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CRT Hosts Pleasant View's 2nd Annual Senior Prom

Magical is what comes to mind when describing Prom night.

With twinkling lights throughout Townsquare, music from the '50s and '60s was blaring for all to hear. The joy and excitement was felt by all in attendance.

The ladies were dressed in their best and crowned in tiaras and pearls, and the men in top hats fit for a King, all provided by CRT (Community Relations Team of Pleasant View).

Residents danced the night away, taking short breaks for cocktails and mocktails provided by the Community Relations Team. The Community Relations Team put so much love and energy into this night. Staff donated hours, helping decorate and getting the residents dressed for the Prom. **Fosters Coffee and Cupcakes and Kisses** donated beverages and snacks for the residents to enjoy. It was a night to remember!





Shana Says:

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

Be your own best caregiver.

Being a caregiver is one of the most rewarding yet challenging roles we may ever play as adults. Whether caregiving in your personal life or work life, it is a beautiful blessing. However, it can sometimes be draining due to the complex emotions of caring for those you love and respect. Finding it deep within to work through these times is the art of caregiving. It's what we do as caregivers; we are built to outlast the last.

We often fall short when it comes to giving care to ourselves. My fellow caregivers, we have been through a lot, and now it's time to ensure we're taking care of ourselves. Set aside time as often as possible to make yourself a priority. As the weather warms, take time to enjoy the fresh air, go to a beach with family or a movie with your mate, or simply take a deep breath and relax. Self-care is important. YOU are important, so take care of yourself. BE YOUR OWN CAREGIVER.

— Shana Espinoza, MSN, RN, LNHA

Events & Happenings

JULY

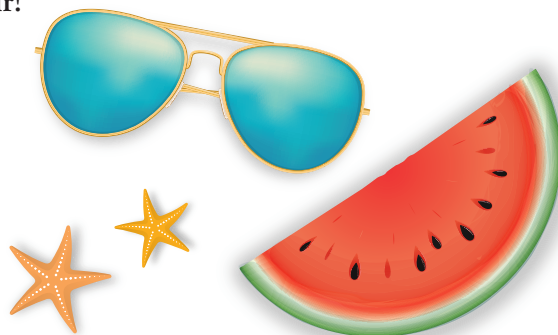
- 3** Red, white, and blue popsicles & 4th of July Craft
- 4** Fireworks at dusk
- 6** Men's Group
- 7** Matt Canfield Band
- 10** Bahama Mamas
- 11** Fruit Skewers
- 13** Breath of Fresh Air
- 14** Mixed Nuts Band
- 18** Celebration of Life
Remote Control Cars
- 19** Car Show with
Mijos food truck
- 21** Terry Baibos
- 24** Birthday Party
- 25** Mini Golf
- 26** Cooking Club
- 27** Painting with a Twist
- 28** Tom Smela
- 29** Live Stream of
Hannah's Wedding
- 31** Matt Packer
- TBD Restaurant Outing
- TBD Park Outing

AUGUST

- 1** Watermelon
- 4** Billy McCallister
- 7-** Shiawassee
- 11** County Fair
- 8** Ice Cream Social
- 11** Chelsea W.
- 14** Mojito Bar
- 15** Poker Run
- 18** Michele Spitz
- 21** Karaoke
- 22** Lawn Games Battle
- 23** Cooking Club
- 24** Painting with a Twist
- 25** Dan Bryson
- 29** Wheel of Fortune
- 31** Breath of Fresh Air!
- TBD Tractor Show
- TBD Outing

SEPTEMBER

- 1** Clarkson's Music
- 4** Labor Day Craft
- 5** Strawberry Daiquiris
- 8** Mixed Nuts Band
- 11** Root Beer Floats
- 14** Fall Themed Craft
- 15** Jim Herman Music
- 19** Cider & Donuts
- 22** Michele Spitz
- 26** Oktoberfest
- 28** Painting with a Twist
- 29** Tom Smela Music



Tips from T

THERESA DELAU, RN, BSN,
DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Celebrating Growth & Change

So many exciting changes this year at Pleasant View – and we are only halfway through 2023!

We partnered with Theoria Medical and are seeing exciting results thanks to a powerful PV team effort and a willingness from Theoria to collaborate and adapt to the complex needs of a world-class, skilled nursing facility. It is the mark of a strong partnership when we can learn from each other and create an even better product for those we serve.

The construction of our new dialysis clinic is underway, and we look forward to enhancing the quality of life for those we serve with these complex needs.

We had some exciting changes in nurse leadership with **Hollie Downen, RN**, accepting the role of Assistant Director of Nursing/Infection Preventionist, and **Talenna Ackels, RN BSN**, accepting the role of Nurse Educator. We have made steady progress in these transitions and have much to look forward to as each of these fine nurses continues to develop as professionals, but also how they will each build upon the programs they are stepping into with a fresh perspective.

