

Van Engen Receives SDHCA Nursing Award

By Matt Heard



**JULI VAN ENGEN OF
HUDSON HEALTHCARE
CENTER**

Juli Van Engen of Rural Alcester received the Nursing Award from the South Dakota Healthcare Association during the annual Fall Convention held September 26-28th in Sioux Falls. Juli is the Director of Nursing at the Hudson Healthcare Center in Hudson where she has worked for nearly 18 years.

Juli received her LPN degree from Southeast Technical Institute and later completed her RN Degree at the University of South Dakota. She has held many positions in long term care including CNA, MDS Coordinator, Housekeeper, Dietary Aide, and Activities Coordinator. Juli is involved with the Region I Nursing Council and has served as the Vice President. She currently serves as the Secretary.

Juli is the definition of a great Director of Nursing. Her experiences in Long Term Care have cemented a strong foundation of knowledge that she utilizes in her present position and shares with her staff. She puts her heart and soul into her residents' lives and is truly dedicated to improving resident quality of life in whatever way she can. She is well respected by her colleagues.

New Administrator at Parkview Care Center

By Nell Rust

I would like to introduce myself as the new Administrator of Parkview Care Center, Parkview Apartments, and South Park Assisted Living effective September 26, 2007. My name is Nell Rust and I have been a licensed administrator since October of 1992 at the nursing facility in Lake Norden. I have a nursing background as a LPN/RN/Director of Nursing. I have been married to my husband Daryle

for 35 years and have three children: Eric farms with my husband and has two children. Amy and her husband Mike Neitzel live in Waconia, Minnesota and have 3 year old twin boys and a 1 year old. Amy is a CPA for Holiday gas stations. Becky lives in Watertown and works at the Prairie Lakes Hospital as a Registered Dietitian and has a son. We live on a homestead century farm outside of Lake Norden. The campus of Parkview apartments, South Park

assisted living and Parkview Care Center skilled nursing facility was just what I was looking for. I could feel the family atmosphere here. I know and respect many of the staff that are here and look forward in working with them. Our mission "To be the premiere healthcare provider by creating an atmosphere that rekindles the spirit with our family helping your family" says it all. We are here to meet the variety of needs for our families.

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From the Desk of the CEO

Hello Friends and Family, I hope this finds you doing well as we approach the busy holiday season. I am pleased to announce the newest addition to the Ward Enterprises family. Washington Crossing is slated to open April 1st, 2008. It will be a 48 unit apartment building with a variety of elegant floor plans available. Many amenities and services will be available including exercise facilities, underground parking, transportation services, and one gourmet meal per day. The building will also have many conveniences including banking, post office services, a mini-mart, and a library with computers. Residents will

also benefit from on site physical therapy and home health services, and available guest rooms for visitors to stay in. There are also plans for a child care center in the building providing opportunity for both employees and residents. We look forward to the completion of this project, and hope you will stop out to visit and take a tour.

-Joe Ward, CEO

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Ward Enterprises Assisted Living Prepares for Holidays

By Lynne Kuper

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! We began our outdoor display decorating on Monday, Nov 26, 2007. We now have quite an array of lights on our train, merry-go round, Ferris wheel as well as a family of penguins welcoming our guests. It really draws attention to our buildings and will be up just in time for our Christmas party with families and friends on December 6, 2007. The Unit Managers and staff have also begun to set up their indoor decorations as well. We hope to become one of the listed Sioux Falls Christmas Lanes by next year.

Our facility had a demonstration of the newest virtual reality games appropriate for Nursing Homes and Assisted living Centers...the Nintendo Wii (pronounced wee) provides lots of opportunity for bowling, tennis, boxing and golf. At least 12 residents tried out their bowling styles on Nov, 20, 2007. It is a great range of motion workout as well as an eye-hand coordination activity. We plan to set up bowling teams next year that will compete with one another.

WARDY'S GAME ROOM is also near completion. We plan to have a ribbon cutting early January 2008.

We wish you all a very Merry Holiday Season!

Ramona Assisted Living

By Crystal Dixon

Hello to all!! We hope that the Christmas season finds you all well.

We have been keeping busy at Ramona Assisted Living Center, never a dull moment. We don't like to see summer go, but each change in the seasons brings something new to look forward to.

