

The Peoples Press

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Newsletter



“Making lives better tomorrow by what is done today.” **Honks!**

Robin Ganske for her continuing hard work and attention to detail, all to make 515 a successful venture. -Eric S.

Misty Fleming for doing an excellent job supporting two different residential locations. -Alex P.

Jim Westphal for stepping into several new roles and helping with a variety of projects including writing policies and procedures pertaining to CARF items. -Tyna A.

The Culture Committee for the working being done for Clean Sweep and the Celebrate CB Parade. -Kara L.

Misty Fleming for getting me both locations training packets back before the deadline. -Briana T.

Ainsley Irwin for great communication regarding medication management. -Isaiah M.

Sarah White for doing great work with a client who is struggling with adjusting to her new home and life in Council Bluffs. -Becky H.

Rodnesia Millie-Carter

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Honks!

Robin Ganske, Lisa Gaunt, and Briana Travis for helping with the CARF celebration party and serving food. -Becky H.

Baylee Ruffcorn for excellent work and coaching with some difficult clients. -Becky H.

Gabriel Kane for assisting clients with performing monthly safety drills. -Isaiah M.

Andi Teel for sitting at the front desk to help out while Megan was gone. -Wendy L.

Annie Jackson for assisting new hires with overnight training and leading them to success. -Isaiah M.

Jake Jones for dedication with answering phone calls from 4Tech during the overnight hours on many occasions during the past two weeks. -Kimber R.

Alyssa Thiles and Aries B. for helping with preparation and planting the garden at 1114. -Lisa H.

Kara Lambries and Sam Baldwin for the work they are doing for the Baseline Data Collection Project. -Jim W.

-Kyla Alba for taking clients to a baseball game. -Kelly S.

Dennis Stolz and Shelby Fastnacht for their flexibility with other locations. -Chaslyn B.

Laura Freeman and Rachael Prinzing for assisting with medication audits. -Chaslyn B.

Timothy Hanna for doing an amazing job at a location and building bonds and staying on top of things. -Isaiah M.



Steven H.

Steven has been an invaluable member of the Ameriserve family since July of last year, bringing with him a gentle demeanor and a heart of gold. Despite his initial shyness, Steven blossoms into a radiant ball of energy among familiar faces, spreading joy with his infectious smiles and hearty laughter. Initially apprehensive about venturing into the community and trying new experiences, Steven found solace and encouragement in the Lead On Program. With gentle nudges and unwavering support, Steven bravely stepped outside his comfort zone, gradually becoming an active participant in our Day Hab program.

Now, he eagerly anticipates each day, never failing to embrace the opportunity to engage with his community. Beyond his community involvement, Steven finds joy in the simple pleasures of life. Whether he's whipping up delicious meals in the kitchen, cherishing moments with loved ones, or relishing in some well-deserved alone time, Steven approaches each moment with sincerity and warmth. His compassionate nature knows no bounds, as he consistently extends a helping hand to those around him.

Remarkably independent, Steven radiates potential, with aspirations to ascend to the Hourly Program—a testament to his determination and resilience. A true force on wheels, Steven's dedication and spirit deserve the utmost recognition. He embodies the essence of what it means to overcome obstacles and thrive, inspiring all who have the privilege of knowing him.

Client Birthdays

**Its time to celebrate!
These individuals have birthdays
in June!**

Steven G.

Gates H.

Justin H.

Logan J.

Robert L.

Craig L.

Andrew M.

Mia N.

Sebastian P.

Aaron R.

Celeste R.



Client Creativity



Ashley C.



**Rhonda G, Dawn S,
Cassie M, and Shelby S.**

AMERISERVE'S 2ND ANNUAL

TALENT SHOW!

SHINE LIKE A STAR

THURSDAY

JUNE 13TH

10:30A- 2P

GRASS WAGON

110 S 29TH ST

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, TEAM
MEMBERS, GUARDIANS & CASE MANAGERS TO
COME WATCH YOUR AWESOME TALENTS!!

Power of Proof

Jessie M and Zach R along with their team member Kyla A embarked on an unforgettable afternoon at an Omaha Storm Chasers baseball game, immersing themselves in the electric atmosphere of the stadium. From the moment they arrived, the anticipation had them beaming from ear to ear. As the game unfolded, each pitch and play intensified the thrill. Jessie and Zach enthusiastically cheered on their team. Jessie's excitement peaked when a foul ball soared into the stands, heading straight towards her. Jessie retrieved the ball, eliciting cheers from the surrounding fans. In that moment, Jessie's connection to the game deepened, becoming a cherished memento of their unforgettable Storm Chasers experience.



Gone Fishing



Grant went fishing at Lake Manawa with his CSC, and he managed to catch a couple of fish! Although both were small and released back into the lake, Grant had a great time. He enjoys fishing and plans to continue throughout the summer. Good job, Grant—have fun fishing!



