

APRIL 2018

# Prairie Hills News



Dear Families,

I hope this finds you well. Spring is a great time of year where all is new again. As colors change from drab to bright this time of year, we have had a few changes here at Prairie Hills. I am excited to let you all know that we have two new additions to our team. We have hired some outstanding team members to join our dedicated team. We are excited to announce that Kristy Ward has joined our team as our Life Enrichment Coordinator. We are also happy to also announce that Jen Webster has joined our team as the Community Relations Coordinator. We will be holding an open house for each of them during the month of April. Have a great April!!

Regards,

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**APRIL SHOWERS BRING  
MAY FLOWERS!!**

## Prairie Hills Team Directory

Zack Schultz	Manager
Kristie Werning	Admin Assistant
Jen Webster	Community Relations Coordinator
Laurie Hayzlett	Food Service Coordinator
Kristy Ward	Life Enrichment Coordinator
Any Roete	Wellness Coordinator
Adam Schweitzer	Maintenance Coordinator
Melanie Schwartz	Registered Nurse
Anita Anders	Moments Coordinator
Kelly Dircks	LPN



### Celebrating April

Jazz Appreciation Month

Physical Wellness Month

Easter  
April 1

World Party Day  
April 3

Barbershop Quartet Day  
April 11

National Coin Week  
April 15-21

Earth Day  
April 22

Richter Scale Day  
April 26

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# Kristina (Kristy) Ward

Hello Everyone!! My name is Kristy Ward. I was born and raised here in good 'ol Independence. I graduated in 1998 from Independence High School. I attended Hawkeye Community College and studied Photography and received my AA in 2001. I went back to Hawkeye Community College in 2002 and studied Office Management earning my degree in 2004. I'm currently married to Ben Ward who is a Buchanan County Sheriff K9 handler and also a retired vet. We have 3 amazing, full of energy boys! Kaleb, 16, Kypton, 8 and (Wild) Wyatt is 5. They keep us on the go 24-7. When I'm not chasing boys or working I love to take photos. I've taken many sports pictures for the Independence High School over the past years and do a few weddings and senior pictures on the side. We also love to travel and sight see, actually anything outdoors makes us happy! I also have a HUGE craft room where I love to hideout at and do my crafts and edit pictures. We are huge Iowa Hawkeye and (GO IOWA) Chicago Bears Fans! LOVE to go to home football games!

Before starting here I was a stay at home mother/wife. I also take care of our 94 year old Grandpa who's still living on his own. I'm excited for this new journey as the Life Enrichment Coordinator (activities director)!! If anyone has any activities they would like to do or ideas/places to visit, stop by my office or feel free to call!!



I'm excited to meet each and everyone of you!

# JENNIFER (JEN) WEBSTER

**Hello! I am Jen Webster and I am the new community relations coordinator here at Prairie Hills. I graduated high school in Spencer, Iowa but originally, I am from Mesa, Arizona. I live in Cedar Falls and graduated from UNI with my bachelor's in social work. I currently am taking classes online for my master's in healthcare ad-**



**ministration at Colorado State University-Global Campus and will graduate December of 2019. Before I got this job, I worked at Bickford Cottage assisted living/memory care in Cedar Falls for the last two and half years as a CMA/CNA. I have been working as a CNA since 2012.**

**When I am not working or doing homework I really enjoy the outdoors. I love fishing, camping, boating, and any other outdoor activity you can think of. I also enjoy sports and am a big Iowa Hawkeyes fan. Go Hawks! I am so excited to take on this new role and get to know all the people of Independence!**

**In astrology, those born between April 1-19 are Aries' Rams. As the first sign of the zodiac, Aries are energetic and assertive initiators. With bravery, zeal, and speed, they jump headfirst into life, confident they can navigate any challenges. Those born between April 20-30 are Taurus' Bulls. Bulls are hardworking, ambitious, honest, and dedicated to finishing tasks with a dogged persistence. And once the work is done, a Taurus expects to enjoy the fruits of their labor.**

**Marlon Brando (actor) - April 3, 1924**

**Spencer Tracy (actor) - April 5, 1900**

**Francis Ford Coppola (director) - April 7, 1939**

**Betty Ford (first lady) - April 8, 1918**

**David Letterman (TV host) - April 12, 1947**

**Loretta Lynn (singer) - April 14, 1932**

**William Shakespeare (writer) - c. April 23, 1564**

**Barbra Streisand (singer) - April 24, 1942**

**Ella Fitzgerald (singer) - April 25, 1917**

**Carol Burnett (comedienne) - April 26, 1933**

**Jerry Seinfeld (comedian) - April 29, 1954**

**Jennifer Garner (actress) - April 17, 1972**

### **Resident Birthdays**

**Vi Finnegan - 4/4**

**Maxine Schweitzer - 4/4**

**Wilda Maynard - 4/25**

**Maxine Schweitzer - 4/4**

### **New Residents**

**Melvin & Jean Schnepf**

**Mary Ann Althaus**

**WELCOME EVERYONE!**