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## A Note from the Administrator

### Memory Quilt

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“Life is a Patchwork of Memories” is the theme of the bulletin board in the hallway near the main entrance to the facility.

Several of our Residents were asked to make a square for the quilt. Each square holds some special memory for its creator and gives us insight as to who they are.

Wilma Hall has fond memories of singing in the choir. Her square contains a portion of the sheet music to *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*, her favorite hymn.

Louise Boyd enjoyed participating in church activities and doing embroidery. Her square is an embroidered picture of the church.

Karen Brobander is a big fan of the Pittsburgh Penguins and her patch shows the Pens logo.

Bob Bovard, a veteran of the U.S. Army, did his square in a patriotic design.

Lynette Dallas has done her patch with a pink and purple teddy bear. Her favorite and constant companion is Davey, a special bear given to her by a friend during a difficult time in her life.

Dorothy Mazza is rarely seen without a hand crocheted shawl around her neck. Her square has an intricate doily that she made by hand.

Constance Hartung loved to quilt with the ladies at Barkeyville Methodist Church. A miniature quilt represents a great memory for her.

Our Sunshine Way poet, Rose Bishop, has written a short verse about

a gentleman she baked cookies for when she was young.

Jean Raybould remembers baking cookies and has shared her recipe for peanut butter cookies on her patch.

Phyllis Sapp used to spend her spare time baking bread and canning. Her square shows a loaf of bread and jars of preserves.

While Dot McNeish was a quilter, she also learned how to embroider, and her patch is a sample she had made.

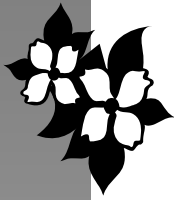
Like the Residents themselves, each patch is unique and diverse, but all are stitched together to make one beautiful display. The Residents have wonderful memories and each Resident inspires a special memory in our staff and visitors.

Any Resident or their Family member who would like to create a patch should see one of the members of the Activity Department. Our patchwork quilt becomes more and more interesting every day!

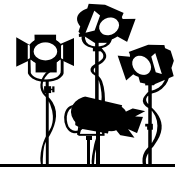


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# Employee Spotlight



## Cindy Stiles, CNA



CNA Cindy Stiles (top) with one of her “girls” Resident Angelina Corbin.

Cindy Stiles has been with Orchard Manor as a CNA for 11 years. She enjoys working with the Residents very much.

Cindy was born and raised in Grove City along with her older brother. She has three step-children, Josh, 26, Heather, 23, and Andrew, 16. She and her husband, Jack, have two grandchildren, three-year-old Colin and two-year-old Hailey.

In her spare time, Cindy enjoys mowing and doing other things in the yard. She and her husband Jack also like to have big parties at their house.

Cindy loves spending time with her grandchildren and her Mother. In fact, she plans on taking her Mom on a cruise in the near future.



## Our Dedicated Staff

### Service Anniversaries for February

Mary Jane Fryman, Activities Aide—8 years

Joe Berringer, Social Worker—6 years

Barb Snyder, LPN—6 years

Cathy Ace, CNA—5 years

Lisa Timblin, CNA—2 years

Matt Winder,

Maintenance Helper—2 years

Andrew Roberts, Housekeeper—1 year

James Baker, LPN—1 year

Isabelle Sweetapple, continued from pg. 6

In 1942, Isabelle married Fannie Bailey. The couple had two daughters, Judy, who lives in Panama City, FL and Marsha, who lives in Grove City. Isabelle did housecleaning for 20-30 years. In her spare time, she baked bread, did gardening and embroidery.

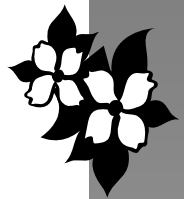
After divorcing her first husband, Fannie, Isabelle remarried to Joe Sweetapple, who left her a widow.

Isabelle enjoyed traveling and took a bus to Florida! She also loved country line dancing.

