

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Celebrating September

September 7: Labor Day

Sept. 8 - 13: Hardin County
Fair

September 13: National
Grandparents Day

September 18: National
Cheeseburger Day

September 28: National
Strawberry Cream Pie Day

FUN FACTS about SEPTEMBER



September's birth flower
is the Aster,
symbolizing wisdom
and love.



The name "September"
comes from the Latin
word "septem," meaning
seven.



It's the first full month
of autumn in the
Northern Hemisphere.



Sapphire is the birthstone
for September.



Some fun September
celebrations include
Labor Day, Grandparents
Day, and the start of
Hispanic Heritage Month!



Cooler days, cozy nights,
football games, and
pumpkin treats—
September has it all!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

★ Rachel Boutwell ... 9/3
★ Kelly Risner ... 9/6
★ Daniel Stevens ... 9/7
★ Alex Castle ... 9/8
★ Ronnie Edwards ... 9/12
★ Tammy Chatfield ... 9/14
★ Randy Hayes ... 9/15
★ Shawna Hale ... 9/22
★ Duke Childress ... 9/23
★ Amy Harsh ... 9/24
★ Bobby McDonald ... 9/24
★ Mackenzie Pittman ... 9/25
★ June Helton ... 9/29

Astrological Signs of September

September spans two astrological signs: Virgo (until September 22) and Libra (starting September 23). Virgos are practical, detail-oriented earth signs ruled by Mercury, known for their analytical minds. Libras are balanced, sociable air signs ruled by Venus, known for seeking harmony, beauty, and fairness.

Activities Corner



September Events

- Bingo
- Human Claw Machine
- Tailgate Party
- Fair Week
- Crafts with Molly
- Resident Council
- National Coffee Day

The Hardin County Fair

We're excited to announce that our residents will have the opportunity to visit the Hardin County Fair from September 8–11! The fair is always a favorite tradition, filled with fun, laughter, and wonderful memories. Residents can enjoy delicious fair food, live entertainment, farm animals, exhibits, games, music, and so much more. It's a great chance to get out, enjoy the fresh air, and spend time with friends while experiencing all the excitement our community has to offer. We look forward to sharing this special outing with our residents and making it a memorable week for everyone!



Photo by Tessa Hernandez

Welcome Aboard!



Jeffrey Damrow
Maintenance Assistant

Originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Jeffrey brings an interest in technology, computers, and hands-on work to his new role. His career interests include IT networking and IT security, with a goal of building a future in the technology and cybersecurity fields. Outside of work, Jeffrey enjoys spending time with his family, who are very important to him. His hobbies include computers and technology, and his favorite foods include cheeseburgers and smoothies. Jeffrey also has a unique and fun interest in ducks! He enjoys duck-themed items and accessories. He is also happy to go by Duck or Ducky. One of the things Jeffrey appreciates most about working in long-term care is the people. Building connections with residents and coworkers is an important part of what makes the environment meaningful to him. Please join us in giving Jeffrey a warm welcome to the team! We are happy to have him with us and look forward to all he will contribute in his new role.

Kennedy Nelson
STNA

Kennedy is originally from Kenton and comes from a large family with five brothers and two sisters. Family is an important part of her background and has helped shape her appreciation for connection and relationships with others. Outside of work, Kennedy enjoys a variety of hobbies and activities. Her interests include swimming, cooking, reading, fishing, and watching movies. Kennedy is considering returning to nursing school as part of her future career plans. Her current role in long-term care provides an opportunity to continue gaining experience while making a meaningful difference in the lives of those she cares for. One of the things Kennedy enjoys most about long-term care is getting to know the stories of the people being cared for. Learning about residents' experiences, backgrounds, and life stories is an important part of building meaningful relationships and providing person-centered care. Please join us in giving Kennedy a warm welcome to the team! We are excited to have her as part of our long-term care family and look forward to getting to know her and supporting her as she grows in her career.



