

# Oak Park Retirement

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JULY 2019

### OAK PARK STAFF

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Assistant Managers ... RANDY & ROBINN COOK  
Executive Chef.....JUSTIN GRIER  
Activity Coordinator .....KAREN LEONARD  
Maintenance ..... PETE TOWNSEND

### TRANSPORTATION

**Monday & Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:**

Doctor's Appointments

**Tuesday, 8:30-11:30 a.m.:**

Doctor's Appointments

**Tuesday & Friday, 2-4 p.m.:** Errands

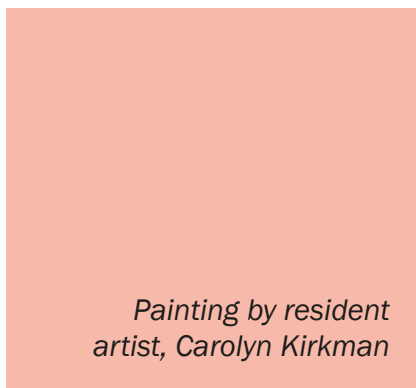
**Friday, 9:45 a.m.:** Walmart

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### Art at the Park



*Painting by resident  
artist, Genol Russell*



*Painting by resident  
artist, Carolyn Kirkman*



*Painting by  
resident  
artist,  
Carolyn  
Kirkman*

## — Ageless Aviation Returns for Memorial Day Flights —

Florence Starnes last flew in a Stearman biplane when she was eight years old in Highland Park, Michigan.

A barnstorming pilot landed in a nearby field and plopped down a sign offering rides for \$3.

"I begged to go, and my mom said no way, but my stepdad was OK with it," Starnes remembers. "I got to fly. Today, it didn't cost me a thing, 80 years later. I did this as a memorial to Grover Dolan Starnes, and I know he knew I was up there."



*Flo waves to the group before take-off.*

Grover Starnes served with the Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

In what has become an annual tradition, Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation returned with one of its historic biplanes to Mid-Carolina Regional Airport on Monday, May 27, when veterans and widows of veterans were taken on 20-minute flights over the 2019 Memorial Day ceremony at Salisbury National Cemetery and downtown Salisbury.



*Jack Livingston, just after his exciting flight*

Jack Livingston, an Army veteran of the Korean War who is now 89, served from 1948 to 1951. He was joined at the airport by his daughter, Jackie Meseroll. Both are originally from Piscataway, New Jersey, and now live in Salisbury.

"My dad's entire platoon was wiped out and left for dead," Meseroll said. "All were shot again to make sure no one survived. Dad had his arm covering his heart and the arm caught the intended final bullet. He was groaning when other Americans arrived and was the only survivor, requiring a year for recovery. Just in the last 10 years has he started to talk about his war experiences."

"That flight was perfect," Livingston said of his biplane adventure. "The pilots made it so easy to get in and out of the plane. I was worried about that, but I would do it again."

Another Army veteran who served in the Korean War was Harvey Pord,

originally from Boston. At age 88, Pord had six family members and his wife, Marcia, on hand to see him fly.

"The flight was absolutely awesome," Pord said. "I saw things from the air and realized how beautiful Salisbury really is. I looked for our old house on Maple Avenue, but couldn't find it. This was something to look forward to, but I still think about Memorial Day and all those who didn't come back. I think about my parents, too."

Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation, headquartered in Carson City, Nevada, has four World War II-era biplanes that give free flights across the country. President and founder Darryl Fisher of Carson City shared flying duties with Tim Dick of Reno.

The primary sponsor of the foundation is Sport Clips, well represented for the Memorial Day flights by six staff members.



*Ann Marie has her goggles on for her flight.*

"I have been with Sport Clips for 12 years, but it was my first time at these dream flights and it won't be my last," said area leader Casey Lackey. "It's nostalgic, so honorable for the veterans and it's not even work. We'll have even more here next year."

Joining Lackey were dream flight veterans C.J. McClary and Shannon Madden of Salisbury, Samantha Parsons of Hickory, and Brittany Majka of Huntersville.

Air Force widow, Ann Marie, said the flight was "fabulous."

"It left me thinking of the '40s girls on the wings," she said. "This was an experience I always wanted to do. We flew over Oak Park and, oh, I would do it again in a minute."

Most of the veterans and widows were residents at Oak Park Retirement Community. Activities Director Karen Leonard has been successful in getting Ageless Aviation to make the Memorial Day stop in Salisbury for the past



*Alvin Best, getting ready for take-off.*

six years, although bad weather grounded last year's flights. They were made up later in the year.

