

December 2015

Cloverleaf Connection

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Celebrating December

Cloverleaf Christmas Dinner

for Residents, Staff, and Family
December 10

Dinner will be served at 5:00pm for
residents, staff, and their families.

Pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus
starts at 6:00pm Cookie decorating
for the kids!

Please **RSVP** to Phyllis by December
8 at (812)446-2309

Resident Bus Trip to see Christmas Lights

December 7 and 17
At 6:00pm

Resident Christmas Party

December 22 at 2:00pm

Christmas

December 25

Resident Monthly Birthday Party

December 28 at 2:00pm

New Years Party

December 31 at 2:00pm

Cloverleaf's Night before Christmas

By Emenda "Mendy" Carta

*It was the night before Christmas when all through Cloverleaf, not a
creature was stirring except Stephanie who was hanging a wreath.*

*The stockings were all on the resident's feet, in hopes of Saint
Nicholas they would soon meet.*

*The residents were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of
their meds all danced in their heads.*

*Betty in her kerchief and Bill in his cap had just settled down for a
long winters nap.*

*When out in the parking lot there arose such a clatter, Jon Rigney
ran out to see what was the matter.*

*Away to the window Deanna flew in a flash, she tore open the
shutters and threw up the sash.*

*The moon was fallen on the new shining snow, and shined light on
the wheel chairs and walkers below.*

*When what to their wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature
sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.*

*When the driver jumped off he looked like he was starwin, and we
knew in a moment it must be Don Garwin.*

*More rapid than eagles his reindeer they came, when he whistled and
yelled and called them by name.*

*Now Phyllis, now Michelle, now Kelly now Brandy, on Janet on
Irene, on Shannon, on Candy.*

*To the top of the roof and up over the wall, Don yelled dash away,
dash away, dash away all.*

*The snow all around them began to fly, as the sleigh took off up into
the sky.*

*With all the good gifts left to the residents below, Don Garwin had
left his sleigh tracks in the snow.*

*And out of Cloverleaf's window Deanna yelled while he was still in
sight,*

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Goodnight!

Stories of Generosity



Sharon Bose and Becky Butts are two very active residents at Cloverleaf! They are always willing to help out our Activity department with decorating and participate in lots of events. The ladies have many stories about their past Christmases, but each had a special story of generosity to share.

Sharon remembers a “sad but ended happy” Christmas. When her brother and she were very small, her father worked at Strand Steel in Terre Haute. Before Christmas her father had been very ill and had emergency surgery. He was unable to work and her parents had told the children they wouldn’t be having Christmas that year. On Christmas eve night, Sharon had looked out the window and seen cars lined up down the road. Her father’s fellow employees had all brought gifts and baskets of food to the family! Sharon said her favorite gift was the candy canes and toys they brought. The company had also had a man donate a \$20 bill and had an auction for it at the plant. The man who won the \$20 had donated it back to the family. They also received the auction money to help them out with bills and such while he was off work. Sharon says that is her most special Christmas as a child!

Becky was little during the depression and lived in Indianapolis. She says her and her brother never had a Christmas until one year someone donated to their family. They brought her a big doll and toys for her brother. They had beans and potatoes for dinner. Becky says for many years after, they were unable to celebrate Christmas, but she always had that doll to remember the special one she had. She says it is sad, but she never knew that she was missing something, because back then it wasn’t always about what you got! Becky says she always made Christmas special for her own children and had many great Christmases as a mother!

As you celebrate this Christmas, please remember the stories of generosity. As Becky said, “it isn’t all about what you got”, it is about sharing it with loved ones and remembering those in need. You may touch the heart of a little girl that years down the road will share a story about your generosity like Becky and Sharon did with me today!

Recipe of the Month *Apple Buns*

Submitted by Kelly Notter

3 Granny Smith apples
peeled and sliced
2 cans of crescent rolls
*Wrap apples in rolls and lay
in 9X13 pan

Melt 2 Sticks of butter and
add:

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. sugar
1tsp cinnamon
Pour over top of rolls

Pour 1 can of
mountain dew around the
edges, not on top!

Bake at 350 for about 50
minutes or until brown on
top.

Enjoy!



David Lewis enjoying the
Veterans Day cookout!

