



Honoring the Past
Building the Future

The Kiss

The year was 1945 and it was a warm, sunny day in August. The temperature reached a high of 86 degrees. On the corner of Eighth Avenue and 40th Street was the bus terminal operated by the NYC Port Authority. This location was always busy as it was the hub of travel in New York City.

Standing in the ticket line was a nice looking, young Navy 2nd Class Petty Officer. He was dressed in his Navy service dress uniform. He had on a sharp white button-up, open-collared dress shirt and neatly pressed trousers. On his head was the authorized Navy cap. He had been home on liberty and was due back at base the next day.

From a distance he could hear shouting. It sounded as if all of New York City was screaming at the same time. The United States had been enduring a time of crisis since December 7, 1941, the day of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. This was when the United States of America

had officially joined WWII. When a voice came across on the loud speaker and made the announcement, it became clear what the excitement was about, “Official, Truman Announces Japanese Surrender!”



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It seemed time had just stopped. Everyone at the Port Authority began screaming for joy. Hats were flying in the air. This day went down in the history books as V-J Day. The young soldier made his way through the crowds to a phone booth. As he dialed the number of his commanding officer, the celebration continued. When the officer on the other end of the line answered, the petty

officer attempted to tell him he probably would not make it back in time. The officer said, “Soldier take a few extra days, the war is over!”

He pushed through the crowds and made his way to Times Square. Many have claimed the bragging rights to the famous picture that was

published in Life Magazine of a white-clad nurse clutching her purse as a sailor plants his lips squarely on hers. Was this young man, who made his way from Port Authority to Times Square, the one photographed in Life Magazine?

Many years have passed by and that young petty officer has now retired and is living at Carolina

Village. He doesn't claim to be the soldier in the famous picture, but he does own up to getting many kisses on that day. It is a day he will never forget! He would not have missed the experience for anything!

The young petty officer in this story is Len Dykstra.

Arts and Crafts Room

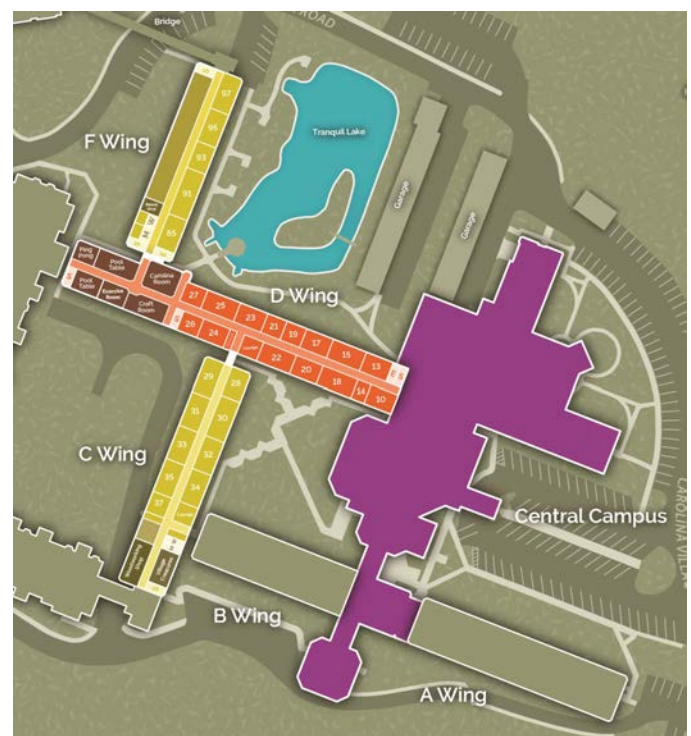
Have you explored the “garden” floor? Do you know how to reach it to investigate its many interesting options? The color diagram below may be useful! Village kiosks also will map a route from their location to the Craft Room.

Staircases in the C (yellow) D (orange), E, and F (yellow) buildings will lead you down to the ground (garden) floor, as will pushing “G” in D and F elevators. The latter elevator is accessible from the Bridge. From the Fireplace Lounge, the path through the central courtyard enters the ground floor of the C and D wings. Cottage residents can reach the bottom level through the E wing or by entering the ground floor of the F wing; at that point, the Arts and Crafts Room is straight ahead, in the brown area. Others can follow signs to a large, well-organized room where many activities take place.

Sewers will find a cutting table, ironing board, sewing machines, and material of many sizes and patterns (including quilting squares). Black boxes hold notions (binding, lace, rickrack, hooks and eyes, etc). Tall, multi-shelved cabinets have drawers filled with various needles, crochet hooks and embroidery threads. Needlework and cross-stitch kits are available. A desk contains a paper punch, rulers, and varied scissors. Those who do not sew will find glues for projects. Most people have divested such items and might be delighted by these supplies.

