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*Jean B. Purvis*

January 28, 1922 - May 31, 2020



2020 is half over. It's been an interesting 6 months....

We finished January by celebrating Jean's 98th birthday! Since it was easier for us to go to her, the staff caravanned to Jean's place and surprised her with cake, good wishes and gifts.

February 6, Jean was honored at the Steeler's locker room receiving the Senator John Heinz award by United Way's Tocqueville Society for volunteerism. Our Jim Neutrelle wrote the nomination letter that got Jean selected for this honor. Jean was the oldest to ever receive this award and the only recipient from Butler County.

On March 12, Jean was again honored by the Women's Leadership Council of Butler County. Jean graciously accepted the award, but in her style, gave all credit to the many volunteers with whom she has been proud to serve.

Then COVID-19 changed our world. For the past few months, we have all been impacted and are learning to live and work in our "new" normal.

May 25, we witnessed a terrible tragedy – the killing of George Floyd. May 26 brought unrest in our nation with protests and riots, first in Minneapolis, then throughout the country.

I bring this up, not because the unrest directly affected Jean or the clinic, but because of what I learned from a recent interview with Jean.

Michaelya Reamer (Kim's daughter) had the privilege of interviewing Jean in November 2019 for a school project. She titled the piece, "The Humble Influencer". While Michaelya learned quite a bit about Jean's history, the prominent themes throughout the article were humility and respect. Throughout Jean's life, she was a leader; although she didn't like the spotlight or need a title, she led. Jean found herself in many roles in life and understood if you treat all people with dignity and respect, more can be accomplished together.

May 31, Jean Purvis passed away. Jean instilled these values in life and in the clinic that she created: "Healing begins when patients are treated with dignity and respect". As we move forward through the second half of 2020, we can each honor Jean by caring for each other, no matter our differences, treating all with dignity and respect.

*Thank you, Jean, for your example, your leadership and your service to our community!*

*Rest in peace.*



## Upcoming Events

**August 10 - 15**

Butler Farm Show  
Volunteers needed! Please let Linda T. know if you would be willing to help at our table.

**Nov 6**

**Stand Down - Volunteer nurse(s) needed to give flu shots**

The Stand Down event is entering into its 5th year. The event provides an opportunity for homeless veterans to access community resources and gives them essential day to day items that we often take for granted. The event is open to the public.

**Nov 6**

**Signature Sensations**

Save the date!  
More info to follow

**Save the Date**

**April 23, 2021 (rescheduled)**  
**4th Annual Jean B. Purvis Community Cornerstone Award** honoring Mike Robb



“Think what a better world it would be if we all-the whole world-had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had as a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess. And it is still true, no matter how old you are-when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.”

*Robert Fulghum, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*

