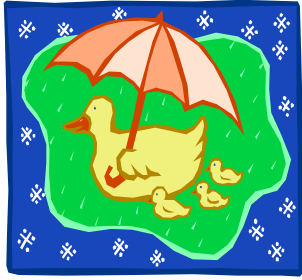


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# EMPLOYEE of the MONTH



"It's truly an honor to be named Employee of the Month", says March winner, **Kelli Driese**. "I believe every staff member deserves this recognition. In my position as Nursing Administrative Assistant, I go to every unit, so I see how all the staff interact with the residents". Kelli's supervisor, Director of Nursing Jane Zuehlke reports that Kelli is a loyal and conscientious employee. She is friendly and very efficient working diligently on the CNA scheduling for a 24/7 staffing rotation and Central Supply. Jane enjoys Kelli's dependability and flexibility.

Kelli has been at SCHCC for 2 years and before that worked in the private sector for 15 years. She has always lived in the Reedsburg area. She is married to Todd and has one grown son and a teenage daughter.

In her spare time, Kelli rides one of their two horses and loves watching her daughter compete in the Little Britches Rodeo. She also raises Miniature Australian Shepherd dogs. "My life has certainly been enriched by working at the Sauk County Health Care Center," says Kelli.

## ***Welcome New Employees***



Hi, my name is Rita Kuester. My hobbies are fishing and hiking. I have three boys and three grandchildren. I have a dog named Cindie. She keeps me going and is very good with the grandchildren.



My name is Richelle McBee. I am a casual CNA. I was born and raised in Reedsburg. I have four children; 10, 12, 14 and 20 years old. I also have 2 grandsons ages 1 and 3 yrs. I enjoy volleyball, walking and movies.



My name is Cindy Gymrek and I'm a casual CNA. I have been married for two years to a wonderful man. I have a 16 yr. old daughter, Cali Rae who is a Sophomore at Royall High School. I love bowling, walking, exercising and spending time with my family when I'm not working at my two jobs.



My name is Barb Sandberg, RN. I've been a nurse for 30 years. I've worked in a hospital for 21 years and Home Health and DD for 9 years. I'm married with a total of four kids. My hobbies are gardening, sewing, hiking, baking and reading.



Hi! My name is Jessica Lucas. I will be a CNA at this facility. I am originally from Ohio and moved here 5 years ago with my mother. I have a husband named Matthew and a son named Skylar. My son is my world. I enjoy playing with him and taking him to restaurants (he loves pizza and Chinese). He also loves to go swimming and I enjoy taking him.



Kathleen Przybylski. I have been married to Mike (the barber in Baraboo) for 27 years. We have 3 grown adult children. My hobbies include reading, walking, yard work, canoeing, and any time I get to spend with my husband outside of work. I grew up in Baraboo. My father's family grew up in Rock Springs.



My name is Shawna Howell. I will be working here as a part-time CNA on 3rd shift. My hobbies are cross stitching, reading, biking, rollerblading and doing pretty much anything with my kids. I have a 9 year old son named Bryce and a 6 year old daughter named Janessa.

**Spaghetti Dinner—May 12, 2005** 4:30—7:30 p.m.; Adults = \$6; Kids 4—10 = \$4; Kids under 3 = free. Carry outs available  
See AT staff for tickets—We are also looking for volunteers to help us with the dinner.  
Please contact the A.T. Dept. if interested.

## Upcoming Events

SCHCC COMMUNICATOR

May 3	Department Head	May 12	Spaghetti Dinner (4:30—7:30 p.m.)
May 4	Medicare	May 17	Department Head
May 5	HCC Meeting	May 18	Medicare
	Volunteer Luncheon	May 20	PAYDAY
May 6	PAYDAY	May 24	Department Head
May 8	Mother's Day		FDD Human Rights
May 10	Department Head	May 25	Medicare
	Bride's Day		Pizza Hut Lunch
May 11	Medicare	May 30	Memorial Day
	Pizza Hut Lunch	May 31	Department Head
	Talent Show		

### MAY Employee Anniversaries

Ronda Clark	1 yr	Becky Turner	5 yrs
Ann Sie	1 yr	Sonya Klang	6 yrs
Becky Vargas	1 yr	Shelly Lohr	20 yrs
Jessica Kingsbury	3 yrs	Linda Holly	27 yrs
Laura Putnam	3 yrs	Anna Jackson	28 yrs
Mary Braun	5 yrs	Millie Smith	31 yrs
Laura Escutia-Milner	5 yrs	Kathy Horkan	35 yrs



**April is Occupational Therapy Month.** In celebration, the O.T. Staff would like to share some helpful safety tips to eliminate risks for injury in the home to prolong health and independence.