Books on art, quilting, knitting, crocheting, and embroidery can be consulted. Pages from adult coloring books can be completed using a large selection of pens and pencils.

Scheduled activities in the Craft Room are listed in monthly calendars. Interested residents can work in groups or individually. Additional areas of the garden floor will be described in future articles. Till then, enjoy the Craft Room!



Highlights - Village Resident's Council Meeting

March 9, 2016 *Submitted by Jim Wert*

The Association Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved as presented. The employee appreciation fund has received a total of \$5500 YTD.

Comment cards were reviewed from last month and about half of those submitted involved complaints regarding meal service. Coffee service and wait staff training needs were among the most often mentioned comments. Management has recently conducted a sensitivity and service standard training session with all dining room personnel that should lead to the service improvements desired.

The Bistro construction is complete and the menu items are being finalized. Entrees ranging from \$3.50 to \$13 are anticipated. To begin with, the days and hours of operation will be variable and flexible.

There continues to be reports of resident scam activity. We all need to be alert to these suspicious activities and report any concerns to management for investigation and follow up.

Carolina Village management is exploring the use of a voluntary "off campus" meal plan for residents. Details are being worked out and additional information will be forthcoming.

Reminder - A resident survey is being planned for May. The survey will be available online or may be completed using printed copies. More details will be forthcoming.

The complete meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the main corridor for your review and reference.

Prayer Box

A prayer box has recently been placed outside the Chapel door. If you have concerns about a friend or family member please put their name in the box and on Wednesday evenings there will be a prayer time from 6:30 pm to 7 pm. This time is open to all faiths and we encourage residents who would like to pray for others to join us. We hope this will be helpful to those who believe that prayers are heard by God and answered in His good time.

Your Feedback Is Important!

The feedback we receive from our residents and guests is very important to us. Suggestion boxes are located in the Fireplace Lounge and at the entrance to the Village Hall. If you would like to submit articles, event information, or celebrations for the May newsletter, contact Phyllis Smith by Monday, April 11.



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German Prisoners in Henderson County

Submitted By Jim Brittain

A dramatic change in the agricultural sector of the Henderson County economy began during World War II and persisted in the post-war years. The change was manifest in the rapid increase in the acreage devoted to so-called “truck crops” and led to a substantial shift in farm labor from family members to seasonal migrants. During the early stages of the shift, German prisoners of war were brought to the county to assist in the bean harvest during the summers of 1944 and 1945.

In June 1944, the county agent, John Hollamon, disclosed that German prisoners would be brought to Henderson County to provide farm labor and would be located in a prison camp at the Bowen Farm on Haywood Road (HW 191). The Hendersonville Times-News reported the arrival of the Germans in its edition of July 4, 1944. The article mentioned that the prisoners included one officer who would not be required to work, but that the remaining 250 would be available to work for local farmers. The prisoners were being guarded by a company of military police commanded by Captain Boyce. A follow-up story published a few days later stated that the war prisoners would be available to work in groups of not less than ten. According to the newspaper, the prisoners were taking good care of bean vines and picking according to instructions.

Captain Boyce provided additional information about the prisoners and their work in a talk to the local Kiwanis Club in July 1944. He described them as being fairly good workers but lacking much incentive to work hard. He stated that they could earn up to 1.2 dollars per day which they

could use to purchase items such as candy and cigarettes at their commissary. According to Captain Boyce, all the prisoners at the Henderson County camp had served under Rommell in Africa. He believed that they all had at least a high school education and were from urban centers in Germany. Thus, they had little or no experience with farm work.

The Times-News stated, in a story published in early August 1944, that the prisoners might soon be withdrawn from the county unless more requests for their services were received. The article stated that the prisoners could be used to clear pasture land or perform other types of farm labor in addition to picking beans. The article explained that anyone requesting these workers would need to furnish transportation, tools and supervision.

In November 1944, the Times-News published data on the productivity of the prisoners. They had been available for work from July 6 to September 19. They had harvested 27,795 bushels of beans during 8,186 man-days of work. They also were credited with 411 man-days of potato harvesting, 844 man-days in corn fields, and 722 man-days devoted to general farm work. According to the report, the Germans had earned 40 cents per hamper for the government in bean picking and 25 cents per hour for other farm work. The Henderson County POW camp was said to be one of the very few where the expenses and earnings were about even.

