Riverview Review

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Dates to Remember In March

04—Housekeeping /Laundry /Maintenance Meeting @ 11am

04—Riverview Safety Team Meeting @ 1pm

07—Employee Appreciation Day

10—14—LTC Administrator Week

17—St. Patrick's Day

18—Monthly Quality Assurance Meeting @ 12:30pm

18 OR 20—Dietary Meeting @ 2pm or 6:30pm

18—22—Healthcare HR Professional's Week

20—Nurses Meeting @ 6:30am or 6:30pm

25—STNA Meeting @ 6:30am or 6:30pm

Upcoming Dates to Remember In April

01—Riverview Safety Team @ 1pm

07—Riverview Auxiliary Meeting @ 9:30am

15—Monthly Quality Assurance Meeting @ 12:30pm

17—Nurses Meeting @ 6:30am and 6:30pm

17—Quarterly Quality Assurance Meeting @ 1:30pm

Employee Engagement Committee Date Set

The first week of March holds an anniversary that all of us in healthcare want to forget: The beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We could sit and talk about the challenges we have faced battling this terrible virus, but we could also discuss the many, many residents we've touched during the past five years as they have had to endure lockdowns and extended time separated from their families, when visitation was not allowed. For those of you newer to Riverview, did you know that Riverview was one of the *last facilities in the United States* to have a COVID-19 outbreak among residents? That is a tremendous testament to the Staff that were here each and every day keeping Riverview's residents safe. Thank you. While it is a great accomplishment, it does not erase the stress among staff, and the loneliness encountered by our residents. It was a very difficult time for healthcare. We've learned a lot over the past five years. Lessons of determination, fortitude, compassion, and hope.

In this space the last two months I have written about the formation of Riverview's Engagement Committee. Why am I making such a big deal about Riverview's Engagement Committee? It has been shown that an engaged workforce is happier, and more productive than one that is not. I also am well aware that there has been a decrease in overall attendance over the past couple of months. While there are many reasons for this, certainly it is a concern. The Riverview Engagement Committee will hold its first meeting on March 20. I am excited to see the great work that comes out of the Engagement Committee! Thanks for all you do.

Your Partner in Caring!

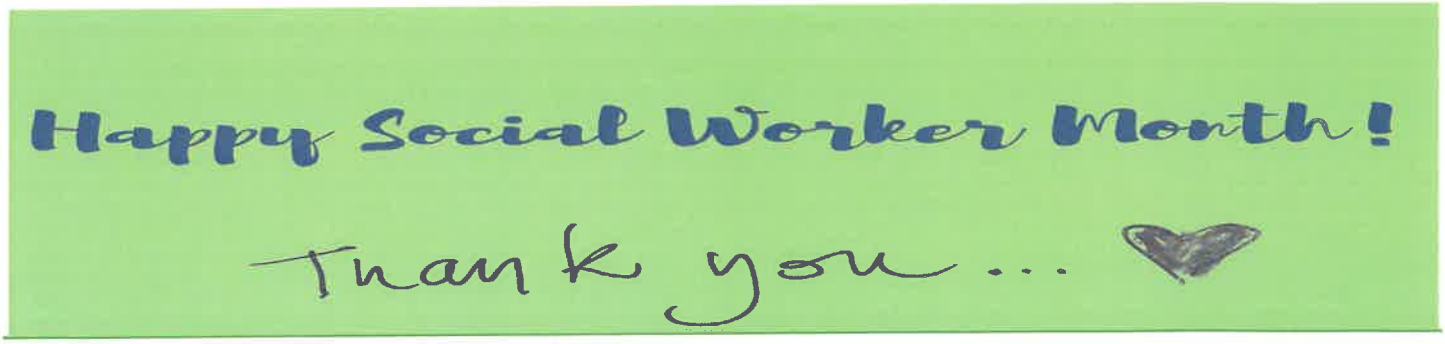
Michael

Meleny Bonnell, LSW

Meleny 's primary duties include conducting psychosocial assessments, providing emotional support to residents and their families, facilitating communication between residents, families, and healthcare providers. Meleny advocates for resident needs, coordinates discharge planning, and linking residents to community resources to address social and emotional challenges with the facility, often including end-of-life planning and grief counseling.

Make sure you show your appreciation to Meleny during the month of March.

Thank you Meleny!



