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# The Parkside Post

Happy New Year! 2025

## Lifelong Learning January 13



Matt Stiles, Hillsboro City Administrator, and Lou Thurston, Hillsboro Mayor, will be speaking at Lifelong Learning, Monday, January 13. They are pictured above with several council members and the Hillsboro High School '24 senior government class.

They will share a 'State of Hillsboro' update. Things that are happening within the city, recent accomplishments and future vision. Matt and Lou are also open to answering any questions you may have.

Matt has been in public management for 17 years and Hillsboro City Administrator since 2020. He lives here with his wife and two children. Lou, is married to Lori, and they are both lifelong residents of the Hillsboro community. Lou has been mayor for 7 years. Coincidentally, both Matt and Lou are Parkside neighbors, living just down the street.

Lifelong Learning will be Monday, January 13, at 10 AM, at the Parkside Apartments, 1 Park Avenue, Hillsboro. The public is invited!

# Get to know the Staff: Joyce Auvele-Edwards

**Joyce Auvele-Edwards** is our Activity Director and spreads joy with fun things to do and her heart for others.

She is originally from the Polynesian Island of Samoa. Her parents moved to Hawaii when she was about 5 years old and lived in Hawaii for about 3 years before moving to California. Joyce grew up in Southern California for most of her life and it is where she met her husband. She went to college for graphic design and has worked many years as a freelancer.

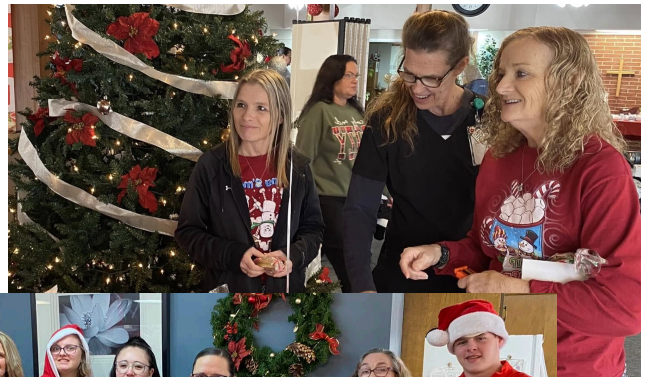
When her husband, Bryant, decided to transfer to Tabor College in 2010, she followed him a year after. After having their first son in 2012, they decided to stay in Kansas. They love the Hillsboro community because the people are so friendly and welcoming. Their second son was born in 2020. She loves to spend time with their boys and watch them grow.

Joyce enjoys working as the Activity Director because she likes seeing smiles on the residents' faces when they're doing activities they enjoy doing. It puts a smile on her face knowing that they are happy and having fun. There's a common misconception about nursing homes that residents get lonely, bored and lifeless. She believes it shouldn't be that way, and the lives of residents should not stop at the nursing home. Life still goes on and Joyce wants to provide activities that residents enjoy and have fun doing daily.

If she had the chance, Joyce would love to travel and try different dishes around the world. She loves different cultures, history, and learning about them.



## Staff Christmas Fun!





# Learn to know your Neighbors

**Cheryl and Al Magnuson** have lived at Parkside for 4 years. They came to Hillsboro from York, Nebraska, in March 2017 so Al could serve as interim pastor at Parkview Mennonite Brethren Church for 15 months.

Cheryl is the second of five children born and raised in Chicago with a love for music. She is a life-long fan of the Chicago Cubs. Her two oldest brothers married and migrated to California. Her parents followed in 1975. Cheryl's parents lived with Cheryl and Al their last 6-7 years

years in York. Cheryl's youngest brother moved to Newton in 2023. Cheryl is a true city girl who has adapted well to life in small communities because of her promise to Al, "Whither thou goest, I will go; your people will be my people."

Al is the oldest of four boys who were raised on a Hereford cattle ranch in northeast Colorado when they still used horses to work the cattle. He has never owned a horse since going to college in Omaha but continues to cling to some of the apparel.

Cheryl and Al met as members of a Gospel team doing door-to-door evangelism and children's meetings throughout the United States. After getting married in 1965, they served as directors of the Gospel team, as youth pastor in Iowa, then as a pastor in three Midwestern communities. Cheryl served as a para in an Iowa school, then got her degree after their two children went to college and had a twenty-year career as a public-school teacher. Al concluded his ministry career with 13 years in denominational ministry and eight intentional interim pastorates.

Cheryl enjoys baking and visiting with their neighbors in the duplexes and apartments. You may see Al stirring about in the community garden south of the apartments or tending the landscaping around Duplex 7. They love the community spirit among residents and staff in Parkside Village.

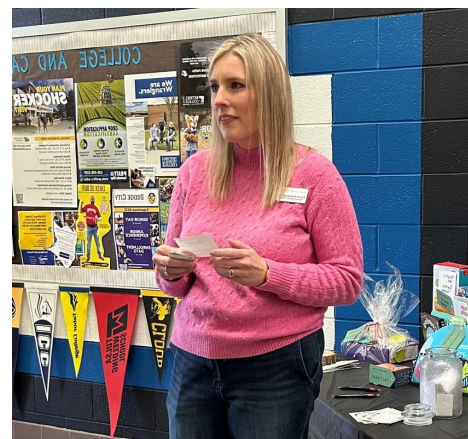
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# Community Health Night January 28 at 7PM

Krista Schneider, Marion County Health Department Director, will be speaking at our Community Health Night, Tuesday, January 28, at 7PM. We will meet at the Parkside Apartments, 1 Park Avenue, Hillsboro. The public is invited! She will share about the new Health Department building under construction, services available and current vaccine information.



Krista Schneider, Marion County Health Department Director

## Christmas Celebration!

Residents in Health Care enjoyed a Christmas Party where they each received gifts from Staff.



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