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2nd Quarter

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Welcome to New Dawn's Life Styles newsletter

We truly hope you enjoy reading our quarterly newsletter filled with the individuals that call New Dawn HOME. This gives you a glimpse of some of the activities that are going on and what's happening in our homes. **Kristin Tonsager**

Get to know **Kelsey**



Kelsey was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa and spent most of your childhood living in several places including: California, Japan (few months), and in Jackson, MN. Her father's name is Jamie, mom's name is Serena, and has two siblings: brother Jeremiah, and a step-brother Mason.

Kelsey enjoys playing X-Box with her favorite game being Forza Horizon. She enjoys doing her Diamond Paintings, and has

completed around 5-6 of them. She enjoys the adult coloring pages and others also. She can ride a uni-cycle, participates in the summer Olympics, bowling, fishing, enjoys cooking and baking and is a talented drawer.

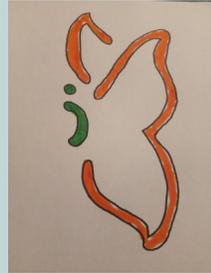
Kelsey currently at Hope Haven full-time and enjoys being around people and her friends.

She has attended Camp High Hope in Sioux City, Iowa for the last several years. There she participates in swimming, camp fires, giant swing, archery, fish-

ing, sensory garden which has several musical instruments to play, canoeing and many more activities. Her favorite is the archery!

Kelsey enjoys living in Worthington and enjoys riding her bike, going to the lake to fish, walking around town, shooting hoops sometimes, and playing on her phone.

Welcome to New Dawn Kelsey.



A favorite drawing of Kelsey's

**HIPPO DANCE**

Have staff say each line and have your individuals repeat it after you. Try some fun action move when saying each line, and them imitate your moves.

What can make a Hippopotamus smile?

What can make him run for more than a mile?

It's not a party with a paper hat. Or a bag of candy that will make him fat.

That's not what Hippos do.

They ooze through the goose without any shoes.

They ride under water till their lips turn blue.

That's what Hippos do.

What can make a Hippopotamus smile?

What can make him run for more than a mile?

It's not a tune on the old violin or listening to the sound of the whispering wind.

That's not what Hippos do.

They ooze through the goose without any shoes.

They ride under water till their lips turn blue.

That's what Hippos do.

What can make a Hippopotamus smile?

What can make him run for more than a mile?

It's not a trip to Disney land or playing in a rock-n-roll band. That's not what Hippos do.

They ooze through the goose without any shoes.

They ride under water till their lips turn blue.

**That's what HIPPUS DO!**

This was submitted by Kelsey from Burlington. She learned this from the summer camp she attends. We had fun repeating it after her, and the fun action movements she did. Hope you enjoy it with your in-





Dan graduated this spring from Worthington Senior High School. He told staff he was excited about graduating, being done with school and looking forward to his next adventure. This year's graduation ceremony was not the traditional ceremony. All graduates were escorted around town by the local police and fire dept. for a graduation drive-by route. Dan and staff decorated a sign for the side of the vehicle. "It was FUN", he said. Several New Dawn homes drove by his home honking, waving, displaying congratulations signs, and handed him several gifts. He said this made his day!



Dan ready for his gradua-



New Dawn Celebration drive-by



KITE  
**FLYING**  
DAY

Linda Lane's gentlemen flew their kites this spring at the local Fairgrounds. Wind, sun, and fun were all in abundance.

Mikey & Gerald



Shaun



L-R: Trent, Lindsey, Mikey, Dan,



Shaun, Lindsey, Dan & Mikey

# Unicycle

KELSEY HAS BEEN RIDING A UNICYCLE SINCE SHE WAS A TEEN-AGER. SHE SAID IT WAS EASY TO LEARN AND CONTINUES TO ENJOY RIDING IT TODAY. BELOW YOU CAN SEE HER TURNING AROUND ON HER UNICYCLE.



Kelsey on her Unicycle



Left: Kelsey turning around on her Unicycle. Right: Kelsey riding her Unicycle on the sidewalk



## Staff Quality Improvement Plan

The following staff have received a \$25.00 gift card for our Quality Improvement Plan:

Jo Erwin—Burlington

Joey Kinley—Summit

Michelle Wasielewski—N Douglas

Tricia Flanigan—Lloyd

Sarah Joens—Johnson

Lindsey Busch—Linda Lane

Julie Worden—Roy

Nate White—East Ave.

