



Spring 2020

Harvest View News

From The Executive Director -

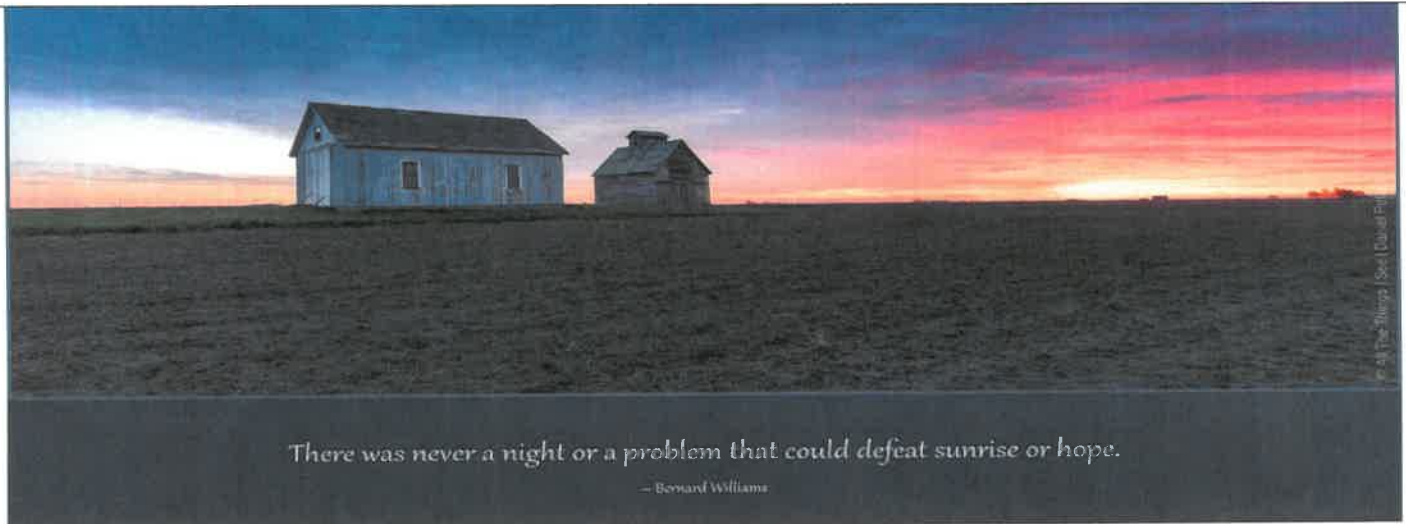
Dear Residents, Families and Friends-

I want to thank everyone for cooperating with us as we respond to the changing recommendations and requirements from the CDC, Illinois Department of Public Health, and government officials. We are implementing and enforcing all measures to better ensure the safety of our residents. Our precautions are working well, and thankfully we do not have anyone reporting positive for the Coronavirus. ****Our COVID19 guidelines are summarized in this newsletter.**

In the meantime, I want to thank our staff for their continued efforts and added practices that strictly adhere to these infection control measures. We have increased sanitization practices in addition to our regular cleaning schedules. Our staff has gone above and beyond to make sure our residents are not only healthy, but engaged and happy as possible. We have adjusted our Activity Calendar to include social distancing activities, and in- room activities as well. (More news from our amazing activity department can be found in this newsletter as well.) Our Food and Nutrition Staff has also gone to extraordinary measures to make sure our residents continue to enjoy their favorite delicious meals even if they are not able to communally dine currently.

We look forward to the future when we can resume our normal routines. In the meantime, on behalf of all staff please know we continue to care for your family – as they are our family. We have “adopted” them as part of our own.

Jan



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All The Things I See

**100 Harvest View Lane
Herscher, Illinois 60941**

Hello from the front desk:

Jane Hertz

We have been faced with difficult times right now but in light of those times our team has really come through with some fresh ideas to keep the residents busy and put a smile on their faces.

If you or any of your family ever have any special requests that we can assist with -please be sure to let us know what we can do for you.

