



# THE SANDSTONE SPECTATOR

A monthly newsletter brought to you by your family & friends at Sandstone Senior Living

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## A Covid 19 Update



The Covid 19 Positivity Rate in Lawrence County continues to decline! This past week, we were at 1.5%!! As you all have heard, we are doing in room visits here at Sandstone! It has been nice to see your faces in our home again! If you are interested in scheduling a visit, please give our home a call (605) 642-4910.

As you know, the vaccine is not a 100% guarantee of safety. Because all residents have been vaccinated, we feel it is the right time to start the move back to a new normal. Below are the Core Principles that will be adhered to on EVERY visit:

- Each resident will be allowed (1) visit per day, with a maximum of (2) visitors (As our schedule permits. *Visitation times are Monday thru Friday, 9am to 4pm.* You are welcome to stay as long as you would like, please be mindful of our resident mealtimes. At this time, we prefer you not eat meals with your loved one.
- Enter on the level that your loved one lives on. Upon entering our home all visitors will be screened. Hand hygiene will be performed upon entering and exiting our home.
- Masks to be worn by ALL visitors (no exceptions) and residents (if tolerated) for entire visit.
- Social distancing of 6ft must be maintained throughout visit.
- Visitors must remain in resident room for entire visit.
- At this time, we are unable to allow anyone under age 18 to visit.

**\*\*VACCINE UPDATE:** The state of South Dakota CDC released a statement last week that they have moved to category 1E. *Person's eligible for the vaccine: \*Funeral Workers and Critical Infrastructure Workers (please see: [https://www.doh.sd.gov/documents/COVID19/Vaccine/CISA\\_Guidance\\_on\\_Essential\\_Critical\\_Infrastructure\\_Workers.pdf](https://www.doh.sd.gov/documents/COVID19/Vaccine/CISA_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers.pdf) for a complete list). In addition, those: \*Aged 65+, \*Patients who are immunosuppressed, \*Patients with active cancer treatments, \*Patients w/2 or more underlying health conditions, \*Teachers, \*Daycare workers, \*Coaches*

If you or a loved one are in this group, call your doctors office to see when they will have the vaccine available, and schedule your time to receive it!

**A Peak at the Month Ahead ~ April Showers  
Bring May Flowers!**



Spring is here! Time for sunshine, birds & flowers! Take a peak at what we have planned! **Check the bulletin boards for times and additional information**

- 1st Happy April Fool's Day!
- 4th Happy Easter!
- 5th UL & LL Ice Cream Social
- 6th UL Manicures
- 9th UL & LL Birthday Social
- 12th LL Manicures
- 18th—24th *Volunteer Appreciation Week!*
- 19th UL Manicures
- 19th LL Peaceful Coloring & Social Time
- 22nd UL & LL Resident Council Meeting
- 26th UL Bible Study with Laura, Our Saviors
- 26th LL ELVIS music and a snack
- 30th UL & LL May Day Basket Craft
- 30th Hairstylist Appreciation Day! A Big Thank you to Donna!

**A Few Fun Things To Plan On Weekly:**

- ◆ BINGO now 2 days a week!  
LL ~ Tuesday AND Thursday  
UL ~ Wednesday AND Saturday
- ◆ Hope Lutheran Church ~ Wednesday
- ◆ Exercise Mon—Fri 10am (both levels)
- ◆ Game Table set up every Wednesday!
- ◆ BEAUTY SHOP! Every Friday
- ◆ Happy Hour every Friday!



**Happy Birthday Wishes to Our  
April Birthdays:**

23rd: Kat K!

*We will be enjoying birthday cake and social hour on FRIDAY, April 9th!*

*A Message from the Activity Desk!*

**Hi everyone!**

**Easter is here! Spring is here! Exciting things are planned in April! Keep an eye out for some exciting news from activities in late April and May!**

**I will update the bulletin boards with any changes to the calendar, and other news and information for our residents!**

**Lastly, we want to send a big thank you to our volunteers. Even though we can't see you everyday, you are always in our hearts! THANK YOU for all you do for our residents!**

**Laura Lee**

**April Showers**

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## A Look Back at March!



And, poof, just like that, March is gone! We had fun picking our 'brackets' for March Madness, did some fun crafts and enjoyed visits from our loved ones! Below are a few pictures of the memories made in our home!

