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BOARD CORNER

At the request of the Department of Human Services Board, you will now have access to them by e-mail. We want to encourage residents, families, and employees to contact our board with any concerns, suggestions or praises. Our facility is very blessed to have an active board which supports our mission and strives to keep our facility the number one choice in Long Term Care in Calhoun County.

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Deb Rose, *Housekeeping*
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FAMILY GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE--2011

May 10th
August 9th
November 8th

Family Group meetings are held quarterly in the Whispering Pines Community Center. Meetings are from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. All responsible parties and/or guardians are welcome to attend along with related family members.

A presentation is given at each meeting on various topics related to CCMCF. A light supper is served at each meeting. Questions regarding Family Group meetings can be directed to Bill Sheldon, Social Services Director, Jamie Servoss, MSW or Jenny Collins, LMSW.

NURSES WEEK

In honor of the hard-working and dedicated licensed nurses at CCMCF, we dedicate this poem:

Being a NURSE Means....

You will never be bored.
You will always be frustrated.
You will be surrounded by challenges.
So much to do and so little time.
You will carry immense responsibility and very little authority.
You will step into people's lives and you will make a difference.
Some will bless you. Some will curse you.
You will see people at their worst and at their best.
You will never cease to be amazed at people's capacity for love, courage and endurance.
You will see life begin and end.
You will experience resounding triumphs and devastating failures.
You will cry a lot. You will laugh a lot.
You will laugh a lot.
You will know what it is to be human and to be humane.

~Melodie Chenevert, RN

May 6th-12th is National Nurses Week. Please take a moment to thank our nurses for all that they do to make a difference in the lives of our residents.

NURSING HOME WEEK

The week of May 8-14th is National Nursing Home Week. This year's theme is "Fulfilling the Promise." CCMCF plans to fulfill the promise to laugh, win and show support during a week filled with games, costumes and smiles. Themes this year will include: **Ugly Shirt Day, Wacky Hat & Hair Day, Vegas Day, Sports Fan Day and Support Your Cause Day.** Neighborhoods will have the chance to host a daily Minute-To-Win-It game leading up to a Finals game on Friday. Everyone is encouraged to show off their CCMCF spirit by dressing in the theme-of-the-day and participating in prize-winning games!

VOLUNTEERS

During our recent Volunteer Luncheon we had the honor of recognizing many volunteers who work with us throughout the year. This year we had the opportunity to celebrate Pete and Jan Winiarski's 30 years of faithful volunteer service!

On the third Sunday of each month, our residents sing along to old hymns they grew up singing while working in their own local churches. What began more than 30 years ago as a project in Pete and Jan's Sunday school class has now turned into a great ministry of music, friendship and Scripture reading. Many thanks to Pete and Jan for their faithful service. We appreciate you!

Caring in Action

Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility to provide each resident with opportunities to live life fully, while striving to eliminate the plagues of loneliness, helplessness and boredom. We will provide a clean environment with proper medical care, high-quality skilled therapy and rehabilitation services, healthy food choices and spontaneous interactions that include loving companionship, and opportunities to give as well as receive care.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

When a resident with a personal telephone moves within the facility, we must notify AT&T of the move. This fulfills two needs. One, the telephone number location has to be accurate for 911 records. Two, without being aware that a telephone has moved, AT&T will be unable to set up service at that original spot. This would prevent a new resident from getting telephone service at that spot until the records are changed.

AT&T considers these 'service address changes' to be billable service transfers. They may charge close to \$50.00 for this change. The facility has successfully negotiated these charges to zero with the past four moves. The facility will continue to work with AT&T to waive these charges. However, the resident is responsible for whatever AT&T might ultimately charge.

SEVERE WEATHER

It would be good to review our severe weather procedures as the tornado season returns. With the announcement of a thunderstorm warning or tornado watch, our concern is for protection from windows blowing into the building. Staff will close window coverings in all resident and client care areas and other areas actively being used by staff. Routine activity would continue.

With the announcement of a tornado warning, people are to move away from areas and rooms having exterior glass into the nearby hallway. Therapy will join Adult Day Care in the respite hallway or stay in the safe haven part of the therapy department. Residents who are in bed will stay there. Staff not assigned to work in any particular neighborhood will stop their regular duties and go to a neighborhood to assist. Staff tells residents and visitors of weather changes as necessary while remaining with residents to keep them calm and occupied with activities.

SOCIAL WORK

On Tuesday, May 10, CCMCF will welcome Judge Phillip Harter from the Chalgian and Tripp Law Offices of Battle Creek. Judge Harter will present on Advance Directives and Medicaid Application for families interested in these subjects. As a reminder, Family Group Meetings are held quarterly in the Community Center at CCMCF. Meetings are held from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm with dinner provided. All responsible parties, legal guardians and family members of residents are invited to attend. If you have questions regarding Family Group Meetings or you have suggestions for topics to be covered in future meetings, please contact Jenny Collins, LMSW or Jamie Servoss, MSW. We hope to see you May 10th.

