

NEWS ON THE HOME FRONT

TIESZEN MEMORIAL HOME & MARION ASSISTED LIVING CENTER

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FROM THE DESK OF

LAURA WILSON, ADMINISTRATOR

Home.....Together, We're Making Our Home the Best It Can Be

Home is more than a place. It's a feeling...it's where we feel seen, heard, and accepted. It's where we're surrounded by people who care—not because of what we achieve, but simply because of who we are. In the chaos of life—deadlines, responsibilities, constant movement—*home* reminds us to pause. It's our anchor in a fast-moving world. It's the space where we find rest, laughter, comfort, and belonging.

But *home* isn't always defined by four walls. It can be found in the people we trust, the communities we build, or even the moments that ground us—like a shared meal, a familiar song, or a deep conversation.

The value of being home is this: it recharges us. It reminds us of who we are at our core. And when we feel at home—physically, emotionally, spiritually—we are better equipped to face the world, lead with purpose, and connect with others more deeply.

At Tieszen Memorial Home, we believe in more than just providing care—we believe in creating a true home. A place where your loved ones are not only safe and well-cared for but also respected, engaged, and surrounded by warmth and dignity. That's why we're committed to continuously improving every aspect of our community.

We're actively listening to residents, families, and staff as we enhance the environment, services, and experiences here. Some recent and upcoming improvements include:

Expanding activity options to better match resident interests and abilities

Updating spaces to feel even more home-like, welcoming, and comfortable

Improving communication channels so families always feel connected and informed

Your Voice Matters. We know that family plays a vital role in our residents' well-being. Your insights, feedback, and ideas are incredibly valuable to us. We invite you to attend resident care conferences as well as share your thoughts through our Quality Assurance satisfaction surveys throughout the year. You are always welcome to visit with our leadership team.

Our goal is simple but important one: To make this the best possible place for your loved ones to live and for our staff to work. With your support, we're building not just a better facility, but a stronger community. Thank you for trusting us with the care of someone so important to you. Together, we can continue to grow, improve, and shine.



MICHELLE KETTWIG

Making The Difference

HOMETOWN

Menno, South Dakota

JOB OVERVIEW

I joined TMH July of 2025 as the assistant administrator.

FAMILY

My Husband, Jayden and I have 2 kids; McKenna and Kolsyn. We also have a yellow lab named, Bella.

OUTSIDE INTERESTS

I enjoy spending time with family and friends. We love anything with SDSU sports.

FAVORITES:

Holiday: Christmas and 4th of July

Color: Orange

Food: Nachos

Teams: SDSU and Texas Longhorns

FAVORITE PART ABOUT LONG-

TERM CARE:

I love being a part of a team that strives for providing great care to each individual resident. It always makes for a better day to see the smiles & hear the laughter from the residents and staff.

JULY ACTIVITY DEPARTMENT RECAP

We hosted a Fourth of July Party. We had lots of yard games and special snacks.



Bearcare kids came and did some water fun with the residents.



Stormie, Brianna and Emali's family brought dogs, cat, cow, goat, hedgehog, ducks and rabbits for the residents to enjoy.



We're excited to launch a family newsletter!

This newsletter is a new way for us to stay connected and keep you in the loop on all the important things happening at Tieszen Memorial Home. You can expect updates, reminders, highlights, and helpful resources—all in one place. Here's what you can look forward to in each edition: Upcoming events and important dates, photos and stories from recent activities. If you ever have suggestions, feedback, or things you'd like us to include, we'd love to hear from you! Thanks for being a vital part of our community—we're so glad you're here.

Antibiotics save lives, but are frequently prescribed unnecessarily. Problems from antibiotic overuse can be significant; including adverse drug events, drug interactions, and antibiotic-resistant infections.

As part of our continuing promise to provide the best quality care to our residents, we are dedicated to improving antibiotic use through antibiotic stewardship implementation. We are committed to improving antibiotic prescribing practices. We are confident that with the support of front-line staff, prescribing clinicians, and residents and families, we will continue to provide residents with the best quality care by improving antibiotic use, and protecting them from the unintended harms of inappropriate antibiotic use.

-Michelle Dick, RN, BSN, LTC-IP
Infection Prevention



Our administrator, Laura Wilson, joined the South Dakota delegation. They talked about protecting Medicaid for our long term care residents.

TMH Information Reminder:

Meals

- *Cost for visitors is \$4.00 per meal/ \$7.00 on Holidays
- *Please let us know by 9:30 am for lunch and 2:30 pm if eating supper.
- *Payment can be dropped off at the desk or nursing station before you eat.
- *The menu is listed on our website.
- *NH: Breakfast @ 7:45-9, Lunch @ 11:45 am, Supper @ 5:45 pm.
- *AL: Breakfast @ 7:30, Lunch @ 11:30 am, Supper @ 5:30pm.

Meals on Wheels

We have meals on wheels that are delivered Monday-Friday. Please call and talk with Amy if you are interested. The cost per meal is \$4.00.

Did you know~

*You can find our calendar and menu on our Tieszen Memorial Home page.

*We have a Tieszen Memorial Home facebook page.

*We love our volunteers.

*Kathy Witkop celebrated 51 years at TMH this year.

*TMH has 109 staff.

*We offer gym memberships. Please talk with John if you are interested.

CONTACT Us

Give us a call for more information!

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