

August 2021

King's Daughters Home

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Celebrating August

International Pirate Month

American Adventures Month

International Clown Week

August 1-7

Sandcastle Day

August 7

Elvis Week

August 11-17

Chef's Appreciation Day

August 21

International Dog Day

August 26

Pony Express Day

August 29



Dear Residents, Families, and Staff,

Summer is going quickly, yet we still have nearly 2 months of this wonderful season ahead of us. I understand, due to COVID, we are all experiencing some unique challenges we have not seen prior to the pandemic. Yet, we still have plenty of lovely weather ahead of us. Lord willing you are able to partake of some of it, even if it has been a fairly hot July.

The landscaping around the building as well as in the courtyards are in full bloom. The pond and the fountain in these courtyards also provide much natural beauty. I'm confident you will see something you might enjoy in these areas! It has also been enjoyable for a number of staff and residents to watch some of the action around the facility, including musical programs at the band shell in Central Park.

It's been our privilege to have new residents join us in the past few weeks. We are pleased to have you with us! We hope you are settling in and getting as accustomed as possible to your new home and the fine KDH staff. I realize we are still all going through a very unique situation due to COVID, but as my father used to tell me...this too shall pass. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly
Administrator



A Macabre Month

During the seventh lunar month, from August 8 to September 6, Taiwan celebrates Ghost Month. Taoists and Buddhists believe that the gates of the underworld are thrown open, allowing “hungry ghosts” to roam the land. These lost souls, commonly called “Good Brothers” and “Good Sisters,” demand tribute from ancestors who have forgotten to honor them. August 22 is especially important, for it is on this day that families perform rituals and make offerings to appease the restless ghosts.

In order to satisfy the cravings of the ghosts, families leave offerings of food and hold large feasts with empty seats to appease the Good Brothers and Sisters. It is also traditional to use joss paper, a fragrant incense-like paper, to create papier-mâché offerings that look like clothing, gold, cars, televisions, and other goods. Even money known as “hell bank notes” is printed on joss paper. All the offerings are then burned, so that the gifts can be transported to the underworld and enjoyed by the hungry ghosts.

The goal of the month is to appease the ghosts, not attract them. For this reason, there are certain taboos every family should avoid. While lanterns are hung in temples to light the way for the lost souls, one should never hang lanterns or wind chimes in the home lest the ghosts find a way into your house. Since the ghosts are believed to enjoy cold, damp, and dark spaces, it is important to let a lot of light into the house. Families open windows, install bright lamps, prune trees or shrubs that block the sun, and refrain from painting rooms in dark hues to repel the Good Brothers and Sisters. It is commonly believed that the toes of one’s shoes point to where you are located. For this reason, people always point the toes of their shoes away from the bed while sleeping, so that the hungry ghosts cannot find them. At last, to lead the hungry ghosts back to the underworld, lanterns are lit and set on water. When the lights go out, families know that the ghosts have found their way back home.



King’s Daughters Home Staff Royalty - August 2021



**CONGRATULATIONS
Jordan Bryant**

Jordan is an Activity Assistant
and has worked at KDH
Since June of 2011.

WAY TO GO
Jordan!

Smooth Sale-ing



Highway 127 runs from Addison, Michigan, to Gadsden, Alabama, and, at almost 700 miles long, it hosts the World’s Longest Yard Sale from August 5–8. The 127 Yard Sale, as it is known by locals, was invented in 1987 by a Tennessee city official named Mike Walker. In an effort to encourage drivers to avoid interstate travel, take local scenic routes, and thereby support local businesses, Walker suggested that local residents line their front yards with goods for sale. Each year, thousands of motorists drive the route, perusing the wares for sale and catching the unique attractions found in the six participating states. Route 127 doesn’t just offer the world’s longest yard sale but it also provides the backdrop of what may be America’s strangest (and most profitable) road trip.

NURSING NEWS



We hope you are enjoying your summer! Remember to protect yourself from the sun and drink plenty of water during the warm weather.

With fall peeking around the corner, we, in the healthcare field begin thinking about flu season and preventing flu related illnesses. Within the next month, KDH nursing staff will begin rounding up consent forms for those of you that wish to receive the flu vaccine. This fall our pharmacy nurse consultant from Hometown LTC will be administering the vaccine to our residents. By utilizing the Hometown pharmacy to administer the vaccination it allows which allows the pharmacy to bill Medicare for the vaccinations.