German prisoners returned to the county in the summer of 1945. In early July, 350 prisoners

arrived and were housed at the camp at the Fair Grounds in East Flat Rock. In January 1946, the Times-News published data on work done during the 1945 season. The prisoners had performed farm work worth a total of 94,238 dollars including 58,473 dollars for bean picking. General farm work included the harvesting of 250 acres of potatoes and picking 30,000 bushels

of apples. The report stated that about 350 farmers had used prisoner laborers.

I still recall observing some German prisoners picking beans in a field on North Mills River adjacent to a field where I was working at the time.

The One-Legged Goose *Submitted by Chaplain Don Taws*

Recently I was exercising in the therapy room here at the Village, when I spotted a Canadian Goose outside. I was shocked to see that it had only one leg! “Poor thing”, I thought. “How sad!” I decided to go outside to commiserate with the unfortunate creature.

“Oh, Mrs. Goose” I said, “I am so sorry about your situation!” “What situation is that?” asked the pitiable bird. “Why, you have only one leg! What a terrible thing to suffer like this!” I said, with tears in my eyes. “How unhappy and discontented you must be!”

“Far from it” she said. “Why, I have had a wonderful life, with a mate that was faithful to me. I have four goslings flying south to bask in sunny Florida. I am living here in a beautiful place with a pond and fountain with lots of good food. I can hop quite well, and though I tend to swim in circles, I do quite well, and sometimes the residents feed me delicious tidbits. I am content with the life God has given to me here at Carolina Village!”

As I walked back inside, I thought, I need to be more like that Goose! Though I have lots of aches and pains, and my knee hurts, and my mind is getting fuzzy, I need to remind myself that God has given me a good life with a terrific wife and children. I live in a great community, with lots of food and other comforts. I have friends galore and a wonderful climate. Away with grumbling and self-pity! God is good, and I am content!

The Apostle Paul had lost more than one leg! In II Corinthians 11, Paul gives us a partial list of what he endured for the sake of Christ. Countless beatings, five times with lashes. Stoned one time, three times shipwrecked, a night and day adrift at sea. Hunger, thirst, cold and exposure. Well, there is more, but you get the idea. But listen to what he says about all this in Philippians 4:11 ‘...for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content’

What good advice for us! ‘..for there is great gain in godliness with contentment.’

April Birthdays

Party will be held Wednesday the 20th, at noon in the dining room. Please remember to RSVP to Betty

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| 1 Mike Lewis | 9 Helen Zamplas | 21 Frances McKay |
| 1 Austin Hurley | 10 Jim Bryson | 22 Ellen Cardwell |
| 1 Luther Sorrell | 10 Jo Ellis | 22 Charles Johnson |
| 2 Sara Edmondson | 10 Eleanor Fawcett | 22 Web van Dokkumburg |
| 3 Vicky Hurd | 10 Rita Van Nostrand | 23 Emily Jessie |
| 4 Shirley Byrd | 11 Jay Barr | 24 Elaine Petro |
| 4 Bill Helling | 13 Eleonore Camp | 25 Janet Corrigan |
| 4 George Oldham | 14 Beth Hart | 25 Peg Costigan |
| 5 Elizabeth Hawn | 14 Charlotte Shipley | 29 Bob Magel |
| 5 Vicki Lee | 14 Marilyn Speed | 30 Jean Ennis |
| 7 Luther Middleton | 16 Vivian Kintner | 30 Linda Stephens |
| 9 Barbara Miller | 16 Hugh Minton | 30 Kay Williams |
| 9 Emily Trexler | 19 Sarah Gilbert | 30 Joan Wright |
| 9 Tommy Wilson | 20 Glenn Musser | |

In Memoriam

- Mary Jane Ransley - February 9
Marguerite Salerno - March 2
Joan Sutton Houston - March 5
Marie Johnson - March 5
Nancy Reuter - March 20
William Etherton - March 23

April Anniversaries

Congratulations to these couples

- 1 Jim Bryson & Jeanne Reno
3 Don & Ginny Soula
6 Austin & Sharon Hurley
7 Robert & Christiane Bose
8 James & Marjorie Rafferty
10 Al & Barbara Smith
10 Al & Betsy Brown
14 Jim & JoAnn Brittain
20 Les & Gerry Warren
22 Bill & Chris Folwell
22 Andy & Gail Andrzejewski

Welcome Spring!

