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Our mission is to create and sustain comfortable, caring environments for those who depend on us.



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Hearing Health Tips & New Technologies

If you're struggling to hear certain sounds or voices that you've always been able to hear just fine, you may be facing a common issue: age-related hearing loss (know as presbycusis). It affects one in three adults over 65, and fortunately, there are various ways to treat it.

The causes of presbycusis include changes in the inner ear, middle ear, or in nerve paths to the brain. Other contributors may include prolonged exposure to loud noises, loss of hair cells, genetic factors, health conditions like heart disease or diabetes, and some medications, per John Hopkins Medicine. It is not a reversible condition so prevention (by avoiding loud noise exposure or wearing ear plugs) is wise.

If you're wondering if you're experiencing hearing loss, but are not sure, there are symptoms to look out for. Presbycusis often occurs gradually and subtly over time. You may find it harder than usual to hear soft voices, children's voices, and speech during background noise, and you may miss words in conversation, according to the American Academy of Audiology. You may also experience ear ringing or hear mumbled or slurred speech. To find out if you are in fact experiencing hearing loss, you'll want to seek a diagnosis from your health provider. You may be referred to a hearing specialist who can test if there are tones you're unable to hear.

When it comes to treatment options for hearing loss, the options are plentiful.

 Hearing Aids are widely used and just recently became available over the counter. Their technology moves forward with recent improvements such as directional



Did you know? Hearing loss affects 30-35% of adults between 65 and 75, and 40-50% of those 75 and older. (American Academy of Audiology)

microphones that can help speech be understood over background noise.

- Cochlear implants can help by creating signals the brain interprets as sound.
- Telecoils can enhance hearing aids and cochlear implants.
- Assistive listening devices (a hearing loop system, FM system, or infrared system) help amplify sounds and can be used with or without hearing aids.
- Augmentative and alternative communication devices can help people express themselves via a picture board or text display.
- Alerting devices use sound, light, and vibrations to alert users of events. (National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders)

Let us know if this article has been helpful to you on our Facebook post for this month's newsletter.









Special Moments





Happy Birthday to our Staff & Residents!

Staff:

Julie J.: Oct. 10th Cindy S.: Oct. 29th **Residents:** Nancy S.: Oct 4th Carol D.: Oct. 7th Lenore H.: Oct. 18th Barbara W.: Oct. 20th Linda J.: Oct. 24th Willette H.: Oct 29th

October 2023 Highlights

Observes: Breast Cancer Awareness, Chiropractors, Dental Hygiene, Emotional Wellness, Financial Planning, Long-Term Care Planning, Organizing Medical Info, Physical Therapy, Protecting Hearing, and Talking About Prescriptions Celebrates: Apples, Baking, Books, Caramel, Chili, Cookies, Pasta, Pizza, Sausage, Seafood, Stamp Collecting, Pears, Pineapples, and Spinach

1: Hair Day; Bake Cookies Day; Pumpkin Spice Day 16: Boss's Day; Dictionary Day; Sports Day 02: Custodial Worker's Day; Fried Scallops Day 03: Techies Day; Eat Fruit At Work Day 04: Cinnamon Bun Day; Golf Lover's Day; Taco Day 05: Apple Betty Day; Do Something Nice Day 06: Coaches Day; Mad Hatter Day; Noodle Day 07: Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day; Frappe Day 08: American Touch Tag Day; Fluffernutter Day 09: Native American Day; Columbus Day **10: Angel Food Cake Day; Cake Decorating Day** 11: Sausage Pizza Day; Fossil Day 12: Farmers' Day; Freethought Day; Gumbo Day 13: Train Your Brain Day; Yorkshire Pudding Day 14: Dessert Day; Chess Day; I Love Yarn Day 15: Aestheticians' Day; I Love Lucy Day

17: Pasta Day; Pharmacy Technician Day 18: Chocolate Cupcake Day; No Beard Day 19: Kentucky Day; Seafood Bisgue Day 20: Brandied Fruit Day; Chicken & Waffles Day 21: Pumpkin Cheesecake Day; Reptiles Day 22: Happy Dogs Day; Nut Day; Mother-in-Law Day 23: Boston Cream Pie Day; TV Talk Show Host Day 24: Bologna Day; Food Day; United Nations Day 25: Greasy Food Day; Merry Music Day; Sour Day 26: Day of the Deployed; Pumpkin Day; TN Day 27: Black Cat Day; Breadstick Day; Navy Day 28: Chocolate Day; First Responders Day 29: Cat Day; Oatmeal Day; World Stroke Day 30: Candy Corn Day 31: Caramel Apple Day; Knock-Knock Jokes Day

Our Executive Director's Corner

Hello Residents and Families and friends!

It's hard to believe fall is here. Soon it will be the holidays and all of our wonderful winter weather, but for now we see all the wonderful fall colors and beautiful things this season brings.

Remember to drink plenty of fluids, especially water, and keep warm as we transition in temperature.

Thank you to all who helped us celebrate our end of summer BBQ in August! We had a blast and Jay's BBQ was great. We also had a little help from Josiah who was the GRILL MASTER for the day!



Staff Spotlight: Kim

It is no surprise Kim was voted **Employee of the Month. She** loves the people she cares for and it shows! Kim enjoys hearing their stories and is never too busy to engage with them.

When Kim isn't working, you will find her in the outdoors, kayaking, camping and spending time with family.

Kim's advice to new Caregivers is: "Give your people love, talk with and listen to them."

Thank You, Kim, and **Congratulations!!**

-Kirk

Resident Spotlight: Lenore

This month, the Resident Spotlight is shining on Lenore! "Lenny" is as sweet as she can be. She is kind and thoughtful and well loved in the community.

Lenny loves outings with her daughter, watching sports, rides on the bus, and keeping fit. Lenny has fond memories of North Dakota and we love it when she shares them with us.

Lenny, thank you for being so wonderful! Your nurturing nature is a blessing to our community!

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