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Tending to Your Mental Health

As we continue to move through life, it can be easy to get overwhelmed. Family members move to new cities, friends can become harder to reach, and day-to-day activities can become more strenuous. And as our physical health begins to change, our mental health follows – often paving the way for stress to poke its head back into our lives.

Dr. Michelle Dosset, an internal and integrative medicine specialist at the Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine, had studied the effects of stress on seniors. In her research, she attributes aging cells to increased levels of stress. Here's what she had to share with Harvard Health Publishing:

"Normally when we're stressed, our brains get flooded with stress hormones, the midbrain takes over, and the front of the brain—which controls concentration, attention and decision-making—works

less well. Restorative sleep helps to flush stress hormones from the brain. However, many older adults have sleep problems. Stress may make it more difficult to fall back asleep, and the inability to clear these stress hormones from the brain during sleep means that the cognitive effects of stress can worsen over time." Provided by Healthline, here are some steps that you can take towards relieving stress:

- Exercise.
- Reduce your caffeine intake.
- Have a laugh.
- Take a yoga class.
- Listen to relaxing music.
- Take a deep breath.

To support these steps, our community offers specialized programming to combat stressors and keep our residents engaged in fun, fulfilling ways. With our *Lifelong Learning* program, rather than worrying about your health,



you can take a course on it. If you're wanting to improve your palate, talk to one of our chefs about adjusting your diet. Finally, our *BrainFIT* program can help you maintain everyday intellectual performance while lowering your chance of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Talk to a member of our team today to learn more about how *BrainFIT* coursework can help you!

Happy Birthday!

Residents

| Eva B. | June 06 |
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| Nancy C. | June 20 |
| Patsy W. | June 21 |
| Amy G. | June 21 |
| Betty M. | June 22 |
| Earl M. | June 23 |

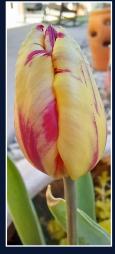
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| Shash B. | June 04 |
| Annitra H. | June 11 |
| Amanda F. | June 14 |
| Cheryl R. | June 18 |
| Carrie W. | June 23 |
| Lindsey J. | June 28 |
| Michael C. | June 29 |

Campus in Color

Campus is Color is getting an early start from Mother Nature, as the tulips in the AL courtyard have bloomed. Even one of the trailing plants has grown back in the pot! Indoors, the Residents are beginning on painting pots and mini birdbaths to bring a bit of spring inside





The beginning of Campus in Color

Beautifully two-toned tulip

Executive Director Corner



here, which means it's time to break out the sunscreen, grab an ice-cold lemonade, and get ready for a season of celebration. I'm always a fan of our summertime cookouts, so I'm especially excited to see what we cook up on the grill this year.

As the weather continues to get warmer, there has never been a better time to participate in our *Out and About* program. With Out and About, we're proud to offer our residents field trips, bus tours, sports outings, and more up to two times per

week! Talk to any member of our team today to learn more about our next outing.

Finally, I have to once again thank every one of you who participated in and/or helped organize our recent Lucille's Ball Theme Week. Our friends and families have been loving what we've shared of the event across our Facebook and Twitter pages, and I highly encourage you to check out our social media pages to see all of the fun for yourself. We'll see you for the next Theme Week!

Yours in Service,

Tonia Davis, HFA

Executive Director

Activities Corner

Chicks raised by Terri Rainey, our Business Office Manager, and a white bunny raised by LEA Amanda Henthorn visited our Residents starting off our Easter Babies week. Terri brought 3 types of chickens and many of the Residents gave their stories about having raised chickens. Our Legacy Ladies did not want the bunny to leave, though he was here throughout the evening!

Baby goats, raised by Julie Rider, came to visit and were welcomed by all. Most people really wanted to hold them and some wanted them to stay! We

appreciate Julie sharing her babies with us.



Amanda brings Rachel the black goat



Mr. J. is as comfortable as the baby goat in the recliner

LEGACY SPOTLIGHT

In honor of Queen Elizabeth's 96th birthday, the ladies on Legacy Way enjoyed a tea party with freshly baked brownies

and spiced tea as they watched the festivities on "the telly."



Margie and Emma properly enjoying tea and brownies



Legacy Way celebrated Queen Elizabeth's actual birthday with a tea party



Kathy and Joyce are glad to resume helping with Bingo and Bunco after 2 years of absence



Patsy is a Resident volunteer who leads a Euchre Club and a Bingo on Sunday

Volunteer News

This week we honored our volunteers with a steak lunch and gifts to recognize their dedication to our Residents. They have had a rough time missing the ability to be here off and on over the past two years, but are back now and getting the Residents to remember just how much fun they bring! They give their time, talents and attention to them life here just isn't the same without people from the community visiting!

Artisans The Night Painting Class put the finishing touches on their Easter Crosses in time for Holy Week. From clear and fresh to The Old Rugged Cross, these individual works continue to show more of their meanings the more we look at them! The beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and there has been a lot of beauty coming from this class since it began!



The finished group Stained Glass Canvas Crosses



Eva puts the black "leading" on her stained glass canvas cross

O Great One

This month's O Great One is Erica Craig!





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Keep up with latest campus news and happenings by following us on your favorite social networks!

We strive to provide the best customer service and quality care for our residents.
Our Department Leaders are here to solve any concerns you may have.
In the event that you need further assistance with any unresolved concerns, we encourage you to call or email our Compliance Hotline: 800-908-8618, ext. 2800; or comply@trilogyhs.com

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Monthly Trivia & Activity Corner

All trivia answers will be printed in our upcoming month's newsletter!

Question 1: Which sea separates Great Britain from Ireland?

Question 2: Who is the composer behind "Moonlight Sonata"?

Question 3: Which animated character famously exclaims "D'oh!"?

Question 4: What is the most populated city in the United States?

Question 5: How many years are in a millennium?

Flip the page for last month's trivia answers:

21: In what sport is "love" a score? Tennis 2Q2. Which candy has the sologan "? Skittles "Taste the vainbow"? Skittles EQ3: Who was the fourth president of the United States? James Madison Q4: Which state is thonward as the "Granite States? Wew Hampshire "Granite States stonew Hampshire".

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