



WCNH Newsletter

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

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Administrative Update

As we embrace the warmth of summer, I am reminded of the special memories this season brings. Summer has a unique way of drawing us together, whether through family gatherings, outdoor activities, or simply enjoying the sunshine. It's a time to create new memories while reminiscing about the cherished moments from summers past. Here at Wayne County Nursing Home, we are committed to making this summer a memorable one for all our residents and their families. Our dedicated team has planned a variety of activities and events designed to celebrate the season and foster a sense of community and connection. We've curated a range of summer-themed activities that cater to everyone's interests. From ice cream socials to music events and evening campfires, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Our goal is to ensure that each resident has the opportunity to participate in activities that bring joy and engagement. We encourage families to join us in these celebrations. Your presence and participation are invaluable, bringing joy and a sense of belonging to our residents. Whether it's attending an event, sharing a meal, or simply spending time together, these moments are treasured by all. While we enjoy the warm weather, we remain vigilant about the health and safety of our residents and staff. We continue to follow best practices to ensure a safe and healthy environment, including staying hydrated, using sunscreen, and monitoring the weather for outdoor activities. As we look forward to the rest of the summer, we are excited about the opportunities to come together and create lasting memories. Our staff is dedicated to providing the highest level of care and support, ensuring that this summer is a happy and fulfilling time for all. Thank you for being a part of our community. Together, let's make this summer one to remember!

Kudos to Week of Hope Volunteers

Week of Hope are community service mission trips for youth. These volunteers and their adult leaders coordinate with local churches and service groups to provide assistance to people in need. We will have volunteers from the Week of Hope at the nursing home for four weeks this summer. They will be assisting the activity department in providing recreational programs for our residents. To date, we have had a summer carnival, shooting gallery, balloon wars, sing-alongs and many other games with the teens and the residents. We cannot thank the Week of Hope participants enough for giving up part of their summer and free time to be here. It is very heart warming to see our elders interacting with the youth. Everyone is having fun together and we truly appreciate these special volunteers.



In Memory

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

Alda Blamble

Constance DAmato

Nora Bombard

James Bush

Ruth Moore

Susan Wright

Dorothea Whitcomb

Hilda Scofield

William DeWispelaere

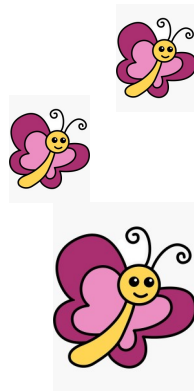
Safety First!

We have made changes to our front door and visitor procedures. All visitors must now sign in and out with the receptionist upon arriving at the nursing home and when leaving the nursing home. Also, we also are no longer leaving the door to the pub patio unlocked. These changes were made due to some emergent resident safety concerns. We would rather be inconvenienced than have someone injured. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.



Volunteer Opportunities

These requests are directly from the residents. They would love additional pet therapy services. They also would like more homemade clothing protectors. The nursing home budget is limited and there currently is not funding to pay for certified pet therapy or to purchase the nicer clothing protectors. If you have some four legged furry friends that are registered to bring some companionship to patients, let us know. And if you enjoy sewing and need a project, let us know that too. If you can help out with either need, please contact Michele Blair, Residential Services Director, at 315-946-5673 ext. 4670.



Butterfly Release Memorial Service

We will be holding our third annual Butterfly Release

and Memorial Program on August 30th at 11:00. We will be purchasing painted lady butterflies from the Cloverlawn Butterflies Company. The butterflies will be packaged in individual envelopes. As we open and release the butterfly, we will announce the name to recognize a loved one who has passed.

If you would like to purchase a butterfly, please contact Michele Blair, 315-946-5673, as soon as possible. Cost is ten dollars per butterfly. Any proceeds from the sale will go to Resident Council.



Have a concern? Let us know!!

WCNH Compliance
Hotline 315-946-5674

NYS DOH Complaint
Hotline 1-888-201-4563

Local Ombudsman Office
(Lifespan) 585-244-8400

There are ongoing support groups available through the **Alzheimer's Association** to help you cope with having a loved one with dementia. Call 1-800-272-3900 for more info.

Resident Highlight



Meet Marcie Wiltsie! Marcie has lived at the nursing home for eleven months. She states “she loves it here!” Marcie feels the people here are nice to her and she has made many friends. She admits that she was scared at first to come to the nursing home, but now she is very happy. She participates in many social programs and loves Bingo. She enjoys watching television and playing games on her tablet too.

Marcie was born in Mexico and came to the USA in 1973 as an adult. She married an American who she met while living in Mexico. She states that the hardest thing when she moved to the USA was learning to speak English. However, now she states she only speaks English and she cannot speak Spanish anymore!

Marcie has five step-children and her family visits often. She lives on Lakeview Heights and is it a joy to have her here as part of our “nursing home family.”

Staff Highlight

Meet Karen Tirado! Karen currently works in the Pub. She has worked for the nursing home for 43 years! She initially worked as a household assistance but gradually transferred to the kitchen. She did retire, but missed working and returned to work part-time. Karen says that the residents are the favorite part of her job. “Even when they’re grumpy they’re fine,” she states. She is proud that she was taught in the “old school” and likes to do things the “right way.” Karen is very kind to everyone and enjoys chatting with people. She also makes very yummy meals and treats!! Stop in to say “hi” and to make a purchase. The Pub is most generally open 10:00-1:30 Monday—Friday.

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one random act of
kindness daily
we just might set
the world in the
right direction



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