"Nothing is better than seeing the face of someone who has just landed from a dream flight," Leonard said. "Many of those who flew today thanked the crew from AADF multiple times. What a perfect reflection on Memorial Day and what these veterans and their families gave their country, and us in return."

Other veterans from Oak Park taking part included Alvin Best, who survived several harrowing experiences in Vietnam, and Tom Pollock, who served wounded soldiers on evacuation flights during the Korean War. Other widows were Kathy Gray, whose husband, James, served in the Air Force during World War II,



*Kathy Gray waves to everyone on take-off.*

and Lorraine Davis, whose husband served in the Army during the Korean War.

Becky Lowery has a large group of close family members who served in the military.



*Becky Lowery and daughter, Kimberly, pose for a picture after Becky's amazing flight.*

Also flying were current National Guard Black Hawk Crew Chief Mike Richards and disabled veteran Charles William Beaver, an Army aircraft mechanic who served in Vietnam. Richards won a raffle for a flight at Sport Clips.

"This was pure joy, seeing aviation for what it once was and as a building block for today's high-tech aircraft," said Richards.

Beaver said he came last year to see what the flights were all about, then he applied for this year.

"I had never flown in a small plane," Beaver said. "During Vietnam, the (Viet Cong) shot up our planes and I'd repair the ones that made it back. And I would be glad to serve again today, if needed."

For more information about Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation, go to [agelessaviationdreams.org](http://agelessaviationdreams.org).

Original article by David Freeze of the Salisbury Post.

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Birthdays

Suzanne Siltamki, 7th  
Judith Merritt, 10th  
Jo Ann Pore, 12th  
Jeanette Bennett, 15th  
Margaret Tucker, 17th  
Jackie Snider, 19th  
Elizabeth Kirby, 20th  
Frances McGarity, 20th  
Doris Kluttz, 21st  
Kathy Gray, 22nd  
Bette Bartholomew, 27th  
Murray Cross, 30th

Locations

Activity Room  
(First Floor), AR  
Art Studio (Second  
Floor), AS  
Chapel (Third Floor), CH  
Dining Room (First  
Floor), DR  
Game Room (Second  
Floor), GR  
Library (Second  
Floor), LIB  
Lobby, Lobby  
Screen Porch  
(First Floor), SP  
Television Lounge  
(Second Floor), TVL

“Every day is  
a great day  
to give love,  
spread joy and  
sparkle!”