Isaac's Journey



Let me introduce you to Isaac, a remarkable individual on a journey of self-improvement and learning. Isaac embarked on a mission: mastering the art of tying his shoes and telling time. While these may seem like simple tasks to many, for Isaac, they were significant milestones waiting to be conquered. Picture Isaac, with his determined eyes and unwavering spirit, as he decided to take charge of his goals. He handpicked two books, his trusty companions on this adventure, to guide him through the process of learning. Each day, upon returning home, Isaac eagerly grabs his books and settles down at the table, ready to delve into the world of shoelaces and clock hands. With persistence as his greatest ally, Isaac diligently practices the steps outlined in his chosen books. He repeats each exercise a certain number of times, showing his dedication to mastering these essential life skills. But Isaac's journey doesn't end there. What truly sets him apart is his infectious enthusiasm for sharing his progress with his teammates.

Imagine the joy on Isaac's face as he proudly displays his newly acquired abilities to tie his shoes and read the clock. Every completed task becomes a triumph, not just for Isaac, but for everyone rooting for him. It's a testament to his hard work determination.

Clean Sweep

Several clients and team members recently participated in the Clean Sweep event hosted by The 712 Initiative. During this event, groups come together to clean areas of our town that struggle with scattered trash. Clean Sweep is an important effort to help keep our city clean. After several hours of dedicated work, the field and surrounding areas were completely cleared of trash. Every client and team member demonstrated outstanding teamwork and collaboration.



Celebrate CB Parade

Did you attend the Celebrate CB Parade? If so, you may have seen ASI's float! This is the second year that AmeriServe has had the opportunity to participate in this event, where companies of all sizes come together to celebrate Council Bluffs and showcase what the city has to offer.

Our Culture Task Force and team members dedicated time and energy to create the float, design shirts, and distribute marketing materials during the parade. The sense of community was palpable as each float passed by, making it a truly special experience.



Team Member Creativity



Barb R



Samantha B



Rhonda B



Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new team members who have joined our team!

Nyanuar Pal
Ryan Wilson
Thau Meh
Amanda Fay
Jamirrah Clark
Danielle Coverdill
Shelby Bruss
Karena Dennis
Natasha Leland
Skyler Boillot
Kerigan Keefer
Lexus Franks
Lawrence Simbro

Crimson Ruttenberg
Sarah Hammond
TyAna Grimes
Christina Black
Carli Salas
Tiffeny Hodtwalker
Luishma Galvez
Christian Soria
Shiloh Pruett
Saryah Briscoe
Ruth Keller
Edward White
Melissa Chavez
Clell Souther



ASI University



Congratulations to: Dennis Stolz, Michaela Davis, Katelynn Malik, Andrenika Teel, Corina Gray, Kassandra Jones, Rodnesia Smith-Carter, and Brandon Johnson for completing Level Up!



Congratulations to: Joanie Renk, Kilene Lyons, Torre Childers, Isaiah McGrone, Chaslyn Bryant, Diana Sharp, Amber Scangarello, Sierra Ross, Lisa Hagan, and Gina Smith for completing Level Up!



Congratulations to: Ashley Partridge, Robin Ganske, Kelly Stogdill, Kara Lambries, Samantha Baldwin, Kimber Renk, Adan Iniguez Rios, and Michelle Hagelstein for completing Level Up!

Team Member SPOTLIGHT



Tanja E.

Tanja has been a valued member of the AmeriServe family since August 2016. From day one, her positive attitude and genuine care for all clients have made her an invaluable asset to our team. Tanja's commitment to understanding and addressing the unique needs of each client has made her a joy to work with.

Throughout her tenure, Tanja has demonstrated her versatility by working in all three of AmeriServe's programs. This experience showcases her extensive knowledge and skill in meeting any challenge that comes her way. In January 2024, Tanja transitioned to the DayHab Program, where she continues to shine.

Tanja is always willing to lend a helping hand to her co-workers and takes the time to listen to clients and their interests. Her flexibility and quick adaptability are truly admirable. Tanja consistently goes above and beyond for her clients, even volunteering to take them on extra activities during weekends, outside her regular hours.

Tanja exemplifies how caring and teamwork can make a significant impact on the lives of others. We deeply appreciate her unwavering dedication to AmeriServe and our clients. Thank you, Tanja, for all that you do. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for you.

ASI Birthdays!

June 1st: Emma Judd

June 2nd: Tree're Edwards

June 3rd: Jacob Jones

June 4th: Rebecca Hargens

June 5th: Gina Smith

June 9th: Jaymee Talcott

June 13th: Sierra Ross

June 16th: Kathy O'Neal

June 18th: Haylee Sales

June 20th: Aline Aragon Gonzalez

June 21st: Kassandra Jones and Baylee Ruffcorn

June 22nd: Ayrallynn Munro

June 25th: Annalisa McGinn and Avery Thomas

June 26th: Briana Travis

June 28th: Jami Bruce and Kristy Stick

**June 30th: Robert Franks, Julia Guilliams, Lisa Hagan, and
Gabriel Kane**

ASI Anniversaries!