All the residents are still enjoying Bingo every Wednesday, one of these times we will have to have a "Big" pay out!!! Every Tuesday RoseMary Hyland comes to the facility and plays the organ for everyone, then they get a game of dominos or cards going, but we still haven't mastered the art of Whisk (Wisk?) yet. They say your never to old to learn.

In September we had National Assisted Living week, what a busy week for all. We had an Ice Cream social, they all screamed for Ice Cream. We had our pot luck, and WOW what a great turn out!! Great food and Great people!!

We have also been Entertained by Marlin Olson, better known as "Karaoke Krooner" from Dell Rapids. Everyone loves having him come and sing, he puts on such an awesome show. We just wanted to let everyone know, we would love to have you stop in and say "Hi" to all the residents and staff. We hope the new year brings you all great Blessings!

God Bless You all.



Colton Assisted Living

By Amy Martens

We have been busy bees here at the Colton Assisted living center over the past few months! Between our regular activities, special events and holiday fun, the folks here at Colton Assisted Living have been having a blast!

One of our new ideas is our monthly community pot luck and it has been a smash hit in the community as well as with the residents and staff. The residents look forward to seeing family and friends and also enjoying good food and tasty treats, most of it not on the regular menu, so it gives everyone a nice variety! The staff of course enjoys it because the residents have so much fun and everyone involved has

wonderful fellowship. We have found it working out really well in our facility and are receiving an excellent community response.

Of course this summer we had our annual Jubilee Days here in Colton where the residents got to ride on their very own float through the middle of town. Everyone had a wonderful time with the float and all the other activities that Jubilee Days hosts as well.

Another peak of fun and excitement here at Colton Assisted Living was definitely National Assisted Living Week which we celebrated once again! Everyone immensely enjoyed the activities, but taking the cake for the best had to be the Pot Luck and Super

Bingo, of course for all the fabulous prizes! It was a fun-filled week for residents, families and staff.

Finally, we have continued with our monthly birthday party for the residents, open-house style to gather family, friends, and community to help share in the resident's birthday fun! There are always smiles, cake, and special activities on these days and everyone benefits from these moments we have together. Another thing we do to involve community is our weekly card playing which includes a special dessert, cards at every table and lots of laughs! We have had a fabulous last couple of months and always enjoy sharing these good times with other facilities like our own. Happy holidays!

Home for the Holidays at Castlewood Assisted Living

By Jolene Wilde

Hello everyone, just to think that Christmas is right around the corner.. Where has the time went? We have been really busy here at the Castlewood Assisted Living, we now have 19 residents and 5 married couples..They are all a lot of fun to be around It has been a wonderful change from the 8 residents we had when I first started..

Our Residents keep very busy. We had a float in the Castlewood Homecoming

Parade, and now that Christmas is coming we will have Santa here on the 8th of December. Our Resident's Christmas party on December 16th, with entertainment and all of the food and the Christmas goodies to go along with it.. We here at the Castlewood Assisted Living would like to wish you and your family a Wonderful Holiday Season.. God Bless you all..

Our Families at War

By Charlie Ward

Jamie Kopp-O'Donnell is a Registered Nurse and Respiratory Therapist who works at Evergreen Assisted Living, a community where as many as 24 people live and staff approximately 12 more. Jamie told me an incredible story about how her son Josh was in Iraq, working as a paratrooper for the war effort. He had told his mom how he needed to have some dental work done while overseas and Jamie had put it off to how you or I might chip a tooth on a popcorn hull or something of the like. It was later, while Jamie was chatting with one of Josh's brothers when she found that the dental work was needed for Josh because the Hummer he had been riding in during a "normal" day in Iraq exploded from a roadside bomb. The impact ripped the vehicle apart, leaving the area Josh had been riding untouched; where, as Jamie describes, her son's guardian angel had surrounded him and kept him safe. Josh came through this experience virtually unscathed; however, just yesterday I learned that he has since been victim to yet another roadside bomb which he received invasive injury to his arm. He has now returned home with a well deserved Purple Heart and will spend Christmas with his family. As caregivers, our hearts cannot be untouched by the personal sacrifice given by the brave individuals who have chosen to give months...years at a time to place themselves in harm's way for the greater good. Whether or not you personally agree with the war effort, hearts cannot cry in anguish with the mothers like Jamie who go to work every day, smiling and carrying out compassion for others while her baby is being attacked.

