

The Peoples Press

July 2024
Newsletter



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

Tiffany Hodtwalker for having the office the cleanest it has ever been and always with a smile on her face! -Andi T.

Adam Iniguez Rios for his daily treks to Clarinda to provide on-site leadership and providing good feedback. -Eric S.

Omar Ismail for continuing to work the overnight shift until it gets filled. -Lisa H.

Greg Scott for covering open shifts. -Loren K.

Hailey Woodbury for showing amazing coaching skills during a client crisis.

Great job holding to the expectations and follow through! Becky H. and Kilene L.

Tanja Ebert for her work ensuring clients got to go to prom and being willing to come in to take them to the dance. -Kara L.

Briana Travis who quickly got policies and procedures together to have every team member fill out, in addition to heading several sub-task forces. -Andi T.

Ashley Partridge and her team at 2428 working hard and trying new techniques with a client. -Tyna A.

Have Honks to give? Send an email to Btravis@ameriserveintl.com, bhargens@ameriserveintl.com or cbryant@ameriserveintl.com

Honks!

Briana Travis and Lisa Gaunt for all their hard work with the ASI
CAP responses. -Tyna A.

Tonya Carroll for following HIPPA in so many random situations that
pop up. -Andi T.

Tyna Anderson for getting all the insurance information ready for
open enrollment between our insurance broker and meetings with
our OneMint Rep. -Chelsea A.

Kyle Clemens for working with and coaching a client who is
struggling right now. -Loren K.

Briana Travis and Megan Travis for holding everything down at the
Farmer's Market when it was quite windy. -Jim W.

Misty Fleming and her team at 2428 for covering shifts and working
diligently with a newer client. -Ashley P.

Torre Childers, Kilene Lyons, Isaiah McGrone, Chaslyn Bryant,
Heidi Rodenburg, Kelly Wieczorek, Sam Baldwin, Loren Knauss,
Kara Lambries, Diana Sharp for attending and participating in the
Level-Up task force. -Amber M.

The Culture task force for helping with setting up, working assigned
tasks, and cleaning up at the talent show. -Becky H.

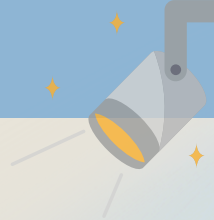
Alex Tison for coming back as a leaner and meaner Program
Coordinating machine. -Eric S.

Jaymee Talcott for working extra direct care hours while short
staffed at her location. -Amber S.

Jessica O'Neal for having great communication. -Sam B.

Gabriel Kane for providing great insight on a client situation. Isaiah
M.

Katelynn Malik, Rachael Prinzing, and Madison Hanna for taking
clients to a concert. -Diana S.



Rhonda G.

In the ever changing community there exists a bright light of kindness and creativity named Rhonda. With a passion for crafts, a talent for poetry, and a heart that beats for others, Rhonda embodies the essence of a caring soul dedicated to making a difference. Rhonda's journey through life is painted with strokes of compassion and creativity. She finds joy in crafting intricate pieces that reflect her vibrant spirit and attention to detail. Her presence at church is a testament to her faith and commitment to spiritual growth, attending services regularly and finding solace in the community of like-minded individuals.

However, Rhonda's dedication to others extends far beyond her hobbies. Volunteering is not merely an activity for her—it's a way of life. Recently embarking on a new volunteering opportunity, Rhonda continues to expand her impact. What truly sets Rhonda apart is her genuine care for those around her. Known for her warm smile, she has a remarkable ability to make everyone feel valued and cherished. Whether through a thoughtful poem or a simple gesture of kindness, Rhonda ensures that no one feels alone.

Here is a poem that Rhonda expresses she really enjoys:

The waves of the ocean are like my
feelings
They go back and forth like a rush that
washes over me
I feel things closing in on me but then they
open up to a whole new world
A world that I can see new possibilities
arise and that love can grow in my life
That there is a God out there that cares
very deeply for me and has saved my life
from all the sorrows and pain that came my
way



Client Birthdays

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

Reagan B.

