



Profiles of facilities, staff, volunteers, families and residents in Kentucky's long term care facilities.

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Celebrating Life's Stories during National Skilled Nursing Care Week

Unveiling a new name for this annual celebration, National Skilled Nursing Care Week celebrated the life stories of KAHCF members' residents and staff. Many members planned activities taking residents down memory lane thanks to music, hobbies, rural lifestyles, and careers.



Grandview Nursing and Rehab, Campbellsville

Each staff member drew a resident's name and planned how they were going to write and display their respective resident's story. The staff listened to the residents' stories and created "all about me" collages with pictures showcasing their interests, hobbies, and loved ones. Some shared poetry and song. As the stories were displayed each day, the residents read them, and it was a joy to see the looks on their faces as they read them. The collages were displayed around the halls on family night for the residents' loved ones to share in learning more about their family history.



Pictured: Activity Department Rec Leader Jesse Pointer (left) listens to resident Dallas Duplantis talk about entering the Air Force with his best friend Paul Krause.

Western Kentucky Veterans Center, Hanson

Western Kentucky Veterans Center staff were able to learn more about the veterans they care for and celebrate their life's stories. Veteran Dallas Duplantis shared how he joined the Air Force with his best friend Paul Krause. They met at the Boys Home, and at 16½ years old, they enlisted on the Buddy System after Father Chick at the Boys Home signed Dallas' card so he could join the military. They stayed together the whole time and left the Air Force together.

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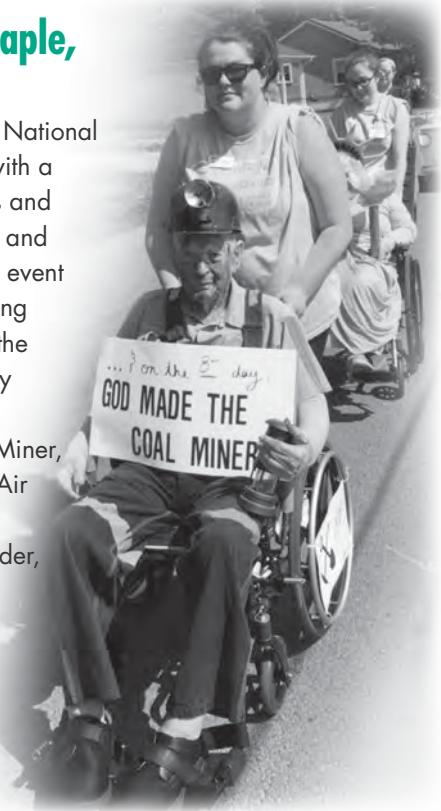
Margaret Hisel enjoys hanging laundry during Old-Time Photo day.

The Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility, Berea

Residents, family and staff enjoyed a week of celebrating their "Life's Stories." Activities for the week included Theatre Day on the big screen, Old Time photos, a talent show, making homemade ice cream and ending the week with a facility cookout. The residents' favorite activity was going back in time with "Old Time Photos." They reminisced and shared stories with one another about their favorite memories of their younger days.

Concordia Care – Maple, Greenville

Residents and staff kicked off National Skilled Nursing Care Week with a wheelchair parade. Residents and the team have been planning and looking forward to this grand event for several weeks, collaborating together to design and build the wheelchair decorations. Many were based on the residents' life stories, including a Coal Miner, Nurse, Race Car Driver, Hot Air Balloon Operator, Batman and Robin, Psychic Card Reader, Cinderella, Prom Queen, and many more. The plan for this event was to generate excitement and enthusiasm of the residents, and that was evident as they made their way down the street (thanks to local fire and sheriff's departments for blocking the roads) and many are already planning for next year.



Mr. Charles Luckett represents his coal mining days during the wheelchair parade.