Dora Sithad—Hillcrest

Carol Corolian—Clary

NDI had 19 staff meet the criteria for documentation for April, May & June 2020

**Thank you all for your great work!**

WHENEVER YOU FIND YOURSELF DOUBTING HOW FAR YOU CAN GO, JUST REMEMBER HOW FAR YOU HAVE COME. REMEMBER EVERYTHING YOU HAVE FACED, ALL THE BATTLES YOU WON AND ALL THE FEARS YOU HAVE OVERCOME.



Hearing about the pandemic everyday, and living through it is truly a new experience. Our lives are disrupted from not going to work, no activities to attend, staying home to stay safe.....it can be a struggle.

Hoping these 2 sayings will help pull you through today, tomorrow and the rest of the year.

**Someday,  
everything will  
make perfect  
sense. So for now,  
laugh at the  
confusion, smile  
through the tears,  
and keep reminding  
yourself that  
everything happens  
for a reason.**



Gifts for  
baby girl



Sweetie Helms



### Lee'Anna Lovely White Helms

Parents: Sweetie & Perry Helms

Born: June 18, 2020

Weight: 10 lbs. 7 oz.

Length: 21 1/2 inches

Sweetie works at our Clary  
Street House full-time.

Welcome sweet Lit'l LeeAnna from  
all of us at New Dawn



## Burlington House

Burlington went to a nearby park and shot some baskets on a beautiful weekend in June. Jason loves hooting hoops, and can usually make so many consecutive-ly.



L-R: Jason, Eric, Kelsey & Matt enjoyed a picnic in Luverne in June

## Clary Street

Clary individuals were busy in May making Mother's Day cards for their mother or sister's. They used construction paper, Mother's Day messages, cut out shapes and colored markers to create their perfect card.



## ERIC AT

## BURLINGTON

ERIC HAD FUN MAKING HIS OWN SLIME. IT APPEARS IT WAS A STICKY SITUATION



## Happy Birthday Matt!

From all of us at New Dawn



## Happy 58th Birthday Mark!

From all of us at New Dawn



# EAST AVE. FISHING



BOB & MIKE



DAVID, RAY & TROY



KAT



DAVID



KAT



KAT & DAVID



JEN & KAT



DAVID



DAVID



DAVID & RAY



L-R: DAVID, BOB, TROY & RAY

## FISHING ADVENTURES FROM EAST AVE.

David, Troy, Bob and Ray have enjoyed fishing at Lake Bella this spring and early summer. They have caught lots of fish, and some big ones at that. If you bump into one of the guys, ask them about their fishing stories....I'm sure they will have some good ones.

Fishing.....Fun.....Friends

# **EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES**

## **16 Years**

**ERIN JOHNSON**

HILLCEST & LINDA LANE SUPERVISOR

*Your continued dedication and work ethic is very much appreciated!*

## **11-15 Years**

Kathy Strehle—11 yrs.

Lorinda West—12 yrs.

Lindsey Busch—13 yrs.

Troy Nasers—13 yrs.

Ronald Hyvari—13 yrs.

Jolene Erwin—13 yrs.

Melissa Olsem—15 yrs.

*Thank You for your years of dedicated service.*

## **6-10 Years**

Patricia Flanigan—6 yrs.

Paula Wagley—6 yrs.

We appreciate your dedication to  
New Dawn

## **NEW STAFF**

Kari Handy

Jeanine Woitaszewski

Tonya Scheer

Anna Van Westen

Josh Erwin

Aracely Vasquez

Karen Rodas Nolasco

Brenna Junker

John Morman

Eric Morales

**Welcome to New Dawn**

## **1-5 Years**

Sweetie Helms—1 yr

Nicole Krumm—1 yr.

Precious Barber—2 yrs.

Stephanie Kiekow—2 yrs.

Sengdeane Soumetho—4 yrs

*Thankful for your hard work*

## COVID, COVID, AND MORE COVID!

Looking forward to having scheduled activities again. Take care and stay Healthy!

New Dawn, Inc.

### Our Mission

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“It is the mission of New Dawn, Inc., within a circle of support, to aid persons with disabilities in responsibly exercising their freedom of choice.”

Board of Directors  
March 26, 1996

### Our Services

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Our community services are offered with dignity and respect. Persons receiving services, parents, guardians, case managers and other providers are all part of the **circle of support**.

