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Unique activities enrich lives of Pleasant View residents

Corunna, Mich. - Pleasant View is pleased to announce the addition of Amy Conklin, life enrichment coordinator, to its team. Conklin is an MSU graduate who has lived in Corunna since 2000 and has more than 15 years of experience working at facilities in Flushing, Flint, Frankenmuth and Lansing.

“I am thankful for the opportunity to enhance the lives of others in my own community. We work diligently to be person-centered and involved in the community through our life enrichment department,” stated Conklin.

Pleasant View’s Life Enrichment Department, more commonly known as “Activities,” is tasked with providing residents with a calendar full of opportunities to have fun, learn something new, or just socialize with others. The department features a home theater room with a 100” screen, specific rooms for games, cards and crafts, a library, a relaxation room and family visitation rooms.

Activities include bingo, musical performances, painting, floral arranging, shopping and sporting event trips, and lots of parties.

“We can always find a reason to celebrate here at Pleasant View! Our residents just had a Mardi Gras party and will soon be celebrating both Pie Day on March 14, with a wonderful selection of pies made by our dietary department, and St. Patty’s Day on March 17,” Conklin explained.

Pleasant View also offers both music and animal therapy. As a Music and MemorySM Certified Care Facility, every resident has their own iPod with personalized playlists which enables those struggling with Alzheimer’s, dementia and other cognitive challenges to reconnect with the world through music-triggered memories. Access to animals can have a powerful impact on residents as well. Pleasant View is home to two cats, Oreo and Buddy, who live in the activities center, and for more than 50 birds, with five aviaries located throughout the facility. Pet visits are also



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encouraged as long as the animals are properly vaccinated, with records on file with the Life Enrichment Department, and are leashed and controlled at all times by their owners.

A new program is being developed for volunteers who are interested in enriching the lives of others and giving back to the community.

“We recently did a Valentine exchange with a class at a local elementary school and both groups had so much fun creating and receiving their valentines,” shared Conklin. “My goal is to create more opportunities for interaction between our residents and community individuals and groups.”

Pleasant View, Shiawassee County’s Medical Care Facility, is owned and operated by Shiawassee County as a service to its residents. Offering long-term care, short-term rehab, hospice and memory care, it strives to create a home-like atmosphere for its residents. For additional information on Pleasant View services or the new facility it is building in The Commons, please visit pleasantviewmcf.org.