Woodland Oaks Health Care Facility, Ashland

The residents, staff, and visitors of Woodland Oaks enjoyed a week of entertainment aboard a cruise ship. The fun-filled days included a tour of the islands, nautical trivia, an island brunch, an evening at sea and residents even had to guess which staff member had lost their luggage by recognizing the items inside. And no cruise would be complete if the crew did not put on a talent show, which they did to end the week.



Beloved retired community physician Dr. Rick Miles entertains residents as Elvis.

Fair Oaks Health Systems, Jamestown

"This is the BEST time of my life," said a resident as she left the Activity Room after a Rockin' night of Karoke, and that summed up everyone's feelings throughout National Skilled Nursing Care Week. Residents and staff celebrated all stages of Life's Stories, from a pajama party, to one-room schoolhouse Bingo for the 1930s, a magic show, and a sock hop with a local physician performing "Elvis Live." Residents also celebrated the 50s and 60s by watching Ryans Hope on TV via YouTube.



Middlesboro Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility

MN&RF staff and residents put on their Mickey Ears for Disney Week and celebrated "The Magic of Caregiving." The Dining Room was transformed into Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter Tea Party. Activities included a Mad Hatter's Mystery Dinner Skit, Jeterbug Acrobat Disney Performance, and a Parade of Disney Princesses. Staff brought their children for a Princess tea party and special Jedi Star Wars Training. The week ended with a trip to Epcot, where residents enjoyed learning about other countries and sampling food.



Christy Hinkle, Director of Social Services, with Ms. Vella Mae Sandlin

Hillcrest Health and Rehabilitation Center, Corbin

Ms. Vella Mae Sandlin had a wonderful time during National Skilled Nursing Care Week. Reflecting back to her younger days as a model, she is showing off the tie-dye t-shirt she created for Far Out 60s Day. Mae, for a short time, was a model with the Vogue Agency in Lexington. She even modeled some in New York City, but missed the hills of Kentucky so she came back home and became a cosmetologist.



Somerset Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility

Residents and staff enjoyed a Mother's Day Brunch, Ice Cream Social, a Guess Who Picture Game, Grandma's Attic Treasures and a cookout. But the most exciting part of the week was the Employee and Resident Horse Race. They donned jockey hats and hopped on their pool noodle horses and ran for the roses. Some residents raced against the employees while others joined in the fun by rolling the dice and encouraging their favorite horse on to the finish. They hope to run the race next year and make it an annual event.



Maysville employees wearing styles popular from the 1980s.

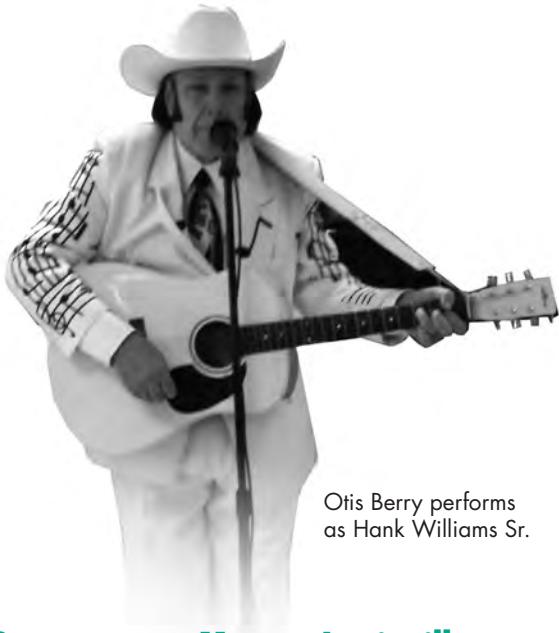
Maysville Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility

Maysville celebrated Life's Stories with the residents throughout the "DECADES" starting with the 1950s and going through the 1990s. Residents shared some of their memories and stories during each decade. Staff participated by dressing up in the appropriate clothing worn during that day's decade. On Monday, they celebrated the 1950s and invited residents, families and friends to enjoy a Soda Shop, music from the 50s, dance competition, and vintage cars on display.