Isabelle has five grandchildren: Jamie and Ramie Coulter of Grove City, Ross Morley of

Florida, and twins James and Jared Sovel of Florida. She also has seven great-grandchildren: Bridget, Jordan and Christopher Lucas, twins Dean and Donovan Daily, Matthew Dailey and Serenity Daily, who was adopted from China. There are three step great grandchildren: Rachel, Emily and Shawn Coulter; and three great grandchildren: Gracelynn Sovel, Alexis Coulter and Destiny Star.

As you can see, twins run in Isabelle's family. Her sisters, Opaline Young and Mareline McClearn are also twins.



## Chaplain's Chatter

Pastor Stephanie Thompson

### From Hum-drum to the Beat of a New Drum

At this time of year, the hum-drum of winter gets to me—driving and walking on snow and ice, shoveling, plowing, feeding the woodstove, and then shoveling again. I really, really long for spring to come. It seems that most of us do.

By the time this article is published, it will probably be snowing again, but at the moment it is well-above freezing, the sun is shining brightly outside my window and its warmth is wonderful! This morning, I saw a bluebird eating at the feeder outside Gus Fabry's window—what a treat! It is still pretty icy here and there, but the rain that is coming in a couple of days is supposed to take care of that. What a wonderful break from the hum-drum of winter—refreshing, that is what it is!

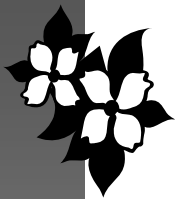
At this time of refreshing, this break from the usual, a new drum has begun to beat in my soul. In the past few days, I feel lighter, less-burdened, more-free, and I am planning ahead for the Spring to come. Why, I even ordered new baby chicks to come the Tuesday after Easter! I am refreshed—I can endure, I can get through this winter, Spring really is coming!

In just a couple of weeks, Ash Wednesday will be upon us, the beginning of Lent. Much like our present refreshing, Lent can be a time of refreshing too. Frankly, we need to

be refreshed, for the hum-drum of life takes its toll upon us spiritually too, much as the snow and cold of winter do. For me, it is a time of spiritual renewal and growth. My inspiration many times comes from Acts 3:19 which tells me that “times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord” when I choose commitment and renewal to my God. Every year, without fail, the giving of my time to growth and learning during this season of Lent changes my life for the better. This year I will be studying *The Purpose Driven Life* with a group of friends. I have used that book before, but always seem to be freshly-inspired through its Bible-based guidance and wisdom. We read one chapter each day from Ash Wednesday through to Maundy Thursday. Perhaps you might like to read it too. Purposeful study during Lent will refresh us all.

I have found that, with each passing week during Lent, a new drum begins to beat in my spiritual soul! I feel lighter, less burdened, more-free, and look forward to expressing my joy on Easter Sunday, while looking forward to what God has in mind for me in the future! I am refreshed, I can endure, I can make it through. Let's experience that together – read with me.

*Pastor Stephanie*



## Resident's Snacks



Many of our Residents enjoy having their own personal snacks kept in their room. We would like to remind Residents and families that all snacks that are kept in the rooms must be in an airtight container such as Tupperware, Rubbermaid or other similar containers. Disposable containers such as those made by Glad or Ziploc are also acceptable. Plastic bags are not permitted for food storage.

## Valentine's Reminder



Time is running out to sign up for balloon bouquets for Valentine's Day. Each bouquet will have one mylar and three latex balloons along with a decorative weight. They can be delivered directly to the Resident's room or picked up by an individual on Valentine's Day. The cost is \$4.00 and all proceeds go to the Activity Department to help fund special events. To place an order, sign up in the hobby room. The deadline to order is February 5, 2010.

## Our Deepest Sympathy

Everyone at Orchard Manor extends our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of the following Residents who recently passed away.

Mr. Fred Meier, 1/7

Mrs. Lillie Mae Johnson, 1/7

Mr. Patsy DeMarco, 1/11

## Valentine Sweetheart Dance

The Annual Valentine Sweetheart Dance is scheduled for Thursday evening, February 11th at 7:00! The event is free and open to Residents, family members, staff and the community. We will have a DJ playing your favorites and refreshments will be served. This event is planned in cooperation with students from Grove City College. In place of an admission fee, non-perishable food items will be collected at the door. Donations will be distributed to food pantries serving Slippery Rock and Grove City Communities.