Appreciation Spotlight

Employee of the Month Rachael Monday



This month, we are proud to recognize Rachael Monday as our Employee of the Month! Rachael is a dedicated STNA who plays an important role on the night shift. While many people are asleep, Rachael is hard at work making sure the residents in her care are safe, comfortable, and treated with dignity and respect. Night shift can be challenging, but Rachael approaches her responsibilities with patience, compassion, and a strong commitment to her residents. Throughout the night, Rachael makes her rounds and checks on the residents to make sure they are doing well. She pays attention to their comfort and safety and makes sure they have what they need. Whether a resident needs assistance getting to the bathroom, needs to be repositioned, or simply needs a little reassurance, Rachael is there to help. She is a valued member of

our team, bringing dedication, pride, and a positive attitude to her work every day. Rachael is a wife and a mother of two teenage daughters, and she brings the same care and compassion she has for her family into her work. She truly enjoys getting to know our residents and building meaningful connections with them. Her friendly personality

and playful sense of humor help create a warm and welcoming environment for everyone around her. Rachael takes great pride in making sure our residents feel comfortable, cared for, and respected. She also pays close attention to keeping everything clean, organized, and well-groomed, helping make our community a pleasant place to live. Thank you, Rachael, for your dedication, hard work, and kindness. We appreciate everything you do for our residents and our team. Congratulations on being our Employee of the Month!

Resident of the Month

Patsy Hoover

This month, we are so excited to recognize Patsy Hoover as our Resident of the Month! She has been a cherished member of our community since September 2017, and over the years, she has become a familiar and special part of our nursing home family. Her years with us have been filled with wonderful memories, laughter, conversations, and countless moments that have allowed staff and fellow residents to get to know the wonderful person she is. Patsy was born in Lima, Ohio, and when she was young, she moved to Kenton, Ohio, where she grew up and made many memories. Her life experiences have helped shape her into the kind, caring, and unique individual that we are so fortunate to know today. One thing that makes Patsy especially fun to know is her love for horror movies! She is a true horror movie fan and enjoys the excitement, suspense, and thrills that come along with a good scary movie. Whether it is a classic horror film or something new, she is always happy to enjoy a good scare. Her love for horror movies is just one of the many things that makes her personality so memorable. And when it comes to food, there is one favorite that definitely deserves a special mention, cheeseburgers! A good cheeseburger is one of the things that can always bring a smile to her face. It is safe to say that if cheeseburgers are on the menu, Patsy is likely to be pretty happy! But perhaps one of the most wonderful things about Patsy is her funny and compassionate personality. She has a great sense of humor and knows how to make the people around her laugh. Her personality brings a special energy to our community, and



her sense of humor is something that staff and residents alike enjoy. At the same time, she has a deeply caring and compassionate side. She genuinely cares about the people who are important to her and shows her love and concern in her own special ways. During her time here, Patsy has created connections with those around her and has become an important part of our community. She is someone who brings personality, laughter, kindness, and heart wherever she goes. Her ability to care deeply for the people she loves is truly something to be admired. After nearly nine years of calling our community home, we are grateful for all the memories, laughs, stories, and special moments that Pat has shared with us. She is a wonderful example of what makes our residents so special, and we are proud to celebrate her this month.



Happy 100th Birthday!
Barbara Brown

This month, we are honored to celebrate a truly remarkable woman, Barb Brown, as she reaches an incredible milestone; her 100th birthday on August 22! A century of life is an extraordinary achievement, and Barb’s 100 years have been filled with love, hard work, family, kindness, and countless memories that have shaped the wonderful woman we are so fortunate to know today. Barb is an incredibly kind and compassionate woman who has a gentle spirit and a heart for others. She is humble in so many ways and never seeks attention for the kindness she shows. For much of her life, Barb dedicated herself to working at Kroger, where she spent

many years working hard and being a part of her community. Her years of hard work are a wonderful reflection of the dependable and caring person she is. Barb’s dedication to her work is just one part of the incredible life she has lived and the many contributions

she has made throughout the years. While her work was an important part of her life, one of the things that mean the most to Barb is her children. She spent much of her life loving, caring for, and cherishing her family. Her children have always held a very special place in her heart, and the love she has for them is something that shines through when she talks about her family and the memories they have shared. Barb's life is a beautiful reminder that the greatest accomplishments are not always measured by awards or recognition. Sometimes, they are found in the love we give our families, the kindness we show to others, the hard work we put into our lives, and the memories we leave behind. Barb has spent 100 years doing just that. Her humility is one of the many qualities that makes her so special. Despite reaching such an incredible milestone, Barb remains the same sweet, humble, and caring person she has always been. She carries herself with a quiet strength and kindness that is noticed and appreciated by those around her. As we celebrate 100 wonderful years of Barb Brown, we celebrate not only her birthday, but the beautiful life she has lived and the many people who have been lucky enough to know and love her. One hundred years represents a lifetime of stories, experiences, challenges, joys, family memories, friendships, and love

Celebrating Leadership, Appreciation, and a Fond Farewell to Austin

There are certain moments in a workplace that become more than just another day on the calendar. They become memories that remind us of the people, relationships, and sense of family that make our nursing home special.