TEA FOR TWO

Ladies and girls of all ages are invited to a Ladies Tea event on Wednesday, May 18th beginning at 4:30 p.m. Bring your favorite doll from your past or present as your "guest" and enjoy refreshments with your loved one here at CCMCF. **RSVP with Michelle Chantrenne at 269-962-5458, ext. 180 by Friday, May 13th.**

MOTHER'S DAY HUMOR

One day, a little girl is sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly notices that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then asked, "Momma, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"

PUZZLER

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the descriptions provided below and try to guess which proverb (old saying) they each represent.

Borrowed from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) <http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/doublesptx.htm>

1. If a large solid-hoofed mammal becomes available to you without compensation, refrain from casting your faculty for seeing into the oral cavity of such a creature.
2. Each vaporous mass suspended in the firmament has an interior decoration of metallic hue.
3. It is not advantageous to place the sum total of your barnyard collections into the same wicker receptacle.
4. Feathered bipeds of a kindred mind in their segregated environment associate with a high degree of amiability.
5. Deviation from the ordinary or common routine of existence is that which gives zest to man's cycle of existence.
6. He who locks himself into the arms of Morpheus promptly at eventide, and starts the day before it is officially announced by the rising sun, excels in physical fitness, increases his economic assets and celebrates with remarkable efficiency.
7. Do not traverse a structure erected to afford passage over a waterway until the time of drawing nigh unto it.
8. Superfluous chronological dispatch institutes riddance of value defects.
9. There's no value to be derived from demanding attention by loud screeches over fallen white liquid derived from the lactic glands of a female bovine.
10. An excess of culinary experts impairs the quality of a thin derivative of meat.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Linda Hardenbrook, Dietary Assistant
Ashley Sheldon, Nursing Assistant

WELCOME

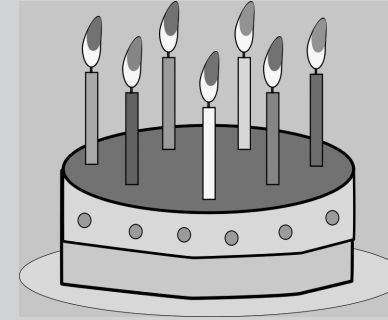
Cornelia Bair
LaVern James
Marie Jones
Patricia Ritzler

FAREWELL

Marilyn Sharp

GOOD LUCK

Bruce Brooker
Mary Burnam
Henry Irby
Robert Moutz



Celebrations!!!!

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

Marie Jones05/03
Virginia Garberick.....05/07
Oliver Morrow05/25
Robert Wesner.....05/29

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Julie Sims, Housekeeping05/02/02
Donna Mahoney, Administrator.....05/03/83
Ryan Rogers, Dietary05/09/95
Christopher Pickin, Dietary05/13/10
Porscha Hubbert, LPN05/18/04

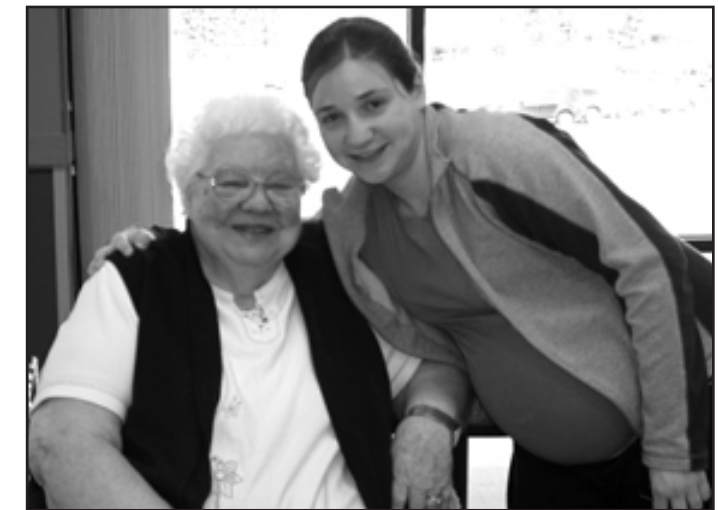
EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

Laura Baxter, Nursing Assistant05/08
Lou Ann Burke, Life Enrichment05/31
Amber Chidester, Dietary05/03
Kathy Cole, Dietary05/28
Kelly Farrell, Housekeeping05/07
Corceacha Glasper, Nursing Assistant.....05/31
Cindy Knapper MDS Coordinator.....05/20
Loteah Shavers, Nursing Assistant05/17
Karen Smothers, Life Enrichment05/22
Brenda Towery, Ward Clerk.....05/08

Fun 'n Frolic



LouAnn, Ann and Marcie team up on a puzzle.



Hazel and CNA, Ashley, celebrate recently during Ashley's baby shower.



Jeanne and a friend work together on art projects.