Spotlight On



Michelle Lain
Business Office Manager

Born in East Chicago, my family moved from Northern Indiana when I was a toddler to Brazil where I grew up with 2 older brothers and a younger sister. I attended Northview High School class of 1996. Shortly after high school I began my family and moved to Reelsville. Though I had several small jobs, my main focus was raising my boys when they were small and I was fortunate enough to be able to have that time home with them. My boys have always been involved in sports: baseball, football, soccer, basketball and swim, they've kind of done it all☺ I began really thinking about healthcare when I was a stay at home mom, as my boys were getting older and I started prerequisites for nursing. I remember my Aunt Debbie as I was growing up was a very compassionate nurse and I really looked up to her for that. A year or so into school I had to drop out at that time and focus on full time employment when I found a position at the local Reelsville Post Office in 2007. I was a Post Master Relief with a busy Post Master, so I filled in a lot keeping things up while she was away and eventually began filling in with other offices as well. The history of the Postal Service really drew me in and I was really hoping to, and well on my way, to heading my own office one day until changes & shutdowns began in 2009/10 no longer made me eligible. Early 2010 I once again began thinking about healthcare when a friend approached me about attending CNA classes. That path brought me to Cloverleaf on July 28, 2010☺ I knew I found where I needed to be, loved CNA work and the experiences it blessed me with. After a year I moved into a restorative CNA position where I was still able to work as an aide and in 2012 approached the Business Office. Long Term Care is absolutely where my heart is. I've loved every position and am looking forward to continue growing in this industry. My oldest son, Steven, is now working in the kitchen here at Cloverleaf, is a senior class of 2016 and is also a part of the boys varsity swim for South Putnam. My youngest, Niklas, has made the freshman basketball team this year and is looking forward to baseball in the spring.

Employees Recognized

Cloverleaf recently had two employees recognized by IDE Management. We are very proud of our outstanding employees!

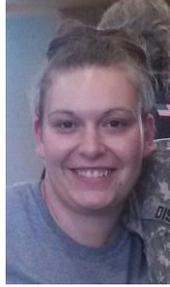


Janet Modglin pictured with Mark Ide and Susan Clark. Janet received Customer Service Superstar for 2015!



Shannon Berry is MDS Coordinator of the year! Shannon is pictured with Mark Ide and Faith Parker.

Customer Service Superstar



Nikki McDonald, LPN

Nikki has been an employee of Cloverleaf since October of 2013. She is a nurse that works weekends. Nikki was nominated by our Director of Nursing. Mara says “Nikki treats her residents like they are her own family. When one of Nikki’s residents was in the hospital, Nikki went on her own time and sat with her. Families and CNAs respect Nikki.” When her work is finished she helps her CNAs with their duties. She is a team player! We are very grateful to Nikki and very proud of her recent accomplishment of finishing her RN degree!

Employee of Month



Jesse Miller, Dietary

Jesse has been an employee of Cloverleaf since March of this year. Jesse is a very compassionate employee. Residents and staff compliment him often and love that he always has a smile on his face! One employee stated “If the residents don’t like what they are having for supper, or just need an extra snack, he is always willing and happy to stop and make them something”. She also reports “one evening Jesse was finishing his shift and a drain was clogged. Jesse stayed and took care of it and solved the problem without having to call the maintenance man in”. “He took care of the problem calmly and professionally”. Jesse also has volunteered to come in on his days off and help with resident outings and events. When Jesse heard he was nominated and we requested a picture of him for the newsletter, he asked that we use a picture of him and his friend Maude! The residents love Jesse and his positive, caring, outgoing personality! Jesse is a wonderful employee and has a great future in healthcare!

December Birthdays

In astrology, those born between December 1st and 21st are Archers of Sagittarius. Archers are exciting and independent. Their positive attitude, great sense of humor, and kind heart make them excellent friends. But get ready for an earful. Archers often also speak their mind. Those born between December 22nd and 31st are Goats of Capricorn. Goats are the most stable and sure-footed of astrological signs. Reliable, economical, practical, and organized, they make good multi-taskers and politicians.

- Bette Midler (singer) – December 1, 1945
- Rita Moreno (actress) – December 11, 1931
- J. Paul Getty (industrialist) – December 15, 1892
- Ray Romano (comic) – December 21, 1957
- Howard Hughes (aviator) – December 24, 1905
- Bo Diddley (musician) – December 30, 1928

Employee Birthdays

Ladonna McDonald

December 5

Pam Morris

December 6

Misty Kennedy

December 8

Alexis Marcum

December 15

Lisa Loveless

December 22

Chris Fields

December 25

Ramey Miller

December 28

Stephanie Hayes December 31

Happy Birthday!!

