

Stewartville Care Connection

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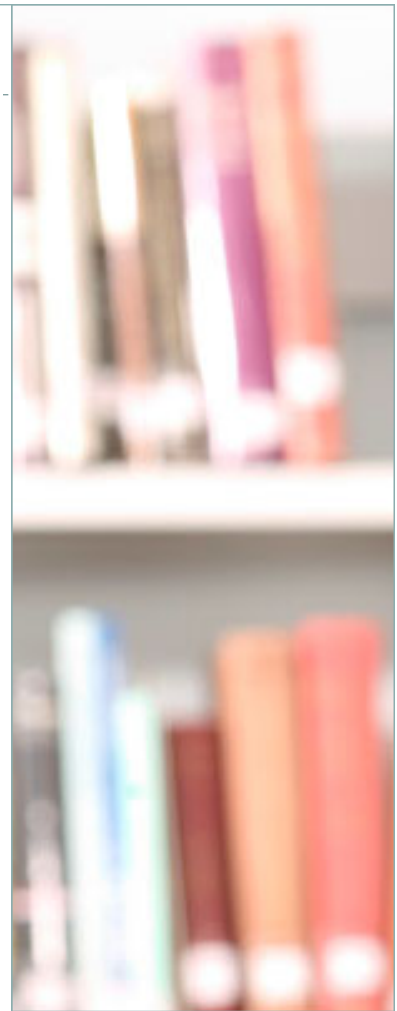
Hello friends, family, and residents.

This has been a busy month. The weather is starting to warm up. We had a few fun things going on this month. We played Whack– A-Mole with the residents. Thanks to Kyle and Kyle from maintenance. They were our moles. We have Elvis coming this month also. Thank you Stewartville Middle School who brought their Builder Club kids in and visited with the residents and played games and did some crafts. I would like to thank Sue Warmka for coming and playing music for us at the Monthly Birthday Party. We also have Murette coming this month to play the piano for our residents. May is going to be busy too. We have Mothers Day, Memorial Day, and National Skilled Nursing Home week. We have a lot of things planned for that. That’s all for now. Stay Safe.

Tammy Wuerflein AD

RESIDENT COUNCIL UPDATES

Resident Council meeting was held April 14th at 2:00. Residents discussed concerns and they were reviewed. The next Resident Council Meeting is on May 12th at 2:00.



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**THE BEAUTY SHOP WILL
BE OPEN ON MONDAY,
APRIL 27TH**

**Stay Connected
(or Update Your Info!)**
Moved or no longer wish to
receive the newsletter?
Please contact **Activities at
533-1393** to update your ad-
dress or be removed from the
mailing list.



Our community is always growing and changing, and each transition is meaningful. We take a moment to recognize those joining us and those moving on.

WELCOMING NEW RESIDENTS

We are pleased to welcome the following individuals to Stewartville Care Center. We look forward to getting to know you and supporting you as part of our community:

- Marsha Winch
- Ada Oimoen
Phyllis Howe

Please take a moment to introduce yourself and help them feel at home.

We also recognize residents who have recently transitioned from our care. Whether moving to another setting or returning home, we wish them comfort, success, and continued well-being:

- Dan Kellogg
- Thomas Lavin

IN MEMORIAM

With respect and remembrance, we honor those who have passed. We are grateful for the time they spent as part of our community:

- Joan Titus
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TRANSITIONS & FAREWELLS

*It's the little moments that matter...
Like when you sit down—and remember why you sat down in the first place!*

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

We are excited to celebrate the birthdays of our residents this month! Each birthday is a special milestone, and we are honored to share in these moments.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR RESIDENTS!

Please join us in wishing a very happy birthday to:

- Dori Yennie 5/2
- Ada Oimoen 5/10
- Bob Heger 5/16
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We hope your day is filled with joy, laughter, and special moments!

Every birthday is a celebration of a life well-lived and the memories still being made.

NATIONAL DAYS FOR MAY

We love finding little ways to bring fun and connection into our days! Here are a few unique national days we're celebrating this month:

MAY 8TH NATIONAL HAVE A COKE DAY

We will be serving coke at our Social Hour.

Did You Know?

Coca Cola was created in 1886, and was used as a medicinal tonic and sold for five cents a glass. In 1892 it expanded to a soda fountain beverage.

MAY 15TH IS NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CHIP DAY

We will be having good old homemade Chocolate cookies this day.

Did You Know?

In 1938 Ruth Wakefield chopped pieces of a semi-sweet Nestle chocolate bar to her cookie recipe which became an instant success and led to the iconic Toll House cookie.

MAY 25TH MEMORIAL DAY

We will be having a Memorial Program.

Did You Know?

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day and began after the American Civil War when citizens placed flowers on the graves of fallen soldiers to honor their sacrifice.



