Part of the fun of introducing a new Resident of the Month, is learning something new about that person. Many know Ramona Nehf as a quiet, pleasant lady who eats in the lovely main dining room daily. They may even know that her neighborhood is Evergreen Meadows. It may come as a surprise to many that Ramona is a former Worthy Matron in the Eastern Star fraternal organization.

She was employed at Mechanical Products and worked on the assembly line. Suzi Jupp, Evergreen Meadow’s Activity Assistant, was actually a co-worker there. Ramona enjoyed playing golf after work and taking care of her beloved little dog, “Halfpint”. She likes to watch the Detroit Tigers play baseball on television and listening to country music.

Anyone will tell you Ramona is quick witted and fun to talk with. When we took her photograph for the newsletter, we showed her the image on the camera and said, “What a beautiful lady!” Her response? “I’ll be darned! I am!”

Here at Jackson County Medical Care Facility, Ramona enjoys crafts, Bingo, music, and special events. She also loves solving word search puzzles and watching the birds in the aviary in her neighborhood. The next time you see Ramona, be sure to say “Hello” and congratulate her for being named Resident of the Month.

Many positive changes are unfolding at JCMCF. Several teams have generated at the request of either staff or Residents to look at and improve operations in our home. First, the Animal Team is launching. Several Staff and Residents are combining efforts in the initial meeting scheduled for April 26 at 3:30 pm. The Animal Policy and Procedure will be reviewed and revised with consideration for our Residents wants and needs for pets in our home.

Another new team is the Welcoming Team which is reviewing how we welcome the new members of our family when they arrive at our home. The Handling Death Team is reviewing our rituals and how we honor our dead both on their final departure from our home and in remembering them following death. Look for positive changes to unfold with all of these teams who are working hard on making our home the best it can be.

If you would like to serve on a team to improve our home, or have an idea that you think would benefit our Residents, do not hesitate to contact me and let me know. Your leadership team is open to anything that would make the world brighter for our Residents.

Residents are invited to join and participate in all of our improvement teams. JCMCF is their home and they, more than anyone else, know what would make it a better place.

Another opportunity to have your voice heard, share ideas, and meet with me is at Town Council. Town Council will be held monthly during the Ice Cream Social after everyone is served. At Town Council, I will share news and information with Residents, families and staff, and they will also have the opportunity to ask questions of me.

I look forward to our positive changes and growing our community with each and every one of you.

~Sandy Place
May 3: It’s that time of month again! Time to come together, listen, learn, and be heard at our monthly Resident Council Meeting. Please come - it’s important and this is your home.

May 4: Several of the Residents asked to go again to the Airport Restaurant. It is a fun place to eat as they have good food and you get to see planes landing and taking off from our very own Jackson Airport.

May 6: Cinco de Mayo! We love celebrating this holiday - from the music, to the food, and, of course, what would Cinco de Mayo be with out a piñata! Come down and be a part of the fun.

May 9: HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY! Because we love our mothers and we love our sweets we will offer a Dessert Buffet from 1:30 until 3:00 pm. Please feel free to come down any time during these hours with your mother and help yourself to some wonderful desserts.

May 10: HAPPY NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK!

This year we will kick off this years events with one of our Board Members, Pastor Larry Taylor, will facilitate a “Blessing of the Hands” and Representative Martin Griffin will be here for a question and answer session in the morning.

In the afternoon we will have a “Fifties Fashion Show” contest complete with prizes for the winners. If you think you have a winning ’50’s costume please sign up to be in the show.

May 13: We will go out to the Senior Festival at the Jackson Crossing. This is a yearly outing that is fun-filled. We are able to get a lot of “freebies” and there are many musical bands and groups to listen to while we enjoy a boxed lunch.

May 14: Ice Cream Social Time! Eddie D will be adding to the fun with his music, while we eat the best popcorn and ice cream around. Come join in the fun!

May 20: We are going back to the ever popular Firekeepers Casino. This outing fills up very quickly so get your name in soon if you want to take your chances with a little gambling.

May 21: Come down and enjoy our wonderful Breakfast Buffet. They have a great assortment of breakfast foods to taste and you don’t even have to get dressed first! Come on down in your jammies and robe. By the way, if you think of something you would like to have at the Breakfast Buffet while you are reading this, Colleen and/or David are always open to suggestions.

May 26: Thank goodness the warm weather is here (well, pretty much) and we can again enjoy our beautiful court yards. We will have our first of the year Tea Time out in the courtyard. It is a joy to be able to sit in our truly beautiful courtyards enjoying the outdoors with refreshments so please come and join in with us as we once again are able to go outside.

May 28: Happy Hour is here again. Come down and be happy! We have a good time visiting with our friends and enjoying our refreshments.