—Sheri Fink

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Local Doctor Appointments <b>1</b> 9:15 Exercise with Legacy, AR <b>10:00 Oak Park Emporium</b> 12:00 Singalong, DR 2:00 Bingo, AR 2:00 Bridge, GR 3:00 Great Lectures, TVL <b>3:00 Stitch and Knit, AR</b> 3:30 Word Search, AR	<b>9:15 Exercise, AR</b> <b>9:45 Devotions, CH</b> <b>10:30 Balloon Volleyball, Lobby</b> <b>11:00 Chef’s Meeting, AR</b> <b>12:00 Resident Activity Chat, AR</b> 2:00 Numbered Dominoes, AR 2:00 Bridge, TVL <b>2:00 Errands, Lobby</b> <b>4:30 Rosary, CH</b> <b>7:00 Poker Night, AR</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 Corn Hole, AR 10:00 Band Practice, DR 11:00 Spades, AR 2:00 Bingo, AR 2:00 Bridge, TVL 3:00 Bible Study, CH <b>3:00 Stitch and Knit, AR</b>	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> <b>4</b> <b>Happy July Fourth</b> <b>12:30 Inside Cookout, DR</b> 2:00 Bridge, TVL 2:00 Numbered Dominoes, AR 2:30 Great Lectures, TVL <b>4:00 Thursday Singalong, DR</b> <b>7:00 Poker Night, TVL</b>	<b>5</b> <b>8:00 Out to Breakfast, Lobby</b> 9:15 Exercise, AR <b>9:45 Walmart, Lobby</b> <b>11:00 Skip-Bo, AR</b> <b>2:00 Errands, Lobby</b> 2:00 Bridge, TVL	<b>6</b> <b>8:30 Web Road Flea Market and Sweet Treasures, Lobby</b> 11:00 Skip-Bo, AR 2:00 Bingo, AR 2:00 Bridge, TVL <b>3:00 Stitch and Knit, AR</b> <b>4:00 Gary Kees Band, DR</b> 4:30 Scrabble, AR 7:00 Classic Movie Night, TVL
9:10 Catholic Rosary, CH <b>7</b> 9:40 Catholic Communion, CH 10:00 Coffee with Managers, AR <b>2:00 Games of Your Choice, AR</b> <b>3:00 Numbered Dominoes, AR</b> 4:00 Chapel Service, CH 	Local Doctor Appointments <b>8</b> 9:15 Exercise with Legacy, AR <b>10:00 Oak Park Emporium</b> 12:00 Singalong, DR 2:00 Bingo, AR 2:00 Bridge, GR 3:00 Great Lectures, TVL <b>3:00 Stitch and Knit, AR</b> 3:30 Word Search, AR	<b>9</b> <b>9:15 Exercise, AR</b> <b>9:45 Devotions, CH</b> <b>10:30 Balloon Volleyball, Lobby</b> <b>11:30 Resident/Manager Meeting, DR</b> <b>1:30 Blood Pressure Check by Legacy, Lobby</b> <b>2:00 Sugar Cookie Day, AR</b> 2:00 Numbered Dominoes, AR 2:00 Bridge, TVL <b>2:00 Errands, Lobby</b> 3:30 Art at the Park, AS <b>4:30 Rosary, CH</b> <b>7:00 Poker Night, AR</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 Corn Hole, AR 10:00 Band Practice, DR 11:00 Spades, AR 2:00 Bingo, AR 2:00 Bridge, TVL 3:00 Bible Study, CH <b>3:00 Stitch and Knit, AR</b> 	<b>11</b> <b>7:30 Harrah’s Cherokee Casino, Lobby</b> <b>9:15 Tai Chi, AR</b> 2:00 Bridge, TVL 2:00 Numbered Dominoes, AR 2:30 Great Lectures, TVL <b>4:00 Thursday Singalong, DR</b> <b>7:00 Poker Night, TVL</b>	<b>12</b> 9:15 Exercise, AR <b>9:45 Walmart, Lobby</b> <b>11:00 Skip-Bo, AR</b> <b>2:00 Errands, Lobby</b> 2:00 Bridge, TVL <b>3:00 Rummikub, AR</b> 	<b>13</b> 11:00 Skip-Bo, AR 2:00 Bingo, AR 2:00 Bridge, TVL <b>3:00 Stitch and Knit, AR</b> 4:30 Scrabble, AR 7:00 Classic Movie Night, TVL
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## Life at Oak Park



*Maurine enjoys a night at Pops at the Post.*



*Dennis and Ellen with their medals from Senior Games*



*First Baptist Church of Mooresville performs for Oak Park.*



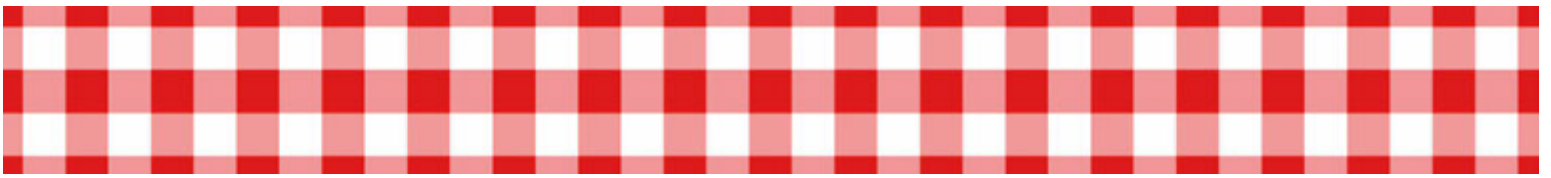
*Dr. Rob and Salisbury Academy play the piano and sing at Oak Park.*



*Friends: Matthew and Wilbur*



*Harold is ready for some food.*



*The Salisbury Dancers dance for the Oak Park residents.*

## Memorial Day at Oak Park

Oak Park residents and guests had a wonderful Memorial Day service and meal recently.

Rev. Randy Kirby opened the event with prayer and reminded us all why we have Memorial Day. Matthew Weaver and Clay Burleson provided music for the evening. They had everyone's hearts overflowing with joy and pride as they filled the building with music.

The Executive Chef, Justin, and his staff did an amazing job of making sure no one left hungry. They had a cookout, which consisted of lots of hamburgers and hot dogs, with a buffet of all the extras.

It was a wonderful event.



*Matthew and Clay making music.*



*Dining room full of people enjoying the event on Memorial Day.*

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## Hello Sunshine!

We do believe that our home is where the heart is. Please come join us for a cold glass of lemonade and see firsthand how things are really heating up with our summer activities calendar. Give us a call for more information on any of the activities you would like to participate in or feel free to stop by to meet our caring staff and have a complimentary meal and tour.

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