



## WCNH Newsletter Second Quarter 2025

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

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### **Administrative Update:**

#### **Springtime Celebrations and Special Milestones!**

Spring has sprung, and what a wonderful time it is at Wayne County Nursing Home! As flowers bloom and birds sing, we're embracing this vibrant season with joy and gratitude.

We are excited to announce a very special milestone: On April 12th, our beloved nursing home celebrated its 195th birthday! Nearly two centuries of compassionate care, cherished memories, and community support. Thank you for being an important part of our remarkable history.

This spring, our halls came alive with an enchanting Easter balloon display, bringing smiles and warmth to our residents, staff, and visitors alike. Bright colors and cheerful designs added a special touch to our Easter festivities, making it a celebration to remember.

We are also thrilled to highlight our amazing volunteer therapy dogs: Big Mike, Meeko, and Lacey! These furry friends bring comfort, joy, and companionship to our residents. Their regular visits brighten everyone's days and are always highly anticipated.

Thank you for being part of our extended family. Here's to celebrating spring and looking forward to many more joyful moments together!

Warm regards,

Jeff

### **Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of volunteers to help enhance the lives of our residents. We would love to have someone do manicures for our ladies. Having someone play an instrument during meal times would also be helpful. An art class or hand bell choir are other options. If you can help in any of these areas or have other ways you can support the residents, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Michele Blair, Residential Services Director.



### In Memory

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

Rose Greco

Umberto Gigliotti

Mazie Lohrmann

Virginia Woods

Shirley Decook

Bruce Gordner

Iris Brower

Doris "June" Smith

Alfred Miraglia

Pat Lyon

Carolyn Perri

Diane Rice

## Happy Birthday to Us!!!

Wayne County Nursing Home (AKA Wayne County Poor House) celebrated its 195<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 12, 2025. We recognized the home's role in the county's history and the home's service to the community. Residents were served birthday cake during lunch to celebrate the birthday and cutout cookies were handed out at the Pub.

The Wayne County Poor House was established in 1830 to provide for the needs of the destitute. The Poor House played an important role in not just the history of Wayne County, but also in the history of the United States. It provided shelter for many old aged slaves, Indians, Civil War vets, aged/ill workers of the Erie Canal, and immigrants. Census at the home increased during the Great Depression. Property of the home was sold to make way for the railroad, trolley, the Erie Canal, the Barge Canal, and Route 31.

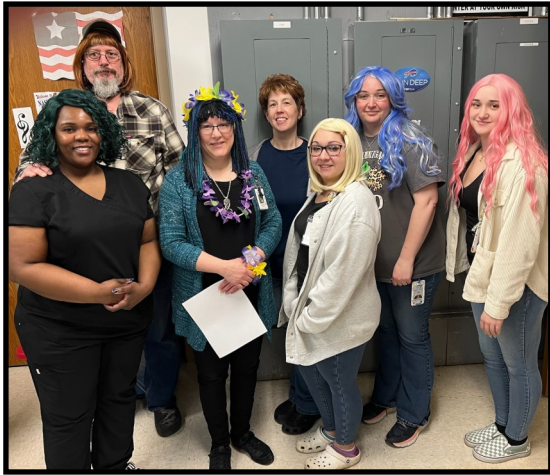
Social reform has enabled the home to evolve to what we see today- a beautiful home for the chronically ill. The home has continually been faced with financial and regulatory pressures. Despite these challenges, the Wayne County Poor House and WCNH always maintained a good reputation. The quality of care has always been higher than the industry's standard. As our society continues to evolve and the needs to the elderly change, our WCNH leaders will adapt its processes and services. Our administrators and staff are committed to serving the community and are proud to do so.

## Important Upcoming Dates



- April 18th WCNH Resident Council Bake Sale
- May 8th Alzheimer's Association Education Series Part 1: Understanding Dementia
- May 12-16th National Nursing Home Week. WCNH Theme is superheroes!
- May 16th Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- May 22nd Alzheimer's Association Education Series Part 2: Effective Communication Strategies
- June 4th Family Council Meeting
- June 5th Alzheimer's Association Education Series Part 3: Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behavior.
- June 14 WCNH Foundation Car Show





The Nursing Home celebrated National Wig Day on March 11th. Above are members of the Activity Dept. Thank you to them and all the Wig Day participants!! We got a lot of laughs and smiles that day !!

### Thank you to our Fur Friends!

We would like to extend our appreciation to our pet therapists. Joe Valentine started volunteering at WCNH in 2019 and is the handler for Lacey, a schnoodle. Joe also now brings Big Mike, a standard poodle. Both dogs get lots of hugs and smiles from our residents and we appreciate Joe sharing them with us.

We also would like to recognize Sandy Cole and her golden retriever, Meeko. Sandy and Meeko started volunteering at the nursing home last year. Meeko is adored as well and everyone looks forward to his visits.



spring is here



### Community TV Channel

As part of our Direct TV service, the nursing home has its own community channel. This is channel 2. Daily we air a power point slide show that announces the meals of the day and resident birthdays. There are informational slides such as information about our CMS star rating and general contact information. We also periodically will use this channel to show programs picked out by the residents. Channel 2 is a great source of information and entertainment. Check it out!!

### Have a concern? Let us know!!

WCNH Compliance Hotline  
315-946-5674

Local Ombudsman Office (Lifespan)  
585-244-8400

NYS DOH Complaint Hotline  
1-888-201-4563





## Resident Highlight

Our resident highlight for this quarter is Linda Busco. Linda has been at the nursing home since June of last year and lives on Orchard Way. She previously lived in Lyons where she had lived since the 6th grade. She was married to her husband, Sam, before he passed after 44 years of marriage. She retired from the Department of Motor Vehicles and before that worked as a customer service supervisor for Sarah Coventry. Linda was the oldest of seven children. She has one son, grandson, and daughter-in-law. She is close with her family and is very appreciative that she was able to attend her grandson's wedding last October.

Linda says that the best part of being at the nursing home is the friends that she has made. She loves her new friends and says that they've helped her a lot. Linda is a big Elvis fan. Her favorite pastime is doing crossword puzzles. Her favorite group activity is Bingo. Linda's best advice for life is this: "It doesn't hurt to smile even if (they) are berating you." If you have moment, please stop by OW to say "Hi" to Linda. She'll be sure to brighten your day!!



## Staff Highlight

Jasmine Van Winkle is the secretary for the activity and social work departments. Jasmine has worked at the nursing home for four years. Prior to her current position, she worked as a part-time front desk receptionist.

Jasmine lives in Newark. She has nine siblings including an identical twin! She is very close with her grandma. Jasmine enjoys reading and crafts. She also coaches cheerleading for the Newark team.

Jasmine is a great team player and frequently helps out with activity programs. The thing that Jasmine loves the best about her job is the residents. She says she loves their personalities and states that they are all funny in their own way. She enjoys working with them and says that each day she makes happy memories by being here for them.



Thank you to Walt Crum for making an Easter arch from balloons for the residents and staff. Walt is a talented balloon artist and you will see him at many of the area farmer's markets. We appreciate him sharing his artistry with us!!

