

LCC Earns Bronze Quality Award



The Nebraska Health Care Association (NHCA) announced in June that 24 long-term and post-acute care members across Nebraska were recognized with the 2016 Bronze Commitment to Quality Award by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) for their dedication to quality care. AHCA/NCAL's National Quality Award Program spotlights providers across the country that have demonstrated their commitment to delivering quality care for seniors and people with disabilities.

"We are proud of our members for their dedication to providing quality care for Nebraska's nursing facilities and assisted living communities," said Heath Boddy, president and CEO of NHCA. "This award is achieved through hard work and commitment. Our members are incredibly deserving of this recognition."

Implemented by AHCA/NCAL in 1996, the National Quality Award Program is centered on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, *which is the foundation of the metric-based* AHCA/NCAL Quality Initiative. *The program assists* providers of long-term and post-acute care services in achieving their performance excellence goals.

The program has three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Providers begin the quality improvement process at the Bronze level, where they develop an organizational profile with essential performance elements such as vision and mission statements and an assessment of customers' expectations. Bronze applicants must also demonstrate their ability to implement a performance improvement system. Trained examiners review each Bronze application to determine if the center has met the demands of the criteria. Recipients of the Bronze Commitment to Quality Award are then able to move forward in developing approaches and achieving performance levels that meet the criteria required for the Silver Achievement in Quality Award.

Louisville Care Community accepted their award during AHCA/NCAL's 67th Annual Convention and Exposition in Nashville, Tennessee, on October 17, 2016.

LCC Holds Annual Fair



Left: Barb Stohlmann and Darlene Vervaecke took First and Second Place in the Pie Contest respectively.



Right: Emogene Burt enjoyed playing one of the many games!



LCC Celebrates National Assisted Living Week



Norma Burt sure enjoyed Bob Ford's performance.



Virgean Shields is sporting her "cheese head" hat for favorite sports team day!

Resident Spotlight - George "Bud" Christiansen

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George (Bud) Christiansen was born near Colorado Springs CO, on a high elevation cattle ranch on the Eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. He was the oldest of 7 siblings with a cowboy Dad and stay at home Mom. Bud grew up on a horse, recalling his first horse, "Paint", a gentle Palomino. At 15 years of age he left home traveling by train the 600 miles west to work a ranch outside of Pueblo on the Western slope. He worked as a ranch hand there until 1957 when enlisting in the Navy at 19 years old. He remembers just wanting to do something different. His military stint took him to the Great Lakes area, Memphis, & Norman OK, receiving training in Metal Smithing and Hydraulics before being assigned to Kingsville, south of San Antonio TX where he applied his trade repairing aircraft. He shared about his experience of landing on an aircraft

carrier tossing and pitching on the Ocean. Bud met his wife Rose during those years at a dance. She was in the Army and caught his eye and heart with her great dancing and intriguing eastern accent. They married and raised 3 children, working and living on several high mountain ranches, Bud's favorite was near Sheridan Wyoming. Ranch life meant working hard at breaking horses, branding, rounding up and feeding cattle, fixing fence, shoeing horses, putting up hay...Fun times were Rodeoing (roping calves and steers, bucking bronco, bull riding etc.), and hunting Elk. Bud and Rose loved playing pitch in the card club, as well as attending their kids sporting events. Bud says he has broken nearly every bone in his body as an occupational hazard of being a cowboy. He owned more boots, spurs and chaps, rain slickers and hats than he can recall. Although he remembers a favorite White x3 Stetson "go to town" hat. There is a classic cowboy photo on the wall in his room in that Stetson. Bud is a valuable member of our LCC Assisted Living family. Stop by if you want to hear some real cowboy stories...Bring your own chew!

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