

Apfelkuche (Apple Fritters)

Ingredients:

- 1 quart vegetable oil for deep-frying
- 1.5 cups all purpose flour
- 1 TBS white sugar
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 TBS vegetable oil
- 3 cups apples - peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 cup cinnamon sugar

Directions:

- Step 1:** Heat the oil in a deep-fryer or electric skillet to 375* degrees F (190 degrees C).
- Step 2:** In a large bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Pour in the milk, eggs, and oil and stir until well blended. Mix in apples until they are evenly distributed.
- Step 3:** Drop spoonfuls of the batter into the hot oil and fry until golden on both sides, about 5 minutes depending on the size. Fry in small batches so they are not crowded. Remove from the hot oil using a slotted spoon and drain briefly on paper towels. Toss with cinnamon sugar while still warm.

Spotlights! We will begin spotlighting one resident per newsletter monthly and promoting future monthly theme events.

If you would like to write an article or submit artwork, poetry or a short story for the newsletter, please submit to Becky in the Life Enrichment Department.

*250 words or less
*due by the 15th of each month
for the next month

Community Spotlight!!
Getting to know your staff.

Name: Heather Webb

Position: Business Office Manager

Things I enjoy doing: Hiking, Reading, spending time with kids, attending live music concerts.

Special Hobbies/Interests: Hiking and Reading

Are you from SC? If no, where are you originally from? yes

Are you married? Do you have kids? I have 2 kids; not married.

What gives you joy to come to work? The Residents!

Favorite color? Depends on my mood.



IMPORTANT

The US Postal Service is requesting and suggesting ALL Absentee Ballots be submitted in person to the Pickens County Board of Elections. Please **do NOT** mail them if you want your vote to count for 2020!! Please return all **SEALED** ballots to the Life Enrichment Department **BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST**. Becky will personally deliver to ensure all votes are counted.

If interested in voting, please see Becky by September 15th, 2020 to request a ballot and check your voting status.

The Willows of Easley

September 2020

Life Enrichment Department
105 & 110 Willow Place
Easley, South Carolina 29640



THE WILLOWS
OF EASLEY
A GRACE NCMT COMMUNITY

Happy Birthday to you!

- Dorothy "Dot" Clardy 9/2
- Kendra Crummer 9/6
- Laura Gill Spearman 9/10
- Walter "Walt" Iffland 9/13
- Bridgette Trejo 9/14
- Richard Buyer 9/14
- Bailey Thompson 9/15
- Melissa Carver 9/16
- Donald "Don" King 9/19
- Rita Jones 9/23
- Yvette Cleveland 9/28

Phase One Outings Reminders (IL residents)

1. Sign up for all outings in the binder in the Dining Room or call and we will add you if there is room (Seating is Limited and will be on a rotating basis to be fair).
2. In order to RIDE the bus, you **MUST** wear a mask and be willing to use hand sanitizer on/off the bus **EACH TIME**.
ONLY FIVE PEOPLE ALLOWED ON BUS PER TRIP

PREVENTION TIPS

Help **STOP** the spread of Covid-19

- *Clean your hands often.
- *Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- *Keep 6 ft. away from others when possible.
- *If you feel sick, stay home.
- *Listen for orders from your local Government to stay home.
- *Cover coughs & sneezes with your elbow.

Thank you for your continued support by following the recommended precautions to help keep our community healthy and safe during this time.

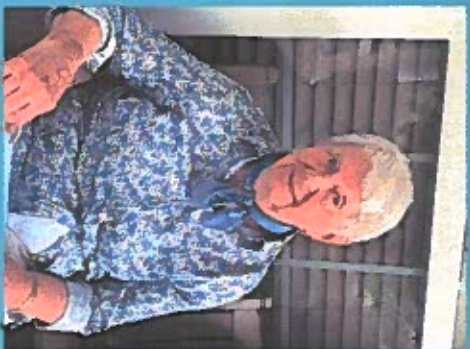
There is a mental/emotional warning attached to the Coronavirus as we continue with our precautions. If you feel you need to speak to a professional due to stress or anxiety, please do not feel ashamed to reach out and make an appointment or call SC HOPEs (number listed in mail room). Your mental health is just as important as your physical health.

Getting To Know Your Neighbors



Hi, My name is Betty Fisher. I prefer to be called "Bette". I have lived in Silva, NC all my life until moving to SC to be closer to family. I relocated here on Labor Day last year (2019). I have one son, 2 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. I attend Easley First Baptist Church. I have always been involved in volunteer work. Whether it be meals on wheels or the Senior Adult leadership through my church; I enjoy helping others. I enjoy doing various crafts for a hobby and collect angels. My favorite color is Blue. I worked as a Medical Surgery Secretary until retirement. Currently, Bette is a BIG help to the Life Enrichment department as she helps to lead a weekly Prayer Devotional Meeting on Wednesday afternoons in the dining room in Independent Living.

Getting to Know Your (New) Neighbors



Hi! My name is Margaret Johnson and I moved to SC in February of this year from Marietta, GA. I am originally from Donaldsonville, GA and have lived in Tallahassee, FL as well. I am a widow and have had 2 adult grown sons, however, I just recently lost my "baby", Bob this past July. I find solitude in my faith (I am Presbyterian) and in my hobby of painting watercolors. I met my husband when I worked as a civilian secretary at the Air Force Base in Tallahassee, FL. Later, I was a colorist for a photographer's studio. I enjoy photography as well, and have always had a camera with me (since the age of 10!). It was while I was coloring the photographs that I dreamed of becoming a painter. After my sons were grown and moved out, I joined the local art studio in town and began taking oil, acrylic and watercolor art classes. I found a teacher I enjoyed and switched to watercolors. I would still like to travel. I have collected dolls and tiny teacups with saucers but gave them all away when I sold my house to move here. I kept my photographs and watercolor paintings. My favorite color is shades of turquoise. I love talking with people and getting to know them and I look forward to getting to know you.