May 31: HOLIDAY - Memorial Day. Please take a moment to think of or say a prayer for our Fallen Americans.
MAY BIRTHDAYS

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SEVENTH ANNUAL MOTHER’S DAY DESSERT BUFFET

Jackson County Medical Care Facility is pleased to celebrate our mothers with the Seventh Annual Mother’s Day Dessert Buffet on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 9th. Please join us in the beautiful Main Dining Room any time between 1:30 and 3:30 pm to enjoy a dessert with your mother. Hopefully, spring will truly be here and we will be able to enjoy our desserts in one of the gorgeous courtyards!

Looking Ahead to June

Please let your Activity Staff know if you are interested in signing up for any of these outings. Please keep in mind that activities are subject to spontaneous change!

June 4: Nursing Home Olympics at Spring Arbor University

June 17: Fishing and picnicking at Spring Valley Trout Farm

June 22: Lunch at Cracker Barrel

NEWS FLASH!

JCMCF cleared the April complaint survey!

5 allegations, none substantiated!

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM!
Join us as we celebrate National Nursing Home Week!

"Enriching Every Day"

Monday, May 10: 50's Day!
Dress up in your favorite 50's style!
10 am: Celebration Begins - Main Dining Room
DHS Board Member Larry Taylor will facilitate a Blessing of the Hands for all Staff. Rep. Martin Griffin will speak and take questions.
2:30 pm: 50's Fashion Contest (Main Dining Room). Prizes and fun!

Tuesday, May 11: Hoedown Day!
Yee-haw! Show up in your favorite Western gear, cowboy!
Hot Dog Roast at Lunch Break

Wednesday, May 12: Island Day!
The theme is island wear, man.

Thursday, May 13: Hippie Day!
Get your favorite groovy outfit out for the day!
6:30 – 8:30 am: Stop by for the fabulous Breakfast Buffet in the EFG Conference Room and pick up a special gift.
Second Shift: Soup & Subs in the EFG Conference Room at dinner break.

Friday, May 14: Sports Day!
Dress up in your favorite sports outfit or in your favorite team's jersey!
2:30 pm: Ice Cream Social for Staff and Residents in the Main Dining Room.
**Remember**

If you have not completed your state required training on emergency preparedness and abuse protocols they **MUST** be completed **PRIOR** to your returning to volunteer.

We thank everyone who has completed their training and we will continue to get everyone up to speed. Call me with questions @ 782-2079.

You are the best, Brenda

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**MAY IS A BUSY MONTH**

**MOTHER’S DAY**

**ARMED FORCES DAY**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

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**ACCIDENT**

Just a reminder, if you have an accident while you are volunteering at JCMCF it must be reported at the nearest nursing station immediately. We want everyone safe and healthy.

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**MAY OUTINGS**

**Tuesday, May 4th at 11:30 am:**
Off we go to lunch at the Airport Restaurant. It should be fun.

**Thurs. May 13th at 1:00 pm:**
The Senior Festival will be held at the Jackson Crossing. We need lots of help so our residents can attend.

**Thursday, May 20th, 1:00 pm:**
FireKeepers Casino is our destination. Can you help? Call 782-2079

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**SWINGERS:** To take a Resident out to the courtyard for a little one on one time in the glide.

**OUTINGS:** We take lots of fun trips now that the weather has changed.
Help needed.

**LIBRARY FRIENDS:** Let me know if you are interested in helping to improve our Residents’ Library.
Call 782-2079

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**DINNER WAS GRAND**

Our VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER held April 19th was a grand old time. We were carried back to **Viva Las Vegas** by our wonderful decorations, food, entertainment and prizes.

Our music was provided by Brad Fry and we thank him. David Green, Registered Dietitian and wonderful chief with his wonderful staff for creating a meal to remember as usual. We thank all of the Activity Staff and other volunteers for getting into the fun by dressing up.

A special thanks goes to **Consumers Energy** for their generous donation for our prizes this year.

We also are thankful for the **5,137 hours** of volunteer work you have provided for us in 2009. This is the highest number to date. We all know that without you, our Volunteers, many of our great activities would not be possible. THANK YOU.

Brenda McKenna

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**WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU**
Jackson County Medical Care Facility Mission Statement

Jackson County Medical Care Facility staff and the Department of Human Services (DHS) are committed to advancing the well being of every facility resident by using our best efforts to achieve quality services. We will meet or exceed the expectations of our residents and their families, as well as the regulations of our industry. We will strive to foster dignified, quality lifestyle with maximum self-determination. Jackson County Medical Care Facility is an important part of Jackson County's community-based health care system. We will strive to rehabilitate and return as many residents to the community as possible. We will maintain our staff expertise and quality care with an emphasis on rehabilitation through training and supervisory standards. We will empower every employee’s actions to positively affect the mental and physical wellness of our residents. We value diversity and respect for all employees and residents. We will demonstrate this through timely service delivered with integrity, reliability, honesty, fairness, accessibility, and non-discriminatory actions.

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As of press time, the next scheduled meeting of the DHS Board had not been set. Please contact Trish Ladwig at 517-782.8500 ext. 105 for the date of the next DHS Board meeting.

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