In-Village special activities

- 5 Tu Health Fair, VH, 10 am-2 pm
- 5 Tu Film - *Through the Dog's Eyes*, VH, 7 pm
- 6 We Reading Buddies, Ed. Room, 9:30-10:30 am
- 12 Tu Computer Club, Ed. Room, 2 pm
- 12 Tu Tom Fisch, Songs & Guitar, VH, 7 pm
- 13 We Transition Support Group, YB Room, 12:30 pm
- 15 Fr Blood Drive, VH, 10 am-2:30 pm
- 19 Tu Nostalgia Night with *Ed Sullivan Show*, VH, 7 pm
- 20 We Music with William Managan, VH, 7 pm
- 22 Fr Joyful Singers, on tour, VH, 7 pm
- 25 Mo Seeing Impaired Meeting, CC, 1:30 pm
- 26 Tu Kenmure Chorus, VH, 7 pm
- 26 Tu Kevin's Town Hall, VH, 2 pm
- 27 We Bingo, Card Room, 2 pm

Out-of-Village trips

- 14 Th Mystery Luncheon, depart 10:30 am
- 19 Tu Folk Art Center & Lunch, depart 9 am
- 23 Sa Hendersonville Swing Band, depart 2:15 pm
- 30 Sa Hendersonville Symphony, depart 6:45 pm

Weather permitting. Watch the board for additional trips

ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT!

April starts off with Tuesday night's PBS film documentary of *Through the Dog's Eyes*; "service dogs and the people whose lives they've changed." On April 12, a Hendersonville favorite, Tom Fisch will return to sing a program of country songs accompanied by his guitar. Nostalgia Night on April 19 will feature the *Ed Sullivan Show's* 50th anniversary celebration from 2005. And on the last Tuesday evening, April 26 the "best of the best" program will again be The Kenmure Chorus. What will their show stopper song be this year?

April Vespers Submitted by Religious Life Committee

- | | |
|---|---|
| 3 Don Taws - Chaplain
Judy Seay - accompanist | 17 David Dupee - Presbyterian
Ruth Dykstra - accompanist |
| 10 Bob Hicks - Presbyterian
Susan Willingham - accompanist | 27 Branton Burleson - Baptist
Bob Kintner - accompanist |

SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIES

2 Flubber

9 Coal Miner's
Daughter

16 Stroke of Genius

23 Fried Green
Tomatoes

30 Intern

7 pm • Village Hall

APRIL



Be alive as long as you live!

- Emotional Wellness
- Environmental Wellness
- Intellectual Wellness
- Nutritional Wellness
- Physical Wellness
- Social Wellness
- Spiritual Wellness
- Vocational Wellness

ACR = Arts & Crafts Room

AR = Aerobics Room

CDR = Card Room

CH = Chapel

DR = Dining Room

EC = Education Center

FE = Front Entrance

FPL = Fireplace Lounge

CCMR = Care Center
Magnolia Room

PA = Parlor

PPR/LDR = Ping Pong Room
Line Dancing Room

TH = Media/Theater Room

TP = Therapy Pool

VH = Village Hall

YB = Youngblood Business
Office

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY



<p>11 am: Quaker Worship Group (CH) 3</p> <p>3:45 pm: Vespers (VH)</p>	<p>1:30 pm: Downton Abbey- Season 5 (TH) 4</p> <p>2 pm: Adult Coloring Workshop (ACR)</p>	<p>10 am: Health Fair (VH)</p> <p>10 am: Art Series- The Cathedral (TH)</p> <p>11 am: Line Dancing (LDR)</p> <p>2 pm: Science Series - The Nature of Matter (TH)</p> <p>7 pm: Entertainment: Documentary- Through the Dragon Eyes (VH)</p>
<p>11 am: Quaker Worship Group (CH) 10</p> <p>3:45 pm: Vespers (VH)</p>	<p>1:30 pm: Downton Abbey- Start of Season 6 (TH) 11</p> <p>2 pm: Around the World w/ Villagers (EC)</p>	<p>10 am: Art Series- The Cathedral (TH)</p> <p>11 am: Line Dancing (LDR)</p> <p>2 pm: Computer Club (EC)</p> <p>2 pm: Science Series - The Nature of Matter (TH)</p> <p>3 pm: Beginner's Ballroom Dancing (LDR)</p> <p>7 pm: Entertainment- To Fisch, Songs and Guitar</p>
<p>11 am: Quaker Worship Group (CH) 17</p> <p>3:45 pm: Vespers (VH)</p>	<p>1:30 pm: Downton Abbey- Season 6 (TH) 18</p> <p>2 pm: Adult Coloring Workshop (ACR)</p>	<p>Dep 9 am: Folk Art Center Asheville and Lunch (FE)</p> <p>11 am: Line Dancing (LDR)</p> <p>2 pm: Science Series - The Nature of Matter (TH)</p> <p>3 pm: Beginner's Ballroom Dancing (LDR)</p> <p>7 pm: Entertainment: The Kenmure Chorus (VH)</p>
<p>11 am: Quaker Worship Group (CH) 24</p> <p>3:45 pm: Vespers (VH)</p>	<p>Dep 1:30 pm: Seeing Impaired Meeting (CCMR) 25</p> <p>1:30 pm: Downton Abbey- Season 6 (TH)</p> <p>3 pm: Around the World w/ Villagers (EC)</p>	<p>10 am: Art Film- The Bar Collection, Philadelphia (LDR)</p> <p>11 am: Line Dancing (LDR)</p> <p>2 pm: Kevin's Town Hall Meeting (VH)</p> <p>7 pm: Entertainment: Nostalgia Night, The Ed Sullivan Show (VH)</p>