We collaborated with Jackson County Medical Care Facility and conducted mock annual surveys for each other to help prepare each of our homes for our annual surveys with the state. It is advantageous for an organization to have strong strategic partnerships where we can learn from each other to improve the care and services we provide.

If you've been around PV for a while, you know we do our finest work when we proactively embrace change, turn challenges into opportunities, and continue to develop as a team. I am very proud of this entire team and how each person in their role find ways to improve what we are doing here!

Anniversaries

We would like to acknowledge our staff members for their service and dedication to our residents!

MAY

Renee Campbell, 4 years
Patrick Demello, 7 years
Rachel Esch, 4 years
Stephanie Harter, 5 years
Kelly Knieper, 10 years
Kathryn McMillan, 6 years
Heather McRae, 1 year
Courtney Nichols, 11 years
Donald Nidefski, 23 years
Leslie Nierescher, 3 years
Jennifer Pokorny, 1 year
Corey Ross, 8 years
Rachel Siddock, 1 year
Lisa Snyder, 7 years
Mandy Sutton, 13 years
Cassandra Szilaygi, 5 years
Shelley Tollefson, 9 years
Wendy Vincent, 3 years
Ashley Webster, 21 years
Pamela Westervelt, 5 years
Stephen Zemcik, 5 years

JUNE

Michelle Campbell, 1 year
Abigale Corp, 2 years
Kenzee DeFrenn, 1 year
Jackie Grams, 14 years
Gregory Hath, 5 years
Amanda Helps, 2 years
Grant Johnson, 4 years
Diana March, 27 years
Lisa Ream, 9 years
Julie Spencer, 6 years
Lynette Schneider, 10 years
Christian Smithingell, 5 years
Joale Villarreal, 16 years
Brian Wells, 7 years
Darla Wells, 3 years

JULY

Tylar Casler, 2 years
Hanna Cole, 4 years
Hanna Crist, 1 year
Ruby Dunham, 1 year
James Krizan, 6 years
Geneva Lamb, 1 year
Alexis Morton, 4 years
Mikayla Murphy, 1 year
Chad Pilot, 9 years
David Skuczias, 6 years
Angela Smalley, 5 years
Aaron Taylor, 2 years

AUGUST

Annette Billings, 9 years
Andrea Bramer, 3 years
Donna Bullen, 4 years
Haley Carpenter, 1 year
Stefanie Dunham, 1 year
Tereva Gibbs, 8 years
Kristina Griffin, 5 years
Erin Kelley, 21 years
Alyssa LaBarge, 1 year
Tiffany Lopez, 15 years
Amanda Lester, 8 years
Angela McKinnis, 4 years
Jayden Nierescher, 2 years
Erika Tomac, 7 years
Kristin Wharton, 13 years
Debra Wirostek, 12 years

**Nothing teaches, hope, kindness, courage and compassion like helping others.
We are looking for awesome people to volunteer with our amazing team!**



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Pleasant View Partners with Concerto to Bring Dialysis In-House for our Residents

The construction has finally started and we are excited about being able to offer this service to our residents.

The demand for renal care has made obtaining appointments very challenging and we are committed to researching every opportunity possible to ensure we offer our residents the best care and health options. The in-house dialysis services will be for Pleasant View SCMCF residents at this time.

If you would like more information, please contact Rachel Baldwin, Public Relations Director at 989-743-3491, ext. 531 or visit us at pleasantviewscmcf.org



SPOTLIGHT ON A TEAM MEMBER:

Congratulations to Teri Burtis for 41 Years of Service with Pleasant View!

This past February, Teri celebrated her 40th year working at PV.

Teri has been a treasure in many departments from Nursing as a CENA to Restorative aide to the kitchen to Central Supply, twice.

Teri started here at PV February 7th, 1983. This was back when CNAs wore white pants, white shoe and gate belts. From the start Teri became a resident favorite with her caring and shy personality. Her love of the residents and the job showed. Her work ethic and love of the job made her a wonderful trainer when new aides were coming onto the job.

Teri is also the heart of her family, as well. Teri and her husband, Rod, have two boys, Nathan and Nick. With her family she enjoys racing and camping. She spends her summer Friday nights at the race track watching her husband and son. Teri also love her weekly dinners and get away trips with her lifelong girlfriends.

Teri's kind heart, special hugs, positive attitude and singing makes her one of Pleasant View's treasured gems — a true asset to the residents and staff at PV. Thank you, Teri, for your lifetime on the job and everything you do!



COMEDY CORNER

Why was the young man told to break a leg when trying out for upcoming plays



Answer: Because every play has a cast.

Joke by Randy B.