David C.

Joshua F.

Jacob G.

Hannah G.

Brandon H.

Heather H.

Dakotah L.

John M.

Cassie M.

Timothy N.

Colton O.

Austin S.

Dawn S.

Richard W.

Xander Z.



Client Creativity



Vicki L.



Liz L.

Power of Proof



Dawn stands as a testament to resilience and determination. A woman of strength, she has navigated recent challenges, emerging stronger and more determined than ever.

Dawn's journey has been marked by a commitment to her health and well-being. With dedication, she diligently follows her doctor's orders and adheres to a prescribed diet and recommendations.

These choices are not just about physical health but reflect her determination to take charge of her life and overcome any hurdles in her path. She recognizes the importance of teamwork and actively engages with her team members to ensure she continues living life to the fullest. Dawn's path has not been without its difficulties. Yet, through perseverance she has gone over hardships that could have deterred others. Her commitment to putting in the work necessary to achieve her goals is nothing short of inspiring. Dawn's story is a reminder that resilience knows no bounds and that with determination and support, one can navigate even the toughest of times.

Power of Proof



On June 7th, a group of clients attended the Tim McGraw concert at the CHI Center, accompanied by Lead-On team members Katelynn, Rachael, and Madison. The evening began with a delightful dinner at Golden Corral, setting the stage for a great concert experience.

Upon arriving at the venue, excitement grew as they approached the Tim McGraw banner and joined the eager crowd forming lines for entry.

Before the concert started, they explored the impressive merchandise offerings and made some purchases, including T-shirts and hats, adding to their anticipation and enjoyment.

Once settled in their seats, the atmosphere surged with excitement as Tim McGraw took the stage, performing beloved hits such as "Live Like You Were Dying," "Don't Take the Girl," "Standing Room Only," and more. The concert was a memorable affair, marked by dancing, singing, and shared enjoyment among all attendees.

The evening concluded with heartfelt laughter and reflections on the experience they had just shared. Inspired by the night's festivities, they expressed enthusiastic intentions to attend future concerts in the years ahead, cementing the success of the event as a meaningful client engagement initiative.

Community Engagement

In June, several AmeriServe clients participated in the first annual CB CARES Prom. Dressed to the nines, they enjoyed a night brimming with excitement. The clients showcased their dancing skills on the dance floor, played games, won prizes, and savored delicious refreshments. Their joy was palpable as they smiled and danced the night away. We extend our heartfelt thanks to CB CARES for organizing this wonderful event, and we look forward to joining you again next year!



Talent Show

This past month, AmeriServe hosted its second annual Talent Show, featuring a diverse array of performances including singing, dancing, artwork displays, poem readings, and more. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together, with guardians and case managers joining us to make the day truly memorable.



Javier L.



Grace M.



Justin H.



Steven W.

Talent Show



Gio B.



Craig L.



Adam D.



Collette B.

Talent Show



Marcus A.



AmeriServe Team Members

Team Member Creativity



Rhonda Baldwin



Welcome!

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

Iman Aroll
Chudier Deng
Tiffani Hastings
Malia Kennedy
Alicia Mendoza
Abby Messersmith
Katrina Miranda
Georgia Riera
Estelle-Veronica Theoc
KaDesha Tucker
Demetrious Wilson
Malcolm Wolfe



Team Member SPOTLIGHT

Joshua W.



This month, we shine the spotlight on Josh a representation of positivity and reliability here at Ameriserve. With a commitment to excellence and a contagious enthusiasm, Josh exemplifies the spirit of teamwork and dedication.

At the heart of Josh's contributions is his consistently positive attitude. Whether facing challenges or celebrating successes, he brings a refreshing optimism that uplifts the entire team. His ability to maintain composure even in demanding situations sets a standard for us all.