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

flowers
laughing soul.
Reginald Heber



1

9:30 am: Handchimes Rehearsal (EC)

7 pm: Fears, *The History of Freedom* (VH)

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7 pm: *Movie, Flubber* (VH)

5

9:30 am: Reading Buddies (EC)

11 am: Healing Service w/ St. James (CH)

11 am: Music Series - *The Symphony* (TH)

3 pm: Religion - *The Reformation* (TH)

6

10:30 am: Bible Study (VH)

1 pm: *Movie, TBA* (TH)

2 pm: Reader's Theater Rehearsal (PA)

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9:30 am: Handchimes Rehearsal (EC)

7 pm: Fears, *The History of Freedom* (VH)

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7 pm: *Movie, Coal Miner's Daughter* (VH)

12

11 am: Music Series - *The Symphony* (TH)

12:30 pm: *Transition Support Group* (YB)

3 pm: Religion - *The Reformation* (TH)

7 pm: *Ballroom Dancing, Cha Cha* (LDR)

13

14

10:30 am: Bible Study (VH)

Dep 10:30: *Mystery Luncheon* (FE)

1 pm: *Movie, TBA* (TH)

15

9:30 am: Handchimes Rehearsal (EC)

10 am: *Blood Drive* (VH)

7 pm: Fears, *The History of Freedom* (VH)

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7 pm: *Movie, Stroke of Genius* (VH)

19

11 am: Music Series - *The Symphony* (TH)

12 pm: *April Birthday Party* (DR)

3 pm: Religion - *The Reformation* (TH)

7 pm: *Ballroom Dancing, Cha Cha* (LDR)

7 pm: *Bill Managan, Dorothy's Son, plays the piano* (VH)

20

21

10:30 am: Bible Study (VH)

1 pm: *Movie, TBA* (TH)

2 pm: Reader's Theater Rehearsal (PA)

2 pm: *Smart Start Program* (EC)



22

9:30 am: Handchimes Rehearsal (EC)

7 pm: Fears, *The History of Freedom* (VH)

23

Dep 2:15 pm: *Hendersonville Swing Band* (FE)

7 pm: *Movie, Fried Green Tomatoes* (VH)

26

11 am: Music Series - *The Symphony* (TH)

2 pm: *Bingo* (CDR)

3 pm: Religion - *The Reformation* (TH)

7 pm: *Ballroom Dancing, Cha Cha* (LDR)

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28

10:30 am: Bible Study (VH)

1 pm: *Movie, TBA* (TH)

29

9:30 am: Handchimes Rehearsal (EC)

7 pm: Handchimes Program (VH)



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Dep 6:45 pm: *Hendersonville Symphony* (FE)

7 pm: *Movie, Intern* (VH)

Don't miss it!

Wellness Classes & Monthly Activities

Monday

- 8:30 am - H2O to Go w/ Lynnica (Pool)
- 9 am - Abs/Core & Flexibility w/ Louis (AR)
- 9:20 am - Aqua Core & More w/ Lynnica (Pool)
- 10 am - Helen's Exercise Class (VH)
- 10 am - Silver Splash w/ Lynnica (Pool)
- 11:30 am - Ageless Grace® w/ Denise (AR) \$4
- 1:30 pm - Aqua Pilates (Pool)
- 2 pm - Playing Pool with Friends (Pool room)
- 2 pm - Strength Training w/ Laura (AR)
- 2 pm - Power Waves w/ Nancy (Pool)
- 3 pm - Hydro Tone and Aqua Pilates w/ Nancy (Pool)
- 3 pm - Tai Chi Chih w/ Bev (AR)
- 6:45 pm - Bridge (Card Room)

Tuesday

- 8:30 am - AM Energizer w/Lynnica (Pool)
- 9 am - Aquasize w/Lynnica (Pool)
- 9:30 am - Resistance Training (AR)
- 9:30 am - Open Studio in Arts & Crafts room
- 10 am - Silver Splash w/Lynnica (Pool)
- 11 am - Line Dance (LDR)
- 11 am - Trivia/Jeopardy (AR)
- 2 pm - Stronger Seniors Exercise Video (AR)
- 2 pm - Playing Pool with Friends (Pool room)
- 2 pm - Pinochle (Card Room)

