



The Village News

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Village Shining Stars!

**Tiffany
Fields,
LPN**

**Bridgett
Fries**

To: My wonderful Village family,

I, Carol Bennett, have decided it's time for me to hang my smock and scissors up. It was a tough and heartbreaking decision seeing that I have been with the Village family for over 30 years. I cherish every memory in my heart with all my Gentlemen and Ladies and my coworkers that have come and gone. Thank you for letting me be a part of your family. Each one of you and your families have a piece of my heart forever. The village beauty salon the memories have been so many Happy, Sad, Joyous, Relieved, and many more but that is what makes a family. Without the Village beauty salon and my wonderful clients this would have not been possible, I'm so blessed beyond words. So effective immediately I'm officially retired and I'm going to enjoy my time with my family and create memories that they can pass down to their families and know that later they can say Gran Gran use to do this. I'm looking forward to this new chapter in my life so I can relax and enjoy all the beauty that the Lord has given me, my children, and my grands. Thank you for this journey with you. It has ended, but for me and my family it's just beginning. God is Great.

With Love,

Your Beautician

Carol Bennett



LIBRARY NEWS

Suggested reading from Library Board member Ned Shows:
"Gertie: The Fabulous Life of Gertrude LeGendre, Heiress,
Explorer, Socialite, Spy" by Kathryn Smith

This remarkable lady was very much a part of Lowcountry lore. She was born in Aiken, SC and died in 2000 at "Medway", her plantation in Berkeley County near the Cooper River. She was a spy with the OSS in WWII, a big game hunter, enjoyed hijinks on the French Riviera. Her friends ranged from Albert Sweitzer to Harpo Marx. Locally, she was a renown hostess and an ardent conservationist.

The book may be found on the South Carolina shelf near the Book Drop---Happy Reading!

Employee Spotlight

Reliable, caring, hardworking, and steadfast are just a few of the characteristics that can be seen daily from Calvin Johnson. He's an integral team member here at The Village at Summerville! One can tell his passion for the residents as he carries out our mission daily. The Village sure is a better place because of him. For this, we thank you, Calvin, for all your hard work. Keep shining!



Upcoming Events

This years Flu Clinic will be held on 9/28/2020.
More info/updates will be coming soon.



The 2020 James McDowell Richardson Lecture to be given by The Rev. Robert Montgomery Brearley on "Life As A Pastor" will begin Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM, and Monday, September 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. This year, because of restrictions of visitors on campus we are offering our series live stream as we do with our service for the Lord's Day on Sunday morning. Please turn to channel 1390 during the scheduled times noted above.

Welcome New Residents!



Please join us in welcoming new residents to The Village:

Nancy Strickland moved into Patio Home 303

Vivian Best moved into E-206-1

Lisa Boyd moved into C007-1.

Find us on Facebook!

Are you on Facebook? If so, be sure to "like" The Village Facebook Page! We would love for you to also "share" posts from the page for all of your friends and family to see! If you are viewing this digitally simply click on the Facebook Icon and it will take you directly to our Facebook Page.



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Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

St Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN owes its existence to Amos Muzyad Yakhooab Kairouz who was born and raised on a horse farm in Michigan. His career dreams were at a low spot when he, a member of the Maronite Catholic Church, prayed to St Jude Thaddeus and donated his last \$7.00 at his church's altar. He proposed a deal to the Patron Saint of Lost Causes. He promised that if he could succeed in his chosen field he would build a shrine to St Jude, and as the saying goes, " the rest is history."

If his name does not sound familiar to you – how about the name Danny Thomas?

Yes, Amos changed his name at the age of twenty-eight and it is now indelibly associated with the hospital. His career flourished and in 1962 he opened a general hospital for children, but soon decided it could better serve as a cancer center. "No child should die in the dawn of life" became his motto.

We all have heard stories of the assistance given to the families of St. Jude's patients. I had the opportunity to know one of them. Their teenage son was diagnosed and the family's physician referred him to St. Jude's. The family traveled overnight to Memphis arriving at 5 AM. Although they expected to wait for his admittance, they were delighted to find all systems up and running as though it were the middle of the day. The son, Joe, was evaluated and immediately began receiving outpatient care. For several weeks he and his family were given housing and meals at no expense.

His release orders contained a schedule which necessitated him to return to Memphis every few weeks for evaluations and treatments. Each time all travel and housing costs were paid by the center.

The severity of Joe's illness gradually encompassed his whole body, but he was able to graduate from high school with his class. Although his condition was worsening he planned and sponsored a Radio-thon and raised over \$45,000 for St Jude's because, in his words, " I want to help other kids as much as I was helped." Joe died at age eighteen, but the family's experience with St Jude's Hospital is one of the highlights of its life.

Statistics say that over 300,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer each year. It costs approximately 2.8 million dollars per day to operate the hospital with its staff of over 4,000, medical supplies / support and the free services offered to families of the patients. The institution is a tax-exempt operation. While private donations are critical to St Jude's, its chief supporter is American Lebanese- Syrian Associated Charities.

St. Jude's is proud of its outreach programs throughout the world. It believes that it is the sharing of information that leads to medical cures.

