



WCNH Newsletter First Quarter 2022

**We are working together to help you
feel at home!!**

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Administrative Updates

We are working on many projects this year to improve the facility. We have plans in place to update our nurse call system, refurbish our cooling towers this winter, and replace our heat and hot water boilers this summer. We are also looking forward to spring plantings and fresh paint.

That said, we have had a challenging year, and I would like to thank all the residents, family, friends, and staff for their resilience and understanding, as we navigate through these unprecedented and challenging times.

My hope moving forward, is that when we look back on these challenging times, it will make our good times that much better. - Jeff

Thank You!

The Christmas spirit was alive and well and Wayne County Nursing Home. We would like to thank the following groups for their donations of cards of gifts for the residents: Jammies for Grammys, Fairville Community Church, ARC at 108 Cobblestone, Cross Creek Church Step Program, American Legion Post 881, Girl Scouts, Assemblyman Brian Manktelow, Marion Community, and the Alice Curatolo family. We would also like to thank all the individuals who purchased gifts for our resident angel tree. We extend our appreciation to our kitchen staff and dieticians for all the Christmas cookies (and for the other holiday treats for staff). Finally, we would like to thank the WCNH Foundation for sponsoring our musical entertainment for the resident unit Christmas parties.

American Legion Post 0881

Thank you to Bill Bol-ling, Com-mander and the Wolcott American Legion Post for their generous donation to our veterans. The money you sent was divided amongst our veterans for their personal use.





**In Memory of our
Residents.
“Epitaph” Poem**

When I die
give what's left of me
away to children and
old men that wait to
die.

And if you need to
cry, cry for your
brother walking the
street beside you.
And when you need
me, put your arms
around anyone and
give them what you
need to give to me.

I want to leave you
something, some-
thing better than
words or sounds.

Look for me in the
people I've known or
loved, and if you can-
not give me away, at
least let me live on in
your eyes and not on
your mind.

You can love me
most by letting
hands touch hands.
By letting bodies
touch bodies. And by
letting go of children
that need to be free.

Love doesn't die,
people do.

So, when all that's
left of me is love,

Give me away.

By Merrit Malloy



Christmas Party

Thank you to Mike Kornrich for coming to perform for our residents, to the Wayne County Nursing Home Foundation for providing entertainment and to the kitchen & dietary staff for the amazing cookies and snacks. Finally thank you to Activity staff for the decorations and fun. We are looking forward to fantastic fun filled new year!



National Guard

Thank you to the
National Guard
members who con-
tinue to be here
and assist us with
resident care!!

Lymphedema Treatment

The WCNH Rehabilitation Dept. is now offering a new therapy to treat lymphedema. Lymphedema is a build-up of fluid, usually in the arms or legs, which causes swelling, can slow wound healing, and can raise your risk of infection. Common causes of lymphedema are radiation, surgery, trauma to lymphatic system, cardiac involvement, venous insufficiency, infection, etc. Therapy can help manage the buildup of fluid as well as enhance a resident's quality of life and overall health. Emily Hamilton, our occupational therapist, recently received her certification in lymphedema treatment through the Norton School of Lymphatic Therapy. She has started providing this service and has seen great success. If you would like to learn more about this therapy, please contact the Rehab Dept. at 315-946-5673 ext. 4669.



SAVE THE DATE

A Family Council
meeting will be held
on February 16 at 2:00
via Zoom. Invitations
will be mailed to fami-
lies later this month.



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Emergency Preparedness Plan

By Nursing/Administration

In accordance with Federal State and local emergency preparedness requirements, Wayne County Nursing Home has developed an emergency preparedness plan.

WHAT IS AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN?

The term emergency preparedness refers to the steps you take to make sure you are safe before, during and after an emergency or natural disaster. These plans are important for resident's safety in both natural disasters and man-made disasters. Our facility emergency plan is reviewed and updated as needed. Our plan is:

- Based on facility and community based risk assessments
- Includes strategies for addressing emergency events identified by the risk assessments
- Address how the facility will respond to an emergency
- Includes a process for cooperation and collaboration with local, tribal, regional, State and Federal emergency preparedness officials

We also participate in the community Mutual Aid Plan which establishes a course of action and an agreed commitment among participating hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living residences to assist each other as needed in the time of a disaster.

Our facility team members receive annual education of emergency preparedness. Our education is taught by our facility RN Education, system Manager of Emergency Preparedness, and Facilities department.

The Wayne County Nursing Home team members practice various emergency drills throughout the year. The drills assist with our team being fully prepared for all emergencies.

Our facility emergency preparedness plan is reviewed and updated as needed. Our plan includes the following emergency elements:

Shelter in Place	Chemical Response	Armed Aggressors	Explosives
Evacuation	Missing Resident	Surge Capacity	Severe Weather
Biological Response	Radiological Response	Continuity of Operations	Fire Plan
Medical Countermeasures	Natural Disaster	96-hour Sustainability	Pandemic Emergency
Facilities Failure	Communication		

We always ensure that we have appropriate supplies to handle emergencies.

Wayne County Nursing Home's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan manuals are located in the Administration Office.