Beyond positivity, Josh is known for his reliability and flexibility. Always willing to step in and assist, he has become a cornerstone of support for his colleagues. Whether covering shifts at short notice or offering a helping hand on projects, Josh embodies the true spirit of teamwork and reliability.

Josh doesn't just meet expectations; he exceeds them by fostering a collaborative environment. His willingness to pitch in and help, coupled with his proactive approach to problem-solving, makes him an invaluable asset to our team. By consistently demonstrating these qualities, Josh serves as an inspiration to everyone around him. He reminds us that a positive attitude and a willingness to help others can make a significant difference in the workplace culture and overall team morale.

Today, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to Josh. Your dedication, positivity, and commitment to our team do not go unnoticed. You truly embody the values that make Ameriserve a great place to work. Join us in celebrating Josh for his exceptional contributions and for being an outstanding role model. Here's to many more successes together!

ASI Birthdays!

July 1st: Sharon Anderson

July 5th: Sabrina Case

July 7th: Fatuma Omar

July 10th: Kari Cook and Megan Travis

July 13th: Jennifer Guyett

July 14th: Sarah White

July 17th: Michelle Miller, Tyler Pearson, and DeAnna Winters

July 22nd: Corina Gray

July 23rd: Abby Messersmith

July 24th: Zamzam Abdi and Randii Logue

July 25th: Victoria Martinez

July 27th: Paul Menking

July 28th: Donald Blakeman

July 31st: Brayonna Evans, Ylianna Gonzalez, and Joshua Whitelaw

ASI Anniversaries!

Dustin Belt 7/8/2015 (9 years)

James Sharp 7/23/2019 (5 years)

Deana Blunt 7/7/2020 (4 years)

Chandler Schlotfeld 7/30/2021 (3 years)

Rodnesia Smith-Carter 7/5/2022 (2 years)

Aline Aragon Gonzlez 7/13/2022 (2 years)

Erin-Nichole Jones 7/14/2022 (2 years)

Devon Gawronski 7/14/2022 (2 years)

Jacob Jones 7/25/2022 (2 years)

Tasha Philmalee 7/26/2022 (2 years)

Emma Judd 7/5/2023 (1 year)

Jaycie Hasbrouck 7/5/2023 (1 year)

Randii Logue 7/7/2023 (1 year)

Gabriel Kane 7/21/2023 (1 year)

Nicolette Garry Perdunn 7/26/2023 (1 year)

Stephanie Cox 7/28/2023 (1 year)



Goal Achievements

Kelly W bought a house!

Samantha B vacationed in Colorado!

Briana Travis became a Trivia Game Host and a Wedding DJ!

