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## Christmas at Pleasant View:

It's our first Christmas in our new home and we are excited about decorating and bringing Christmas to our residents.

As we all know, Christmas is a time of giving and sharing and we want to make this holiday season as pleasurable and exciting as we possibly can for our residents. Please remember to pull a ticket from our beautiful giving tree in the lobby and help us fulfill the wishes of our residents during this Christmas holiday. Also, while you're here, make sure to take a tour of the facility to see all the decorating done by our amazingly crafty residents and staff.



# Events & Happenings

## DECEMBER

**20** Kids Unlimited  
Christmas Caroling

**25** Christmas Cookie  
Social

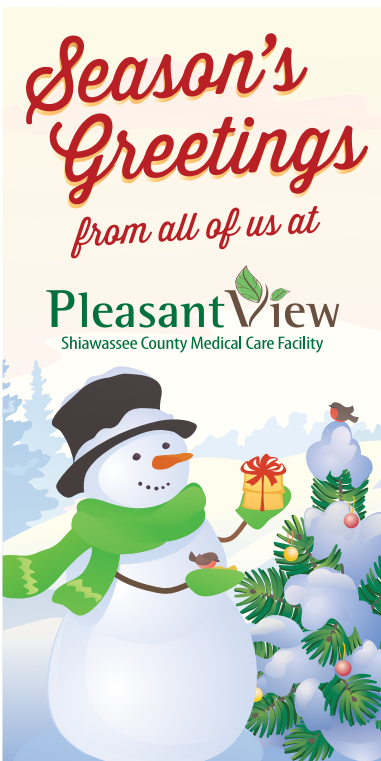
**31** New Year's Eve  
Social with The  
Matt Canfield Band

## JANUARY

**16** Pleasant View  
Chili Cook Off

## FEBRUARY

**12** Valentine's Party

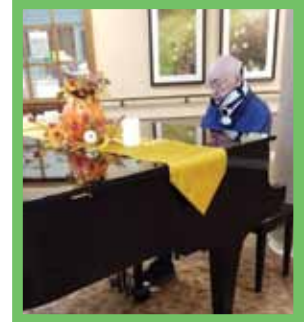


## A TIME-HONORED TRADITION: Our Harvest Meal



**A** Harvest Meal is prepared every year by the Pleasant View Dietary team.

Several hours of planning and preparation goes into the delivery of an amazing meal that leaves everyone feeling full and satisfied. This has been a tradition for Pleasant View for more than 30 years, and came about as a way to celebrate our residents, their families, and our wonderful and dedicated staff.



## Shana Says:

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

We are excited to announce that Gregory P. Bontrager has joined the Pleasant View team as a member of our Shiawassee County Department of Health and Human Services Board.

Bontrager also currently sits on the Owosso Memorial Healthcare Board of Trustees. He previously served as Chief Operating Officer of the American Cancer Society, and later as Chief Executive Officer.

Final approval to appoint Gregory P. Bontrager as our new board member was received in November after Hartmann Aue resigned to pursue other interests. Pleasant View's other current Board members are Londa Knauff, (Chair) and Cindy Cville (Co-Chair) whose continued support and dedication are much appreciated by all of us here at Pleasant View.

We would like to thank Hartmann Aue for the time he served as Board Chairman and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Mr. Bontrager, welcome and thank you for your upcoming service and commitment as our board member.

— Shana Espinoza, MSN, RN, LNHA



## Tips from T

THERESA DELAU, RN, BSN,  
DIRECTOR OF NURSING



### Tidings of Comfort and Joy

**T**he season of Christmas is finally upon us!

This time of year can be such a blessing, or it can be a difficult time considering the chaos, the financial stress and overwhelming emotions for those who are separated from their loved ones. For most of us, Christmas is not like the Hallmark movies, but still, I thought we all might benefit from thinking about what the season should be about. This time of year, we should experience hope, peace, and joy. Cliché right? Maybe, but if we dig into what those words really mean, I bet we can find a deeper blessing, one that restores and brings us all some comfort.

Hope is a feeling of trust and a confident expectation that something is or that something will be. We can cling to the hopefulness that good will come, even in bad situations. Hope can be as small as a tiny glimmer of light in the ever-present darkness, but it is light nonetheless and light always overcomes the darkness.

