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## BUCKLE UP!!

Welcome to the month of May – possibly the busiest and most fun month of the year at Wellsville Retirement Community. We launch the month with National Nurse’s Week May 6-12. This is an opportunity to acknowledge our wonderful team of nurse’s who staff our home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to ensure that we are delivering the best care possible to our residents. The main feature that week will be an incredible steak dinner served by Chef Tim on Wednesday, May 8. I encourage EVERYONE to be sure and thank all the nurses you know during that special week.

The following three weeks will be sponsored by each of our neighborhood staff members. Our Meadowlark Team will host May 13 - 17 and the theme they have come up with is “Space”. The CountryView Team have May 20 -24 and their theme is “Decades”. Rumor is circulating that we might have an Elvis sighting that week! May 27-31 is shaping up to be the VERY BEST week of the month and it will be orchestrated by our Sunrise/Assisted Living team (I just happen to be on this team). In case you haven’t detected it from this article or from observation in previous years, there is a little competition going on as to who will host the BEST week. I’ll let you know in next month’s article who won the competition. Ultimately, however, it is always the residents who “win” because when all is said and done,

they have a great time and we create some wonderful experiences and memories for everyone who participates.

## THE AMAZING ASHLEY!!

We are thrilled to once again be hosting Ashley the Entertainer. Ashley lives full time in Peru, South America where he and his wife are missionaries. He occasionally takes some time each year and returns to the States where he performs his one man show mainly in Florida and the Kansas City area. In my humble opinion, he is in the upper echelon of entertainment we provide here at WRC. We invite EVERYONE to join us on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 to see the Amazing Ashley! Hope to see you then!!

## SAFARI GONG SHOW

We are continuing our tradition of ending National Skilled Nursing Care month with the Gong Show. Because that week’s theme is Safari, all Gong Show participants are encouraged to follow this theme. However, we will accept ALL shapes and sizes of talent regardless of your ability to follow our theme. We already have some great acts lined up but if YOU would like to participate please call or text me directly at 785-224-3453.

‘til next month,

**Scott**



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## Welcome to WRC

Saundra Jerred  
Harold Taylor  
Wayne & Betty LaGalle  
Joe Oaks  
Charles Schafer

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### ***Resident of the Month***

**Juanita Lawson**

Juanita was born in Dennison, Kansas and moved to Valley Falls as a small child. She lived on a farm where she helped her mother can vegetables and work the garden and helped her dad feed the animals.

Juanita married her husband in 1945 during World War II while he was serving in the Navy. They had one daughter and one son. She has had many jobs over the years. She has worked at a dentist office, doctor's office, country treasurer office and worked in Quality Control at Wolf Creek power plant.

Juanita LOVES to fish. She once went to Canada on a fishing trip where the only way in and out was by plane. She enjoyed traveling where she visited Las Vegas and went on a cruise.

Juanita enjoys Wellsville Retirement Community and says, "The people here are good to me. The employees pick on me and I enjoy picking on them too! I also love that my great-granddaughter, Abbie, works here."



## *And we will miss... ....*

Martha Hodges  
John Palmer  
Rosalie Schafer

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### ***Employee of the Month***

**Aubrey Wood**

Aubrey is a C.N.A. on our weekday team in CountryView. She was born in Lawrence and grew up in Eudora until 2nd grade. She then transferred to a little country school named Vinland. She graduated high school at Baldwin in 2018. She has one older brother and one younger brother.

Aubrey plans to become a registered nurse and specialize in pediatrics. She is currently in a medical assistant program. She doesn't really have any hobbies right now and keeps busy with a full time job and attending school full time. Her favorite thing to do is spending time with her loved ones.

Aubrey says, "I love how we interact with our residents at WRC. I love that we do all kinds of activities to keep them active and smiling."



**Juanita & Aubrey share May honors.**

Monday May 20th is the 70s

## *Activities: Life at WRC*

theme, at 10:00 we start Music of

National Nursing Home Week was established in 1967 by The American Healthcare Association. However, we here at WRC celebrate a whole month of fun filled explosive events.

We ask the question of our staff: what can we do for our residents to make keep our residents engaged? How can we contributing to their happiness ? Every day, WRC, with the help of fabulous volunteers, assist our residents in living their happiest and best lives. Whether it's playing games, going on outings, reading or dancing, listening to music, or just sitting and chatting. We try to help provide a great quality of life.

We are excited about the fun filled month!

### **Week 1:**

We kick off the month by honoring our great volunteers who are an essential key part to our team. Friday, May 3rd @ 6:00 PM, volunteer night. We will provide our volunteers with a special dinner and great entertainment.