LTC ADMINISTRATOR WEEK
MARCH 10—14, 2025

MICHAEL D. FREEMAN, L.N.H.A., M.B.A.

Happy National Long Term Care Administrators Week!

Michael is responsible for the overall management and operations of Riverview, overseeing all departments including nursing, medicine, rehabilitation, dietary, activities, and environmental services, ensuring residents and family needs are met while adhering to government regulations and maintaining quality care standards. Some of his key duties include staff hiring and training, budget management, compliance with regulations, quality assurance, and communication with residents, families, and healthcare professionals.

Please help us honor Michael during the week of March 10—14, 2025.

Thank you Michael!

HEALTHCARE HR PROFESSIONAL'S WEEK MARCH 18—22, 2025

Mary Diefenthaler—HR Coordinator

Megan Knecht—Payroll, HR Assistant

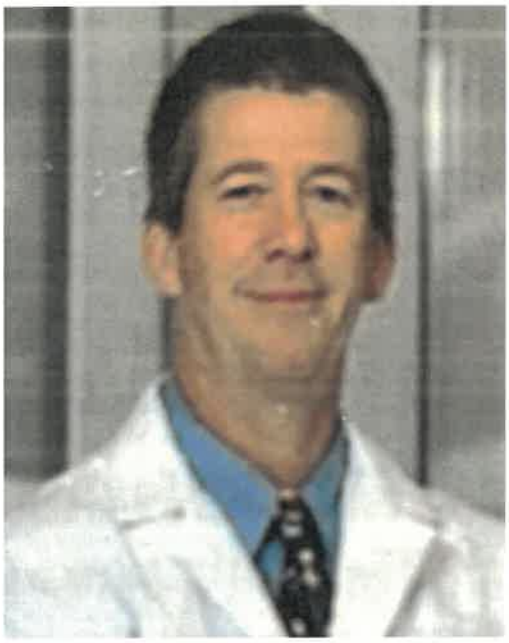
Mary primarily is responsible for managing the administrative aspects of human resources with Riverview including recruitment, onboarding new employees, maintaining employee records, processing benefits, handling employee inquiries, ensuring compliance with healthcare regulations, and supporting performance management activities.

Megan primarily supports Mary by managing administrative tasks related to employee records, recruitment, onboarding, benefits administration, payroll, compliance, and employee relations, ensuring smooth day-to-day operations with the healthcare facility while adhering to relevant regulations.

Make sure you show your appreciation to Mary and Megan during the week of March 18—22, 2025.

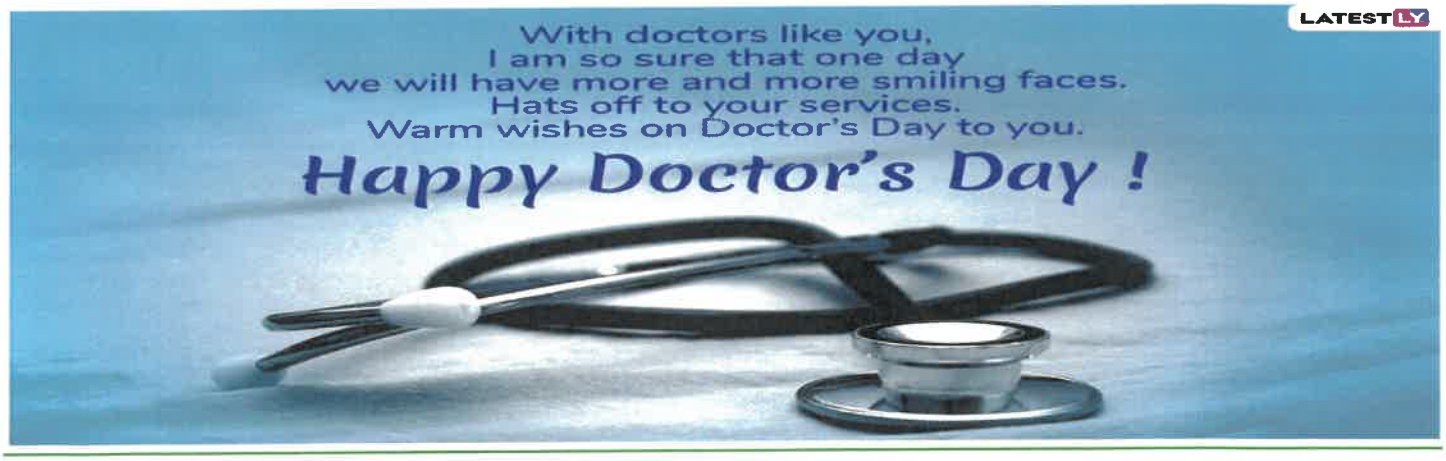
Thank you HR for everything you do!