School will be back in session before we know it. We are also excited to welcome the new staff members who have joined our team of awesome caregivers! Say hello and get to know each other!

Please don't hesitate to stop into our offices with any nursing questions or concerns that you may have. Our doors are always open to our residents and their families.

Reminder: Any items requiring labeling can be given to the receptionist at the front desk. Make sure before you leave them at the desk that the receptionist is aware that the items need to be marked. We want to assure that your belongings get returned to you after they have been laundered. If you find that a personal item is missing, please inform the staff member in charge **immediately** so that we may make every attempt possible to locate your item.

Jo Lynn Gunderman, RN/ Director of Nursing
Melissa Pate, LPN / Assistant Director of Nursing

Congratulations

on "beeing" awesome
& "sticking with us"



We Appreciate YOU!!

Happy Anniversary dates of hire

Deb McDonough, CNA (34 yrs.)
Candyce Waun, Housekeeper (21 yrs.)
Traci Gobrogge, Dietary Mgr. (10 yrs.)
Farai Mbidzo, MTCNA (10 yrs.)
Carol Scott, Charge Nurse (7 yrs.)
Amber Bohnow, Dietary Floor Mgr.(5yrs.)
Judy Lickman, Cook (5yrs.)

**Thank You
for Making
KDH GREAT!**



Feeling Left Out



It may be fitting that International Lefthanders Day falls on Friday, August 13. Like many superstitions associated with Friday the 13th, left-handedness was once believed to be a source of evil. The Devil himself is thought to be left-handed, and in the Middle Ages, lefthanded people were thought to practice witchcraft. Luckily, modern science has put such unsettling notions to rest. There are really no great differences between right- and left-handers in personality, health, or thinking. For the 10% of the population that is left-handed, things might be more inconvenient—after all, the majority of the world is right-handed, so many products and designs cater to right-handed people.

The Klondike Gold Rush

On August 16, 1896, an American prospector named George Carmack was fishing with his wife at the mouth of the Klondike River. Many of the other prospectors did not particularly like Carmack. They distrusted him for marrying the daughter of a local Native American chief and for his habit of telling tall tales, a habit that earned him the nickname “Lyn’ George.” But it is no exaggeration to say that Carmack’s adventure on that morning would change the course of history.

Carmack and his wife were traveling with her brother and nephew, “Skookum” Jim Mason and Dawson Charlie, both members of the Tagish First Nation. While history often reports that it was Carmack who discovered gold at Rabbit Creek near the Klondike River, it is far more likely that Skookum Jim made the first discovery. But because Carmack was the only American in the group, he filed the claim. There was enough gold in the creek to make Carmack and his family rich beyond measure. He renamed the waterway Bonanza Creek, and, despite his newfound wealth, he spent the remainder of his days searching for gold in California and the Cascade Mountains of Washington.



So remote was Canada’s Yukon that word of Carmack’s discovery did not reach civilization until a year later. Upon hearing the news, 100,000 prospectors, called “stampedeers” for their frenzied rush north, headed to the Klondike in search of their own fortunes. The Canadian government required prospectors to carry a literal ton of equipment and supplies to ensure that they would survive the trip. Men carried the loads themselves, scaling treacherous routes such as the Chilkoot Trail through the mountains. The journey was so taxing that only 30,000 made it to the Klondike River, and most all of these a full year later. Worst of all, those that did make it to the Klondike found that the region had already been mined. Of the original 100,000 prospectors, only 4,000 found gold, and just a few hundred became rich. Regardless of the facts of history, the name Klondike will forever be synonymous with gold.

August Birthdays

In astrology, those born August 1–22 are Leo’s Lions. These “kings of the jungle” are natural-born leaders, full of creativity, confidence, and charisma. Those born August 23–31 are Virgo’s Virgins. Virgos pay attention to details and like to keep things organized. Their deep sense of humanity and love of others makes them defenders of justice, goodness, and purity.

Residents:

- 8/2 Mary Karsten
- 8/3 Janet Kinney
- 8/14 Jeannette Hedlund
- 8/23 Dottie Wiederhold-Momany

Staff:

- 8/18 Miekasha Henry
- 8/21 Andrea Williamson
- 8/22 Leah Ziems
- 8/31 Margot Rice
- 8/31 Carol Scott



New KDH Employees:

Jamie Studer- Business MGR.

Chelsea Miller- CNA

Shea Houck- CNA