### Flower Pots & Glitter Paint

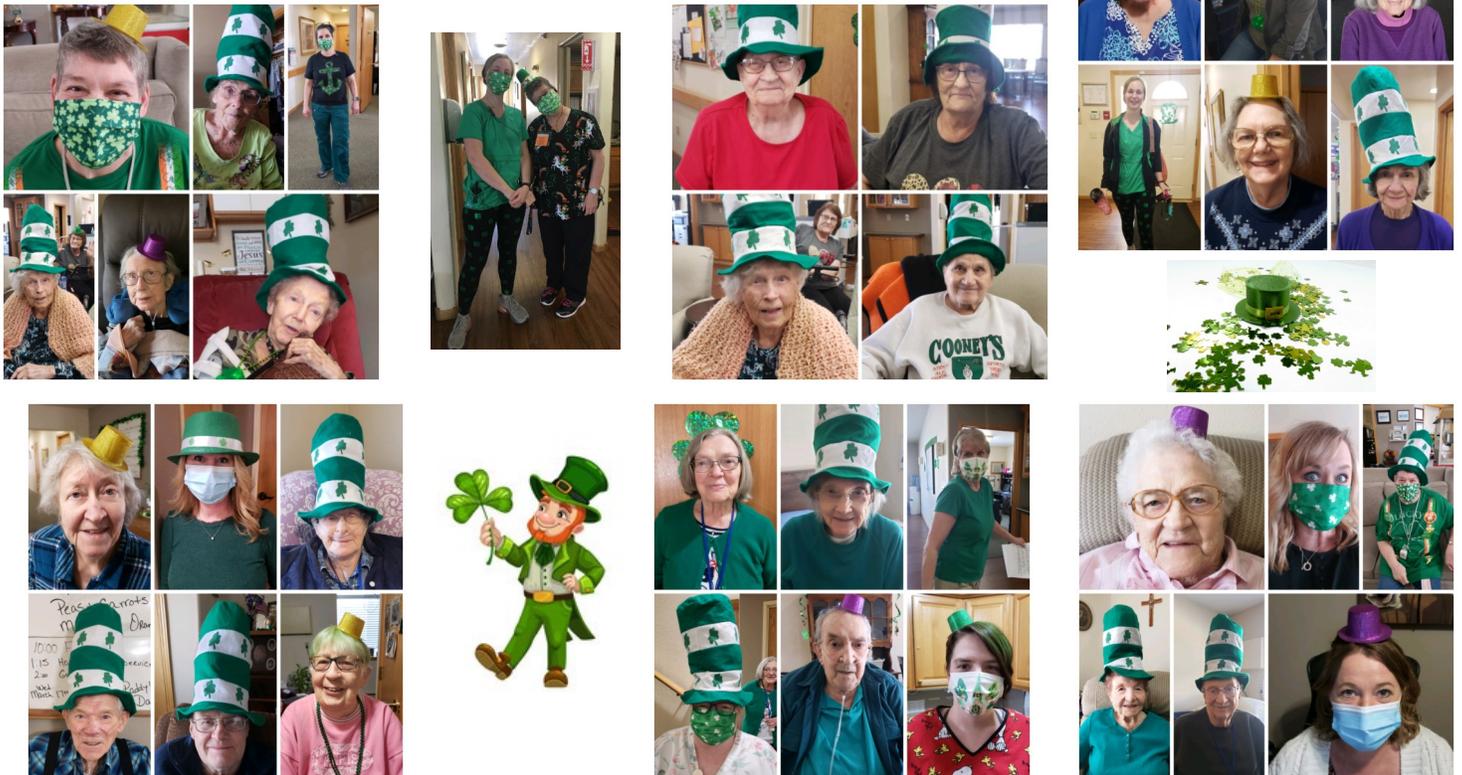


### Meal Time Fun On Our LL ~

### Paper Airplane Battles



Leprechauns were spotted throughout our home on St. Patty's Day!



## Family Focus! Get to know your family and caregivers!



### This month's Caregiver Focus is our Angel T! .

Angel has been part of our family for almost 6 months ~she came to us with almost 20 years of healthcare experience! Angel is a Navy veteran ~ her role was in the military police! Angel has 4 'baby' brothers, 2 nieces and 2 18 year old cats named Dexter and Harley.



Angel claims to be a 'hermit' when she's not at work :) Her favorite thing to do when at home is cuddle her 2 sweet kitty's. Since moving to Spearfish (She was born and raised in Dallas, Texas!), she has found a new passion in hiking. Spearfish is a PERFECT place to fall in love with hiking! We are glad you are part of our family, Angel!! Thank you for all you do!



### Welcome to our family, Gayle H! .

Gayle recently joined our family ~ she is the new face you will see around on the UL! Gayle was born in Hill Head, SD ~ be sure to ask her about the stories of it being a ghost town! She has some great ones to share. Gayle worked at the State Hospital with the Yapaton tribe. At age 50, she put herself through college and received her sociology degree!

Gayle had 3 children, and has 3 grandchildren. She lives by the motto "Pass it Along" or "Pay it Forward". She LOVES playing card games (especially Whist), and loves sewing. Be sure to stop by and say HI! And challenge her to a card game! We look forward to getting to know you, Gayle!

### A Quick HI from Angie!



Happy Spring!! The birds are coming back, flowers are about to bloom ... and we all know there will be at least 1 more snow storm before spring has really sprung! I really enjoyed taking St. Patty's pictures of our residents, hope it made you all smile, too!

I wanted to take a quick second and thank our amazing, wonderful and loving volunteers! We haven't been able to see you for a while, but you are always on our mind and we look forward to the day we can have you back in our home! We will celebrate you in person (hopefully soon!)



It has been so great to see the faces of our residents loved ones! Please remember to give our home a call if you would like to schedule a visit! And... HAPPY EASTER to you all!

I look forward to seeing you soon!!

~Angie



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