

# Across the Greenfield

## Fair Winners!



## Bureau County Fair Fun!

This year, our ladies entered 21 different categories, ranging from crafts to floral. They came home with 13 Blue Ribbons (1st Place), 8 Red Ribbons (2nd Place) and

Pat Polson won a plaque for Best of Show in Floriculture with her beautiful creation. Congratulations to all our participants! And, thank you to the folks at the Bureau

County Fair for all they do to make this event possible!!





**Eunice, Danny, & Carolyn**



**Joanne & Rachel**



**Marcia**



**Bonnie**



**Jane F.**



**Rosie**



**Julie**



**Mary**

## Across Lynn's Desk

We believe that the heart of our organization is the culture we cultivate together. Recently, we gathered for an all-employee training session with a focus on shaping and reinforcing this culture, ensuring it is reflected in everything we do—from the way we care for our seniors to how we interact with one another as colleagues. This training provided us with the opportunity to define the core values that make us who we are, while also identifying practical ways to bring these values to life in our everyday service.

During the training, we came together to focus on key principles such as respect, empathy, teamwork, accountability, and integrity. These values are not just words—they are guiding lights that shape our daily interactions and decisions. We worked together to identify specific

actions we can take to embody these principles, whether it's showing kindness in small moments with residents, helping each other in times of need, or taking pride in our work.

Why is this important? A strong, positive work culture is essential for many reasons. First, it directly impacts the quality of care and service we provide. When we operate from a place of respect and empathy, it creates a nurturing environment for our seniors, helping them feel valued and supported in their day-to-day lives. But the benefits extend beyond the workplace. When we commit to these values in our professional lives, we carry them with us into our personal lives as well. This helps us build stronger, more meaningful relationships with our families, friends, and communities, creating a ripple effect of positivity and

well-being.

Furthermore, fostering a supportive work culture helps us create a workplace where everyone feels safe, appreciated, and empowered. It's not just about getting the job done; it's about doing it in a way that enriches our lives and the lives of those around us. When we feel connected to a shared purpose and to one another, it makes coming to work something to look forward to—a place where we can grow both personally and professionally.

We are excited to continue working together to create an environment that reflects the best of who we are, inside and outside of work, and to make a positive difference every day.

*Lynn Olds*

## Meditation Services

Every month, we are blessed to have local pastors come to Greenfield and deliver the Word of God to our seniors:

Pastor Michael Freeman from the Hampshire Colony Church, Pastor Colleen Laurence and Friends from

the 1st Presbyterian Church, and Monsignor and Friends from St. Louis Catholic Church. Thank you all for coming to Greenfield!

## Updates on Independent Living

Most of you are probably aware that Greenfield has two different levels of care: Sheltered Care and Independent Living. The Sheltered Care side is licensed to provide nursing services and is staffed 24 hours daily. The Independent Living side has access to one meal a day with the option to add more meals as needed, shares activities with sheltered care, contracted housekeeping and can get help from me as the apartment liaison. We are not staffed with a nurse on that side but this side is kept secure and each tenant has a code to get in that they can set up with me.

We've added additional services to the Independent Living to help, within the guidelines of our license.

Some of those services include having the podiatrist come in-house once a month, providing yearly flu and COVID vaccinations, and giving the option to have Greenfield do your laundry for a fee. We also connect tenants with resources to help with independence like services through In-Home Care Connection or medication sorting through Fawcett's Pharmacy.

We introduced two new services to Independent Living at our last apartment meeting, 1:1 exercise with Brittnay, and Walmart Shopping. Any apartment tenant can benefit from a personal trainer right at Greenfield. Brittnay can meet with you individually to discuss your personal goals for improvement. She

can work on core strength, balance, flexibility, or endurance; whatever may be an area of weakness for you.

The other service you can use is Walmart Shopper days on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. If you need anything from Walmart, we can place orders for apartment tenants by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday. It will be delivered to your door on Wednesday by Greenfield staff.

We try hard to make Greenfield a wonderful place to live and work. I often say, "How would you want your parent or grandparent treated?" and remember this when caring for others. I hope you can tell we care.

*Kate Webster, SSD*

## Rachel's Bling Thing

Jewelry consultant, Rachel Kelley came to Greenfield with racks of beautiful and inexpensive items from earrings, bracelets to

necklaces. She asked that those interested bring an outfit that the seniors wanted to accessorize. We had so much fun finding

different colors, shapes and sizes of jewelry. Thanks, Rachel! We are hoping to have Rachel back in the fall and at Christmas time.