Dr. Sean Callahan, MD



Dr. James "Sandy" McLean, MD

Dr. Sean Callahan and Dr. James "Sandy" McLean, are our two staff physicians. Our nurses call them, text them, fax them, page them and wake them up in the middle of the night. They see patients according to state regulations and tend to their needs even beyond that. We honor their dedication, skill and unwavering commitment in providing our residents with very high quality healthcare!



The True History of St. Patrick's Day

Here's why we celebrate the holiday. Every year on March 17, the world turns a little greener—literally! From parades packed with leprechauns to rivers dyed emerald, St. Patrick's Day is a celebration like no other. But beyond the shamrocks, green attire, and pints of Guinness, there's a rich history behind this beloved holiday. So, before all the fun St. Patrick's Day traditions, why not take the time to learn about the history of St. Patrick's Day? There's more to it than you may think!

Take the patron saint of Ireland, for example. Did you know he wasn't actually Irish? Or that St. Patrick's Day parades in the U.S. were originally a means for early Irish immigrants to show their collective pride? The events even attracted hopeful political candidates vying for the Irish-American voting block. You'll also be shocked to know that many meals made to celebrate the day in America aren't actually traditional Irish dishes.

You're probably not surprised to learn that St. Patrick's Day hasn't always been a raucous affair, celebrated with huge parades and green beer. As the feast day of Saint Patrick, it was and still is a holy day in Christianity. The day was first established in 1631 as a modest religious holiday, and honoring Ireland's patron saint. Because it fell right in the middle of Lent, people began using it as a reason to celebrate and take a break from the restraints and abstinence of the period leading up to Easter. However, it didn't actually become a public holiday in Ireland until 1904!

The St. Patrick's Day celebrations we recognize today are actually a product of Irish immigrants in America. Parades sprung up in major U.S. cities in the 1700s, including Boston and New York City. As Irish populations grew in America, so did St. Patrick's Day festivities. During the 1900s, Americans on March 17 were wearing green clothes, eating corned beef and cabbage (despite it not being a popular dish in Ireland!), and attending massive parades across the country.

April Department Meetings

1st—Safety Team @ 1pm

17th—Nurses @ 6:30am or 6:30pm

May Department Meetings

6th—Housekeeping/Laundry/ Maintenance @ 11am

6th—Riverview Safety Team @ 1pm

20th or 22nd—Dietary @ 2pm or 6:30pm

2025 All Staff Meetings:

Thursdays

2:30pm & 4:30pm

Fridays

6:15am & 1pm

May 1 & 2

August 7 & 8

November 6 & 7

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RIVERVIEW HEALTHCARE CAMPUS has serviced Ottawa County for 153 years as a County Owned Skilled Nursing Facility. We are also very proud that in 2020 we added Assisted Living to our list of services. In 2022 we were able to add Independent Living. Thanks for continuing the Tradition!

Our Core Values:

" We deliver to our residents a level of service that anticipates and exceeds their needs. We measure and evaluate the effectiveness of the services we provide from the viewpoint of those whom we serve. We require high standards of performance, professionalism and teamwork from our employees."

March Employee Celebrations

Birthdays

1 Stormy Vallance
2 Haley Robison
3 Brooklyn Mock
8 Meleny Bonnell
13 Karla Ruphuy-Arce
15 Indyca Bonnell
20 Tina Tasker
31 Anne Ashton

New Hires

Tina Tasker—PrepCook
Liyanna Melton—Hospitality
Lona Cox—Hospitality
Noah Clapsaddle—Food Service Worker

**Congratulations to Ila Gabel for passing her STNA test!!!

Anniversaries

Carla Scott—29 years
Cara Densic—15 years
Deborah Wozniak—14 years
Pamela Ostheimer—4 years
Ellie Spencer—3 years
Megan Humphrey—2 years
Ryleigh Trumbull—2 years
Michael Freeman—2 years
Megan Gould—1 year
Megan Vogelpohl—1 year