

Cloverleaf Connection

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Celebrating August

National Parks Month

Golf Month

Family Fun Month

Bargain Hunting Week
August 1–5

Social Security Day
August 4

Root Beer Float Day
August 6

Purple Heart Day
August 7

**National Lemon Meringue Pie
Day**
August 15

Senior Citizens' Day
August 21

National Dog Day
August 31

Employee Spotlight



July has National Laundry Workers Week. At Cloverleaf we would like to spotlight one of our dedicated employees. **Loretta Frye** has been employed at Cloverleaf for three years, but has worked in long-term care for 30 years. She has also worked as a supervisor for 27 of those years.

Along with Loretta two of her daughters work at Cloverleaf in the Housekeeping Department. Family working with Loretta at Cloverleaf goes right along with the way she feels about the environment at Cloverleaf. What Loretta likes most about Cloverleaf is that we are one big family and that everyone looks out for one another.

Loretta has been a lifelong resident of Brazil. In Loretta's free time, she likes to spend time with her grandchildren and tending to her numerous flower gardens.

Fireworks!

Last month Cloverleaf sponsored a fireworks show. The Residents, Staff, and Families loved the show and are already looking forward to next year. Here are some pictures of the evening. (Special thanks to the local volunteer firefighters who came and made sure nothing got out of hand!)



Jessie Thomas



Some people are just easy to talk to, and you could listen to them tell their stories all day long. Jessie Thomas is one of those people. She has a quiet, but extremely pleasant disposition that makes you feel better about yourself after talking with her.

Jessie Thomas (nee Sparks) was born in Clarkson, Utah however due to The Great Depression her family was forced to move around until her father could find work. After making several short stops, they settled in Boise, Idaho.

While Jessie was still in High School, Jessie became acquainted with a young serviceman who was based out of Boise. John Thomas was an enlisted Gunnery Instructor Sergeant for the Army Air Corp and was originally from Rockville, IN.

Jessie and John became married, and she followed him back to Indiana. John was previously enrolled at Indiana University, and when they returned he finished with his Law Degree. Soon after getting married and settling in Bloomington, Jessie finished her Senior year of High School. While in Bloomington they also welcomed their first child, Jana.

After John finished his Law Degree, the young family moved to Brazil where he setup his practice. Jessie stayed at home, and they had two more children Jamie and Joanna.

When her children were teenagers or older, Jessie decided it was time for her go back to school. She was attending Indiana State University pursuing a degree in Social Services when a friend asked if she would be interested in going to LPN school with her.

Ever since Jessie was a little girl, she had always liked the idea of becoming a nurse. So when her friend asked her to attend Nursing School in Terre Haute with her, she thought it would be a good idea. Jessie graduated in 1986 and immediately started working at the Clay County Hospital where she would work at least part-time for 15 years.

Jessie not only worked at the hospital, but also several local doctor offices. Her first office was with Dr. Bannon, Dr. Christy, and Dr. Oehler. She would briefly take a break from office work while her daughter Jana has her first child. When Dr. Oehler opened his own office, she followed him and was his nurse for a couple of years before becoming the office nurse for Dr. Conrad. Jessie would go on to work for Dr. Conrad for 13 years.

Customer Service Superstar



Rhonda Rigney is August's Customer Service Superstar. Rhonda has been with Cloverleaf for the last 5 years starting PRN and then moving full-time about three years ago. Rhonda is always willing to help everyone she comes in contact with whether that is a Resident or staff member. Rhonda is always positive and you would never know that she wasn't having her best day.

Before Rhonda became a nurse, she was a teacher at the 4th grade level. After 9 years teaching, she was ready for a new challenge, so she went back and got her LPN. She still continues to be involved in education. She works 2nd shift so that she has time to be the Principal at Good Tidings Academy. She is in her 4th year with the Academy which has grades K thru 12.

Thank You Rhonda for your hardwork and attitude!

Employee of the Month



Joy Wood is August's Employee of the Month. Joy has worked at Cloverleaf for the last four years and is our Swiss Army Knife. She works as a CNA, Restorative Aide, and Qualified Medication Aide.

When Joy originally came to Cloverleaf, she was pursuing her nursing degree, however ended up staying in her current capacity because of how much she enjoyed what she was doing.

Joy is a big part of what we do at Cloverleaf, and she is always willing to fill in if needed. Prior to Cloverleaf Joy worked at National Printing Converters for 13 years. She loves spending time with her family and watching Little House on the Prairie.