Greenwood Health and Rehabilitation Center, Bowling Green

City Commissioner Slim Nash hosted a Bingothon event during National Skilled Nursing Care Week. He spent the day calling numbers and helping residents pick out prizes, including Dorothy Settles (pictured with Nash).



Otis Berry performs as Hank Williams Sr.

Georgetown Manor, Louisville

Residents had a busy week including listening to "Hank Williams" perform, courtesy of Opal's Dream Foundation. Iroquois High School students celebrated their last day of volunteer service with Kevin Hill on the saxophone and a pizza party. And on Armed Forces Day, residents and staff enjoyed a great performance and Salute to Veterans by Vikki and Mike Reiter. The husband-and-wife team played "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and the songs for each branch of the Service as residents were honored and remembered for their service and sacrifice.



Grand Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation, Cynthiana

Grand Haven Nursing and Rehab celebrated Skilled Nursing Care Week with several activities. Residents enjoyed Elvis, a Mexican Food Truck, the Harrison County Marching Band, a carnival and several other activities. Each day was themed and included Hippie Day, Sports Day, Hawaiian Day, and Mixed Patterns Day. Pictures is Greg sporting his Mixed Patterns Day outfit.



Renee Rice, activity assistant; Pat Gray, family member; Fern Ledford, family member; and Dorothy Hobbs, resident, work on the special quilt.

Barbourville Health & Rehabilitation Center

The Barbourville family celebrated "Life Stories" throughout the week. When planning the events, quilting quickly came to mind. Many residents, families, and employees are wonderful quilters and display their handiwork in the Activity Room. So, when some of them agreed to share their talents, everyone jumped at the opportunity. Everyone had a great time listening to stories each one would tell from sewing their own clothes to being in quilting clubs and handing quilts down for generations. By sharing in this quilting event, the Barbourville family became like a quilt with pieces that are put together to make a whole.



Hillside Center, Madisonville

Staff and residents celebrated all week with dress-up days from the '50s, '60s, & '70s. There was Resident Rights Bingo all week with multiple resident and staff winners. Hillside also had a visit from the local Dibby's Ice Cream truck where residents and employees enjoyed a sweet treat during the hot weather. They closed out the week with a "Rosie the Riveter" theme.

Sequoia Chase, CNA/Activities Director Assistant;
Kayla Smith, CNA/Activities Director
Assistant; and Jessica LaMarr, CNA/HR/Payroll,
strike their "Rosie the Riveter" poses.



Madison Health and Rehabilitation, Richmond

Staff and residents hit the high seas with a cruise to Mexico, the Bahamas and several days at sea. Everyone got into the fun, including Administrator Sherrie Jasper demonstrating her hula hoop skills.



Corbin Health and Rehabilitation Center

One of the favorite days at Corbin Health and Rehab was Carnival Day. Residents enjoyed playing carnival-themed bingo, a petting zoo, and some fun carnival games while sharing their favorite carnival stories and enjoying cotton candy, popcorn, and funnel cakes!



Letcher Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility, Whitesburg

Residents and staff celebrated with a Jungle Safari! They had a roarrr-ing good time, with many special activities. The Week kicked off by honoring their lovely ladies with a Mother's Day Brunch, had jungle juice and tiger tails with the Whitesburg Preschool, and a Jungle Party with the "Blast From the Past" Band.

Staff getting into the Safari fun include Kari Bishnoi (Front Left), April Smith(front Right), Monica Webb (L) , Gretta Fields(R), Carla Bishnoi (Back)



Heritage Manor, Mayfield

Heritage Manor celebrated with entertainment from the nurses and nurse aides in a Macho Nacho Eating Contest. These folks showed teamwork not just in the halls of Heritage but in competition as well.



Berea Health Care

Residents relived, remembered, and participated in activities focusing on their childhood when the work was hard, the food was homegrown and the love of family surrounded one another. Residents celebrated their families, accomplishments throughout their lives this week, and discussed the events in their lifetime that has made them into who they are today. Staff constructed a "front porch" that residents spent time on during the week, including carnival day with carnival food and a performance by Cambo the Clown.



