

Across the Greenfield

The Spartaneers!



Spartan Finale

The residents worked hard over the past 14-weeks, building strength, improving balance, and teamwork, all comprising of our final Spartan event. It was amazing to see the residents working together, encouraging one another to finish! Staff cleared out both dining rooms and the

activity room to allow for enough space for the 10-obstacles: Hercules Hoist, Ball Toss, Atlas Carry, Twister, Sandbag Carry, Tire Flip, The Gauntlet, Bucket Brigade, Sled Pull and Fire Jump. Everyone completed the event and crossed over the finish line. Medals and Spartan T-shirts were

awarded to all participants. Thanks to Lynn our new administrator, the activity staff and staff members who made this event possible! We even appeared in the Bureau County Republican and on WQAD TV! Aroo!



Marlene



Father Ed



Glenn & Elaine



Pizza Hut Night - Jeanne, Marge, Norma



Mary B.



Jane



Emagene



Phyllis

Across Lynn's Desk

We sure have been having a lot of fun around here! We appreciate your support and encouragement as we spread our wings and try new things. We already have more excitement planned!

Have you ever wondered where we come up with these ideas? I'm going to let you in on our secret. They come from the people who live here! I know there are a lot of people who go to work just to earn a living. That is not the culture at Greenfield. We are all incredibly passionate about our mission and the people we serve.

We want to be the very best place to live and we are willing to do what it takes to deliver that. Do you know how we do it? This is another one of our secrets. We start with the person. Every decision we make

starts with "How will this affect our seniors? What would our seniors want?" Sometimes we get this information from things we pick up in conversations with them. Sometimes it's because we've asked a specific question. Sometimes they bring it up themselves. It doesn't matter how we get the message. It matters that we hear them.

We've been listening and we are delivering. One thing that is most important to our seniors is their health and wellness. They know how important it is for quality of life. They want to live their best life possible. You might have noticed an increase in this area. But, there is more to come. We will be continuing to add programming that enhances the physical, nutritional, mental, social, and emotional wellness of the

people who live here.

"Person centered care" has become a coined phrase used by long-term care facilities everywhere. We don't just say it. We live it. If you ever have any suggestions about how we can improve the life of the people we serve, please let us know. We are listening!

Lynn Olds

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New Social Service Designee - Kate Webster

My name is Kate Webster. I am taking over as the Social Worker when Pam Kaufmann retires on October 7, 2021. I have lived in Princeton all my life except for when I went away to school. I attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale for my Bachelors in Social Work and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for my Masters.

I worked at Aperion Care Princeton, A.K.A. Colonial Hall, for seven years as the social worker before coming here. I was ready for a change of pace and to be able

to spend more time with residents instead of my paperwork.

My parents are David and Mary Susan Webster (Nee Castner) and I also have a sister Emily Webster who is 18 months younger than me. I am active in the First Christian Church, the Green Interest Group in Princeton, and in Via de Cristo.

I like to watch the Chicago Blackhawks on TV, work on my family tree, shop for bargains at thrift stores/flea markets, travel, and hope to travel to Ireland someday.

I do have a disability called, Cerebral Palsy, that was caused by brain damage when I was born. It affects my balance, so you may see me use a cane or a rollator. Because of my disability I like to support other organizations for people with disabilities and am on the boards of Gateway Services and Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living. I look forward to getting to know all the residents and family members of Greenfield.

Kate Webster, SSD

Happy Retirement, Pam Kaufmann!

To my friends at Greenfield - It is hard for me to believe that this is the last time I will write something for the newsletter! As most of you are aware, my final day of working full time, as the Social Services Designee, is Thursday, October 7. I will continue to work on an 'as-needed' basis, as a resident assistant. We will continue to see each other now and then.

Kate Webster began working with me, Monday, September 27. I am pleased to turn the reins over to Kate. As Kate has worked in a similar capacity at Aperion Care (formerly Colonial Hall), perhaps some of you recognize

her from there. You are in good hands with Kate. Thank you for the ways you have already welcomed her to Greenfield!

The warm community at Greenfield is one thing, among many, that I cherish. I have the best co-workers - dedicated, knowledgeable, creative and friendly. I could not ask to be part of a better team.

