

October 2021

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## THIS MONTH'S IMPORTANT DATES

**October 2:** Happy Birthday, Eleanor K.

**October 3:** Happy Birthday, Norman Z.

**October 17:** Happy Birthday, Kathleen M.

**\*October 18:** Fall Foliage Drive

**October 21:** Happy Birthday, Jean O.

**\*October 21:** Live Entertainment by **\*NEW\*** entertainer Craig Ellis

**October 26:** Murder Mystery Event

**\*October 28:** Diner's Club-Babuni's Table

**October 31:** HALLOWEEN

**\*October 31:** Trick or Treat 2pm-4pm, Outside

## **"I WISH THAT EVERY DAY WAS SATURDAY AND EVERY MONTH WAS OCTOBER."**- Charmaine J. Forde

During those school and working years, we yearn for Saturdays. After working all week, we look forward to Saturdays spent with our families and a day to complete housework, but also to make memories. Wouldn't it be nice to have Saturdays every day?

And October...the month starts the holiday season and family gatherings. The month that paints our trees beautiful colors and gives us brisk mornings and gorgeous sunrises. Wouldn't it be nice to have a little bit of October each month?

Well, since we can't have the above every day and every month, let's use this month of October to make as many memories as we can.

We have a lot planned for this October from pumpkin games to our annual staff pumpkin decorating contest to fall craft projects. Of course, we can't forget Halloween in October, so we will host a safe trick or treat afternoon on the 31<sup>st</sup> (more info included in this newsletter). We will also enjoy our first ever Murder Mystery event and a new entertainer!!!

We can't wait for you to join in on the fun! Enjoy this edition of our monthly newsletter and we hope to see you at our events!!

## COVID UPDATE as of 10/4/21

Last week, Jessica, our administrator, went room to room to deliver information on our current COVID status.

As you are aware, all staff and residents were COVID tested on Monday 10/4.

Our visitations remain the same with the exception that all **visitors must wear a well fitted mask** covering their nose and mouth during their entire visit.

In addition, just a reminder that all visits are **limited to 2 guests** and **visits must be conducted in the resident's room** unless they have a roommate, in which case see staff for direction.

It is extremely important that you notify a staff member immediately, if you have any signs or symptoms of a cold. These symptoms include: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

Some volunteers and church groups have opted to wait out the 2 weeks and will not be coming in until our COVID situation is clear, it will be important to check the daily activity calendar on the café TV screen for updates.

In addition, entertainers and outings are on hold for at least 2 weeks to be sure everyone is healthy. We will reevaluate the situation on Monday 10/18.

## FLU VACCINE CLINIC POSTPONED UNTIL OCT. 19<sup>TH</sup>

Our flu shot clinic that was scheduled for 10/5 has been postponed until after all COVID results are in per our house physician's recommendation. **Our new date is set for October 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## SEPTEMBER'S P.R.I.D.E EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

*Professional-Respect-Integrity-  
Dedication- Enthusiastic*



Wally has been a part of the Mrs. Bush's team for just over 3 months. She has made a significant impact on our home and is a great team player.

Wally is a 2020 East Stroudsburg South highschool graduate and will just be turning 19 in October. This is her first time working in the healthcare field and she is excelling. Wally is a personal care aide during day shift. Mrs. Bush's is a steppingstone, as she hopes to one day become an registered nurse (RN).

Wally loves her two cats, Shadow and CC. She enjoys spending time with her friends and working on jigsaw puzzles. Her favorite meal is spaghetti. (Yum!!) And she loves Christmas because it is a happy cheerful time.

When you see Wally, please congratulate her on being September's P.R.I.D.E. employee!

*Don't forget to nominate your favorite staff member by submitting a nomination card located in the café.*

**The Sour Grapes of Wrath- Murder Mystery Event**  
**October 26<sup>th</sup>- 1:30pm**  
**Join us for refreshments, drinks and fun.**

**The Scenario:**One year ago, Robert Killingsworth bought the farm. Six months later, he was dead - leaving his widow, Elizabeth, to tend to their fledgling winery and vineyard on the outskirts of California's wine country. With mounting debts and no clue as to how to run a business, Elizabeth is desperate to sell the farm and recoup her losses. The fierce drought and shaky economy, however, have left the Killingsworth Farm on the market for far too long.