## Salute to Our Military

Orchard Manor would like to acknowledge family members of Residents and Staff who are currently serving in the Military.

- ☆ Spc. Steve Fox,\* Army National Guard, son of Wanda Fox, CNA
- ☆ Pfc. Jeremy Fry,\* Army, cousin of Amy Bailey, CNA
- ☆ E5 Sgt. Adam Reddinger,\* Army Infantry, cousin of Amy Bailey, CNA. Congratulations Adam!
- ☆ Sgt. Justin Robinson, Army National Guard, son of Diane Robinson, Administrator, brother of Emily Robinson, Assistant Activity Director

- ☆ Spc. Jacob Sydlik and
- ☆ Spc. Matthew Sydlik, Army National Guard, grandsons of Resident Norie Young
- ☆ Senior Airman Josh Winder and
- ☆ Senior Airman Matt Winder, Air Force Reserves, grandsons of Gloria Kaufman, Housekeeper.

\*Currently serving overseas

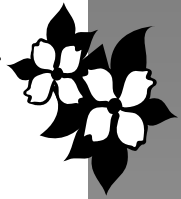
If you have a family member you would like to recognize in the Apple Blossom, please call Laura Cook at 724-458-7760.

# New Residents!

Mrs. Sandra King, 1/4  
Mr. Lawrence Hanford, 1/14  
Mrs. Bertha Tallerico, 1/15  
Mrs. Constance Eves, 1/18  
Mrs. Edith "Joy" Lindey, 1/27

# New Employees

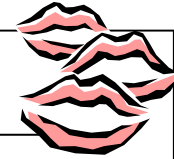
Amy Lukavich, RN  
Ashley Bandzak, CNA  
Heather Adams, Dietary Aide  
Jessi McFeaters, Dietary Aide  
Billie Forrester, Dietary Aide  
Martin Tkacik, LPN



## Best Wishes

Best wishes to the following Residents who were discharged from Orchard Manor.

Mrs. Mildred Maxine Myers, 1/15      Mrs. Bertha Tallerico, 1/22  
Mrs. Violet Thompson, 1/15      Mrs. Constance Eves, 1/23  
Mr. Robert Flowers, 1/18



## Senior Snickers

### Traffic Camera

A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding.

Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed.

Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried a fourth time with the same result.

He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.

### Pet Parrot

A man buys a pet parrot and brings him home. But the parrot starts insulting him and gets really nasty, so the man picks up the parrot and tosses him into the freezer to teach him a lesson. He hears the bird squawking for a few

minutes, but all of a sudden the parrot is quiet. The man opens the freezer door, the parrot walks out, looks up at him and says, "I apologize for offending you, and I humbly ask your forgiveness."

The man says, "Well, thank you. I forgive you."

The parrot then says, "If you don't mind my asking, what did the chicken do?"

### Fruit of the Loom?

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

# Calendar Highlights

- Feb 4 Birthday Celebration with Tim Amerson
- Feb 7 Super Bowl
- Feb 11 Valentine Sweetheart Dance with Grove City College Students
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day Trivia
- Feb 16 Music with Joe Nichols
- Feb 18 Music with Dick Fisher
- Feb 22 Barry Spiker & Friends



*For a more thorough list of activities and times, please see the calendar on pages 2 & 9.*

- 2/5 Catherine Sankey
- 2/6 Darlene Gibson
- 2/10 Thelma Roxberry
- 2/14 Vivian Gregg
- 2/15 Vance Beach
- 2/17 Virginia Cicero
- 2/18 John Fitzgerald
- 2/21 Phyllis Sapp



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# Residents of the Month



Don't forget to look at the pictures of our Residents of the Month! They are on the bulletin boards located on each wing.