We will be sending out our April activity calendar via email – be sure to let us know if you would like to be included in this mailing

Business/Office Manager



For Updates on Future Events

Be sure to go to our Website

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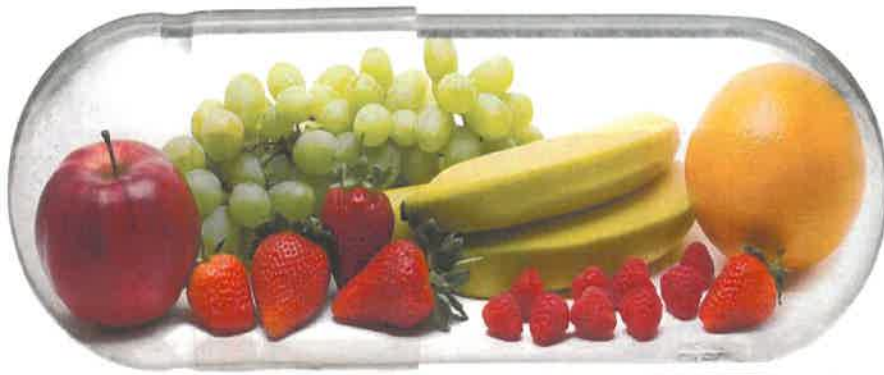
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From Food and Nutrition Director

I want to thank our staff and residents for their understanding and cooperation during this difficult time of social distancing. We have implemented protocol to keep our residents safe, while making sure they have delicious, hot meals as always, just not in a communal dining setting in our dining room as mandated by the CDC and IDPH.

We will continue to look forward to implement more ways to enhance their meal time experiences as we move along. Thank you for your patience.

Kim Burns, Director



From Activities

Welcome to our New Activity Director -*Marie Pollard!*

and our New Activity Assistant- *Denise Denault!*

We asked them to introduce themselves-



Marie Pollard

Hello to Everyone! My name is Marie Pollard and I am thrilled to be joining this remarkable staff here at Harvest View as a fulltime member now! I have been involved here since August 2019 and have really enjoyed meeting new friends.

I moved here from Valpraiso, Indiana just last year! I have two grown children and I love animals – I wish I had lived in farm country as many of you have. I love hearing the stories of life in this community and how everyone seems to know each other.

My background is in optical, working for private practices and retail since the 1980's. I came from an ophthalmologist's office, working for five years in the fascinating field of medical and optical. I also managed an optical lab for many years finishing and repairing glasses.

I am looking forward to learning and growing in this community, and I am grateful for the opportunity to do so!

Thank you -

Marie



Denise Denault

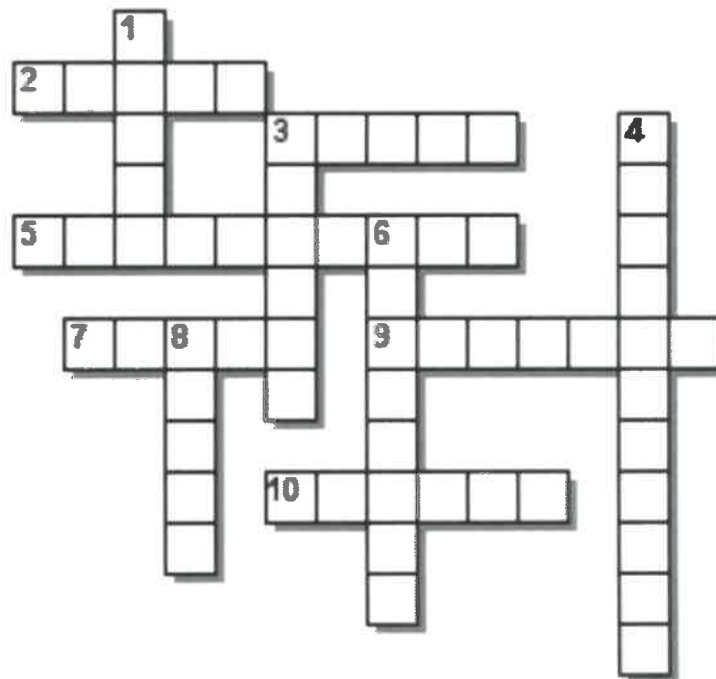
Activity Assistant

I am excited to be involved again with my hometown! I have lived in Custer Park for over 20 years, married over 32, and have two grown sons in the service. My parents, Ivan and Barb Denault, have been residents of Harvest View for more than two years. They are treated with great care here! My most recent work position was nine years as a registered nurse for Riverside. My husband, Jim, and I are now semi-retired. One day while visiting my parents, I had the idea to see if there were any positions open. I have been happily working here since Feb 17, 2020! Timing was good, as we all soon became affected by the pandemic. During this difficult time, I am blessed to be able to see my parents. My mission is to take care of everyone's loved ones the same as my own. I have a passion for the elderly, and am grateful for the opportunity to work with other staff and help get them all through this challenging time.

