

# Morning Star Village

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## Administrative Staff

### **Executive Director**

Jane Stivers

### **Director of Health Services**

Elaine Brooks

### **Bookkeeper**

Heather Norman

### **Food Service Director**

Rob Bennick

### **Facility Operations Director**

Michael Cal

### **Recreation Director**

Latonya Thomas

### **Community Relations Director**

Marianne Drost

## Meet Elaine Brooks, New Director of Health Services



Morning Star Village is excited to welcome Elaine Brooks to our community! She will serve as our Director of Nursing. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our community. She is busy getting to know our residents and looks forward to meeting our families as well.

Elaine has lived in Loves Park most of her life, having moved here from Arkansas with her family when she was just five years old. Elaine graduated from Harlem High School and subsequently went on to complete her LPN training. She went to Kishwaukee College near DeKalb for her R.N. program, and graduated with her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Elaine has worked as a traveling Interim Director of Nursing in various states, including California, Wisconsin, Kansas, Indiana and Illinois during the last few years. She was assigned to skilled nursing facilities throughout the country that were in trouble with the state because of poor quality of care. Elaine states "I have had the privilege of working with some of the most amazing nurses, CNAs and caregivers, not to mention housekeepers, dietary and maintenance staff, and of course administrators".

Elaine's hobbies include traveling, reading and Civil War History. When she retires, she plans to visit Civil War Landmarks, our country's historic lighthouse landmarks, and even contemplates writing a book. She says her sixth grade teacher was the first one to inspire her to consider writing after one of her short stories was published.

Welcome Elaine! We are so happy to have you join our MSV family.

## Employees Celebrating Work Anniversaries This April

Kayla Honaker- 1 Year  
Tenika Key- 10 Years  
Colleen Pearson- 3 Years

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## OUR STAFF

We welcomed Joanne Salisbury and Avis Vaughan to our MSV Family in March.

### Covid-19 Challenges

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we all get through this challenging time together.

We are working diligently to keep all our beloved residents and staff healthy. We understand this has been a trying time for all, and want you to know we recognize the sacrifices you all have made to make this happen.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in to the community as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, please take care of yourselves and your loved ones, and know in your heart that we are taking wonderful care of all those entrusted to us.

### Resident Birthday Celebrations

- Rob and staff have decided to host a monthly "Birthday Club" which gives us the opportunity not only to celebrate our residents' birthdays but also provides a wonderful celebratory luncheon. Those residents celebrating birthdays during the month help plan the menu for all to enjoy.
- March birthday celebrants chose the following menu for their special luncheon on March 20th:

- Roast Beef or Salmon
- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Twice Baked Potatoes
- Fresh Tossed Salad and Coleslaw
- Fresh Baked Bread



- Nothing Bundt Cake for dessert

## News From Our Therapy Department



All of us have had to make changes to our daily routines as of late, however it is so very important to keep our minds active and spirits high during these uncertain times in order to continue to live our best lives.

Here are some suggestions for some fun easy to do in the comfort of your own apartment.

All puzzles and pages can be found in folders in the Living Room. Help yourself!

- Complete the Brain Teasers -Check your answers against those posted on the window of the Select Rehabilitation office on first floor.
- Read~ There are many great books in our library. Feel free to borrow one any time.
- Work on Jigsaw Puzzles. There are always puzzles ongoing in the living room. Stop to put in a piece or two. If you rather, take a puzzle back to your apartment to complete.
- Various puzzles and coloring pages - come down and watch Turner Movie Classic channel as you work on one.
- Read the newspaper- we have plenty of copies at the front desk.