Our recent celebration honoring our Administrator, Austin, was one of those moments. It was a wonderful opportunity for our staff to come together, enjoy some delicious food, share some laughs, and most importantly, show our appreciation for a leader who has been an important part of our team. Austin, as you move on to your next chapter, we want you to know how much you are appreciated.

Leadership in a nursing home is not always easy. It takes patience, dedication, compassion, understanding, and the ability to support both residents and staff through all kinds of situations. Your time with us has made an impact, and your presence will certainly be missed.

While we are sad to see you leave, we are also excited for the opportunities and experiences that await you. We hope you leave knowing that you have been valued not only as our Administrator, but also as a person and a member of our work family. We wish you nothing but success, happiness, and fulfillment in everything that comes next. May your future be filled with new opportunities, wonderful experiences, and people who appreciate all that you bring to



the table.

Thank you, Austin, for your leadership, your time, and the memories you have helped create here. Please know that you will always have people here cheering you on and wishing you the very best.

A special thank you also goes to our Director of Nursing, Maria, for helping make this celebration so meaningful. Maria went above and beyond by making smash burgers and tater tots for everyone. Good food has a way of bringing people together, and sharing a meal makes the celebration feel warm, personal, and truly special. Her effort was a wonderful reminder of the thought and care she puts into the people around her. But Maria's appreciation for her staff goes far beyond one celebration or one meal. She consistently shows that she cares about the people who work alongside her.

Her constant appreciation, encouragement, and willingness to recognize the hard work of her staff make a difference.

Thank you, Maria, for feeding us, encouraging us, appreciating us, and reminding us that our hard work matters. Thank you for creating moments where staff can come together, celebrate one another, and enjoy each other's company. Those moments strengthen our team and help create the kind of workplace where people feel supported.

As we say goodbye to Austin and celebrate the dedication of Maria, we are reminded that the heart of a nursing home is its people. Leaders come and go, but the relationships, memories, kindness, and appreciation shared along the way remain with us. Austin, thank you for being part of our journey.



Activity Spotlight

On August 12, Kenton Nursing & Rehab was filled with creativity, laughter, and a little bit of beach magic when Molly Gallo arrived to a full class for a very special visit.

Molly came ready to share an activity with her class that was not only fun, but also gave the residents an opportunity to create something beautiful with their own hands. Together, they transformed simple craft materials into colorful beach scenes that brought the feeling of a sunny day at the shore right into the nursing home in a dreary week.

The project began with each resident receiving the materials needed to create their own beach inspired picture. With glue, real sand, and a small starfish for every artwork, the residents were able to make a shoreline scene that was uniquely their own.

As the activity got underway, the room quickly became a place of excitement and creativity. Residents painted their art pieces carefully & added glue to their pictures before sprinkling on the real sand, watching as their scenes began to take shape and come to life. The texture of the sand made each picture feel like a tiny piece of the beach, and the starfish added the perfect finishing touch.

What made the afternoon especially meaningful was seeing the residents take part in every step of the process. Some worked carefully and quietly, concentrating on each detail, while others enjoyed talking, laughing, and sharing their creations with those around them. Everyone had the opportunity to make their own picture, and no two beach scenes were exactly alike.

The residents absolutely loved the activity. For many, it was more than simply making a craft. It was an opportunity to be creative, spend time together, and enjoy the company of Molly and her class. The visit brought a wonderful sense of energy into the room and gave everyone something special to look forward to and remember.

The attendees also played an important part in making the day so enjoyable. Their presence brought enthusiasm and excitement to the activity. They helped create a warm and welcoming atmosphere where the residents could participate, express themselves, and simply have fun. The residents truly enjoyed every minute of it. Their smiles and enthusiasm showed just how much they appreciated the opportunity to create, socialize, and enjoy an afternoon with Molly.