## Flowers of Kindness

Our pollinator garden is in full bloom this year: zinnias, wildflowers, purple cone flowers, just to name a few. One program we love to do is called Flowers of Kindness. We cut our flowers and place them in buckets, and then the seniors get to arrange

small bouquets in a container. This is usually completed in the morning, because in the afternoon, we head out in the Greenfield van and randomly deliver flowers to those we see out and about. This is a great way to meet new

people and most of all to make someone's day a bit brighter. One person we gave flowers to just happened to be one of our staff's grandma! The staff member shared that her grandma was so happy to receive some "sunshine and love" that day.

## Patio Time

Who doesn't like to sit on the patio and watch the cars go by? This may seem like a mundane thing to do, but the conversations, laughter and memories we share while sitting on our patio are so much fun! We

schedule this Monday through Friday to encourage our seniors to sit outside in a

safe and enjoyable area where they can spark up conversations with others.

Fresh air and friends are the

best medicine for a joyful life! Join us at 11:00am!



**Patio Time!**

## Mrs. Thompson's 3rd Graders

Our first intergenerational visit with Mrs. Thompson's 3rd grade class will be September 20th at 9:15. The

children are sharing one favorite item with the seniors followed by an interview to get to know one

another. Be sure to mark your calendars!

# Bureau County Fair: A Time for Fun and Memories

The Bureau County Fair is a special event that many people look forward to each year. It's a time when the community comes together to enjoy the end of summer with lots of fun and good memories.

One of the best parts of the fair is the exhibits. You can see quilts, animals, and all kinds of homemade crafts, vegetables, flowers, photos, artistic creations and foods. Walking through the exhibit halls, you can see the colorful fruits and vegetables that people have grown and prepared.

This year, our seniors entered 21 different categories, while winning 13 blue ribbons (1st Place),

8 red ribbons (2nd Place) and 1 Best of Show plaque for Floriculture (Congratulations, Pat Polson on her award-winning entry: "The Old Dresser" category!). The seniors worked over a period of 3-months prior to the deadline from deciding the entry, preparation and execution.

The rides are another big attraction. The Ferris wheel gives you a great view of the whole fair, and the carousel is always a favorite for all ages. The sound of people laughing and the sight of bright lights make the midway a fun place to be.

And, of course, there's the food. The smell of funnel

cakes, corn dogs, and cotton candy fills the air. Eating these treats is something everyone looks forward to, and it's a big part of what makes the fair special. As a little girl, I remember saving up throughout the year for the fair in anticipation of the rides and most importantly, cotton candy!

The Bureau County Fair isn't just an event; it's a time to make memories with family and friends that will last a lifetime. Finally, we want to thank all those who make this event possible: from the fair board to the volunteers...thank you, for all you do!

*Chris Thompson,  
Activity Director*

## Flower & Plant Arranging for the Fair



**Bertie**



**Patsy**



**Joyce**





**Bertie**



**Marie**



**Joyce**



**Danny**



**Christy**



**Glenn**



**Bingo at the Fair**

## Fall is Coming!

As August comes to an end and Autumn is just a couple of weeks away it feels like the Sunday of Summer. Summer vacations are memories, school has started and it can feel a little sad as we end the fun of summer and get back to reality. Some persons may even suffer from the summer blues.

Summer is so much fun and I love it, but there is something to be said for getting back to a regular routine. I myself love Autumn as it is my favorite time of year. There are so many things to look forward to during the fall season such as:

- The leaves all turning

beautiful shades of yellow, red and orange - it is absolutely breathtaking!

- Autumn nights with perfect weather...not too hot and not too cold.
- Sitting around a fire roasting hot dogs and marshmallows to make smores.
- Snuggling into our hooded sweatshirts and sweaters, cozy and warm.
- A trip to a local apple orchard.
- Homemade apple cider – it's the BEST! And apple cider donuts – YUM!
- And best of all.....Halloween – spooky decorations, trick or treaters, candy and costumes.

I will miss summertime. I had an amazing summer vacation with my family to Dauphin Island, Alabama. So many memories we will cherish forever. But there is a time for every season and I cannot let myself look back and long for the past or I will miss out on enjoying the present. Like the seasons, we all should enjoy each season of our lives as it is upon us and know that our lives were meant to move forward.

Welcome to the next season of your lives. Enjoy!

*Shelly Davis, DCN*



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