



WCNH Newsletter Third Quarter 2023

We are working together to help you feel at home!!

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Administrative Update

Happy Summer! Now that we have lived through COVID, then the Canadian smoke apocalypse, hopefully it will be smooth sailing from here on out. Since the last update in April, we have made great progress with our projects at the nursing home. The last update had us at with just finishing up with the resident bathrooms, and we hadn't even started to deal with the tile on the first and second floors. Time has flown because we are finished with both of those projects! We have even hung our historic "1901 Wayne County Home" sign in our lobby!

Our three celebrations (Nurses Week, Nursing Home Week, CNA week) went very well, and were able to have food for the staff on most of those days. Thank you to Wayne County, Sodexo, Health Pro Heritage, and Health Direct for sponsoring those festivities.

I would like to also take this opportunity to welcome our new Director of Nursing, Patty Bullock, RN! Patty has worked at the nursing home for over 30 years in various positions. When you're at the facility, please join me in welcoming her to her new role! We are in good hands. That said, enjoy the rest of your summer, and hopefully El Nino will not be too hard on us.

Jeff

Education Corner

We are often asked by family members to place bedrails on their loved one's bed in order to prevent them from falling out of bed. Department of Health regulations discourage this practice. There are several studies that have shown that use of bedrails actually increases the risk of injury to the resident. More serious falls occur when a resident attempts to climb over the rail. They also are at risk of getting caught between the mattress and the bedrail. In some cases the rails may also agitate the resident by making them feel restricted.

There are other steps that the nursing home can take to keep your loved one safe. Beds can be lowered to the floor. Mats can be placed on the floor next to the bed. Staff also strives to anticipate the resident's needs such as needing to use the restroom.

What is best for one resident may not be best for the next. Conversations with staff is critical. Please speak with your loved one's nurse manager for any questions you may have.

CoVid Booster Shots Available

There is an additional CoVid vaccine available. In order to be eligible, you must be 65 years of age or older and have gotten the last booster over four months ago. This is the recommendation from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH). If you or your resident is eligible, please strongly consider getting it. We want everyone to stay as healthy as possible!! If you have any questions, please talk to your health provider. Our pharmacy, Health Direct, will host a vaccination clinic for our residents on July 20th. If your resident isn't signed up for this, please speak with the unit nurse manager.



In Memory

These are our residents who have passed since our last publication. Our thoughts are with their families.

James Sullivan

Thomas Miller III

Chloe Metzger

Howard Elwell

Theodore LeClair

Mary Jo Bailey

Robert Barnes

Jerry Sielawa

Kathleen Mangrum

Harriet Tricarico

Albert Hayes

Kudos Board

We would like to extend a "THANK YOU" to the following:

- The WCNH Foundation for sponsoring the Car Show for the residents as well as New Reflections Band and all the car owners.
- The Newark Garden Club for their recent visit and facilitating a floral project with the residents.
- Father Mike and Father Sierotowicz for their Mass services and visits with the residents.
- Rob and Trudy Double for helping us with Bible studies and church services. They also helped make a beautiful quilt with the residents.
- Sue Johnson for her weekly musical strolls in the dining rooms.
- Joe Valentine and "Lacey" for their pet therapy visits.
- The Hand-crafted Hugs Club for their donations of Mother's Day and Father's Day mementos.

Save the Date

Look for us at the Wayne County Fair August 14th-18th. We will have our traditional booth there in Floral Hall.

We will hold our second annual Butterfly release memorial service on August 25th. See separate flyer for details.



Retirement News

Congratulations to Marge Amelee on her recent retirement. Margie retired last month after working with the nursing home for over 30 years. We will miss her smiling face at the front reception desk!! Also, Congratulations to Gina Fasano, secretary to the Administrator. Gina also worked with the nursing home for over 30 years. Her knowledge and support will be missed!!

We wish both these wonderful ladies well as they start an exciting new chapter of their lives!!



Do you have a concern?

Call Us!

- WCNH
Compliance Hotline
315-946-5674
- NYS Dept. of Health
Complaint Hotline
1-888-201-4563
- Local Ombudsman
Office (Lifespan) 585-
244-8400





An employee appreciation ceremony was held during Nursing Home Week on May 18th. Phil Eygnor, Town of Huron Supervisor, and Jeff Stalker, Administrator, recognized many special employees for their dedication to the facility.

Top left: Donna Forjone and Patty Bullock earned their 30 years of service award.

Top right: Vicky Strong, Terry Decola, and Tinesha Whitfield, were recognized for having perfect attendance for 2022.

Bottom left: Amy Lawson and Felicia Gray were awarded their certificates for 25 years of service.

Bottom right: Flipper, our goldfish, earned his one year service award. An anniversary party was held on June 2nd as it has been one year since we adopted him. He was presented with a new sign and had a party with the residents.



Lucy, our cat, is seen here catching some ZZZ's. She can be found on Lakeview Heights. If you would like to donate funds to help support her and Flipper, please drop some coins in the piggy bank located in the Pub!

