



WCNH Newsletter First Quarter 2023

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

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Administrative Update

We have worked hard this past year, and have made many improvements to our facility. We installed our new nurse call system, rebuilt our cooling towers, replaced our heat and hot water boilers, painted the exterior of the building, installed new sidewalks, and repaired roofs. We have also worked hard cleaning, stripping and waxing floors, painting and patching the inside of the building as well. But the most important thing we have been trying to do, is to get back to some semblance of normal!

That said, Wayne County Nursing Home is one of eight County run nursing homes left in the State, and we are working hard to provide our residents with the highest quality of care in the best possible environment. As Wayne County residents ourselves, we take great pride in our County facility, and we are honored to be able to take care of this beautiful facility and help ensure it continues on in perpetuity for generations to come.

I look forward to another year as administrator of the Wayne County Nursing Home.-Jeff

Education Corner

We encourage all residents to complete MOLSTS (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment). This includes questions about Do Not Resuscitate orders, artificial ventilators and feeding tubes. While none of us want anything serious to happen, inevitably your loved one will eventually experience a major medical crisis. It is important to talk with your resident about what kinds of treatments they would like or not like to have. Knowing these answers prior to a crisis can make it easier to make decisions during critical situations. Questions to consider are: 1) What is their prognosis? 2) What resources are available at the nursing home to treat my loved one? 3) What are the burdens and benefits of aggressive treatments such as IVs, intubations, and tube feedings? 4) How does my loved one define their quality of life? When the burdens of living are greater than the joys of living, it may be time to let go. Hospice and comfort care/palliative care services are available to you and your loved one. Our social workers have resources available to you to help you better understand your options. Please see them for support and assistance.

Tidbits from the Activity Department

- We are looking for suggestions for favorite classic TV shows or movies the residents would enjoy. We'll broadcast it on our Retirement TV Community Channel 2.
- Stop in the Activity Room to see "Flipper" our goldfish and his newly hired cleaning crew, the "Snail Squad."
- Look for our upcoming events: Shooting Gallery (nerf guns only), Fashion Show, and Disney Day.



In Memory

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

David Kester

Tony Wiles

Laura Porter

JoAnn Merola

Jeanne Bowen

Garrett Smith

Dorothy Decker

Darel Williams

Marilyn Bixby

Bruce Hadley

Rachel Duhaime

Lynnette Skinner

Brain Copeland

Recruiting Volunteers

We are welcoming volunteers on a limited basis. We are specifically looking for volunteers to help with the following:

- Give the ladies manicures.
- Direct a resident hand bell choir.
- Facilitate an art class.
- Play the piano for the residents during lunch or dinner.

Volunteers must follow the same requirements as staff ie- have received the Covid Vaccine, wear a medical mask at all times while volunteering, and preferably have received the flu vaccine.

If you could help us out, we'd love to hear from you!! Please contact Michele Blair at 315-946-5673 or mblair@co.wayne.ny.us.

Thank you to New Reflections Band for entertaining our residents last month.



Christmas Kudos

We would like to extend our gratitude to the many community groups who provided gifts, cards, or flowers for our residents this Christmas:

- Marshall Farms
- St. John's Lutheran Church
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Jammies for Grammies
- NRW Middle School
- Catholic Daughters
- Sharon Brooks- Marion Community
- Palmyra Reformed Church
- Kinney's Drugs (Lyons)
- Clyde-Savannah Girl Scouts

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

We would also like to thank the following persons for their entries for the **Foundation's Festival of Trees**: Evolved Home Furnishings, Sandy Sloane, Sandy Graham, Anne Church, Kyra Smith, Dave Dewolf, Lisa Derue, Nine Pines Country Store, Eileen Van Norman, Hand Crafted Hugs Club, Carol Quagliata, Grace Norcott, Cathy Kallassy, Jen Marlow, Dick Lewis, Pat Lewis, Lynette Lake, April Lake Sheila Toles, Donna Vowell, Margie Goodman Wall, Cherie Murray, Terry Decola, Rebecca Granger, Michele Blair and Christopher VanAuken. The facility was so pretty for our residents and we had lots of fun with the bids.