

MARCH 2016

# Cloverleaf Connection

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## Celebrating March

**National Kidney Month**

**National Social Worker  
Month**

**Employee  
Appreciation Day**  
*March 11*

**Iditarod Begins**  
*March 5*

**Daylight Saving  
Time Begins**  
*March 13*

**St. Patrick's Day**  
*March 17*

**National Long-Term Care  
Physician Recognition Day**  
*March 20*

**Easter**  
*March 27*

## Employee Spotlight



With March being National Social Worker Month, Cloverleaf Healthcare's Employee Spotlight is on our Social Services Director Irene Malone. Irene has been at Cloverleaf for 7 ½ years.

Irene's education background is in Criminology; however while working at Harborside Healthcare (currently Springhill) as the receptionist Irene was asked to help with as a part-time Social Worker. Irene eventually took a position with Royal Oaks after enrolling in Social Services Designee courses to be able to work as a Social Service Director.

Irene likes being in the social service roll because, "When people come here they think it's the end of the line because it's a nursing facility, but I like that we are able to change their perspective and provide enjoyment and hope. Of all the places I've worked Cloverleaf provides better care, compassion, and concern. We have employees that go above and beyond what is required. That makes my job as a patient advocate much easier."

Irene has been married to her husband Dwayne for 20 years and they currently live in Terre Haute. Dwayne is the Pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church located in Terre Haute. Irene has two daughters Paige and Shyla and the twinkle in her eye is her Grandson Casen.

## It Starts with Family



There are some individuals in this world whose passion is to serve others. They provide service to strangers, their community, and/or their families. Betty Keyt has been a resident at Cloverleaf since January of 2013. When someone comes up and talks to Betty for the first time, like I did, there are two things that jump out at you. First is that she is very proud of her service with Clay County Hospital, and second (the thing that makes her smile) is her family.

For over thirty years, Betty worked for Clay County Hospital. She started as an aide and eventually moved on to become a Sterile Supplies Technician in the Surgery Department. Over the years, Betty would even “scrub in” on surgeries to assist the surgeon. She helped perform all kinds of surgeries over the years, but she particularly liked General Surgery.

Interestingly, during her entire working career Betty never had a driver’s license even though her family lived in rural Clay County. She was always able to make it work by riding with her husband Charles while he was on his way to his work or with a neighboring friend.

While being proud of her professional career if you want to put a twinkle in Betty’s eye, talk about her family. Betty was blessed to have been married for over 50 years to her husband Charles. They both worked and provided for their three children (Larry, Debbie, and Jeannie). According to Jeannie her parents were always about family. “They always put family first and did everything for us kids. Looking back Mom would probably only get 5 hours of sleep because she was either working or looking after us. She was a hard worker.....A fantastic Mother. We couldn’t have asked for anything more.”

Betty’s proud that all three of her children have worked in the medical field. Larry worked as an orderly, Debbie as a physical therapy aide and CNA, and Jeannie who works for Union Hospital’s ICU.

Betty and Charles’ legacy of service and commitment to family continues to grow. Along with their three children, they have 10 grandchildren, a lot of great-grandchildren, and currently 10 great-great-grandchildren. The next time you see Betty at Cloverleaf ask her about one of her children.....or grandchildren....or great-grandchildren.....or great-great-grandchildren. I guarantee that you’ll make her smile.

## March Birthdays

Pam Nodley	4 <sup>th</sup>
Michelle Lain	10 <sup>th</sup>
Brandy Head	11 <sup>th</sup>
Sydney Buell	14 <sup>th</sup>
Cindy Boxler	21 <sup>st</sup>
Jennifer Tharp	24 <sup>th</sup>
Hila Depoy	26 <sup>th</sup>
Deanna Hickman	27 <sup>th</sup>
Taylor Hess	30 <sup>th</sup>

## Broadcasting Pioneer



Life is full of twist and turns. Where we finish is almost certainly not where we started. Wayne Jenkins, who has been a resident at Cloverleaf for four months, started his professional career believing he would be a mechanical engineer. He was in fact enrolled at Purdue University majoring in ME. It just so happened that Wayne was working at the student radio station WBAA as an announcer which he really enjoyed.