Williamsburg Health and Rehabilitation Center

Residents, families, and staff had a blast "Celebrating Life's Stories" by reliving their favorite times. Breakin' beans is always a summer time favorite, and several residents took part, including Delmer Lay (pictured) hard at work stringin' and breakin' green beans outside on the patio, which the food and nutrition staff later cooked for the residents.

Pictured from left to right on 80s Star Search were Conjuna Collier, Vivian Dupras, Mattie Lovan, Kendall Stratton.



Masonic Home of Shelbyville

Masonic Home of Shelbyville celebrated residents' life stories by turning back the hands of time to the decade of Big Hair, Neon Colors, and Pop Culture Music of the 1980s. Staff and residents alike honored the theme by taking part in our very own Star Search.

Oakmont Manor, Flatwoods

Oakmont Manor celebrated the week with a 1950s theme with different performers each day playing different genres of music. Music was chosen because it can bring back memories and take us back to special times in our lives. They also kicked off the week with a balloon launch and a Mother's Day lunch.

Hyden Health and Rehabilitation Center

While shucking fresh corn and breaking green beans and peas, the residents laughed and reminisced of times past. Karen Honeycutt, Activities Director, R.B. Bowling and other residents made short work of the bushel of beans while R.B. was able to share many stories with Karen about breaking beans as a child and having family dinners with his grandparents. It is easy to forget that our residents were once children too with loving parents and grandparents. It touched hearts to help residents celebrate their life's stories!



Knott County Health and Rehabilitation Center, Hindman

Quilting is an eastern Kentucky tradition, and what better way for residents to share their life stories than through quilting. Each resident had their own quilt block to tell their story and then it was put together to make one treasured quilt. Pictured is Carol Puckett, proudly showing off the finished quilt, including her "Rooster" square.



Gallatin Nursing and Rehabilitation, Warsaw

Staff and residents celebrated life as a group, starting with a celebration of families, then occupation, religion, leisure time and life in the community. A highlight was residents judging staff competing in Family Feud and a talent show featuring residents and staff.

Photo: Resident Mr. Mollman judges staff teams of The Golden Girls vs. Beverly Hillbillies

Wolfe County Health and Rehabilitation Center, Campton

The week was jam-packed with lots of exciting activities. Not only is National Skilled Nursing Care Week about having fun, but it is also about meeting residents' complete needs. Pictured is resident Joy Fletcher with entertainer Terry Turner who put on an awesome show. This captured moment touched the hearts of residents, staff and families as it showed such love and compassion from an entertainer to not just Joy, but all of our residents!



Salyersville Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Residents reminisced about days gone by and played games from particular eras. The week spanned through a series of decades starting with the pioneer days, 1920s, 1950s, 1970s and finishing with the 1980s. During 1950s day, there was a drive-in movie in our own dining room showing "Grease". Staff dished up classic Root Beer Floats and Popcorn. The day started off with toys from the past such as the Wooly Willy and Slinkys.



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Harlan Health and Rehabilitation Center

During National Skilled Nursing Care Week, residents and staff enjoyed The Roaring 20s one day, including playing poker, drinking "moonshine" (aka lemonade), a "moonshine run" on four-wheelers and fun facts on the 20s. Poker was a huge hit, as Director of Nursing Julie Bolin plays with Clifford Howard, Joann Childers, and Kenneth Corbin. The men were so into the game, they didn't even look up for the picture.

Kenwood Health and Rehabilitation Center, Richmond

In the spirit of Celebrating Life's Stories, Kenwood resident Elmo Gum commemorated 65 years of marriage with his wife Frances. Elmo was decked out in a tux complete with Kentucky blue bowtie, while Frances wore a lovely gold evening dress and was presented roses by Elmo. The couple enjoyed a presentation by their daughters, while friends and staff witnessed the ceremony.



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