Wednesday

- 8:30 am - H2O 101 w/ Nancy (Pool)
- 9 am - Advanced Abs/Core w/ Laura (AR)
- 9 am - Aqua Core & More w/ Nancy (Pool)
- 10am - Aquasize w/Nancy (Pool)
- 10 am - Tai Chi Chih w/ Bev (AR)
- 11 am - Balance Class w/ Laura (VH)
- 11 am - Healing Service with St. James, first Wednesday (Chapel)

- 1 pm - Chaplain Sallie's "Grace-ious" Meeting with Grace Lutheran, second Wednesday (Chapel)
- 2 pm - Ping Pong (PPR/LDR)
- 2 pm - Bingo, last Wednesday (Card Room)
- 3 pm - Gentle Chair Yoga Video (AR)

Thursday

- 8:30 - H2O to Go w/ Lynnica (Pool)
- 9 am - Abs/Core & Flexibility w/Louis (AR)
- 9 am - Aqua Zumba w/Lynnica (Pool)
- 10 am - Silver Splash w/Lynnica (Pool)
- 10:30 am - Bible Study (VH)
- 11 am - Sit-n-Stretch w/Marian Soss (AR)
- 1 pm - Matinee Movie (TH)
- 2 pm - Playing Pool with Friends (Pool room)
- 3 pm - Strength Training w/Laura (AR)

Friday

- 8:45 am - Advanced Abs and Core w/ Laura (AR)
- 8:30 am - AM Energizer w/Lynnica (Pool)
- 9 am - Hydro Tone w/Lynnica (Pool)
- 9:30 am - Resistance Training (AR)
- 10 am - Aquasize w/Lynnica (Pool)
- 10:30 am - Sit-n-Stretch w/ Marian Soss (AR)
- 2 pm - Stronger Seniors Exercise Video (AR)
- 3 pm - Balance Class w/ Laura (VH)
- 3:30 pm - Wii Bowling (AR)

Saturday

- 10 am - Cribbage (Card Room)

Sunday

- 11 am - Quaker Worship Group (Chapel)
- 3 pm - Ping Pong (PPR/LDR)
- 3:45 pm - Vespers (VH)

Senior Prom

Inspired by students from Wingate University's School of Pharmacy who have volunteered in The Care Center during their third- and fourth-year clinical rotations in geriatric medicine, a Senior Prom was held in the Magnolia Room at 2 pm on Friday, March 11.

On Thursday, March 10, Stephanie Eaves, Activities Director of the Care Center, and Wingate students assisted residents in selecting outfits for the Prom. Volunteers also prepared a slide show about music and dance. Participants' best garb was complemented by colorful balloons, decorations, and flowers. The Magnolia Room was fully opened, with clothed tables and chairs for snacking and chatting, and a wood floor for dancing.



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From 2 to almost 4 pm, 34 Care Center residents along with those from other areas of the Village, staff, and 14 Wingate students gathered to eat finger food, drink punch, and dance to Big Band music by Robin Graf. Earl Jackson was selected Prom King while Beneta Polley was crowned Prom Queen; they were chosen as the oldest residents in attendance.

The festivities were described in the Times-News on Saturday, March 12. The article included a photo and interviews with many who attended the Prom. It was organized by Stephanie Eaves, with food provided by Chris Olson, Food Service Director.

Recycling Q & A

Q: We have a question for you. How's your recycling score? Most of us at Carolina Village recycle the cans, bottles, plastic containers and paper we use in our homes. We separate the recyclable items from our trash and garbage and make sure to place them in the proper containers. However, we may not be so conscientious about disposing of waste in the common areas.

A: The answer is up to you. For instance, at Kevin's Superbowl Party waste disposal bins were placed throughout Village Hall, with signs to identify recycling. Careless party goers or perhaps just exuberant sports fans threw paper napkins (trash—cannot be recycled) in with beverage cans and bottles. Food waste was also mingled with recyclables. Kevin took the time to separate out 3 large bags of recyclable material which would otherwise have gone with trash for underground disposal. It costs the Village more to have trash hauled away than recyclables and the environmental consequences are increasing daily.

This problem occurs at receptions in the Fireplace Lounge after memorial services and at other gatherings. Let's be aware of recycling opportunities throughout the Village including mixed paper at the post office boxes. It's our Village.



PROLOGUE: "A really companionable and indispensable dog is a *gift from God**. You can't get it by breeding for it and you can't buy it with money."