1. Never stand on a chair, box or other unstable object when trying to reach something. Use a step stool, preferably one with a handrail.
2. Never put anything, even temporarily, on a stairway. Always take your time when climbing or descending the steps.
3. Take your time when getting into or out of the bathtub or shower. Use a non-skid bathmat to prevent slipping.
4. Remove throw rugs from walkways. Be cautious on thick carpet and always pick your feet up when walking.
5. Place frequently used kitchen items within easy reach by arranging shelves and contents. This applies to other rooms as well.
6. Have at least one working smoke detector located on every floor. Also, use night lights for safety.

SAFETY FIRST... Charlotte Coleman, OTR; Mary Jo Huber, COTA; Ann Leake, COTA; Kari Olstadt, COTA



RELAY FOR LIFE is coming up soon—June 24 at 5:00 p.m. until Saturday, June 25 at 11:30 a.m. Last year we raised \$2,185 for our team. Great Job Everyone! Let's try for \$2,500 this year. I am looking for someone to run the campsite, stay overnight and collect money. I will help, but I can't stay overnight. Please contact Peggy Connors, ATA if you would like to volunteer for this very worthy cause. **THANK YOU!**

## LAUNDRY SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. We had 36 responses. Ratings were: Excellent—12; Good—20; Fair—2; Poor—2. We appreciate your comments and suggestions. If you ever have any concerns, please report them to your supervisor who will bring them to laundry manager's attention.

Some comments brought up:

COMMENT: Special linen stocked.

RESPONSE: We do stock special linen on several floors that need it. If you need special linen or a larger supply, please tell your supervisor who will let laundry know about it.

COMMENT: Put out isolation bags.

RESPONSE: As we do not know how many bags or where they are needed, isolation bags are returned to central supply. Please inform your supervisor when you need more bags and how many you need.

COMMENT: Sewing needs

RESPONSE: Since we no longer have a seamstress, we only do simple mending, such as sewing on buttons, mending hems and torn seams. Sometimes this job can take awhile to do as we can't always get to it right away. If there are more difficult mending needs or specialty items to be made, it should be reported to your supervisor who will tell social services.

COMMENT: Returning of residents clothing more regularly (especially weekends).

RESPONSE: We try to return clothing as soon as possible. Depending on when the clothing comes down, it could be returned the same day or take 2—3 days. On weekdays, we return hanging clothes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and folded clothes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On weekends, the laundry works with less staff just like every other department. Whenever possible, we do try to return clothing. Note: If a resident is low on clothing and can't get through the weekend, they may not have enough clothes to start with and may need more. Please inform Social Services and we can try to increase the amount of clothing a resident has.

COMMENT: Better job of finding lost clothing.

RESPONSE: First, all residents clothing should get marked before it is worn so we can avoid this problem. Every other Wednesday, a volunteer takes unmarked items to the floors and tries to find the owner. This procedure can be difficult as there are 120 or more residents and sometimes clothing is claimed by the wrong person. Any unclaimed, unmarked clothing is kept in the laundry until someone reports it missing. If an article of clothing can't be found, it is reported to social services.

COMMENT: Clothing returned to wrong resident.

RESPONSE: Sorry, sometimes we make mistakes. We will try harder to correct this problem. However, we are not always responsible as two floors put away the clothes and sometimes things get moved after we have put things away.

COMMENT: Carts stocked better and neatly.

RESPONSE: We try to keep carts stocked properly and at par levels. Levels have been increased recently so this problem should be corrected. If you feel there is a need for more linen, please report to your supervisor who will pass along to laundry manager. Carts are always loaded neatly in the afternoon. We have no control over what each shift does to the carts.

To nominate a staff person for **Employee of the Month** pick up a yellow nomination form by the time clocks and indicate why you feel the employee is deserving. Nominations may be placed in the Suggestion Box by the Employee/Ambulance entrance. Eligible nominees will be put on the ballot for voting the first payday of the month when checks are picked up. Ballots are available in the Personnel Office on Thursday from 12:00 to 4:30 for voting if you are unable to vote on Friday. In addition, if a NOC shift person is chosen as Employee of the Month, they will receive 2 free movie passes since they are not able to use the free meal tickets.

**TALENT SHOW COMING**—Wednesday, May 11, 2:00 p.m. = If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, lip sync or have any other talents we want you!! So get your friends, co-workers or family members to join in performing for us.

### RELAY FOR LIFE TACO SALE

Wednesday, May 4, 10:45—1:00

Taco Plate = Two tacos, Spanish rice, soda and dessert for \$3.00

