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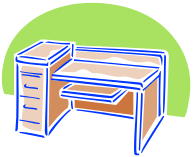
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From the Desk of the Administrator

As summer approaches it means we are gearing up for our Fire Marshal and annual Kansas State Survey. We are making sure we have crossed all our T's and dotted all our I's. The last few months have been very busy here at the Annex.

The start of a small bathroom remodel ended with new wall coverings, handrails, and room signs for the Nursing Home. I appreciate all of the hard work by the staff. Extra kudos go to Housekeeping and Maintenance. The housekeepers were instrumental in removing the old wall covering along with getting the walls prepped for the new wall coverings. Maintenance installed our new handrails and worked very hard to get

them in quickly. We are still working on re-hanging some of the decorations.

The south shower of the west hall has been renovated. It really looks like home compared to what it was. I appreciate all the work from the residents with assisting us with colors, towels, and decorations to hang in the shower room. Everyone did a wonderful job with this project.

Since the last newsletter the nursing department has implemented a new charting program called CareTracker. This system allows the nurse aides and charge nurses to directly input information into the computer system. This information is then received by the MDS Coordinator for review. This has proven to be a wonderful addition to our facility. I want to thank the Sunflower Foundation for allowing us this opportunity to provide our staff with this program. Without their grant

assistance CareTracker would not have been possible.

We have applied for a tax credit through the Kansas Department of Commerce. Notice will be given out in July as to which applicants were lucky enough to be chosen for their Tax Credit program. I appreciate everyone who supported us with this application. Your letters of support and monetary pledges helped us to make the opportunity of applying for this credit possible. Our request for tax credits was to help assist Attica Long Term Care in building and providing a FEMA rated storm shelter for our residents, staff, and the Attica community in case a tornado or severe weather would occur.

I am hoping that we will have good news to share with each and every one of you in July. Once again, thank you for your continued support of Attica Long Term Care.

Holly Schwein, Administrator



Memory Lane

We have 6 wonderful residents in Memory Lane. They are enjoying lot of different fun outdoors activities when able. We planted some flowers outdoors in flower pots.

We enjoy bus rides, noodle ball, daily devotions, cards, memory games, puzzles, word games, coloring, reminiscing and many other activities of choice. We are planning a cookout for the 4th of July. Hope to watch some fireworks outdoors.

We are planning on some decorations outside for our courtyard. We have one more available room.

Tammy Struble CMA, RA, Activity Director, and SSD

Care Plan Meetings

Join your loved one's care plan meeting, held every Tuesday, by calling Kris Cooper at (620)254-7253 for the schedule.



Creation Station

The past months have been a busy time in activities, with bingo, fit and fun, exercises, hair do's, bible study, and cooking group. We want to thank the assistance of our volunteers; we were able to have outside parties and social events.

In April, we took our yearly trip to the Shrine circus in Wichita. We had a great time. Thank you to all who donated their time to come along and

help. Also a big thank you to Wayne Kiser for always getting us free tickets to go and remembering us every year. Our residents look forward to it as well.

On Mother's day we had tea and a make-up day with a photo shoot. Thanks to those of you who attended. The ladies really enjoyed this and we look forward to doing this again next year. Father's day was another fun filled day with a large wild life display that was informative. Thanks to Chuck Berry for bring his display and also thanks to all of you who donated ties for this occasion.

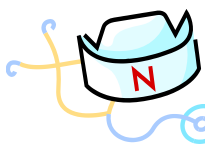
It's looking to be a busy summer with Independence day celebration as well as getting ready for the rodeo and parade.

Thank you to the members of the Attica Saddle club for also remembering us. Our residents are excited about going to the rodeo.

Future plans include some day care children coming and having a sack lunch with the residents.

You are always welcome to join your family member in activities and meet our volunteers and staff.

Jinnie Berry A.D.



Nursing News

I am really excited about all the new changes around here. We remodeled a Shower room and it became a bigger project than expected,

but we have new wall covering, hand rails and room signs. Our hallways are so bright and clean looking. The residents seem to enjoy all the new changes. I would like to thank everyone that has helped to make the shower room and hallways beautiful.

Dolores has been really busy this month. She is teaching a CNA class with WE-CARE and has five students. So if you see extra faces helping your loved ones you will know who they are.

We have several new residents here at the facility. We just had two residents come on Friday. So please come and get to know them. We have 53 residents at this time.

We have also hired lots of new staff. This will give us the opportunity to provide better, consistent care to your loved ones. My staff have been working hard together to give the good care your loved one deserves. Barb Lassiter is no longer with us, she has moved to Joplin, MO., to be close to her family so we wish her the best of luck. If you have any concerns please let me know, we want you and your loved ones happy.

We have the Care Tracker system for the CNA's to document the care they give your loved ones. This is the black monitors on the wall that you have been seeing.

Thank you for letting us take care of your loved ones.

Teresa Woods, DON



Food Focus

Life here in the dietary department has been hectic and chaotic! With the new Restaurant Style Dining, Menu, kitchen remodel, employee training, etc-etc-etc (quote-Yul Brenner), the entire staff has been put to the test. I'm happy to say that most of us have passed. We are into the 6th month of the new dining and hopefully have most of the bugs worked out. Please come and join your loved one for the occasional meal at the facility. Guest meals are \$4.50 each and you get to order off the extended menu. It's a great place to socialize, stretch out or to even play board games. The resident's do love the availability of items and the friendly service.

Several special events have taken place with us-multiple parties and supporting the Activity Department is just a small piece of what we do. The staff has made time to get together socially and create a delicious Mexican meal, games and prizes. Everyone has worked long and hard to get to where we are today and they really do "rock" even to the point of making this style look easy. Guest interaction is at a all time high and we get to help with the day to day assistance of our friends that live here with us.

The department can't wait to see what's around the corner for us! There will be a menu change in the Fall and special events for the holiday season. Until we meet again-Stay Cool!

Teresa McGee, Dietary Manager

Social Services

Please remember to mark any new items you bring in for your loved one. Also check their drawers and closet for any items that they no longer wear, are too small, or too big, or worn out.

Kris Cooper, S.S.D.



Save A Tree!!!

Did you know that we've got a website? We can be found at www.atticalongtermcare.com. You are now able to read both the latest newsletter and the current month's activity calendar on the webpage. So if you wish to help us save trees and stamps by accessing the newsletter via our website, please call Jinnie Berry at (620)254-7253 so your name can be taken off the mailing list.