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BIRTHDAYS

Here's to celebrating you!

Feb. 9th: Helen S.

Feb. 17th: Susie B.

Feb. 27th: Pam D.

Happy Birthday to each of you!

CELEBRATE FEBRUARY

Bird Feeding Month

**Chinese Lunar New Year's
Day- February 10**

Valentine's Day- February 14

Presidents' Day- February 17

Leap Day- February 29

For the Love of Reading

While couples are courting each other with the perfect valentines on February 14, local libraries are wooing their local communities on Library Lovers' Day. Citizens have always appreciated their local libraries, but on this day, libraries show that the feeling is mutual.

Library patrons, how do your libraries love thee? Let us count the ways. One library hosted a couple that renewed their wedding vows after 40 years of marriage. Another library held a "blind date with a book" party, where borrowers were hooked up with mystery books. The staff of another library dressed up as characters from Jane Austen's novel *Pride and Prejudice*, held a tea party for borrowers, and read excerpts from the book.



Why do we develop such emotional connections with books? Is it because we love learning new things? Books can teach us anything and everything, from cooking to space travel to macroeconomics. Do we love the way they inspire our imagination to take flight? We think we have only one life to live, but through books we inhabit other lives and even other worlds. Reading allows us to explore an infinite variety of paths in life. Reading is not a passive act but an intensely challenging mental act. It is as good for our brains as exercise is for our bodies.

Did you know that we have a beautiful library located in the South Hall of our home? ***The Earlene Terefenko Library*** is a great place to read a book or find a good book to read.

This month "go on a blind date" with a good book. In the library you will find a selection of covered books... it is a mystery of what you will get. Do you have trouble seeing, but love to read? We have a solution- audiobooks! It's free and easy, see Carrie!

SIGN UPS

Sign up for the following events in the West Annex Community Room. All costs go on incidental bills, unless indicated. All outings \$5.00 bus fare.

Feb. 8th: Breakfast Club- Country View Diner

Depart 8:30am

Cost: \$5 bus fee, plus food cost, tax & tip

Feb. 15th: In House Diner's Club- Chinese Take Out

Lunch special- your choice and egg roll

West Annex Community Room 12:15pm

Cost: \$10

Feb. 22nd: Diner's Club- Blue Mountain Drive Inn

Depart 11am

Cost: \$5 bus fee, plus food cost, tax & tip

Feb. 16th: ColorStreet Manicures-

Manicures that last up to 2 wks or more!

West Annex Community Room

Cost: \$7

Feb. 26th: Dollar Tree Outing-

Must be able to shop independently in store and have own money to purchase items.

Depart 1:30pm

Cost: \$5 bus fee only

ACTIVITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 7th AT 3PM

This will be a time for any resident who wishes to help shape the upcoming activity calendars to offer suggestions and ideas.

We will be working on planning for **March**.

Please bring ideas! All residents are welcome to join; this will be a group discussion.

ART AND CRAFT CORNER

Pictures of our crafts are on display on the café screen.

Feb. 6th at 1:30pm: Valentine's Day Arrow Door Hanger

Feb. 13th at 1:30pm: 3D Hanging Paper Heart (s)

Feb. 20th at 1:30pm: Canvas Painting- Easter Cross

Purls of Wisdom- Yarn Club

Tuesdays in February at 10am

West Annex Kitchenette

February's project:
Lap Blankets for local hospital!



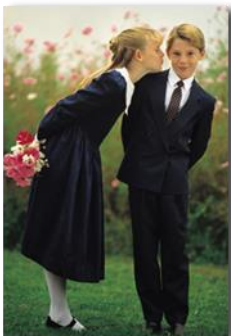
Our Purls of Wisdom- Yarn Club is now open to the community! All are welcome to join us starting in February, every Tuesday at 10am for knitting or crocheting, socializing, coffee and tea!

Each month we work on a new project to donate to a local organization. For the month of February we will be making Lap Blankets for a local hospital.

Beginners and experts welcome! Yarn is supplied, if needed!

Pucker Up

Valentine's Day always falls on February 14, and many may be happy to see it pass. But in the south of France, people still plant kisses until the Saturday after Valentine's Day.



