

Village Vine

Monthly Newsletter of Village Manor



Memory Care Unit Gets a Homey Feel

By Haley Jones, Director of Marketing & Development



Leah Carnes, CNA and her husband Paul, have been improving the Memory Care Unit at Village Manor to give it a more “homey” feel.

Until recently, the large common area for this unit felt very institutional. A corner was designated for five recliners which acted as the living room, and dining rooms tables accommodated eating and gaming activities.

Now the cozy corner with a bay window is an interactive kitchen space with an inoperable kitchen sink, vintage stove, and a Betsy Ross refrigerator. All donated by a generous man from Newton, Ks. The refrigerator is stocked with plastic food. “We have a couple of residents who stand here and discuss what they are making for dinner. They are playing house.” Leah has also hung plaid curtains and created a faux window on the wall. One of the dining tables has been moved to this corner to complete the feel of a kitchen with a dining room table.

Linda’s idea to transform this space, was not a new one. In her previous life, while her and Paul lived in Oregon and were raising their children, they operated an adult foster home. “We took a big Mennonite Church and converted it to be able to house five residents. It was work for me, but for them, it was their home. It was important to make the space as homey as possible. The same is true here. These people live here. This is there home.”

Another part of recreating this large common area was to create the feeling of a living room. The recliners are now arranged around a media/fireplace console complete with a cozy rug that helps define the space.

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Memory Care Unit cont.....

Leah said there are more plans in the works. On one of the walls, they will be creating a space that will feel like a garage with all the tools to “fix” things. The tools will be plastic as well just like the play food for the kitchen.

The common area has a small cabinet that acts as a changing table, but Leah would like to create a space that actually feels like whole nursery for the residents who love to play with baby dolls.

For residents who live with dementia or Alzheimer's, they often have a distorted sense of time perception. Many of which revert to time periods long ago. Rather than trying to bring the individual back to reality, caretakers may try to enter theirs, which is exactly what Leah's revisions to the common area is doing. By providing these interactive spaces that are very real to the residents, the staff is able to build trust and reduce anxiety among the residents.

“We have a lot of residents who walk consistently because that's the nature of this unit, but we have started to see them become very busy. They have started to separate into little friend cliques. We have a group that sits here,” as she points to the dining room table in the ‘play kitchen’ “to have lunch together, and we have a group that sits here in front of the fireplace. Instead of the endless pacing back and forth, they are treating it like home. It's so amazing and it's been really fun.”

Leah said she is so thankful to work at a place like Village Manor where she can share her ideas, and they are supported. “We of course have to take the budget into consideration, along with safety, but these really are small changes. They are not hard, they just take time.”



Home is where their heart is....

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Valentine's Day is a largely celebrated holiday that has been around for centuries. It's hearts and flowers, it's chocolates and candy, it's jewelry and romantic dinners, it's poems and dedicated songs; the list is long, and everything on the list have one thing in common—to show our “special someone” just how much we love them.

Love. It's a powerful word. And although it is just a word, you can feel it, you can see it, and you can do it. Some would even say you *need* it to survive. Love may not be a biological necessity for survival, but it greatly impacts one's mental and emotional well-being. When couples enter their golden years, and have to begin making tough decisions on care options, it is the love and commitment to one another that can make all the difference in these situations. What better way to show proof of this than to highlight some relationships that have stood the test of time, *and remain to do so*. Some of these couples live in separate places now, some live together at Village Manor, and some have *never* lived together. No matter where they dwell, home will always be where their heart is.....



Gilbert “Gil” and Marge Green

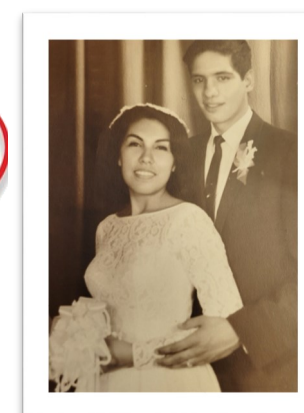
Gil and Marge have been married for 68 years.

Gil lives at Village Manor and Marge still lives at home independently. She visits him everyday.

Joe and Lucy Gonzales

Joe and Lucy have been married for 55 years.

Joe lives at Village Manor and Lucy still lives at home independently. COVID threw a kink in their life plans, but they continue to persevere.



more love stories



David and Arlena Michael

David and Arlena have been married for 65 years. They reside together at Village Manor. They are still very much in love.



Darrell C Brown and June Marie Taylor

Darrell and June are not married. In fact they have never even lived together. However, they have been sweethearts for 11 years. They were lucky enough to find love again... Darrell, after three failed marriages finally found the one, and June, after losing her husband of 47 years to cancer, found a man who wants to love and take care of her. June lives at Village Manor and Darrell lives in his own home, but he is absolutely committed to June and visits her every chance he gets!



Gary and Virginia Donley

Gary and Virginia have been married for 66 years, but have known each other since kindergarten. Gary lives at Village Manor and Virginia visits him whenever she can!



Arthur "Art" and Marjorie Freeman

Art and Marge have been together for 65 years. Marge lives at Village Manor and Art still lives independently at home. Art visits Marge every opportunity he gets.



Vernon and Linda Wranosky

Vernon and Linda have been married for 59 years. They live together at Village Manor. Vernon has been in love with his wife since the first moment he saw her and his dedication to her shows. Although Vernon is probably capable of living at home still, he chooses to live at Village Manor with his sweetheart.



New Residents

Patrice Ayala
Marjorie Freeman
Evelyn "Jean" Britt
Janine Schaich
Larry Womochil

New Staff

Lahaina Ortega, Dietary
Amanda Steele, Rm Attendant
Micaela Morgan, CNA
Rileyann Marbut, Dietary
Melina Arellano, RN
McKenzie Hansche, CNA

Resident Birthdays

02/01 Nancy Wise
02/02 Marjorie Freeman
02/04 Judy Boyer
02/05 Dennis Monroe
02/09 Lori Northam
02/10 Flora Bergman
02/20 Thomas Faulkner
02/24 Silynda Christiensen

Staff Birthdays

02/06 Madison Shade
02/07 Tracy Levins
02/13 Amanda Furrow
02/18 Kylie Riffel
02/19 Olivia Owens
02/26 Lisa McCoy

Discharges

Fern Dolezal

*In Loving
Memory*

Doris Shivers
Bonnie Seaman
Sally Thomas
Linda Diehl
Patrice Ayala

Village Manor Residents—Want to share a story, give a shout out, spread good news or important information? Please make submissions to Andy or Loretta, and they will forward it to the MHS Marketing Department. Thank you!



2024 New Year's Party was so much fun! Thank you, to everyone who celebrated with us!

**Pictured Right:
Shaun Cunningham,
Attendance Winner for the
month of December 2023!**



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volunteers! Please call for
more information.
785-263-6692**

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MANOR ON
FACEBOOK!**

Activities are subject to change!

Available Daily

**Games, books, cards, puzzles, movies,
manicures, horseshoes, bean bag toss,
and more!**

**February
2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
We are gifted with Electronics that you can use to visit family, play games and play music just to name few ideas.				1 9:00 NDC 9:30 Devotionals 10:00 Nails 12:00 BBQ 2:45 Snacks 3:00 Bowling 6:30 Games	2 9:00 NDC 9:30 Devotionals 10:00 Cards 11:40 Impact 2:45 Snacks 6:30 Games	3 10:00 Movies 3:00 Puzzles 6:30 Checkers
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