Upon graduation from Purdue instead of pursuing a career in engineering, Wayne went to work for WBOW from 1949 – 1958 where he did general announcing. In 1958 Wayne needed a change, he went to work for WTHI in Terre Haute. There he was asked if he knew anything about the weather, because he just became their new weatherman. As time passed and people moved on, Wayne eventually found himself doing the agricultural report along with the weather duties. His boss felt like it was “a natural fit” the two positions being held by Wayne. This move ended up being a blessing because Wayne would later say, “ My best work was done in agriculture.”

Annually, Wayne attended the National Association of Farm Broadcasters meeting and over time he noticed that fewer and fewer broadcasters from TV were present. This got Wayne thinking because he knew that local TV stations wanted to report on agriculture, they just

didn't want to pay someone to report it. So in Wayne's spare time, he started to develop a concept of a national agricultural show. Somehow word got out on Wayne's side project, and one day he received a call from Washington D.C. It was the Press Secretary of the Department of Agriculture John Ochs. Press Secretary Ochs told Wayne that he had heard of his plans to broadcast a national agriculture show and that if the Department of Agriculture could help to let him know. Obviously Wayne wanted to know how the Department of Agriculture found out about his side project. It turns out that John Ochs was from Olney Illinois, and he knew who Wayne was. Wayne did have one request. He wanted to interview the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture for the first episode.

In 1982 Wayne started *The Morning Ag Report*. WFYI out of Indianapolis had the capabilities to uplink the daily show to the Bonneville 4 satellite. The show was broadcasted to 64 different TV stations nationwide. Topics ranged from all things agriculture including climate, weather, equipment, herbicides, etc. Included each week were two 5 minute interviews with Earl Butz, the former Secretary for the Department of Agriculture. He also had periodic interviews with John Block.

Wayne's affiliation with *The Morning Ag Report* took him more than around the U.S. He has spent time in Ireland, France, and Italy. In Italy he attended the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. This meeting led to an informal meeting which included Pope John Paul II.

*The Morning Ag Report* ran for 10 years with Wayne as the anchor. The show ran 5 days a week for a ½ hour time slot. Wayne had a very successful career considering he had a Mechanical Engineering degree and never used it. With plans of returning home shortly, Wayne is grateful for the care he has received at Cloverleaf. “Good food, a lot of attention, and working with therapy; they have brought me back to where I was before my accident. For that I am truly grateful.”

## Customer Service Superstar

Be it the day, the evening or any other hour you will find this C.N.A here on and off the clock. Samantha Conner is March's Customer Service Superstar. Sam is one of our go to employees. She is always here to serve her residents. She lives right across the street which makes it very convenient for both, Cloverleaf and her. The residents love watching Sam work in her garden during the summer months. But, mostly they enjoy the fruits and veggies she brings in and shares from her garden. A resident stated, "those melons Sam brought to us were amazing. We can't wait until this year for more." His wife and him also stated many people might think Sam is quiet, but she isn't. She has a huge heart and loves people. They said Sam is like family to them. Sam also has brought her puppy in for the residents to enjoy. One resident in particular would grin from ear to ear when he saw Sam walking back across the road with her little pup. Sam dedicates almost all her time to Cloverleaf, but she enjoys to spend time with her husband in her free time. We want to thank Sam for her 5 years of service to the Residents of Cloverleaf



## Employee of the month

Name an employee that always has a smile on her face and is usually singing her favorite tune.....If you named Vicky York, you're correct. Vicky is our March Employee of the Month. Vicky goes above and beyond daily. She tries to fit in quality time every day with at least a few of our Residents. Vicky prepares drinks, escorts to activities, makes beds, etc., anything to help her fellow coworkers out and Residents. Even though it is not technically her job to notice changes in Residents, she does. She knows them very well, and Vicky makes sure the correct people get told when she feels something isn't right. We appreciate this so much in Vicky. Vicky has bought birthday gifts and snacks for a few and even calls one Granny (with permission). Vicky is special in many ways, but her generosity and honesty is beyond measure. Vicky enjoys coming to work to be with the Residents and hearing their stories. But, we think her coworkers and Residents would say we are blessed to have Vicky as an employee, housekeeper, and friend.