Some of the creative ways we are keeping our residents engaged while social distancing:

Hallway Bingo/Hallway Chair Exercise/Hallway Prayer Services/Virtual Art Exhibitions on Community Channel/Personal Planting Time /Individual walking times/Manicures and Salon by Staff in Room/"Yappy" Hour To Go /Art Cart With Jan/Room Visits/ In room craft time/Video Chats/Social Calls Across The Hall/Ice Cream Cart /Fresh Baked Treats Delivery/Trivia Contests - "The Quarantine Times" – 4H weekly entertainment newsletter from Ashkum 4H - Games and More!

Spring Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 2 - flower; Dutch flower from a bulb
- 3 - Sow these in the ground and they grow
- 5 - A day for moms; holiday
- 7 - Sign of spring; bird
- 9 - April showers bring May _____.
- 10 - A small pool of water

Down

- 1 - Farmers _____ crops
- 3 - Season after Winter
- 4 - Bug that turns into a butterfly
- 6 - flower; yellow or white
- 8 - Spring _____; vacation

We are looking forward to these upcoming events!

- Community Health Fair- date/time tba
- Fabulous Fifties Dinner/Dance -date/time tba
- Mother's Day Luncheon – Glitz and Glam – ala Helpburn!
May 8th 11am to 1pm
- Father's Day Fishing Party – June 19th 11 am to 1pm
- Western Themed Family Picnic – date/time tba

In the meantime, stay safe and well!



Dear Harvest View Residents, Staff and Family Members

As you know, we are working to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and making necessary changes to meet new guidelines defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health. Our Medical Director and Environmental Safety Officer have directed the following which we have implemented.

CDC has issued guidance to improve infection control and prevention practices to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, including restricted visitation and cancellation of large group activities.

The health and safety of our residents, staff and visitors is our top priority. As we consider how best to respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, we are listening to medical guidance and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that our senior population is most at risk to have a negative outcome if they contract COVID-19. Right now we are focusing on prevention. We understand this change will represent a significant hardship for both residents and families. We also understand that connecting with loved ones is incredibly important. Our team is prepared to think creatively in order to assist in connecting families in any way we can - telephone, email, text message or social media.

Residents' vital statistics will continue to be screened daily to monitor any potential symptoms.

Residents are asked to practice social distancing, and frequent handwashing – Additional hand sanitizers have been provided in all apartments in addition to the standard in the common areas.

Our staff has increased sanitation practices in the building.

Visitation Changes Due to the new CDC guidance Harvest View will continue to restrict all visitors and only essential health care personnel, can enter, except for certain compassionate care situations, such as an end-of-life situation. All entering will also need to meet the following CDC essential requirements:

- In order to assist with compliance, the Back Door will be locked and alarmed. All Visitors must come to the **Main Entrance Only, (no one is to use patio doors or back door for access)** and be screened at the front desk. The front entrance will be locked and should you need to drop off or pick up essential items, please ring the door bell at the entrance of the community, or call the community to coordinate. Staff will assist with distribution of mail, banking etc

- All employees and healthcare workers will be monitored for change in temperature or respiratory function and screened upon entrance to facility for signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection (fever, cough, shortness of breath or sore throat)

If screening shows signs of possible illness that will not be allowed to enter

- Those who have a cough, a fever or trouble breathing and have traveled in the past 14 days, may not enter and should report their symptoms to their personal healthcare provider.

- Those who, in the last 14 days, have had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, or under investigation for COVID-19, or are ill with respiratory illness may not enter and as appropriate should follow up with their personal healthcare provider.

- Those who are returning from travel within the last 14 days are not allowed to enter

- **Everyone** entering the building will need to wash their hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizing gel and frequently wash their hands while in the building.

- Visits from anyone under the age of 18 are restricted. Illinois Department of Public Health will not allow visitors under 18 years of age.

- Visitors who do not comply with the CDC guidelines will be asked to leave.
- PPE will be distributed and worn according to CDC and IDPH guidelines

Due to the new CDC regulations, we are required to cancel all communal group activities including communal dining, as residents are mandated to shelter in place.

We appreciate your understanding and support during this time of uncertainty. Rest assured that we are dedicated to providing compassionate care, and support during this pandemic and everyday. Today and always - we are ready to help and serve!

Thank you for your help in helping us keep Harvest View safe.