Ashley Partridge 06/17/2009 (15 years)

Kari Cook 06/12/2014 (10 years)

Samantha Baldwin 06/02/2017 (7 years)

Alexandra McClelland 06/20/2017 (7 years)

Chelsea Acosta 06/18/2018 (6 years)

Maria Valadez 06/09/2020 (4 years)

Chaslyn Bryant 06/15/2021 (3 years)

Jannessa Gray 06/07/2022 (2 years)

Kristi Bos 06/13/2022 (2years)

Alexander Tison 06/15/2022 (2 years)

Wanjang Tut 06/21/2023 (1 year)

Fatuma Omar 06/23/2023 (1 year)

Goal Achievements

Heather H. made the Dean's List

Chaslyn B. made the Dean's List

Kelly S. is buying a House

Upcoming Events and Holidays:

Every Thursday
Farmer's Market
Bayliss Park
4:30pm-7:30pm

Every Thursday Night
Classic Car Night
Quaker Steak and Lube
4pm-10pm

June 5th
Hot Shops Live Glassblowing and
Pottery Demonstration
Carter Lake Library
1pm

June 6th
Downtown Omaha Art Walk
Old Market
5pm- 9pm

June 6th- 9th
Bellevue Rocks! Riverfront Festival
American Heroes Park in Bellevue
4pm-12am

June 7th
SummerFest at River's Edge
6pm-10pm

June 7th
Jurassic Quest
CHI Event Center
12pm- 8pm

June 7th-9th
Omaha Summer Arts Festival
Aksarben Village
10am-9pm

June 8th
PolishFest 2024
3578 Farnam St
12pm-11pm

June 14th
Adult Board Game Night
CB Library
6pm-8:45pm

June 15th- 16th
Strawberry Festival
Ditmars Orchard
10am-6pm

College World Series Games
June 14th-24th

June 15th
Omaha Freedom Festival
Parade Starts at 10am
Free Daytime Activities
12pm-5pm
Concert 7pm- Midnight



June 16th



June 25th
Family Field Day
Carter Lake Library
1pm- 3pm

June 27th
Bingo at the Orchard
Ditmars Orchard
6pm- 7:30pm

June 27th- 28th
Benson Days 2024
5pm

June 28th
Westfair Vendor/Craft Fair
Westfair Fairgrounds
9am-3pm



Continuing Education

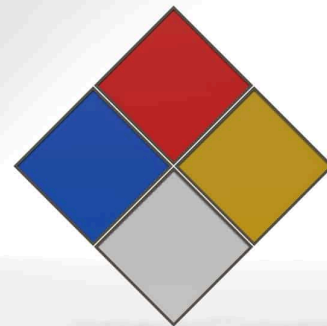
In June, Con-Ed is offering the Annual Required Training on Hazardous Communications and Bloodborne Pathogens, which all team members must attend. These classes will provide an in-depth understanding of Hazardous Communications, emphasizing the importance of safety awareness when dealing with potential chemicals encountered at AmeriServe. Additionally, we will explore Bloodborne Pathogens, focusing on how to handle potential exposure risks to blood and bodily fluids in the workplace.

OSHA



Bloodborne Pathogens

HazCom



Is there a topic you would like to see offered? Please email suggestions to Briana Travis at btravis@ameriserveintl.com, Isaiah McGrone at imcgrone@ameriserveintl.com, or Becky Hargens at bhargens@ameriserveintl.com

ASI Cookbook Recipe of the Month!

Garlic Parmesan Chicken Skewers

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. chicken tenders or breast.
- 2 TBSPs, olive oil.
- Several skewers (soak wood skewers in water prior).

For Garlic Parmesan Butter Sauce:

- 1 stick of butter.
- 8-10 cloves of minced garlic.
- 1/2 cups of grated parmesan cheese.
- 1 TBSP hot sauce (add more if preferred).
- 2 TSP of red pepper flakes.
- 1/3 cup fresh parsley.
- 2 TSP paprika.

For Chicken Seasoning:

- 1 TSP garlic powder.
- 1 TSP onion powder.
- 1/2 TSP salt.
- 1/2 TSP pepper.

Directions:

For Chicken:

- 1.) In a small bowl mix seasoning for chicken together (set aside).
- 2.) In another small bowl pour in the olive oil.
- 3.) Cut chicken into 3-inch pieces.
- 4.) Coat the chicken in olive oil then coat with chicken seasoning.
- 5.) Thread chicken on skewers, packing it on tightly together.

For Garlic Parmesan Butter Sauce:

- 1.) In a pan heat butter and minced garlic until butter is half melted.
- 2.) Add red pepper flakes, hot sauce, parsley and grated parmesan cheese. Whisk together until well combined.

Cook the Chicken:

- 1.) Preheat the air fryer to 400 degrees.
- 2.) Put a single layer of chicken skewers in heather air fryer, cook for 5 minutes, flip over.
- 3.) Base chicken with butter sauce and cook for additional 2 minutes.
- 4.) Flip chicken again, baste chicken with butter sauce, and cook for additional 2 minutes.
- 5.) Sere and enjoy!



End up making the recipe of the month? Send pictures of everyone creating the recipe to bhargens@ameriserveinl.com to be featured in the next newsletter edition!