—E. B. White * Words in italics are mine

My Dog Boots *By Bob Andersen, July 20, 2004*

The dog of your boyhood teaches you a great deal about friendship, love, and death. I was an only child. He was an only dog.

I was a loner in those formative years. Boots was my best friend—my buddy. I don't remember him as a puppy.

He was a remarkably intelligent dog. The surprising thing was that neither myself, nor my family members purposely trained him. He apparently was a self-learner.

Boots followed me everywhere. We spent our days together. He loved to go out in the fields when I was driving a tractor. Going back and forth across a field never seemed to bore him. He would be out there all day. He was named Boots because of his four white feet. His chest hair was white, but the rest of his long fur was jet black. My parents said that he was a mixed breed of German Shepherd and Collie.

One of the problems Boots had was that whenever he was out in the boondocks, he would come home with his fur matted with cockleburs. I never kept track of the time I spent carefully picking those burrs out of his fur, but it was a big job. He was always patient and seemed to sense that it was an act of love on my part.

One of the tricks that Boots would perform whenever challenged was to "fetch the pole." My mother used free-standing poles to prop up her clothesline. These were tree limbs fashioned

into long poles that kept the drying linens from touching the ground. The poles were 2-3 inches in diameter at their base and tapered to an inch or less at the top end. They were from 6-7 ft. long. We had a decorative wire fence surrounding our front yard. It was about 40 inches high. You can see a little bit of it in the background of the photo above. I would toss the long pole over this fence outside of the lawn and tell him to fetch it. Boots would leap over the fence and begin to pick up the pole for the return trip. Because of the taper in the pole thickness, its center-of-gravity or its balance spot, was not in the middle of its length. Boots would readjust the pole in his mouth several times until it was balanced. Then he would take a run for the fence and leap majestically back into the yard. I never saw him fail at this. I took pride in showing him off to visitors in this way.

Our farm was a mixed purpose farm in that we fed beef cattle, milked cows and raised pigs. The corn, oats, and hay that we grew were to feed the livestock. Because of the livestock, there were needed fences to keep them penned in. Whenever we headed to the fields with tractors and such we had to get off the vehicle, open a gate, drive through, stop, and get off again to close the gate before any animals got out. Pigs were the main culprits who tried to sneak through when the gates were open. Now here is where Boots performed a valuable function. We would merely command, "Boots, watch the gate" and he would guard it from any gate-crashing interloper. However, he was a little devious. He would hide so



the animals could not see that he was a sentry. He would wait until the pig thought he was free and clear of the gate. Then Boots would charge the poor unwitting animals, barking and nipping at their heels. The pigs ran squealing back to the other side. I think Boots swelled with pride with his accomplishment and usually sidled over to get a pat on the head and a “good dog.”

We milked our cows twice per day every day. In the morning the cows would already be waiting to be let into the milking parlor. However, in the late afternoon, they would be out in the pasture, often times out of sight. Boots would respond to the command, “Get the cows, Boots.” He would go and round them up and bring them home. He had a bad habit though in that he would nip at their heels and cause them to run. It is not good for a cow to run with a full udder. He was always reprimanded for this but couldn’t seem to help himself. As it turned out he was training the cows? It came to pass that we would merely yell for the cows to come home and they would come on their own volition. I guess it was the better choice for them rather than getting nipped.

I loved baseball when growing up (see my other essay on Baseball). I did not have an opportunity to play organized ball until my teen years. But I often imagined I was playing. I liked to listen to the major league games on the radio and we went to see minor league games at Riverview Stadium in Clinton quite often. Boots was my ball-playing partner at home. I would hit flies and grounders to him and he would “fetch” and return the slobbery ball to me. I used a softball for this game rather than a harder baseball to avoid hurting his mouth. I sometimes had him “stay” way back in the yard and would hit these fungos to him. Sometimes he would wait by my side and then go chase the ball when I hit it. One day he got too close to me and I accidentally hit him full in the mouth with the bat. I could see his mouth was bleeding profusely and he immediately ran away. I was “scared to death” that I might have killed him. There were many miserable days before he reappeared and it seems that I was forgiven. That was a very happy reunion with many tears and hugs.

As the years went on, Boots began to turn gray and sometimes he wouldn’t go to the field with me anymore. One day he disappeared and never returned. I believe he knew he was going to die. I understood that it is not uncommon for a pet to go off alone at that time.

I have grieved for a long time. I don’t know where his remains lie, but I know that he really lays buried in my heart.



BOMBS AWAY! *Submitted by George Oldham*

It was the responsibility of the waist gunner on our B24 Liberator Bomber to call out “BOMBS AWAY” as he saw the bombs actually leave the plane. Usually this was a routine occurrence but on this one bombing mission he shouted out “The bombs are stuck in the bomb bay!”

