

May 2012

So Sad to Say Goodbye

As the Tennessee Wesleyan Servant Leadership project draws to an end, Morning Pointe threw a party to celebrate the art project's success. The residents have grown very close to these students over the past semester. We wish all of them the very best of luck in their future endeavors. We feel so blessed to have been a part of this special learning experience.



Students show a little sneak peak of the surprise art that the residents have been working so hard on. Pictures of the full exhibit will be in next month's edition.



Athens Management Team

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Debbie Carver

Assistant Executive Director

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Life Enrichment Director

Crystal Whitcomb

Dining Services Director

Doug Burrell


Maintenance Director



Betty Fesmire and her special friend, Evyn Jackson, enjoy some time together at the special project celebration!



TWC student Jordan Hart visits with Mr. Bill Seldon.

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Kim's Corner



I cannot believe that it is already May! Time is flying by and before we know it the year will be over. I am reminded of a quote that I heard from Albert Einstein "Time is what prevents everything from happening at once."

This month we will be hosting a Mother's Day Tea on Friday, May 11th at 2:00 pm.

We will also be having a Memorial Day Cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs with all of the delicious trimmings, on Thursday, May 24th from 5:00-7:00 pm. We hope that you all will be able to join us for these fun filled activities.



EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS WINNER, DEBBIE CARVER

Debbie Carver is the first *Exceeding Expectations* winner for Morning Pointe of Athens. She has worked at our assisted living community for the last three years as the assistant executive director. Here is what management, associates, residents and families had to say about Debbie:



Debbie Carver



"From the moment any visitor walks through our front door until the minute they leave she makes them feel welcome," says Kim Baker, executive director. "She always greets everyone with a big smile and kind words." Debbie is helpful to all residents, doing anything that she can to assist them. She is always cooperative and eager to help her coworkers as well.

"The Bible says to do unto others as you would have them do unto you, so that is how I try to be in everything that I do," says Debbie. "I am just so surprised, I do not feel that I do anything other than try to help out where I am needed."

Rags to Riches!

A fun and creative way to recycle old clothing is to make "Rag Baskets." Old clothing was gathered and cut into one inch strips, then twisted around the desired length of rope.



Bo Witt and his helper, Grace, work hard at making the coils for their "Rag Basket."



Bob Coakley and his finished "Rag Basket."

Once all of the rope is covered, you then begin to attach the basket by tying coils together with scraps of cloth. As a part of April's 'Keep America Beautiful' month, residents participated in several activities with recycled goods.





Russell Scott Bronson

Russell Scott Bronson, the son of Harold and Leneita Scott Bronson, was born on September 2, 1919, in Greenfield, MA. He grew up in the New England area as his father was a foreman in a steel foundry. He was the oldest of three children, with a younger sister (Betty) and a younger brother (Chan). Because of the Depression, Russ's family moved around before finding work in Northampton. His younger sister made a new friend and introduced her to Russ. Marie Therese Dragon was soon to become Russ's wife of 61 years.



After high school, he attended Northampton Commercial College until landing a job in Hartford, CT with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, a company that made engines for war planes. When the war broke out, Russ, Betty and Chan all joined the Navy. He married Marie in February of 1942, right before heading out to boot camp.

The Navy trained Russ in sonar operation. He managed to make it back home for the birth of his first child, Russell Arthur in November 1942.



After Sonar Operator School, Russ was sent for training for advanced sonar maintenance in Fisher's Island, NY. Additional schooling took him to Key West & Corpus Christi. Prior to the D-Day invasion, Russ was part of the decoy convoy sent to the coast of France.

After the Navy, Russ attended the University of Massachusetts where he graduated *cum laude* in electrical engineering. During this time, a second child, Cynthia Louise, was born. After college, he worked for FW Sickles Electronics, later General Instruments in MA. While there, he was involved in the design & production of horizontal converters for televisions (flybacks). Large companies such as Phillips, RCA and Magnavox integrated the "flybacks" into its TVs.

In the 1950s, Russ and Marie had two more children, Martha Ann and Lisa Marie. In 1972, Russ, Marie and Lisa moved to Greeneville, TN where he began working for Magnavox until he retired in 1985.

Russ and his wife were always great dancers. They fell in love with the western-style square dancing and became advanced instructors traveling all over the Southeast.

In 2001, when Marie became ill, they moved to Athens to be closer to family. Two years later, she passed away. Two of his daughters still live in Athens. Ten grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren live all over.



Happenings



Retired Athens City School Principal, Harold "Prof" Powers came to entertain the residents with his famous "Jack Tales"



There is always time for ice cream, even on the bus!





What is in the bushes at Morning Pointe? A family of wrens that Bernice Riley shows off to Dietary Manager, Crystal Whitcomb and Lillian Smith.



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