Little did Amos Nyztad Tajgiab Jauriyz know when he was growing up on his parent's horse farm that his desire to be a comedian would eventually lead to the establishment of one of the world's most successful centers for childhood cancer patients.

Yes, our dreams can lead us in unpredictable directions.

Follow YOUR dreams.

Margret Maloney

September Birthdays

Residents

- ▶ James Humphries 1st
- ▶ Dean Carnagey 3rd
- ▶ Charles Peacock 3rd
 - ▶ Lizzie Suggs 4th
 - ▶ Dorene Hill 5th
 - ▶ Rose Collins 6th
 - ▶ Douglas Stalb 7th
 - ▶ Bess Lawton 9th
 - ▶ Hazel Berry 13th
- ▶ Thomas Partridge 13th
 - ▶ Regina Knight 15th
 - ▶ William Hewitt 15th
 - ▶ Mary Kent 15th
 - ▶ William Spearman 16th
 - ▶ Martha Haines 16th
 - ▶ Dolores Imhoff 18th
 - ▶ Mary Ratliff 18th
 - ▶ Betty Gosnell 19th

- ▶ Joyce Hickman 23rd
- ▶ Bruce Krucke 28th
- ▶ MaeLee Miller 28th
- ▶ Delores Jacoby 29th
- ▶ Will Werner 29th
- ▶ Beatrice Henise 30th

Staff

- ▶ Myranda Sauls 1st
- ▶ Jennifrey Moorner 2nd
- ▶ Wesley Strozier 4th
- ▶ Janice Nelson 10th
- ▶ Arlene Davis 11th
- ▶ Rhonda Fuller 11th
- ▶ Eartha Dillard 12th
- ▶ Sheena Gordon 13th
- ▶ Kimberly Daniels 15th

- ▶ Mary Barnes 16th
- ▶ Qiana Rivers 17th
- ▶ Marianne Pugh 18th
 - ▶ Emma Johannemann 18th
- ▶ Christopher Ancrum 19th
- ▶ Cathy Edwards 23rd
- ▶ Thomasena Redd 23rd
- ▶ Shantel Cobin 29th
- ▶ Linda Early 30th
- ▶ Raquel Barton 30th

Village Staff Anniversaries

Achim Daffin 13 years
Samantha Rudd 1 year
Leah Johnson 3 years
Darleasia Williams 14 years
Dianna Newton 1 year
Lawrence Robinson 10 years
Jessica Harris 6 years
Emily Windham 2 years
Lisa Jamison 11 years

Kaitlin Fickling 1 year
Shawntee Sellers 1 year
Nishawn Jenkins 1 year
Jessica Beaver 8 years
Michelle Goossens 6 years
Carolyn Padgett 1 year
Brenda Robinson 14 years
Vera Tuckers 22 years
Henry Reber 40 years

What Do We Tell the Kids?

by Lynne Grip

There is a special bond between grandparents and grandchildren. Grandparents are the people who get to lovingly spoil the kids and then send them home with their parents for the hard work of parenting. Given this connection, what happens when a grandparent develops dementia? The exhibited behaviors can be confusing and frightening to children. How does a parent help explain what is happening and answer questions honestly and in a way the child can understand? The Alzheimer's Association has created a ["Parent's Guide"](#) to help address these challenges. The following is a brief summary. The guide also includes some common questions children have and possible answers to give them.

Children and teens experience a variety of responses to a family member with dementia. These responses can include sadness, curiosity, confusion, frustration, fear, worry, embarrassment, and resentment. All of these feelings, and more, are normal and may be difficult for a child to articulate. Instead, they may exhibit behaviors such as doing poorly in school, withdrawing, becoming argumentative, or complaining of not feeling well. With adolescence having its own set of challenges, teenagers may be especially vulnerable to the changes in their family. Getting a teen or child to talk about their feelings can be difficult in the best of times. Parents can help in several ways, including:

- Keep lines of communication open. Be available to talk. Create opportunities for engagement.
- Answer questions honestly in an age-appropriate way. If your answer is "I don't know," research the issue or consult with experts. Do this in partnership with your child, if possible.
- Provide age-appropriate information about Alzheimer's that is easy to understand. Encourage questions and feelings to be expressed.
- Reassure the child that emotions, even when negative, are normal.
- Prepare for possible changes and progression of symptoms and discuss how that could impact the family.
- Teach the best ways to interact with someone with dementia. For instance, rather than asking, "Do you know who I am?" say, "Hello Grandma, I'm your grandson, Jack."
- Some possible activities to do together include baking cookies, coloring pictures, taking a walk, singing familiar songs, and watching television.
- Reassure children that if the person with dementia is directing hurtful words or anger toward them, it does not reflect their true feelings. The disease of dementia is causing the behavior and isn't personal or intentional.
- Let your child's school know about the situation so teachers and counselors can provide support.



Hello Residents,

*Now that the season has changed, do you need help de-cluttering your space or reorganizing your closets/ storage areas, or someone to help you shop for new items and do not know who to ask? We have staff willing and able to assist you through our **Vital Living** services! Call Jinny, Vital Living Coordinator, for your needs.*

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