As the Bombardier it was my responsibility to handle the problem. I asked our pilot to close the bomb bay doors since the air rushing in was causing the bomb’s arming propellers to spin. I then went down to the walkway in the bomb bay with a screwdriver and was able to secure the bombs. We aborted the mission and prepared to drop the secured bombs over an un-inhabited jungle area.

First, the pilot tried to reopen the bomb bay doors but they were stuck and wouldn’t open! He then did the only thing he could do—he dropped the bombs right through the doors! Although the lack of doors presented an aerodynamic problem, our pilot made a great landing!

This was enough excitement for me! Our squadron moved to another base in what is now Bangladesh and began transporting supplies over the Himalayas to our troops in China. I took a ground job as PX Wallah (Hindustani for boss) while awaiting my return to the USA.

Alpine-Chough, 1985

Submitted by Charles Hofacker

West Germany, a rental car and maps that would direct our travel to Lake Constance and then along the Romantic Road to all sorts of new and interesting places—mountains, lakes, and rustic villages and towns, ending in Salzburg—we were all set.

On one particular day we found ourselves near a ski area that had a cogwheel train running up through the mountain to the summit. We couldn’t resist the attraction even though it didn’t hold a promise of adding a new bird to our ever growing list, but we boarded, along with dozens of ski armed teenagers, all in high spirits and all speaking German. A gallant male offered Kathy a seat, but no offer was made to me. Then the engineer told me to join him up front in his cab and we set off. He spoke German and I spoke English, so there was very little conversation. Some-

where within the mountain a bat flew by, and I loudly proclaimed “Fledermus”, remembering the name of the opera and its English equivalent. Of course it was only a lowly mammal and did not count on my life list, but demonstrated the fact that even lowly Americans can speak German.

We spent an hour or so below the snowcapped top thoroughly enjoying ourselves. Along with the few tourists and multiple skiers there was a small flock of very black, raven-sized birds—Alpine Choughs. I understand that these birds are attracted to forage at these great heights due to being fed by tourists. As the tourists were not interested in feeding us, we headed to the restaurant with satisfied delight in having added a bird.



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Welcome to Carolina Village



Rhoda Hargrave

A Jersey City, New Jersey girl and one of four children, Rhoda worked with Prudential Life Insurance Company after high school. She met her man when she was 20 and was soon on the ocean liner United States bound for Germany and her life as an Army wife and mother. Her first child was born in Germany, her second in Taiwan, and her third and fourth in the Old Dominion (Virginia). Rhoda has four grandsons, two of whom were married last year. Now she is looking forward to great-grandchildren.

For retirement, Rhoda and her husband bought a lot in Etowah, and moved into their new Passive Solar home in 1982. She worked in the office of Coats North America for nineteen years. She has volunteered as a driver for FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity). She is a volunteer at Grace Lutheran Church as a receptionist a number of times a week, President of the Woman’s organization, President of Women of ELCA (Evangelical

Lutheran Church of America) Smoky Mountain Conference, a member of the Altar Guild and the Quilter’s Group, and a member of the choir. Rhoda is also an usher at the Flat Rock Playhouse.

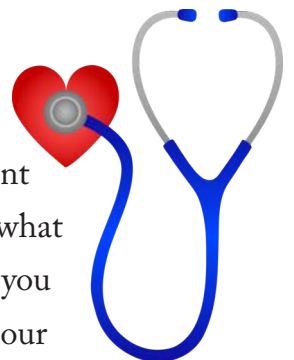
Rhoda likes to travel. So far, Rhoda has visited Greece, Israel, Jordan, Italy, and her favorite, Germany.

Why did you move to Carolina Village? “My mother recently died at 102 and my older sister took care of her for years. I felt it best to relieve my children from taking care of me. A while back, I made a deposit for the Carolina Village waiting list. When I broke my foot, I was grateful that I could choose to do my rehab and therapy at the Care Center. I liked the private room, the wonderful nursing care and being waited on. Now I live here and really love my apartment facing the lake and water fountain and not needing to cook,” said Rhoda.

Rhoda can be reached at 808-4334 and lives in #27 apartment.

Village Health Fair

We have our annual Health Fair scheduled on Tuesday, April 5, 10 am-2 pm in the Village Hall. This is an excellent time for you to come and update your resident file, get your blood pressure, blood sugar, etc. checked. This is great time to learn what is available in our surrounding community as well as here at the Village. Perhaps you would like to have a massage, get your nails done, check out hair pieces, talk with our dietician, chiropractor, podiatrist, audiologist, dentist, talk with a pharmacist, therapist, or an ophthalmologist-this is your chance!





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