the kitchen and I still think today she was cleaning out the cupboards because I don't think we used that many dishes. I was always with my dad, being outdoors and now today I wish I was inside more as to the cooking side of things. On hot days, we filled a tank, with water from the garden hose , that was how we cooled off . I still do love living in the country, very peaceful!!

So all -in- all farm life, was a good lesson, where we learned to get along and got things done. One happy family!!!

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

Game Day: Ship, Captain, Crew	4 th
MLC Library Outreach	5 th
500 Card Party	6 th
Virtual Voyage: Great Plains	9 th
Hope Harbor Wii Bowling	10 th
Friends & Family Open House Fun on the Farm 4-6 PM	12 th
Card Makers	13, 27 th
Brain Games	13, 20 th
FATHER'S DAY	15 th
Sing Along with Dana Funk	15 th
Wagon Wheel Welcome	16 th
Lunch Outing: KB's in Ghent	17 th
Chautauqua: Dan Heuchert North Memorial Ambulance	18 th
PO•KE•NO 50¢ to play	25 th
Music: Guy & Guitar	26 th
Monthly Birthday Party	27 th
Fold & Deliver	30 th

Upcoming Events . . .

Page Turners Book Club will be reading *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. If you would like a copy, stop into the Activities Office. Join us for a discussion in the Pool Table Room on Tuesday, June 24th.

Helping Hands at Hill Street Place: During the month of April, we recorded a total of **48** volunteer hours. Thank you so much for all you do at Hill Street Place and everywhere.

Volunteers Needed: Help make treats for Holy Redeemer Vacation Bible School. Join us in the Dining Room at 9 AM on Monday, June 2, to decorate cookies and on Tuesday, June 3, to assemble Dirt & Worm Pudding Cups. Come join in on the fun and we hope to see you all there.

Bandshell Concerts: Marshall Municipal Band Concerts at 7PM in the Liberty Park Bandshell, Bus pick up at HSP 6:40pm, return 8:25pm. Sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

Last Month at a Glance . . .



FUN ON THE FARM OPEN HOUSE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY



Thursday, June 12, 2025
4:00-6:00 PM

PURCHASE TICKETS IN THE
OFFICE • COST \$13



BIG SHOES TO FILL I cleaned out Dad's closet yesterday. There were two things I couldn't box up: his work shirts and his two pairs of Red Wing boots. He couldn't remember birthdays or anniversaries, but he remembered the date on which he'd bought his first pair. I remember it too—April 16, the day after Tax Day. What does a child do with her dad's favorite boots? I think I will make a planter out of them or use them to store something valuable. You can't throw away a man's favorite boots. You've got to keep them and pass them down. —Theresa Arnold, Tioga, Texas

DAD'S SECRET SPOT My dad was a gardener before it was cool. He would proudly tell people, "I can grow just about anything." He could—except for my beloved lilacs. He tried everything, with no luck or lilacs to show for his efforts. One night when I was a teen, it was raining in that way it does in Minnesota in April: violent and cleansing. I heard the creak of the side door, and he stood soaking wet, etched with scratches, holding an abundance of lilacs. "I found a secret lilac spot," he said. "It wasn't easy, but I got them." That's how he got everything. —Lucia Paul, Plymouth, Minnesota

Father's Day Word Scramble

ERHO	<input type="text"/>		SPTRCEE	<input type="text"/>
EKSOJ	<input type="text"/>		VOLE	<input type="text"/>
ULVESA	<input type="text"/>		TRSGNO	<input type="text"/>
REVBA	<input type="text"/>		ERRUTNU	<input type="text"/>
PYHPA	<input type="text"/>		REPNTSE	<input type="text"/>
ADDDY	<input type="text"/>		NPRAET	<input type="text"/>
PDURO	<input type="text"/>		FAMLYI	<input type="text"/>
TBES	<input type="text"/>		SIFGT	<input type="text"/>



Did You Know June ...

~ Activity Connection

June is the sixth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. June is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the northern hemisphere and the shortest daylight hours of the year in the southern hemisphere. Some say June is named for the Latin word *iuniores*, meaning "youths," but the name also could have come from the Greek goddess of marriage, Juno. For this reason, some couples think getting married in June brings good luck.

What's Lucky in June?

Lucky Color: Green
Lucky Animal: Jaguar
Lucky Letters: B and V



Lucky Day: Thursday
Lucky Plant: Strawberry



Grilled Chicken

FARMER'S CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups frozen shredded hash browns potatoes
- 3/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 cup cubed fully cooked ham
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 4 large eggs
- 1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

DIRECTIONS

1. Place potatoes in an 8-in. baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese, ham and onions.
2. Whisk eggs, milk, pepper and salt; pour over top.
3. Cover and refrigerate for several hours or overnight.
4. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking.
5. Preheat oven to 350°. Bake, uncovered, until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 55-60 minutes.



Reel Nostalgia

~ Activity Connection

Every year on June 6, movie lovers celebrate Drive-In Movie Day, honoring the classic American pastime of outdoor cinema. This date marks the anniversary of the first-ever drive-in theater, which opened in Camden, New Jersey, in 1933. Invented by Richard Hollingshead, the drive-in provided families with an affordable and comfortable way to enjoy movies from their cars. At their peak in the 1950s and 1960s, drive-in theaters numbered over 4,000 across the U.S. Though their popularity declined with the rise of indoor multiplexes, drive-ins have seen a resurgence, especially during the pandemic, when social distancing was necessary. Drive-In Movie Day is a great excuse to relive the magic of watching a film under the stars. Whether you visit a classic venue or set up a backyard screen, it's a perfect way to enjoy cinema in a unique, nostalgic way!

Guardians of the Garden

~ Activity Connection

Gnomes have been a part of gardening culture for centuries, bringing charm and whimsy to yards around the world. These small, bearded figures are said to be protectors of gardens, watching over plants and warding off pests. Their popularity is celebrated every June 10 on International Garden Gnome Day, a fun occasion for garden enthusiasts to showcase their favorite gnome

statues. Some even extend the festivities into Gnome Week, taking the time to rearrange their gnome displays or add new ones.

The tradition of garden gnomes dates back to 19th-century Germany, where they were originally made from terra-cotta. By the late 1800s, they had spread across Europe, becoming especially popular in England. The first mass-produced gnomes were created by a German company called Philipp Griebel, whose descendants still produce them today using the original patterns and molds. They were made in the style of miners who had worked in the area, complete with red hats and wheelbarrows. At the height of production, Griebel's factory made approximately 300 different gnomes.

Gnomes have even made their way into pop culture. From fantasy novels to animated films, they are often depicted as mischievous yet wise creatures. Some travelers even participate in "gnome-napping" pranks, where a garden gnome is taken on an adventure and returned with photos from its journey.

Beyond their playful reputation, gnomes bring a sense of personality to gardens. Whether tucked among flowers or standing guard by a vegetable patch, they add a touch of fun to outdoor spaces. Many gardeners believe gnomes bring good luck, helping plants thrive and flourish. Paired with colorful flowers, stone pathways, or miniature fairy gardens, gnomes can make any yard feel more magical.

As June arrives and gardens come into full bloom, it's the perfect time to celebrate these tiny guardians.

