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Lifelong Learning April 13



Jacquie Funk and Phoebe Janzen will be speaking at our April Lifelong Learning, Monday, April 13, at 10AM, at The Apartments. They will share the work that they, and others, are doing in the community. Items are sent worldwide.

Jacquie started sewing clothing protectors for Parkside many years ago. Now, she and a group of ladies sew for Crisis Pregnancy Centers (burp cloths, changing pads, baby bibs and hats), reusable menstrual pads and during COVID they sewed over 1,000 masks.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) boxes are their major focus recently. Last year in 2025 over 2,000 boxes went out globally from Marion County. Many people are involved in purchasing items and making items for the boxes. It started with making backpacks, and now includes pouches for school supplies, dolls/puppies/critters, sleeve bags, tote bags, doll blankets, jump ropes & sleeping bags. A rough estimate is they have gone through about 8,000 yards of fabric. They estimate 95% of the fabric has been donated and they don't like to waste anything. God has provided, all the time!

They will demonstrate how a t-shirt is cut to make a jump rope. They will also display many of the items they have made. The public is welcome!!

Get to Know the Staff

Kylie Brown is a beloved second shift CNA at Parkside. It's not surprising, because Kylie says she has known since she was in kindergarten that she wanted to be a nurse. Kylie was born in Wichita and went to elementary school in Peabody, then attended 4 different high schools. She became a CNA in her senior year and has been serving others ever since. Kylie returned to Hillsboro to care for Viola, beloved 'Nanna,' for 2 years then began working at Parkside.

She is proud mom to almost four-year-old Gracelynn. Gracelynn attends Pre K at Hillsboro Elementary School and is already 3'6". On days when Kylie is working Gracelynn goes to her Grandma and Grandpa Terman's after school. Kylie and Gracelynn love to go to the park when they can and ride in Grandpa's golf cart and search for golf balls. Kylie also likes card games and helping others with technology.

Kylie's Parkside family is her second family. She loves spending time with residents and making them happy. Her positivity and energy are contagious.

We appreciate you Kylie!



Kylie and daughter Gracelynn



Easter Preparations



April Work Anniversaries

Lois Ens	32 years
Stephanie Bryant	4 years
Troya Caley	4 years
Ahmad Bailey	3 years
Mary Darnall	2 years
Kaylenn Kent	2 years
Samantha Wilson	2 years
Corina Zapata	2 years





Learn to Know Your Neighbors

LaVona Loveless was born and went to elementary school in Winfield. She is the oldest of seven siblings. When she was 11 the family moved to the Antelope area where she experienced a new type of school, the rural one-room schoolhouse. She attended Lincolnville High School, where she met Mike Loveless. They were married in January 1954 and enjoyed 68 years of marriage. They settled on a farm near Antelope where they farmed and Mike did some oilfield work. They had 4 children. Their daughter, Sandra, died at age 7 of aplastic anemia. She was one of the first St Jude patients. All three adult

children, Judy, David and Tamara live close by in Marion County. Her seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren are spread out across the US.

At 35 LaVona decided to go back to school and received her LPN degree from McPherson Nursing School. She worked at Parkside and most of the nursing homes in Marion County during her career.

Mike and LaVona loved to camp and fish. They especially loved blue grass music and attended the Walnut Valley Blue Grass Festival in Winfield for many years. The Lovelesses also hosted many families and friends for fish fries and hog roasts over the years with as many as 150 coming to the farm.

LaVona moved to the Apartments last year in June. She knew she would like living at Parkside because she had worked here and knew the quality of staff and facilities.

We're glad you're here, LaVona!!

St. Patrick's fun at the Apartments!



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CEO Notes

Over the past several months, Parkside's skilled nursing and long-term care center has faced ongoing census challenges. This shortfall is projected to result in a significant revenue loss for this fiscal year. As a non-profit organization, Parkside operates on a modest annual margin of 2–3% to keep care affordable for our residents. Due to the physical separation of our neighborhoods, maintaining appropriate staffing levels across all areas has become increasingly difficult.

To address this, we must make significant operational adjustments. We have been carefully evaluating how to best structure our services and staffing to support both our residents and our team. The adjustments we are making are rooted in our commitment to maintaining a stable, well-supported environment where residents receive care from familiar, dedicated Parkside staff.

The Parkside Board of Directors made the motion to temporarily close Park Home 4. The six residents currently living in Park Home 4 have been relocated to Country Cove Hall within the main building. This change will allow us to eliminate reliance on agency staffing, resulting in an estimated monthly savings of \$20,000. In addition to the financial benefit, this transition ensures that our residents will continue to receive care from our dedicated Parkside nursing staff.

These changes are not about reducing services but rather strengthening how we deliver them—so that we can continue to meet the needs of our community both now and into the future. Parkside will continue to provide skilled nursing and long-term care services with capacity for up to 38 residents across Park Home 5, Arbor Avenue, and Country Cove. Over the past four years, our average census in skilled nursing and long-term care has been 36 residents, and we remain committed to maintaining that level of service.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and continued support as we take these necessary steps to ensure Parkside's long-term stability.

Stephanie Bryant, CEO

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