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Lifelong Learning March 9

We will have several people from the community speaking at our March Lifelong Learning, Monday, March 9, at 10AM, at The Apartments. They will share their experiences at Camp Barnabas, a camp in Purdy, Missouri, that provides individuals with disabilities and chronic illnesses unique Christian camping experiences.

Grant Shewey went as a camp worker on his own about 15 years ago. It was life transforming for him. The last 4 summers a growing number from the Hillsboro community, with their ages from 13 to 65+, have served. This year, over 70 will be serving as 'missionaries.' Missionaries play a vital role meeting campers' physical, emotional, and spiritual needs for a week. Every summer, thousands of Missionaries from all over the United States serve as one-on-one Counselors, Apostles, Cabin Parents, Barnstormers, or as part of the Med Team at Camp Barnabas.



Come to be inspired by their powerful stories of impact, empathy, humility and compassion. Some have returned to change their college major. Others have come back to serve their HMHS peers in life skills classes and other ways.

The public is welcome!

Get to Know the Staff

Julie Anderson is a breakfast and lunch cook for Parkside. She lives in McPherson County in a country farmhouse. Julie grew up in the area and has lived there all her life. Julie's mom had the German Measles when she was carrying her. When Julie was born, they were very concerned about her health. Over time they realized that she couldn't hear. Julie, amazingly, can lip read 95% of conversation.

She has one son, Matt, who is married to Maddie and they live in Wichita with the grand pets—3 dogs and 1 cat. Julie also has a dog and 5 cats on the farm. Her dad and two brothers live nearby, and her two sisters live in Idaho and Ohio. They all get together often for family meals, holidays and events.

When Parkside contacted Julie over eight years ago about helping in the kitchen she was surprised. She worked at Dillons for 25 years and was then working at Casey's. Her best friend was helping her with job applications and Julie didn't remember one had been completed here. She is so glad and enjoys working in the kitchen. Julie's first priority is that residents know that she cares and that she treats everyone fairly.

We appreciate you Julie!



Friday Eats Tour enjoys Hillsboro Pizza Hut

A day trip to the Hillsboro Etc Shop



MARCH
Work Anniversaries

Bernie Mains	16 years
Jennifer Williams	5 years
Laura Reis	4 years
Joyce Auvele-Edwards	3 years
Mary Darnell	2 years



February Lifelong Learning was very popular--
Steve Schmidt speaks about the Santa Fe Trail



Learn to Know Your Neighbors

Jack and Laverna Braun, both originally from Ontario, Canada are enjoying life at Parkside when they're in Hillsboro. Little did they know when they knew each other at church in St. Catharines, Ontario, that they would spend most of the rest of their lives here. Jack attended university after high school but wanted to study at a Liberal Arts Christian College to complete his bachelor's degree. That's what led him to Tabor College. He came for his junior year to study drama. He and Laverna married the following summer, thinking

they would return to Canada after graduation. That summer it was on to Kansas University to begin a master's degree and Tabor recruiting him to teach drama in the fall. That began a 36-year career at Tabor that grew into administration work from Student Life to Advancement. He became active in the America Theater Association and also studied at BYU, Colorado University and Kansas State, all while they started and had a young family.

When Jack resigned from Tabor, he worked as a Planned Giving Advisor at Mennonite Brethren Foundation for ten years and part time several years more. After their three children were born, Laverna too, was sought out to work at Tabor. She also began a 36-year career, first at the library then warmly greeting everyone that called Tabor on the switchboard.

Their three children and spouses are in Kansas, Texas and California. Thirteen grandchildren are spread out all over and there are even five great grandchildren. Jack and Laverna love to travel and having their son, Jon being an American Airlines pilot, helps with discounted fares. They have spent 2-3 weeks in Hawaii every winter for many years. They both also like to read, and Laverna enjoys cooking and growing tropical plants in their sun-room.

The Brauns enjoy living in their duplex. They unexpectedly sold their home and downsized sooner than they had planned, but they are so glad they did. The Braun's wholeheartedly advise moving sooner than later to enjoy life, without the worry or maintenance of a house and yard.

We're so glad you're a part of Parkside Jack and Laverna!

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Spring Duplex Coffee

March 16

*Watch your
mailbox for details*

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.

Celebrating Valentine's BIG



Cookie Decorating



Valentine's King in Health Care



Bernie & Nanci hosted the party at The Apartments



HMHS Spirit-N-Celebration sang Love songs at both Health Care & The Apartments on February 14



Valentine's Queen in Health Care

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