Peace is a quiet tranquility, a restfulness. Peace gives us much needed rest in our hearts, our minds, and our souls. Restfulness heals and restores us.

Joy is a good feeling in the soul, evoked by a sense of well-being. Joy, even in hard times is possible when we have a restful (peaceful) mind and a hopeful heart.

At PV, we deal in chaos all the time, but what is unique about us, is that we have hope that all things work out for our good because we are each called to this service. At PV we have peace and can rest in the confidence that we are providing the best care we can for our elders and knowing that together, hope and peace will supply us with joy and a sense of well-being that is also experienced by those we care for.

From my family to yours, we wish each of you hope, peace and joy.

### Need to Know:

We take the requests of residents seriously and work very hard to accommodate when possible. We also realize that when visiting your loved ones at Pleasant View, there may be occasions when you want to take photos or video clips. However, please be mindful that we have residents who do not want to be photographed. Our Activities department is available if you have any questions regarding taking photos or recording videos in the facility.

## Anniversaries

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

### OCTOBER

Monique Beach, 7 years  
Sheila Cole, 1 year  
Tracie Debar, 5 years  
Alexandria DeLau, 1 year  
Greycin Flury, 4 years  
Tracy Good, 32 years  
Wyatt Hall, 4 years  
Leslie Harrison, 11 years  
Tammy Isaac, 1 year  
JoAnne Lawrence, 1 year  
Gabrielle McBean, 1 year  
Marisa Pierce, 2 years  
Brittany Ross, 1 year  
Brianna Scott, 6 years  
Lindsay Smith, 1 year  
Bridget Smithingell, 6 years  
Jeffrey Smithingell, 28 years  
Pamela Vanadia, 5 years  
David Wilhelm, 11 years

### NOVEMBER

Deborah Bendall, 8 years  
Amy Conklin, 2 years  
Renee Dallas, 20 years  
Sandra Hair, 19 years  
Candy Higbee, 1 year  
Kala Martin, 2 years  
Jennifer Palacio, 27 years  
Thomas Pierson, 26 years  
Aimee Reynolds, 4 years  
Amber Schanick, 4 years  
Shelley Watkins, 24 years

### DECEMBER

Loida Arnold, 22 years  
Sarah Ash, 1 year  
Liza Craig, 1 year  
Shannon Dennison-Loomis,  
5 years  
Juanita Gray, 4 years  
Trisha Hamilton, 12 years  
Rebekkah Harper, 7 years  
Tammy Heckman, 2 years

### DECEMBER (continued)

James LaFay, 2 years  
Amanda Lester, 6 years  
Jessica Luckhurst, 3 years  
Krista McTaggart, 1 year  
Gretchen Miller, 1 year  
Cecily Mitts, 1 year  
Leeyaness Morris, 1 year  
Sue Scott, 24 years  
Tori Turner, 1 year  
Jennifer Zamora, 4 years

### JANUARY

Jennifer Allen, 12 years  
Robert Ariss, 8 years  
Carrie Baker, 10 years  
Rachel Baldwin, 3 years  
Kaci Bamber, 7 years  
Unita Bigger, 1 year  
Annette Blakeslee, 18 years  
Ashley Cole, 1 year  
Rosemary Cole, 9 years  
Julie Frolka, 7 years  
Rebecca Gear, 11 years  
Melissa Gillett, 26 years  
Cheri Gokee, 24 years  
Toni Hernandez, 1 year  
Sarah Hofacker, 1 year  
Rhonda Krull, 6 years  
Celina Larson, 1 year  
Katelynn McMillan, 1 year  
Samantha Merrill, 2 years  
Jennifer Newell, 21 years  
April Parsons, 10 years  
Richard Perkins, 8 years  
Brenda Tomlinson, 10 years  
Susan Wilson, 11 years  
Alvara Zamora, 9 years





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## CONNECTING GENERATIONS: **Sharing Our Stories**

**R**ecently, our residents had a great time sharing their stories with students from Corunna High School!

The students came to Pleasant View to visit and speak with the seniors so they could complete a school project. It was awesome seeing different generations joined together, talking and laughing and enjoying one another.