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

July 4th
4th of July Parade and Auto Show
300 2nd Ave Underwood, IA
7am

July 4th
Classic Car Night
3320 Mid America Drive
4pm

July 4th
Celebration with Omaha Symphony
Gene Leahy Mall
8:30pm

July 5th-6th
Ditmars Red White & Blue BBQ
Ditmars Orchard

July 6th
Community Vaccine Pet Clinic
Midlands Humane Society
10am-2pm

July 11th
2024 Summer Kids Market
Bayliss Park
4:30pm- 7:30pm

July 13th
Heartland Pride Festival
CHI Event Center
12pm

July 14th
Bike Show and Benefit
The Coffee Cabin
9am

July 14th
Sunday Market
3320 Mid America Drive
10am-2pm

July 18th
Bikes on 100 Block
5pm

July 18th
Llama at the Library
Carter Lake Library
11am

July 20th
Free Diaper and Wipes Distribution
Timothy Lutheran Church
9am-11am

July 20-21st
Lavender Stock 2024
2278 Loess Hills Trail, Mo Valley

July 26th
SummerFest
River's Edge
6pm

July 27th
Benson Days Parade
8904 Military Rd
9:15am

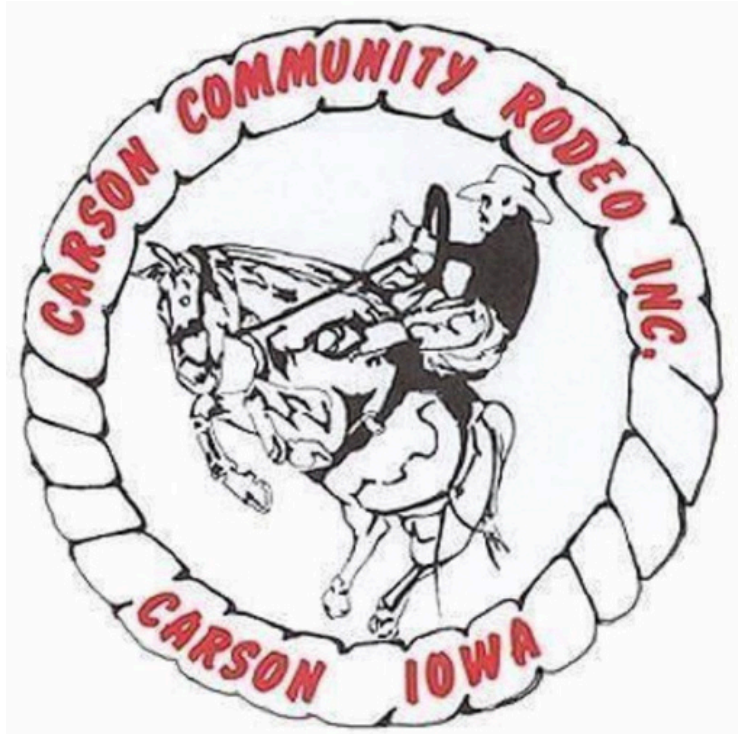
July 31st
Pawp-Up Pup Park
Cochran Park
5pm

Happy
INDEPENDENCE
Day



Upcoming Events and Holidays:

Carson, IA Rodeo August Thursday 1, Friday 2, Saturday 3, 2024



Show starts at 7:30 pm



Please join us for a


VIEWING OF THE TALENT SHOW

July

23RD & 31ST

12:30 PM

DAY HAB 215 A ON 23RD & 215 B ON 31ST



RSVP TO

KILENE, MICHAELLA, DAWN, BRE OR
BECKY

FREE
ENTRY

Continuing Education

Cooking Class

Discover the art of cooking with us this month at the YMCA! Whether you're new to the kitchen or seeking to enhance your culinary skills, our cooking class is designed just for you. Join our engaging sessions where we'll guide you through crafting homemade macaroni and cheese and delectable apple crisp for dessert. Embrace the joy of cooking as we sharpen your techniques and empower you to feel like a kitchen professional. This is more than just a class—it's a journey towards mastering culinary delights in a fun and supportive environment. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn, create, and savor delicious food together. To enroll, simply contact the friendly front desk team at Ameriserve. Get ready to unleash your inner chef and elevate your cooking prowess with us. We can't wait to welcome you! Let's cook, learn, and enjoy together—see you there!

GER Training

In July, we will focus on mastering the process of completing General Event Reports (GERs) with clarity and precision. Whether you're eager to deepen your understanding of the GER process or a supervisor seeking to provide valuable coaching to your team members, we encourage you to attend this informative session. Join us to gain essential insights and skills that will empower you in your role and enhance your contributions to our collective success. Mark your calendar and make the most of this valuable learning opportunity!

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!

Creamy Cucumber Salad

Ingredients:

- 2 Cucumbers
- 1/2 cup Sour Cream
- 1 TBSP Dill
- 2 TBSP White Vinegar
- 1/2 TSP salt
- 1/4 TSP Garlic Powder
- 1 TSP Sugar
- 1/2 Red Onion (Optional)

Directions:

- 1) Peel and slice the cucumbers then set aside.
- 2) In a medium size bowl whisk the rest of the ingredients.
- 3) Add cucumbers to the creamy mixture.
- 4) Cover and chill in fridge for at least 30 minutes.
- 5) Serve and enjoy!



**CREAMY
CUCUMBER SALAD**



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