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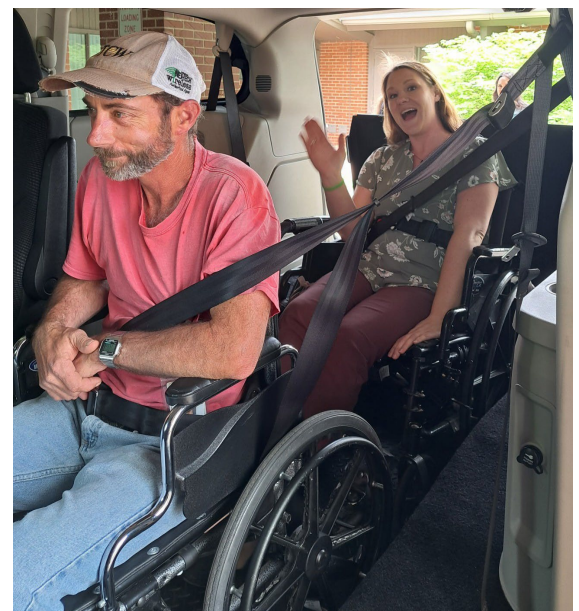


We Got the Van!

Thank you! Due to generous donations and work, we were able to purchase a wheelchair accessible van. We have been fundraising for almost 2 years to raise \$40,000 for this purchase. Just after the first of this year we attained this goal.

A van was purchased in April and has already been put to good use!

Parkside decals will be added soon.



Nick and Stephanie were passengers and road tested the van for safety and comfort. Was great!

Get to know the Staff

Courtney Johnson is our new MDS Coordinator. She grew up in the Hesston/Newton Area and graduated from Newton High School. Courtney attended Hesston College for Nursing school. She is married with 2 kids, a 10-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old son. Courtney lives in Walton. She enjoys crafting, tending to her chickens and gardening in the spring/summer.

What Courtney likes about Parkside is that it's a small community and everyone is so kind and welcoming, she looks forward to coming to work every day. We're glad you're here Courtney!



What is an MDS Coordinator?

The primary responsibility of an MDS coordinator is to manage and assess patient care, to ensure the facility provides consistent quality care. Sometimes they refer to the MDS Coordinator as the Nurse Assessment Coordinator. Here are some of the job duties an MDS coordinator may do:

- Assess and monitor patient care and wellbeing
- Develop goals for improving treatment and care plans
- Evaluate the patient care that long-term patients receive
- New patient and long-term patient follow-ups to ensure they receive proper care
- Meet with patient caretakers and families to discuss the patient's condition and treatment plans
- Monitor patients' medical insurance and payment plans
- Host meetings to discuss patient care and implement new strategies

Friday Eats Tour in April went to Noffy's in McPherson





Lifelong Learning May 12

Rebecca Wade, Director at Senior Life Solutions in Marion, will be our May speaker. She will tell us about this valuable resource available in

Marion County at St. Luke's Hospital. We will meet May 12 at 10AM in the Apartments, 1 Park Avenue, Hillsboro. The public is invited!

Senior Life Solutions is a Medicare/Medicaid approved program specifically designed to help older adults in rural communities who are experiencing symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. Participants in their programs gain coping and communication skills and the confidence they need to live a healthier, happier life.

Dr. James Greene, who specialized in geriatric Psychiatry and devoted his life to helping older adults in rural communities, started Senior Life Solutions in 2003.

Community Health Night May 22

Peni Ens, Director of Marion County Home Care, will be speaking at our Community Health Night, May 22, at 7PM in the Apartments, 1 Park Avenue, Hillsboro. The public is invited!

She will speak to all aspects of home health care: Who qualifies; What services they provide; What Medicare covers; Home Health is available for private pay too. Peni will answer any of the questions that you may have. It should be very informative.

Home **Health Care** *Guide*



May Work Anniversaries

Madysen Goossen 3 years

Riley Neussen 2 years

Jessica Walker 2 years Harper Chrisjohn 1 year

D'myia Cox 1 year

Breane Williams 1 year

If you or anyone in your family would like to receive *The Parkside Post* via email, please call LeAnn in the office, 620.947.2301, or email Krista Heinrichs at kristah@parksideks.org.

Get to know your Neighbors

Milt Fortner moved into the Apartments last December. Moving to Kansas from his home in Windsor, New York may qualify him as one of the 'farthest to move' residents. Milt grew up in Conklin, New York. When he got married, he says, 'I moved across the river to Windsor.' Windsor is on the southern border of New York, about halfway between Ithaca, New York, and Scranton, Pennsylvania.

He spent his career as a truck driver, moving freight up and down the East Coast. Milt enjoyed woodworking, making clocks, tables and just about anything anyone would ask for. He also likes bluegrass and classic country music.

Milt has three children, a son in Florida and a daughter in San Antonio. He moved to Galva, Kansas to live with his other son, Brian and wife Jennifer, in 2024. Milt has 6 grandchildren. He says everyone at Parkside has been welcoming and very nice.



Easter Fun at Parkside



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