HEART OF OUR HOME—RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Millie Petersen, Millie was born in Protivin, Ia which is a Check community. Millie went to school there and graduated in 1947. Millie had 1 brother and 2 sisters. Millie then moved to Rochester to work at St. Marys. Millie met her husband-Lyle Sass, and they married in Oct. 1951. Millie has 3 boys and 1 girl. One of Millies boys was born deaf and went to the School for the deaf in Faribault, Mn. Millie's husband Lyle owned a Allis Chalmer business where Millie was raising the kids and doing the bookwork. After Lyle died in 1970 the business was sold. Millie then came to work here at the Care Center as a nursing assistant. Millie also volunteered here for forty years. Mille remarried in 1975 to Art Petersen. Art had a tool sharpening business. Art was so good to the kids and grandkids. Art passed in 1999. Millie has also worked for the school on the lunch line, she worked for Dr. Wente-the founder of Olmstead Medical, and Dr. Risser- a general practitioner. Millie has 11 grandchildren. In Millie's spare time she gardened, canned, baked kolaches, made wine, danced ,made sauerkraut, played scrabble, played carrom, walking, riding bike, snow shoeing, puzzles, sewing and Vacations.

Give a man a fish and he has food for the day; teach a man how to fish and you can get rid of him for the entire weekend.

FROM THE DESK OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Hello residents, staff, family, and friends. We are so excited about springtime and are looking forward to getting outside. We are planning to spend some time this year working on our landscaping and can't wait to start. In this newsletter you will also see the schedule of events for our big week in May where we celebrate all of the wonderful things that go on in our facility. We are excited for this week and wanted to be sure we shared our plans with you all in advanced and would love to have you join us for any of the fun activities we have planned. We are still accepting donations that will be used as prizes for our staff to show our appreciation for all they do. If you would like to make a donation, please see someone in our business office or come see me. As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns with anything at the care center campus.

Jen Nogosek, LNHA, C-DON,
BSN, RN

Administrator

Stewartville Care Center



Welcome Our New Director of Nursing – Jessica

We are excited to welcome **Jessica**, our new Director of Nursing at Stewartville Care Center!

Jessica brings strong clinical experience and a deep-rooted passion for caring for others. Having spent much of her childhood in hospitals and rehabilitation settings, she experienced firsthand the impact compassionate care can have. That experience shaped her path and ultimately led her into nursing.

While long-term care wasn't originally her plan, everything changed during her nursing school clinicals. It was there she discovered a calling to serve the long-term care community—a population she believes deserves greater attention, advocacy, and compassion. Jessica is driven by a vision to make Stewartville Care Center a place where both residents and staff want to be.

WHAT DRIVES HER

Jessica finds the most reward in the gratitude residents show—even for the smallest acts of care. She understands how difficult it can be to lose independence and depend on others, and she approaches that responsibility with respect and compassion.

“This is their home that they have allowed us to come into.”

Seeing residents smile, connect with staff, and feel genuinely cared for is what motivates her every day. She values every interaction—both the joyful and the challenging—as opportunities to learn and grow.

LIFE OUTSIDE OF WORK

Outside of work, Jessica enjoys hosting holidays, traveling (especially to warmer destinations), and finding great deals at thrift stores, garage sales, and auctions. She especially loves Christmas and the joy it brings to others.

Originally from Wisconsin, Jessica spent much of her childhood moving across the country before settling in Minnesota 25 years ago. She now considers it home.

Jessica and her husband—whom she met when she first moved to the area—have been together for 25 years and have two daughters, ages 23 and 20. They recently moved to Spring Valley, where they are restoring an older home into their “forever homestead.”

ALWAYS GROWING

Jessica is a lifelong learner who is always looking for ways to grow.

“My cup is never full... I’m always looking for ways to fill it.”

That mindset drives her leadership and her commitment to continuous improvement—for herself, the team, and the care we provide.

Jessica is excited to build on the strong foundation at Stewartville Care Center. Her focus is simple: support staff, elevate care, and create a community where residents truly feel at home.

Please join us in welcoming Jessica—we’re glad she’s here!

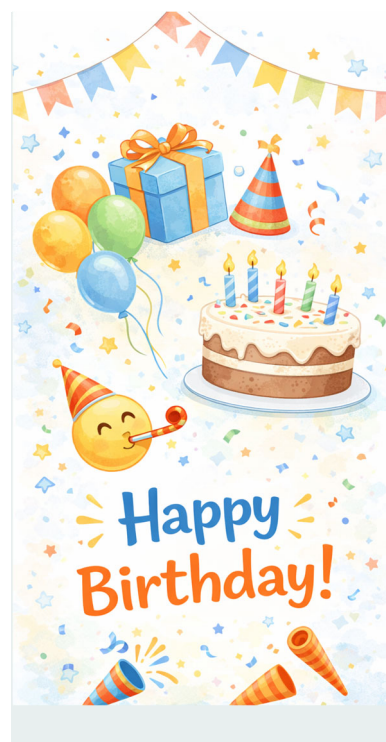
We're excited to celebrate the team members who have birthdays this month! Thank you for the care, compassion, and dedication you bring to Stewartville Care Center every day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR TEAM!

