

The Graceful Connection

August 2023



Latest News from the Vintage Park at Baldwin City

Our very own Sierra Anderson CMA competed at the Wright County Fair Derby in Howard Lake, Minnesota on July 21st. On July 10th, Sierra let us paint our handprint on the hood to be apart of her car. She drove a 1983 Buick for her 3rd place showing that put her in the money! There was 13 other cars that competed against her . Sierra raced in the chain stock division, which means her car has few modifications that include a roll cage and new bumpers. In derby races the object is to crush the other competitor's cars so they will stop running, but also keeping your car running and driving. The final 4 was a difficult task because the other 3 remaining cars were all family members, so they were ganging up on her. The other competitors have raced for many years, but this was only Sierra's 4th derby. She still managed to knock one of them out. The Minnesota derby community were very impressed by her skills, and was disappointed her car had too much damage to compete on Sunday July 23rd. Vintage Park at Baldwin City is so proud of our #14 and very thankful for her letting us be apart of her team! We know her future is Bright!

Grace Signature Events



















Community Updates

Tuesday Aug. 1st @ 2pm- Jaden's Ice Cream Journey at Ice Cream House

Thursday Aug. 3rd @3pm -Vinland Fair Time

August 10-16th- Graceful Giving Teacher Supply Drive

August 14-18th- Grace Hospitality Week

Saturday Aug. 15th from 6-8pm- Casino Night

Friday Aug 18th @2pm- Men's Trip to Ski's Barber Shop

Thursday Aug.24th @ 10:30am-Lunch Buddies at 4 Corners Steak House and Lounge

Friday Aug. 25th @3pm- Blue Jacket Crossing Vineyard and Winery

BIRTHDAYS

Residents Tom "Tom" G. - 16th Eugene "Gene" B. - 25th Neal H. - 28th Associates Connie Nokes-11th Aubree Coons-24th Emily Livingston-30th July brought the heat, but it did not stop us from enjoying the 7th month of the year. The 4th of July grill-out was amazing, and finished with a bang. Do not worry it was only pop and poppers on the patio. Then our very own neighbor Jim showed off his family's restored John Deere Tractor. We started a new ice cream journey with Jaden this month on National Sundae day, so stayed to tuned for next the installment. Next up, the Baldwin City Blues baseball team spoiled us with a lovely evening of baseball. Michael Moore is a super host. We showed show our support to our four -legged friends at Prairie Paws, and they would love to have us more often. We want to thank our great Associate Jaden Wharton who enriched our lives the week of July 18-23rd, she is always a bright spot in our lives! Lastly, the Watkin's Museum was a cool trip for us, and brought the memories back to us. Wow,

what a great <u>luly!</u>









Did you know that August has been celebrated as "Happiness Happens Month" since 2000? This was started by the Secret Society for Happy People and is a group focused on embracing happiness and expressing positive emotions. It started as a story-sharing group for people to talk about happy moments in their lives and has blossomed into a month-long celebration of all things joyful! This month, focus on positive feelings and doing things that make you happy: sing in the shower, wiggle to your favorite song, or try something new and silly. In addition to Happiness Happens month, Grace Mgmt. Communities are also celebrating Hospitality Week this month. This is an opportunity to focus on our service standards and celebrate our associates who create the warm and welcoming culture of our communities. If you see associates having fun this month, please join in and enjoy Happiness Happens month!

NEW RESIDENTS

Joan Knight-Rm26





Mary Morgan LPN is moving on to other adventures full time, but you may see her around as for her love for residents remains a focus. We wish her the best with her future endeavors, and thank her for her years of service to VPBC. We love you, Mary.

MEET OUR TEAM

Executive Director-Caleb Gaylord
Wellness Director-Amy Wharton
Dining Services Director-Connie Nokes
Maintenance Director-Bruce Brown
Housekeeping Coordinator-Jamie Rickey
Life Enrichment Coordinator-Shanaye McBride