

## Staff Directory

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Gift Shop	Carrie Brindley	623-300-9450
Beauty Shop	Stargazers Salon	623-300-9458

### **Our Mission**

*Through Christian love and excellence we are dedicated to providing a fulfilling lifestyle and promoting independence to those we serve.*

### **Our Vision**

*A world where all people thrive and live with purpose.*

### **Our Values**

*We believe in the immeasurable value of every person. Empowered by Christ's love, we joyfully serve with humility, integrity, compassion, and respect.*



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## July 2024

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*that i love*



### Note From Carrie

Director of Resident Experience, Carrie Brindley

This is the story behind “God Bless America.” This simple one-verse song became an overnight hit, and a hopeful song as war threatened. “It’s not a patriotic song,” composer Irving Berlin said in a 1940 interview, “but an expression of gratitude for what this country has done for its citizens, of what home really means.” Today, many Americans consider “God Bless America” an unofficial national anthem of the United States.

We are so fortunate to celebrate another 4th of July with our residents and their families. We’re proud of the number of veterans that live with us. We respect and honor their bravery, unselfishness, and devotion to the values that our country was founded on. We wish all of our service members safety and respect. Thanks for all that you do to stand guard over all of us. As a mom, I am proud to share that my son currently serves our country as an Air Force Captain and pilot.

According to Webster, patriotism is “love for and devotion to one’s country,” but that simple definition is woefully inadequate. Patriotism inspires us. It unites us, freedom is the oxygen of the soul, freedom does not come free. It fills our hearts with pride and optimism. Patriotism is national self-esteem and, in most cases, decreases the likelihood of conflict. Let’s all wish our country another Happy Birthday...248 and counting! Long may she be the land of the free and home of the brave!

~ Carrie

*“God Bless America,  
Land that I love.  
Stand beside her,  
and guide her,  
Through the night  
with the light  
from above.  
From the  
mountains,  
to the prairies,  
to the oceans  
white with foam.  
God Bless America,  
My Home,  
Sweet Home!”*

*~Irving Berlin*

## New Residents

Welcome Home ~ We're So Glad You're Here!

Carol Reiger & Edgar Rastede

Will & Sharon Van Wyhe

Charles & Virginia Muscarello

Daniel & Mary McGillis

Donna Gustafson

Suzan Seiler

Charles & Carol Holt

Dorothy Prange

Jill & Harley Hurt



## Special Events in July

- 7/1 ~ Activity Chat with Barb
- 7/1 ~ Route 66 Road Trip-License Plate Trivia
- 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30 ~ The Chosen Season 4
- 7/3 ~ Salute to America with Floyd Ellison
- 7/3 ~ America, Land That I Love Happy Hour
- 7/4 ~ Patriotic Popsicle Stand
- 7/5 ~ Entertainment Hour with Tim Hern
- 7/8 ~ Southwest Mobility Walker/Wheelchair Service
- 7/8 ~ Red, White & Bean Bags Too
- 7/8 ~ Curana Ice Cream Social
- 7/9 ~ Earrings for You
- 7/10 ~ Mary Kay Cosmetics
- 7/10 ~ Entertainment Hour with T.A. Burrows
- 7/11, 7/25 ~ Tai Chi with Jack
- 7/11 ~ Resident Artisan Craft Sale
- 7/11 ~ 1st Floor Block Party
- 7/11 ~ New Resident Mixer & Orientation
- 7/12 ~ Route 66 Road Trip-Oil Kan KaBoom
- 7/15 ~ Digital Sound Solutions: Hearing Aide Cleaning
- 7/15 ~ Avon with Michelle
- 7/15 ~ Neighborhood Navigators Meeting
- 7/17 ~ July Birthday Celebration
- 7/17 ~ Entertainment Hour with Ronny Lee
- 7/8 ~ Derm Now Skin Health & Sun Safety Discussion
- 7/18, 7/25 ~ Art in Action with Liz Bercovich
- 7/18 ~ Paparazzi Jewelry
- 7/18 ~ 2nd Floor Block Party
- 7/18 ~ Resident Meeting with Carrie
- 7/19 ~ Outing-Desert Diamond Casino
- 7/19 ~ Route 66 Road Trip-Spare Tire Toss
- 7/22 ~ Luxe Apothicare Lotion Bars & Lip Balms with Jennifer
- 7/22 ~ Route 66 Road Trip-US Team Trivia
- 7/24 ~ Route 66 Road Trip-Soda Fountain
- 7/24 ~ Entertainment Hour with Country Gospel Artist, Barbara Gurule
- 7/25 ~ 3rd Floor Block Party
- 7/26 ~ Route 66 Road Trip-Poker Run
- 7/29 ~ Avon with Michelle
- 7/29 ~ Route 66 Road Trip-Craft Time with the Gals
- 7/29 ~ Reminiscing Today About Back in the Day
- 7/30 ~ Pain and Medication Management with Edith from Functional Pathways
- 7/31 ~ Entertainment Hour with Back Nine Bandits

## Chaplain Chats ~ Campus Chaplain, Dan Brookey

Our granddaughter is late to the talking game. She knows words and understands concepts but doesn't talk, especially in sentences. She is two years and four months old. We have noticed lately that she likes to sing. She doesn't know every word but certainly knows the tune. One word, however, that she was able to articulate early on is that familiar toddler word "Mine." The other day she came to play at grandma and grandpa's house. After playing outside for a while we brought her in for a snack. But first, she had to wash her hands. When we lifted her on the counter, she saw a banana and immediately claimed it "Mine." When she wants something, a toy, water bottle, food, or anything that meets her fancy, she doesn't hesitate to claim it – "Mine". To be honest, I enjoy hearing that word from her. Don't get me wrong, she can easily share too, especially with her brother who is five years her senior. I believe we all have a little bit of Madelyn inside us. We see something that looks good to us, and we claim it – "Mine". It sounds so personal and a bit offensive when that word, or actions thereof, come from an adolescent or an adult. It just seems so self-centered when we hear that word. We have all, at one time or another, said that word with self in mind. There is one instance in particular that is so good to hear the word "Mine". God, who doesn't shy away from claiming us as his own, knows those who place their trust and faith in him. In Isaiah 43:1 God is direct in what he has done for his people, how he loved them, and how he claimed them when he says ***"But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."*** God has claimed his people, the Jewish nation in this Old Testament scripture. This is equally relevant for us today. When we place our faith in Jesus, we are a new creation and God pursues us, just like a young child pursues their wants and needs. When God says, "You are mine," the first meaning is that God loves each of us individually. Psalm 139 identifies each person as being ***"knit together in my mother's womb."*** A second meaning is that God loves us as a group. In 1 Peter 2:9-10 we are told ***"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."*** God loves you individually and he loves us corporately. What an amazing thought that God says, "You are Mine." Be blessed contemplating that thought in your daily walk with him.

Chaplain Dan

## Look Who's Having a Birthday!



Jack Kronenberg	7/5
Katharina Blatt	7/7
Sharon Van Wyhe	7/7
Edgar Rastede	7/10
Clarence Ward	7/12
Helen Swenson	7/13
Rhoda Krans	7/13
Phyllis Olsen	7/15
Jean Kensler	7/16
Dan Selby	7/17
Geneva Nelson	7/18
Sandy Anderson	7/19
Barbara Midgley	7/20
Kenny Fung	7/21
Jerry Miller	7/23
Alice Paluch	7/25
Carolyn Clifford	7/25
Joe Grabiec	7/27
Louise Heitke	7/29
Joyce Sorensen	7/30
Truman Hare	7/30
Martha Lewis	7/30

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