### **Week 2:**

National Nurses Week, we will celebrate our nursing staff

### **Week 3:**

Sunday, May 12th starts with honoring our Mothers at 1:00. Monday, May 13th kicks off the celebration of space week with the Meadowlark neighborhood, therapy and the housekeeping department. During Space week, Tuesday, the 14th at 10:30 we will be taking a trip to a Planetarium at Union Station, then at 3:00 Gene Fox singing songs related to space.

Wednesday the 15th, at 11:00 Kareen King presents The Black Hole.

Thursday the 16th, at 10:00 Space Bingo. Then from 11:00-1:00 we will have a Food Truck. Followed by Ken Page at 3:00.

Friday the 17th, at 3:00 an Out of this World Party with Gary Kirkland.

Closing out the week on Saturday the 18th, at 3:00 entertainment with James Rojas.

### **Week 4:**

the Decades week - Name That Tune with Joey D. Tuesday the 21st 60s theme, at 1:00 Wheel of Fortune. Mark your calendars! Tuesday May 21st at 3:00 PM, The return of ASHLEY COPPER THE ENTERTAINER. Don't miss him!

Wednesday the 22nd is the 20s theme, at 10:00 Elvis Presley. Then at 3:00 Murder Mystery with Wine and Cheese.

Thursday the 23rd is the 50s theme, at 3:00 - Sock Hop with Bobby Eddy.

Friday the 24th, at 9:30 Johnson County Museum. Followed by Doc Fuller at 3:00.

Saturday the 25th, at 3:00 Wicked Strings.

### **Week 5:**

Scott Averill, Ashley Washington, and the staff from the Sunrise neighborhood will feature Safari Week.

Monday the 27th, at 9:30 Safari Walking Club. At 10:00 Memorial Day Celebration followed by a cook-out at noon. Then closing the day with safari videos with Kareen.

Tuesday the 28th, at 10:00 Pomona Picnic. The Safari Team will be bringing in Exotic animals at 6:00.

Wednesday the 29th at 10:00 Cedar Cove in Louisburg.

Thursday the 30th at 3:00 Safari Games.

Friday the 31st, at 12:00 Safari Food Truck, followed by The Safari Gong Show at 2:45 to close out the month.

The neighborhoods are competing against each other to see who had the best week. We will determine this by your comments. So please come out and enjoy the different events. Please write your comments and give them to Ashley Washington, our Office Manager. At the end of the month, we will tally the great comments from a fun filled month of events.

We will also need volunteers for the different events. Please call or see Jennifer if interested. Thank you!

# Wellsville Retirement Community

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We must have shot records of any pet that is brought into WRC and the approval of management.

Thank you!

## Spotlight #1: Hannah Markus



**SPOTLIGHT #1** is Hannah Markus who is a Certified Nurse Assistant who fills in on a lot of different shifts in our CountryView Neighborhood. She was born and raised in Ottawa and graduated from West Franklin High School in 2018. Hannah aspires to get certified as a Surgical Technologist and is currently in their program at Neosho Community College. She has 4 brothers and sisters.

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Being in the Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club. It taught me a lot about leadership.

**3 WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME:** enthusiastic, optimistic and driven!

**IF I COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN TIME I WOULD:** Back to the 1960's when all the civil rights activities were going on!

**A PERSON IN MY LIFE WHO HAS INSPIRED ME IS:** My grandmother. She was my best friend.

**IF I COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER:** Telepathy – to read people's minds!

**MY FAVORITE WAY TO RELAX IS:** sit on the porch when it's raining with hot tea!

**MY BIGGEST FEAR IS:** heights!!!

**IF I COULD WAVE A MAGIC WAND AND CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT THE WORLD:** eliminate all prejudice!

## Spotlight #2: Jess Leatherberry



**SPOTLIGHT #2** is on Jess Leatherberry who works in our Dietary Department. She was born and raised in Ottawa, Kansas. She graduated from Calvary Baptist Academy in 2011. Jess has two brothers and one sister. She is married and has two children ages 2 & 3.

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** playing volleyball.

**A PERSON IN MY LIFE WHO INSPIRED ME:** my mother!

**3 WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME:** shy, happy and hard-working.

**IF I COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER:** Speed!!

**A WEBSITE I VISIT EVERY DAY:** I don't have one.

**MY BIGGEST FEAR:** Spiders.....I have a severe case of arachnophobia!!

**MY FAVORITE WAY TO RELAX:** Watching movies with my kids.

**IF I COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN TIME I WOULD:** go to last year in April so I could say good-bye to my brother-in-law for the last time.

**IF I COULD WAVE A MAGIC WAND AND CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT THE WORLD:** Make everyone kinder!