## Les Stilwell—Sunshine Way

Leslie Edwin Stilwell was born in Roulette, PA on June 22, 1930. The only son of George and Minnie Stilwell, he had two older half-sisters, Patty and Virginia. His dad owned and operated the only barbershop in town.

Les attended grade school and high school in Roulette, leaving high school his junior year to enlist in the U.S. Navy. After having served three years, he was honorably discharged in May 1950, and returned to Roulette to finish High School, graduating in 1951.

While in the Navy, he served as a machinist mate, working in USNTC, Great Lakes, IL on the USS Kearsarge and the USS Leyte and also at SEP ACT Quonset Point, RI.

In 1952, Les enlisted with the Pennsylvania State Police, where he served for 32 years before retiring in 1984. While in the State Police, Les served in various capacities through the years, a few of which are:

- Traffic and criminal law enforcement
- Criminal investigations unit, investigating minor and major crimes
- Organizing the vice and under-cover detail, which was responsible for well over 100 drug-related arrests, before he retired
- Served as Platoon Commander in numerous riots, labor disputes, etc.

Les started his police career as a trooper and was promoted to Corporal in 1967, Sergeant in 1968 and Lieutenant in 1973. He served in various places in the state, a few of which were: Dubois, Kane, Ridgeway, Shipperville, Tionesta, Clearfield and Punxsutawney. After retiring, Les kept busy working various security jobs in the Ridgeway area.

Les married Mary Eleanor DeVoge of Ridgeway on January 21, 1956 and the town became their home for over 50 years. They have four children: Kim, Paul, Greg and Anne, and 13 grandchildren.

Les loves animals and was always bringing home stray dogs or cats from the pound, which he had to pass at times on his way to work. He spent many hours volunteering at the animal shelters in the local area taking care of, feeding and walking many of the neighborhood dogs who all loved him.

Les also loved to hunt and fish, instilling in his sons his love for the quiet of the woods. Gardening in his small backyard was another favorite pastime, and many neighbors and friends looked forward to the wonderful tomatoes that his garden produced.

## Olive Rose Vitez—A-Wing

Olive Rose was born August 28, 1927 in Parker, PA. Her parents were Arthur W. and Sidna Mae Black. Rose, as she wants to be called, grew up in the Parker area. She attended elementary school in Parker, West Freedom and Perryville and graduated in 1945 from Parker High School, now Allegheny-Clarion Valley School District.

Rose was the youngest child in her family. She had two brothers, George and Bill, who not only looked after their little sister, but as she says, they teased the dickens out of her. Her father had died when she was eight years old and she depended on her older brother George as her father-figure.

While Rose was in high school, her mother remarried. After graduation, they moved to Meadville where Rose lived for about thirty-five years. There she met her first husband, Richard E. Davison. They were married in 1954 in Meadville. She and her husband had two children, Kimberly and Fred. Rose's husband died in 1970 of a brain tumor, leaving her to raise her two children alone. Her in-laws were a big help for her and she took care of them when illness and old age left them unable to care for themselves.

In the late 70s, Rose met Stanley Vitez. They married in 1980 and moved to Volant to be closer to Stan's work. Her daughter moved to Pittsburgh as a student at Pitt. She is married and living in Hawaii where she is an English tutor. Rose's son lived with Stan and Rose until he graduated from high school. He works as a contractor and travels a great deal with his work.

Rose is the proud grandmother of four: Kazumi Fujioka of Hawaii, Justin and Heather Davison of the Volant area and Ashley Davison of Georgia.

Because of vision problems, Rose can no longer take part in her favorite hobbies, reading and embroidery. She does like to tease the staff and has a tremendous sense of humor. You can tell by the twinkle in her eyes.

Rose says, "It took me awhile, but now I feel very content living at Orchard Manor. This is my home."

## Isabelle Sweetapple—B-Wing

Isabelle McFadden was born December 18, 1922 at her parents John and Amelda Boyd McFadden's farmhouse. She and her five brothers and eight sisters grew up on the farm about two miles south of Nectarine. Named after her grandmother, Isabelle went to Van Dyke School and Wesley High School.

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