Traveling with Jerry Sweitzer

This month's travelogue takes us to beautiful

Dahlonega, Georgia. Buckle up...

(Excerpts are taken directly from his book.)

Dahlonega is 100 miles southwest of Easley, and is a popular destination for Atlanta area residents. The population is 4800. The first major U.S. gold rush occurred here. From 1828 to 1848, it produced more the \$36 million in gold, but by 1906, closed.

There is still plenty of gold left in the area, but the cost of modern mining operations exceeds the value of the refined gold.

Today, this town is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In the center of the town square is the oldest public building in North Georgia. The building now houses the Dahlonega Gold Museum, which reflects the rich history of the Cherokee Indians, and the influence of the gold rush on the mountain town. The twenty-two inch walls, handblown glass windows, and a Greek Revival-style portico, are worth viewing. Flecks of gold are enmeshed in the clay of the remaining original floor bricks.

The historic downtown area is authentic 19th century Georgia. The historic courthouse is surrounded by lawn and old trees, brick walls, and colorful flower gardens.

The square now houses antique and gift stores, specialty shops selling Appalachian crafts, and related products. Tours of the Consolidated Gold mine include a guided walk through a massive tunnel network complete with the original track system. The Crisson Gold Mine also offers tours, and visitors have the opportunity to pan for gold.

The town's appeal is enhanced by the opening of several wineries in recent years. *US News and World Report* ranked Dahlonega as the third most economical retirement location in their June 3, 2007 issue.

Inspirational Ponderings by Rev. Margaret Forsythe, Chaplain.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Mt. 11:28-30).

How much do you trust God? How often do you take your worries and cares to Him? Do you really give them up...for good?

I am constantly throwing out 'arrow prayers' during the day. "Oh, thank you that I got the groceries in the house before the rain started."

"Please take care of whoever is in that speeding ambulance." "Get me to the post office before it closes." All the little things that go on during the day are given to God - mostly.

Sometimes I find myself taking back what I just asked for. I like to control things in my life and I think that most people prefer to know what is going to happen and like having stability in their daily life, even when that is not particularly pleasant.

When my oldest was an infant there was an evening when she started turning blue and we had to rush her to the ER, scared to death.

Eventually the MD (medical doctor) announced that she was having an asthma attack. NOT good news, but now we knew what we were dealing with, and that was comforting.

One morning as I was in the shower, I started telling God the way I wanted him to handle a difficult and angering situation. As I was in full throttle, I suddenly had a strong message: "Will you just shut up and let me handle it?" Uh, oh.

'OK, I'll try.' And of course it worked...for a while. It's hard to "let go and let God", as those in AA are fond of saying. And yet, when I've done that, I'm much more at ease, and I can feel my blood pressure falling. The 'problem' is still there, the situation has not changed, but somehow I'm at ease.

Psalm 91 is comforting:
(see page 7)

Reminder:

Flu Shot Clinic
October 1st, 2020
beginning at 10:00 AM
FREE to all
Residents and Staff
location to be determined



Caring is Essenti-AL Schedule of Events (9/13 thru 9/19)

Sunday, September 13th: National Grandparents Day "How we care for our family"

Monday, September 14th: "How we care for the Environment"

Tuesday, September 15th: "How we care for ourselves (self-care)"

Wednesday, September 16th: "How we care for our furry friends/pets"

Thursday, September 17th: "How we care for our school-aged community"

Friday, September 18th: "How we care for our community"

Saturday, September 19th: "How we care for our home"

Special planned groups will be highlighted on the September calendar in TEAL. Watch the calendar for exciting events!



Caring is Essential

NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

Inspirational Ponderings continued from pg 2
"You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust...." "Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name... When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them."

At one time AT&T was 'reorganizing', and my division was being eliminated. Fortunately, we could find another position in the company, and were given x number of weeks to do so, depending on seniority. I was one week away from the deadline, and scared I would no longer have an income. How would I eat? How could I pay the mortgage? As I was leaving the building where the company had set up job hunting help, I sat on a bench near the door, practically in tears, praying, when suddenly a great sense of peace came over me.

I didn't know what would happen; the situation hadn't changed one iota, and yet I knew "all will be well" as Dame Julian of Norwich, a 14th century anchoress, wrote:

God is nearer to use than our own soul, she wrote. This theme is repeated throughout her work: "Jesus answered with these words, saying: 'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.'"

And it was. I miraculously found a job the following week...one hour before the deadline. Look back at all the times you were confused, angry, scared, down hearted, or in need of answers. How did God answer you? Perhaps you heard someone inadvertently say something or you saw something in a TV ad that gave you an idea. Those are God's answers.

Listen and watch for them.

September Trivia

1. What was the month of September named for?
2. If you are born on the 27th of September, what would your zodiac sign be?
3. What is the birthstone for the month of September?
4. What is the flower for the month of September?
5. What holiday occurs in September?
6. When is the autumn equinox?
7. "But the days grow short, when you reach September" .. is a line from what song written in 1938?
8. How many days does September have?