Please join us in wishing a wonderful birthday to:

- Manda Nicolai—May 5th
- Alan Miller—May 13th
- Savanna Gunderson—May 14th
- Robert Gust—May 25th
- Kris Swanton—May 27th
- Kamrynn Westphall—May 27th
- Bernadette Pratt—May 28th
- Nora Kurth—May 30th

We hope your birthday is filled with joy, laughter, and maybe even a little extra cake!



“It’s not just what we do, it’s how we make people feel that matters most.”

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

We are proud to recognize the dedication and commitment of our team members celebrating work anniversaries this month. Your hard work and compassion make a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents and in our community every day.

CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE

Please join us in congratulating:

Thank you for the dedication and commitment you bring to our residents and team each day.

- Anna Schliesman – 1 Year
- Lakin Young – 4 Years
- Molly Christenson – 6 Years
- Lauren Lammers – 7 Years
- Thiab Abuserrieh – 10 years

A special recognition to Thiab for reaching an incredible milestone—10 years of dedicated service!

Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence and for being an important part of the Stewartville Care Center team.



STEWARTVILLE CARE CENTER ACTIVITIES

MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE	BEAUTY SHOP WILL BE OPEN MAY 25TH				1 9:30 EXERCISE 10:00 BIBLE STUDY 2:00 SOCIAL HOUR WITH KENT	2 9:30 EXERCISE 10:00 MADDY 2:00 TIM THE MUSIC MAN
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10 8:00-9:30 CATHOLIC COMMUNION 9:30 EXERCISE 10:00&2:00 LEXI MOTHERS DAY	11 9:30 EXERCISE 10:00 CANVAS PAINTING 2:00 MUSIC WITH PASTOR PETE 6:30 MADDY	12 9:30 EXERCISE 10:00 WORSHIP (CHRISTIAN) 2:00 RESIDENT COUNCIL 6:30 LEXI	13 9:30 EXERCISE 10:00 DECORATING FLOWER POTS 2:30 TRIVIA 6:30 MADDY	14 9:30 EXERCISE 9:15 ROSARY 9:30 MASS 10:15 SING-A-LONG 2:00 FLOWERS 6:30 LEXI	15 9:30 EXERCISE 10:00 BIBLE STUDY 2:00 SOCIAL HOUR WITH COLBY	16 9:30 EXERCISE 10:00 MADDY 2:00 MADDY
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National Skilled Nursing Care Week – Moments in Bloom

<p>Monday, May 11</p> <p>Morning Glory Monday</p>		<p>Wear blue or purple</p> <p>Bagels & Cream Cheese for Staff</p>		<p>Special Resident Activity: Canvas Painting in the MDR at 10am</p> <p>Resident and Staff Photo and Activity at 1pm</p> <p>Tic Tac Toe</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 12</p> <p>Tulip Tuesday</p>		<p>Wear pink or red</p> <p>Pink Lemonade and Cupcakes for Staff</p>		<p>Resident and Staff Photo and Activity at 1pm</p> <p>Nerf Gun Battle</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 13</p> <p>Wildflower Wednesday</p>		<p>Wear orange or any flower pattern</p> <p>A Picnic in the Meadow Style Foods for Staff</p>		<p>Special Resident Activity: Flowerpot Decorating in the MDR at 10am</p> <p>Resident and Staff Photo and Activity at 1pm</p> <p>Plate Draw</p>
<p>Thursday, May 14</p> <p>Tropical Thursday</p>		<p>Wear Hawaiian prints</p> <p>Ice Cream Treats for Staff</p>		<p>Special Resident Activity: Flower Planting at 2pm</p> <p>Resident and Staff Photo and Activity at 1pm</p> <p>Egg Toss</p>
<p>Friday, May 15</p> <p>Feel Good Friday</p>		<p>Brighten the day by wearing Yellow</p> <p>Taco Bar for Staff</p>		<p>Resident and Staff Photo and Activity at 1pm</p> <p>Flower Power</p>

CONTACT US

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533-1389

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533-1398

Social Services: 533-1395

Dietary Office: 533-1388

Activities Department:

533-1393

Maintenance: 533-1377

Environmental Services:

533-1394

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers truly brighten our residents' days, and there are many ways to help—activities, visits, events, and more.

Contact Tammy (Activities): 533-1393

ESCORT OPPORTUNITIES

We are also looking for individuals to serve as resident escorts for appointments. **Contact Social Services – Lauren: 533-1395**

Paid opportunity

Must be 18+

Background study required

FAMILY COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

We are always looking for individuals to join our Family Council. This is a great way to stay involved, share feedback, and support our community.

Contact: Julie Hayes at (507) 533-6025 or (507) 993-7076

Meetings: First Wednesday of each month

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: South Conference Room

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