One early autumn day, six people passed through the gates of Killingsworth Farm to see Elizabeth - one of them, a cold-blooded Killer...

*Who has a secret worth killing for? Come to Killingsworth Farm and find out before it is too late!*

***We need 6 participants to help make this a success! If you would like to be a part of our event as a suspect, please see Carrie. All parts are scripted and ready to read off cards.***

**YARN DONATION-** We recently had a large donation of yarn!

We are currently looking for residents who would be willing to knit or crochet hats, mittens, or scarves for area families who need warm attire.

If you are interested, please see Jillian.

**TRICK OR TREAT**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2021 2PM-4PM**

We are excited to host our annual safe Trick or Treating event this year outside (weather permitting).



This event is open to all children in our community, the young children in your families as well as staff children.

It is always fun to see the children in their costumes making memories!

**We are currently in need of residents to hand out candy...There are 2 ways to help:**

- 1. You may supply your own pre-wrapped candy or items to hand out, but you must sign up by October 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- 2. Give a monetary donation to the activity fund of \$5 or more and we will supply the candy for you to hand out. Please let us know by October 25<sup>th</sup>.**

*To sign up come to activity office located by community store in the Community Room!*



**Left:** Resident Loida, showing off her smile on **World Smile Day** which was celebrated on October 1<sup>st</sup>!

**Right:** Resident Lorraine, showing off her beautiful Autumn leaf she painted in our Art Class. Find more artwork in the West Annex hallway art gallery.







## Our Annual Car Cruise was a great success.

On September 18<sup>th</sup> we held our annual car cruise and community day. The weather was perfect and we enjoyed an array of

classic/antique cars as well as entertainment by James and Lorri!

Thank you to everyone that joined us outside for this beautiful day. We look forward to next year's!



## GET TO KNOW: Jean W.



church, Neffs UCC. Jean is a retired secretary too!

Jean W. is originally from the Schnecksville area where she and her husband raised 3 sons and 1 daughter. Jean was very active in her community volunteering at the Schnecksville Fire Company and being an active member of her

Jean loves to cook and she's also a very talented crafter and artist. Jean attends all the craft and art classes offered here. She also enjoys entertainment and being apart of the intergenerational programs. Jean is always up for a good time and an ice cream!

A fun fact: Jean and Earlene are cousins!

*We hope you enjoyed getting to know Jean W.! Check back next month for our randomly picked spotlighted resident!*

## October is

## Physical Therapy Month!

When you see our awesome amazing Physical Therapists from H2 Health, give them a big high five for being so awesome!

What does a Physical Therapist do?

Physical therapists are movement experts who improve quality of life through prescribed exercise, hands-on care, and patient education.

Physical therapists diagnose and treat individuals of all ages, from newborns to people at the end of life. Many patients have injuries, disabilities, or other health conditions that need treatment. But PTs also care for people who simply want to become healthier and to prevent future problems.

## Staff Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Each year our staff compete in a pumpkin decorating contest that is out of this world! Wait until you see how talented our staff are!!

Pumpkins will be on the display starting October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will begin resident voting on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Staff/ Resident Cornhole Competition

In November we will be hosting our first Staff/Resident Cornhole competition. Each team will consist of one resident and one staff member. The teams will be randomly selected at our next community meeting on 10/22.

If you are interested in playing please sign up by 10/22 at the activity office.

**Girl Scout Pen Pals-** Last year we hooked up with a local Girl Scout troop to become Pen Pals. The troop is back in session, and they are looking forward to hearing from us. Those who were pen pals last year, will continue with the same scout and will be contacted soon. **We need 4 female residents who would be interested in writing to a younger Girl Scout. See an activity staff member.**