The residents of Roquemaure call it the Festival of the Kiss, and kiss they do. They smooch from sunup to sundown in honor of their favorite saint, Saint Valentine. Valentine became the patron saint of love when, according to legend, on February 14 around the year 270, he was caught performing illegal marriage ceremonies for Roman soldiers and was martyred by Roman emperor Claudius II Gothicus.

In 1868, the supposed remains of Saint Valentine were purchased in Rome and transferred to Roquemaure. The French village was renowned for its winemaking, but in 1868, its vines were diseased. Villagers and winemakers believed that the arrival of Saint Valentine's remains would cure their ailing vines. Miraculously, within four years, the vineyards had recovered.

And so, during the Festival of the Kiss, Roquemaure returns to the year 1868. Residents wear costumes from that era, with some even dressing up like monks, nuns, or saints. Horses and carriages clomp down the streets. Storefronts boast 19th-century decorations. A market sells traditionally fashioned items. Even the street names are rewritten, bearing the names of France's most lovesick poets and artists.

Everyone drinks wine and kisses until they can't feel their lips. The local winery is named Cave Saint Valentine and produces specialty wines for the occasion. The local post office even gets in on the fun, sealing every letter with a kiss. This is why Roquemaure is known as "La Capitale des Amoureux," the Capital of Lovers.

Stop by our Kissing Booth on Wednesday 2/14 to pucker up!

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Protestant Services: We continue to look for churches to come in and provide services, if you have a connection with a local church that may be interested in providing a service, please see Carrie.

Date to be announced- 2:30pm- Jerusalem UCC – Pastor Marion

Feb 21st 2:30pm- Middlecreek Christian Church
Date To be announced 10:30am- Chaplain Scott from Family Pillars

Catholic Services:

Every Sunday at 9:30am: Communion

Every Wednesday at 1:30pm: Rosary (in private dining room)

Feb. 22nd at 10am: Mass

Bible Study:

1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10:30am: led by Pete and Jean DeSanto

2nd Wednesday at 10:30am: led by Loida

Hymn Sing:

Feb. 28th at 10:30am: Join us as we sing our favorite hymns w/ Volunteer Ellen

Mr. Ben

Love isn't just for the young
I'm 60 and he's 71

30 years of ups and downs

Many more smiles than there was frowns

At nighttime we read the paper and doze

But when we get in the car & he goes

I reach over & touch his knee or his hand

And that grin that he give me tells me

How wonderful life has been.

It's a feeling of warmth and a that wonderful smile
that makes my life

So very worthwhile.

Written by Alice H.- Independent Living Resident

If you have a poem or story you would like to share in an upcoming newsletter, please see the act. dept.



Our annual Cornhole Resident/ Staff Tournament is this month!

Sign up by 10am on 2/19. Teams will be randomly assigned and will consist of 1 resident and 1 staff member! Teams will be announced at lunch on 2/19.

This event is a fun friendly indoor competition that fosters the relationship between our residents and staff.

If you are not able to participate, we invite to watch and cheer on your favorite team!



READ to me

Join us for a morning of reading and socializing. Children of all ages are invited to join us for a morning of reading. Children can read to seniors or seniors can read to children in a relaxed friendly environment.

February 19, 2024
10am

Mrs. Bush's Country Store News

****GIRL SCOUT COOKIES** are in stock! All your favorite flavors. \$5.00 a box
Supports local troop 301

****GREETING CARD SALE-** All cards 3 for .50**

****AVON CALLING!** AVON is available for purchase in the store or grab a catalog to place an order.

The store is the supplier for tissues, soaps, cough drops, etc... All items in store may be purchased with cash or it may be placed on your incidental bill.

STORE HOURS: 9am-4pm Monday-Saturday
We appreciate your kindness when activity programming is going on, as the store may need to close for a brief period.



Lehigh Gap Nature Center will be hosting an information session on Feb. 16th at 2pm. All are invited.

Step Back in Time with Our Poodle Skirts!



Get ready to twist and shout at our 50's themed part!
Entertainment with Kris Phiphany
Rootbeer Floats
Feb. 23rd at 2pm



TAKE A TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

TRAVELOGUE
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8TH
2PM

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

LEARN ABOUT THE CITY, TRADITIONS AND MORE!