I know the best residents and families. You have taught me many things - how to be flexible, how to struggle with disappointment, how to age gracefully. The months, since COVID became part of our

vocabulary, have held some very difficult things. You kept me encouraged and forgave me, when necessary, as the stress of attempting to keep everyone COVID-free was heavy. Thank you.

As I retire, the full scope of retirement is not fleshed out yet. I have some initial plans. It will be interesting to see what opportunities are to be discovered. I could go on, but I will not be able to tell you, in entirety, what knowing you has meant to me. My heart is full.

Pam Kaufmann, SSD

Homestead Festival Parade

This was our first year in a long time that we were actually in the Homestead Festival Parade. There were well over a hundred entries and we were fortunate to receive number 19 in the lineup! We wanted to create a float but due to COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to accomplish this; however, we were grateful to have our new logo presented along with

some of the residents inside the vehicles. Prior to the parade, the residents stuck labels on cinnamon flavored Teddy Grahams to throw to the children, along with candy. The residents in the parade had a ball! The next day, all the residents watched the parade via streaming on the Internet.



**Greenfield Van
with New Logo**

Arts, Crafts & Baking

This month Deb assisted the residents with some engaging and fun arts/crafts and baking projects. They made concord grape pie and baklava. They were both delicious! The grapes were from Deb's grape vine at home, so they were fresh, tart and tasty. The

baklava consisted of two kinds of nuts, phyllo dough, honey and a lot of butter! Also, delicious! The craft project consisted of air-dry clay, which was molded into apple shaped pinch pots and once dry, they were painted. Thanks, Deb!



Barb

Flowers Galore

We were blessed with a generous donation of flowers from the Norberg Funeral Home. Instead of leaving them in the large bouquets, the residents deconstructed them into

beautiful centerpieces for all the residents to enjoy.



Deb & Doris H.

Mrs. May's 3rd Grade Pen Pals

Although the children were unable to visit in person with the residents, we corresponded through the written word. Greenfield

residents shared a bit about themselves along with pictures and the children wrote back with some cute coloring pages and brief

biographies. Next month the pen pal group will meet and talk about Halloween adventures.

Scarecrow Stuffing

In preparation for the 9th annual scarecrow contest, the residents helped us stuff scarecrows. It was a messy job but fun! We'll see if we win! More on that in next month's newsletter.



**Emagene
& Friends
stuffing
scarecrows**

Pizza Hut

This month, the residents chose to patronize Pizza Hut and enjoy some cheesy-goodness personal pan pizza and other entrees.

The service was outstanding and the food was great! For some of the residents, this was the first time enjoying a pizza from the community

since COVID-19 began! Thanks to Ann and all the staff at Pizza Hut!

Ice Cream Sundae

What would the end of summer be without ice cream? We thought of

every kind of topping along with Sisler's ice cream and

discovered some interesting combinations. Delicious!

Fried Green Tomatoes

Many of you have seen the movie: "Fried Green Tomatoes", but have you actually tasted one? Sam, activity assistant, fried some up for the residents to try...and they LOVED them!

We also learned some fun facts and tried our hand at a Southern crossword puzzle. What a great way to use up unripened tomatoes. Thanks, Sam!



Sam



Watching the Homestead Parade on TV



Spartan Danny



Spartan Marvin



Margaret & Christy



Ruth D.



Doris B.



Gratice



Spartan Anita

COVID Booster Shots

I cannot believe it is October already. The holidays are just around the corner. I am hoping and praying with increased vaccination rates in the community that COVID numbers will drop and we will be able to enjoy the holiday season with our families this year.

With fall and winter, of course, comes the cold and flu season. We will be offering the influenza

vaccine for our residents and staff on October 28th.

Oregon Healthcare Pharmacy will be coming here and giving vaccine to all who desire to receive it. I encourage everyone who is able to take advantage of this opportunity in order to keep all of us as healthy as possible this winter.

I will be distributing educational information and forms to fill out regarding your desire to receive or

decline the vaccine over the next week or so.

I also continue to work with Oregon Healthcare Pharmacy regarding COVID vaccine booster shots and will update you as I receive information and am able to schedule the boosters.

Here's to a happy and healthy holiday season.

Shelly Davis, DCN



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