

BRENTWOOD AT NILES



Easter Egg Traditions from Around the World

The egg is the most well-known symbol of fertility, new life, and the start of a new beginning. Some egg-related customs have been around for centuries. Each culture decorates their eggs according to the customs that have been handed down. Eggs have been dyed and eaten in Persia, Greece, Rome and ancient Egypt. The egg is regarded as a representation of the universe and the continuation of life.

In Germany, the eggs are pierced at the end and the yolk blown into a bowl. The now empty egg is dyed and hung from a tree as decoration.

Armenians decorate their eggs with pictures of Jesus, the Virgin Mary, and other religious icons.

Austrians attach ferns and other plants to the egg. After they are boiled, the plants are removed and a white pattern is revealed on the shell.

In England, boys and men would go out on Easter Eve and travel the town begging for eggs before performing an Easter play.

Belgians believe that the Bells of Rome bring the Easter Bunny and the eggs together. Because all the bells are in Rome, they celebrate "Stille Zaterdag" or the Silent Saturday.

Norwegians have an interesting way of celebrating Easter. After going skiing in the mountains or decorating eggs for the baskets, they turn to solving fictional murder mysteries. Television shows, books, even milk cartons have some sort of crime story that needs to be solved.

Americans have a well-known tradition as well. We travel to Washington, D.C. to roll decorated wooden eggs on the lawn of the White House and then pretend the Easter Bunny hid them.

LETTER FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

I just want to give a huge **Thank You** to all our residents, family and staff for your patience during our facelift. I'm so happy with the final product and I'm looking forward to more projects still coming this year! Memory Lane will be getting new paint, flooring, lighting and furniture! New lobby furniture for our main lobby will be coming as well. Thank you again for being so patient and dealing with the mess. I hope that you all feel the final result is worth it. Please join us for our **April Family Social on April 26th from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm** celebrating National Pretzel Day. As always, if there is anything I can do for you, my door is always open.

Jennifer Andrews, Administrator



Happy Birthday
wishing
you a very
special day!

RESIDENTS

Sherry L.	April 03
Marilyn K.	April 09
Sally A.	April 19
Evelyn A.	April 19
Bob W.	April 19
Bob J.	April 26

STAFF

G.	April 13
Carol S.	April 14

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Brittany G.	April 13
Destiny J.	April 22
Amy P.	April 24
Kelvin W.	April 28
Jillian M.	April 30

Resident Spotlight: Memory Lane

In Loving Memory of Harriet M,

Harriet came to be part of the Brentwood family on 9-1-15, she had lived in Niles all her life, graduated from Niles High School. She married Paul M. and they had two children Bruce and Don. Harriet loved to help others, socialize, sit and talk over a cup of coffee. She loved to look out the window and see the wildlife, Harriet also enjoyed her naps. She liked country music watching T. V. and movies with her peers. Harriet was a lover of sweets, she would never pass on sweets. Harriet touch many of our hearts she will be truly missed.



UNDERGROUND RADIO

A new activity program started in March with resident Linda M. spearheading the effort. Underground Radio is underway. She has a huge collection of old time radio shows that she is graciously sharing with our residents in Assisted Living and Memory Lane. Her passion for this project is infectious and we hope to have lots of fun in the weeks to come!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL 4TH @ 2:30

Tasteful Solutions

APRIL 5TH @ 6:00

Fred Walker

APRIL 10TH @ 6:00

Penny Slots

APRIL 18TH @ 1:30

Zoo Visit on Memory Lane

APRIL 20TH @ 2:00

Brian Butler

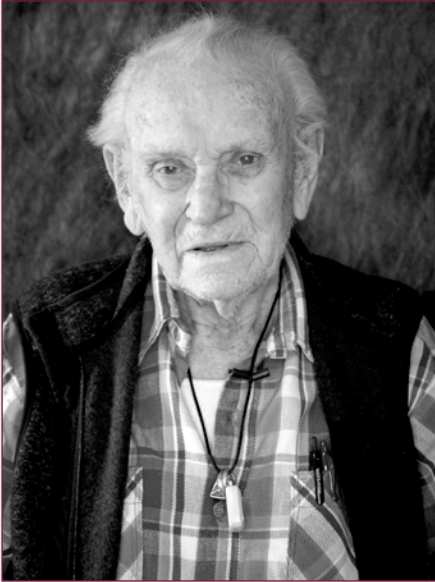
APRIL 24TH @ 6:00

Sheila & Paul

APRIL 26TH @ 5:00

Family Night &
Girl Scout Bake Sale

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



In Loving Memory of Haskell I. (Hack).

Haskell came to be a part of the Brentwood family on 8-15-16. Hack was living in Niles prior to coming to Brentwood. He was born in New Port, ARK. He graduated High School, and went on too collage and studied Engineering. Hack married Vivian who he met at an old

country dance. They were married 70 years. Hack worked as a brick layer for 35 years. He was one of the men who built Dowagiac High School in 1950. He had come to Niles to farm but stayed for the Mason work. Hack and Vivian had two children Mike and Pam, he has 4 grandchildren. Hack liked to play bingo, canasta and bridge. He also enjoyed reading any outdoor magazine. Hack was in the Marines. Hack had a horn on his walker and loved to beep it at staff and his peers He would always tell us I have to keep them laughing and smiling. Hack also loved to sit in the dining room and talk with Kelvin our Maintenance Director. Hack has left an impression on all of us and will be truly missed.



OUR CHARITY OF THE MONTH

Berrien County
Humane Society

Reduce Your Environmental Footprint

Here are some tips you can easily do everyday to care for our environment.

Reduce – Conserving our natural resources can be done everyday. If we don't start conserving our resources soon, we may face greater problems in the future.

- **Electricity.** You can conserve electricity by turning off appliances and lights that are not in use.
- **Water.** Shorten the length of your showers and turn it off while soaping. Turn off the sink faucet while lathering your hands or brushing your teeth.

Reuse – Before throwing away items, think of the other things you can do with your things. Make sure that something really has no use for you anymore before you decide to throw them away. Packages, plastic containers, bottles and boxes can be cleaned and used to store things that you don't use all the time.

Recycle – The easiest thing to recycle is paper. Before discarding a paper, make sure that you've used both sides of it.

Reasons to Volunteer

April 15-22, 2018 is National Volunteer Week!

Have you thought about the benefits you will get from volunteering? Consider these 18 reasons to volunteer some of your time:

1. To make new friends
2. To build your self-esteem and self-confidence
3. To develop new job skills
4. To increase personal satisfaction
5. To develop people skills
6. To feel needed and appreciated
7. To share your skills with others
8. To be challenged
9. To do something different
10. To improve your health
11. To make a difference in the world
12. To have fun!



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MARCH'S FAMILY SOCIAL

March's Family Social was in celebration of National Potato Chip Day! We had a potato chip bar with 5 different kinds of HOMEMADE chips, 4 different dips and potato chip COOKIES! Everyone enjoyed the evening. Our compliments to the Brentwood at Niles Kitchen for hitting it out of the park, AGAIN! Cannot wait to see what they have cooked up for National Pretzel Day.