Ward Enterprises respects and honors those serving in the war and would like to let everyone know that our prayers are with you and your families that may not be able to be together this Christmas season.

Josh Kopp; now home from Iraq, son of Jamie Kopp O'Donnell, RN, Evergreen Assisted Living in Viborg.

Jesse Kane; in Germany after 2 tours in Iraq and 1 tour in Kuwait, nephew of Greg Kane, Environmental Regional for Hudson Healthcare Center, Vermillion Assisted Living and Evergreen Assisted Living in Viborg.

Kyle Paulson; now home from Iraq, son-in-law of Anita Hazel, Activity Coordinator at Hudson Healthcare Center.

Emery Redenius; now home from Iraq, son-in-law of Deb Woods, Restorative Nursing Assistant at Hudson Healthcare Center.

Ronald Hawes; now home from Iraq, uncle of Shelly Hawes, Certified Nursing Assistant at Hudson Healthcare Center.

Jeffrey Heier; now home from Iraq, son of Dawn Hurney, Director of Nursing at Palisade Manor in Garretson.

Matthew Herll; now home from Iraq, son of Mary Herll, Social Services Designee at Hudson Healthcare Center.

Jonathon Mondigon; currently in Iraq, nephew of Lorrie Mayo, Dietary Manager at Hudson Healthcare Center.

Chris Novak; currently home from Operation Iraqi Freedom, preparing to return, brother-in-law of Kristi Jensen-Johnson, Physical Therapist/Rehab Coordinator at Hudson Healthcare Center.

Justin Koppman; currently in Iraq, son of Linda Koppman, Certified Nursing Assistant at Parkview Care Center in Bryant.

Jared Koppman; leaving for Kuwait December, 2007, son of Linda Koppman, Certified Nursing Assistant at Parkview Care Center in Bryant.

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Our Families at War continued...

Jered Spieker; International Security in Kabul, Afganistan, son of Marlene Spieker, LPN at Parkview Care Center in Bryant.

James Spieker; currently on Paris Island, son of Marlene Spieker, LPN at Parkview Care Center in Bryant.

Eric Thonvold; currently at Dayton, Ohio, son of Terry Thonvold, Environmental Services Supervisor at the Parkview Campus in Bryant.

Arlyn Geranen; currently at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, nephew of Darlene Hawley, Dietary Manager at Parkview Care Center in Bryant.

Kimberly Peterson Tedder; US Navy Medical Corpsman, daughter of Dave and Linda Peterson, and sister to Amanda Peterson all employed at Parkview Care Center in Bryant.

James Christopher Tedder; US Marines Hazardous Materials, son-in-law of Dave and Linda Peterson and brother-in-law of Amanda Peterson all employed at Parkview Care Center in Bryant.

Adam Peterson; currently in Germany, son of Dave and Linda Peterson and brother of Amanda Peterson all employed at Parkview Care Center in Bryant.

Ward Enterprises salutes you!

These are the individuals that I know aboutthere are undoubtedly are others. My apologies for any names inadvertently not included here.

Halloween and Homecoming at Palisade Manor

By Kathy Thomas

Hi from Palisade Manor! My name is Kathy Thomas, the Administrator-in-Training. I've been at Palisade Manor Nursing Home for 11 months. Wow, how time flies!! I am currently preparing for my licensure testing so I have been studying. I have two sons Andrew, age 14 an eighth grader and Josh, age 7 a second grader. They are both football fans and love the Minnesota Vikings. Palisade Manor Nursing Home successfully completed our Federal Survey in September. I am very fortunate to have such a great team at Palisade they truly understand what it means to be a team and work together. We celebrated Garretson homecoming in September with the homecoming royalty, Garretson High School band, cheerleaders, football team, & coaching staff. They came to our facility to share the Dragon spirit and help us crown our King and Queen. The residents enjoyed the pep band playing the school song and later watched the parade go by our facility. It was a great time for both staff and residents to truly show their Dragon Spirit!! The residents and staff had fun on Halloween dressing up in different costumes and playing games. We had quite a few ghosts and goblins come to our facility Halloween night in which the residents gave out many bags of candy. We are currently preparing for our resident and family Christmas dinner set for December 2, 2007 at noon. Happy Holidays from our family to yours!!

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