

# Thornapple Tribune

Enjoy our monthly newsletter that celebrates our employees, showcases the love we have for our residents, and brags about the fun we have!

## This Month's Highlights



Staff Member Message



Wellness



Celebrating our Employees



Event Highlights



## January 2026



December was filled with joy, togetherness, and plenty of holiday cheer throughout community. We kicked off the season with a Milk and Cookie Family Social, where residents and their loved ones enjoyed sweet treats, warm conversations, and special moments together.

Santa made several cheerful visits, bringing smiles, laughter, and photo opportunities for residents, families, and staff alike. Our holiday spirit continued with festive dress up days, which added fun and creativity to the neighborhoods as everyone joined in celebrating the season.

Residents also enjoyed building and decorating gingerbread houses, a favorite activity that sparked creativity and friendly conversation. Throughout the month, we were grateful to welcome many family visits and shared snacks, making the season feel even more special and meaningful.

December truly reminded us of the importance of connection, tradition, and community. We are thankful to our residents, families, and staff for helping make this holiday season so memorable.



## Staff Member Message and Wellness Challenge



### Carol McKelvey Nursing Team Leader for Cloverdale Lane

Hello! I am Carol. I've been proud to call Thornapple Manor my work home for 18 years. I first started here as a Charge Nurse, and this year I stepped into my new role as a Team Leader. I've always loved making sure our residents have the resources, support, and care they need, and I'm grateful every day for the chance to make a difference in their lives.



I've been married to my husband, Justin, for 17 wonderful years. I raised a daughter and a son and now we're blessed with four grandchildren. Before becoming a nurse, I served in the Army as part of communications, including three active years and four years in the Reserves while completing my education. That experience shaped who I am today and taught me the importance of teamwork, dedication, and compassion.

When I am not at work, I enjoy riding motorcycles, spending time with my grandkids, crocheting and getting lost in a good book. I'm truly excited to see what the next year at Thornapple Manor brings. I'm honored to continue growing here, supporting our residents, and working alongside such an incredible team.

## Power of Gratitude

**"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of Life"**

\*It turns what we have into enough, and more.

\*It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity.

\*It turns problems into gifts, failures into successes, the unexpected into perfect timing, and mistakes into important events.

\*It can turn an existence into real life and disconnected situations into important and beneficial lessons.

\*Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings, peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. Gratitude makes things right.

\*There is no situation too large that it is not susceptible to gratitude's power.

\*We can start with who we are and what we have, then let it work its magic.



## Celebrating our Employees



### Our Employee Of The Month!

**Marchelle Ward**

*Dietary Aide*

Please join us in congratulating Marchelle Ward, Dietary Aide, on earning the January Employee of the Month recognition! Marchelle's nomination forms celebrated her dedication, kindness, and willingness to help others. Many also noted her contagious smile and positive attitude.

## Anniversaries

We would like to acknowledge our staff members for their service and dedication to our residents.

- Bryson H.- 1 Year
- Earl C.- 14 Years
- Kyleigh S.- 2 Years
- Samantha K.- 2 Years
- Jamie B.- 6 Years
- Mackenzie D.- 1 Year
- Shelby C.- 9 Years
- Jordyn H.- 1 Year
- Tara M.- 1 Year
- Imagin M.- 1 Year
- Heather W.- 14 Years
- Marva S.- 3 Years
- Abigail O.- 2 Years
- Michelle F.- 6 Years
- Matthew W.- 25 Years
- Jack H.- 1 Year
- Miranda S.- 1 Year
- Cristal C.- 3 Years
- Amy S.- 18 Years



## Reminders and Upcoming Events

Foot pedals are vital to the safety of your loved ones. Please, when pushing them in their wheelchairs, put their foot pedals on or ask the staff for assistance to put them on.

Friendly dogs are welcome to come visit. Dogs must be brought to the Life Enrichment Director to be assessed, including a copy of the dog's vaccination record.



# THORNAPPLE MANOR



January 1- Bob B.  
January 2- Deb M.  
January 6- Mike S.  
January 7-George R.  
January 8- Bobby B.  
January 11- Fred C.  
January 12- Beth M.  
January 16- Carolyn E.  
January 19 Kendall P.  
January 20-Janet B  
January 20- Bob B.  
January 20- Pat M.  
January 24- Ben C.  
January 26- Millie H.  
January 29 Annette C.  
January 29- Dale A.  
January 31- Rose G.  
January 31- Lynne T.



## Upcoming Events

### January Happenings

#### January 6

- 10am Cardio Drumming, Harvest Pointe
- 2pm- Sun Catchers - WWLR

#### January 9

- 10am Skipbo - SBLR
- 10am Card-O - Harvest Pointe

#### January 14

- 10am Roll-A-Snowman - WWLR
- 2pm Art Group - Harvest Pointe

#### January 15

- 2pm Science Club - SBLR

#### January 19

- 1pm - Basement Blue Grass Band - Harvest Pointe
- 1:30pm - Yahtzee - CDLR

#### January 22

- 10am Snowball Toss - WWLR
- 2pm Minute to Win-It - SBLR

#### January 23

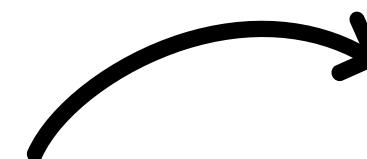
- 2pm Hot Cocoa - WWLR
- 2:30pm Music with Polly - Harvest Pointe

#### January 27

- 10am Painting Class - WWLR
- 2pm Table Games - WWLR

#### January 30

- 2pm Corn Hole Games - Harvest Pointe



Check out all our events  
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