

# Riverview Reporter

Riverview Pointe Care Center

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## The History of Nursing

Professional nursing holds a unique place in the American health care system. As members of the largest health care profession, the nation's 3.1 million nurses work in diverse settings and fields and are frontline providers of health care services. While most nurses work in acute-care settings such as hospitals, nurses' expertise and skills extend well beyond hospital walls. Working independently and with other health care professionals, nurses promote the health of individuals, families, and communities. Millions of Americans turn to nurses for delivery of primary health care services, health care education, and health advice and counseling. Nurses are critical links in maintaining a cutting-edge health care system. Nursing continues to be an indispensable service to the American public.

While many may think of a nurse as someone who takes care of hospitalized patients, nurses also fill a wide variety of positions in health care in many varied settings, working both collaboratively and independently with other health care professionals. For example, most Americans are

familiar with home care nurses who provide a plethora of nursing and health care services to patients in their homes. School nurses have a long history of providing health services to school children from kindergarten through high school. Nurses play a major role in delivering care to those residing in long-term-care facilities such as nursing homes. Workers with job-related health concerns often seek out nurses employed by business and industry. Many people visit a nurse practitioner as their primary caregiver. Expectant mothers often prefer nurse midwives as their health care providers during pregnancy and childbirth. And each day, in operating rooms across the country, nurse anesthetists insure that patients undergoing surgery receive safe anesthesia care. Today, schools of nursing compete for the brightest applicants, and nursing is highly regarded as an excellent career choice for both women and men.

Throughout history most sick care took place in the home and was the responsibility of family, friends, and neighbors with knowledge of healing practices. In the United States,

family-centered sickness care remained traditional until the nineteenth century. Sick care delivered by other than family and close acquaintances was generally limited to epidemics and plagues that periodically swept through towns and cities. By the beginning of the nineteenth century, however, urbanization and industrialization changed the way in which—and in many cases the place in which—sick individuals received care. Hospitals began to proliferate to serve those who were without the resources to provide their own care, and as hospitals increased in numbers so did the demand for caregivers who would be able to deliver thoughtful care to the patients in them. Early nineteenth-century hospitals were built mainly in more populated sections of the country, generally in large cities. Nursing care in these institutions differed enormously. In hospitals operated by religious nursing orders, patients received high quality care. But, in other institutions, nursing care was more variable, ranging from good in some hospitals, to haphazard and poor in others.

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## Administrators Corner

In celebration of **National Nursing Home Week**, we honor the residents we serve, the families who share their stories, and the staff who give so much each day to make a difference. As

caregivers, we value the opportunity to serve our seniors and provide care and compassion so that our residents can live their life to the fullest. We couldn't do what we do without our nurses. Join us in thanking a nurse in honor of **Nurses Week!**

*Thank you for all you do!*



## Funny Stuff!

### Brainteasers:

1. Apart , they are more delicate than tissue; together, they can crush a small town. What are they?
2. What can you find in December that you can't find any other month?
3. I'm tall when I am young, and I am short when I am old, what am I?
4. What has hands, but cannot clap?
5. What gets wetter as it dries?
6. What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?

## What's New?

Please give a warm Riverview welcome to Janel Hofstetter, our new Director of Rehabilitation. Janel comes to us with 17 years of experience as an Occupational Therapist, 15 of those years in a management role. Prior to starting, she was most recently a Program Manager with a Home Health Care Provider and before that, a Care Transitions Manager at an Assisted Living Community.

Janel really enjoys working with the geriatric population. She loves helping residents improve and seeing them meet their goals. She

### Word Play: Real Vanity License Plates

- NOTDUMB (on a Smart Car)  
 NOT COP (on a Crown Victoria)  
 1 LEG (on a car with handicapped plates)  
 MID LYPH (on a sports car)  
 N BYOND (on an Infiniti)  
 LOL OIL (on an electric car)  
 LOL MPG (on a gas guzzler)



has been married for 12 years and has a 6 year old son. Janel loves skiing, cooking, and spending time on Lake Erie in the summer. *"I am very excited to be here. I am looking forward to connecting with the residents and families."* – Janel.



### Real (and Amusing) Names of Day Care Centers and Preschools:

- Small Minds of Tomorrow  
 Tour Child is Mine Preschool  
 Hugz 'n' Hissy Fits  
 Best Little Schoolhouse N Texas  
 Babble-On Day Care  
 Ooey Gooley Playschool  
 Wahaha Childcare Center  
 Kickin' Kids After School Care  
 Ankle Biters Home Day Care  
 Little Monsters



## Nursing Home Week: May 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

Riverview Pointe plans to have a great time during Nursing Home Week with the staff and residents. We have a ton of fun things planned and lots of yummy treats to go around. There will be classic and some new games for the Resident's VS Staff daily competitions. At the end of the week, we will declare a winner of the contests. Other fun competitions include a candy jar guessing game and a Riverview Trivia contest. The Trivia contest

will have a series of questions on how well you know things about Riverview Pointe. There will be a resident winner and prize, and a staff winner and prize for the trivia game.

We will also be serving some sort of treat each day that is encouraged to be enjoyed by staff, families, and residents. We look forward to celebrating this week with our Riverview family!!

Please check out the posted calendar that will be available May 8<sup>th</sup> around the building and at the front desk





Reggie, LPN



Kim, LPN, with Pat, Joy, and Lena (above)  
Bobby with Thomas, LPN (below)

Dr. Dohar with Theresa, LPN



## Resident of the Month: Bobbie Zimcosky



Bobbie enjoys visits from her five children and grandchildren who she loves dearly. She grew up on a farm in Logan, West Virginia and her dog Teddy was her best friend. She worked as a chef and provided day care for little ones. She also was a country music singer at Ponderosa Park in Salem, Ohio, where she met her favorite singers Loretta Lynn and George Jones, and still blesses

us with a song on occasion.

She enjoys crocheting doilies and scarfs, reading Danielle Steele books, watching cooking shows, and yes to the dress, while drinking a nice cold Pepsi. Bobbie has been at Riverview since 2014 on Serenity Circle and is loved by all.



## Employee of the Month: Allie Bencivengo

Allie is a cherished STNA on our rehabilitation unit, Kingston Gardens. She has been with Riverview since November 2018. Allie is hardworking and never passes up a challenge. She is always willing to go above and beyond to meet the residents' and family's needs and expectations.

Allie's bubbly personality lights up the unit and everyone she works with. When she is not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Cody, and their beloved hedgehog, Penelope. In her free time, she also enjoys selling Monet Shampoo, a product she is passionate about.



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***Emails!***

*We are in search of email addresses for family and any residents who would like to receive facility communications and updates.*

*Please email Monica at [mbruggeman@riverview-pointe.net](mailto:mbruggeman@riverview-pointe.net)*

**Upcoming Events!**

**National Nurses Week – May 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

**National Nursing Home Week – May 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Mother's Day Lunch – May 11<sup>th</sup>**

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**What a Day!**

**Resident Birthdays**

Barbara Y. 5/2

Kathleen G. 5/25

Sadie C. 5/28



**Staff Anniversaries**

Brooke V. 2 years

Andrea C. 1 year

Amy S. 1 year

Ruth S. 1 year

Laura D. 1 year



**Staff Birthdays**

Julie K. 5/6

Dawn M. 5/10

Jessica F. 5/12

Tonuya M. 5/16

Mary Ann M. 5/16

Teletha B 5/18

Cindy R. 5/22

Raven H. 5/22

Moe A. 5/23

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Answer to Brainteasers: 1. Snowflake 2. The letter D. 3. A Candle 4. A Clock 5. A Towel 6. A Palm

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