

The Village Voice

Village Health Care Center 2651 South Ave. W. Missoula, MT 59804 (406) 728-

Celebrating August

Catfish Month

Golf Month

Watermelon Day

August 3

Elvis Week

August 10-16

Relaxation Day

August 15

Weird Contest Week

August 15-20

Radio Day

August 20

Be An Angel Day

August 22

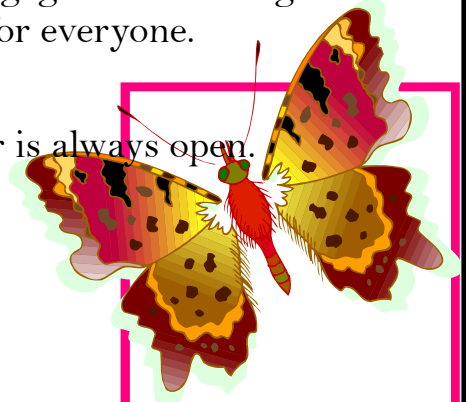
Second Hand Wardrobe Day

Kathy's Korner

I would like to thank everyone who assisted us in achieving a very successful Mini Sturgis event. We served between 550 to 600 family, residents, guest and employees. Joan Muir our Resident Care Coordinator created a delightful DVD that captures the smiles, love, music and good food that we all enjoyed. Make sure you have a chance to view this with your family.

Once again the "winds of change" is coming to us through CMS. We will be preparing for MDS 3.0 which is set to take effect October 1, 2010. The new assessment will bring significant changes to the way long term care providers operate on a daily basis. The data collection will involve a series of interviews with our residents on pain, routine and customary activities, brief interview for mental status and a mood interview. Some of this information will seem redundant, but it is necessary per CMS guidelines. Our team is highly engaged in making this a smooth transition for everyone.

Remember my door is always open.



Connies Corner

Seems like summer just started and here we are getting excited about the Fair and School will be starting again for the kids.

It is still very warm-remember the sun hats and sun screen. Remember to drink lots of water and offer lots of water.

Congratulation to Village Health Care Center Employees!!! We have passed our goal of 900 Safe Days-without lost work time. Next goal will be 950. Continue to be ready for the unexpected.

Be thinking about safety throughout your day. We continue to strive for (0) zero incidents. Wear and use your gait belts. Keep your residents and yourselves safe with every task.

Remember to use your personal protective equipment.

Remember to use lifts appropriately. Make sure all safety straps are in place.

Watch for spills-wipe up immediately.

Check to see that bed locks are secure.

SAFETY STANDARD#8:

I understand that safety and security is everyone's responsibility and I ensure that concerns are promptly reported and addressed.

Reminder to Residents and Families- Please keep valuables secure. Use our Resident Trust Account System for the safe keeping of money.

Have a great rest of the summer!

Connie Thisselle,
Assistant E.D.

From The Desk of: Joan Muir, L.P.N, R.C.C

Once again the Sturgis run was great! I took a lot of pictures of residents and their families having fun.

If you would like a picture of your loved one enjoying that special day please call me at 728-9162 ext:2459.

And I will make a copy of the picture for you.

I am hoping within the next week I will have completed the DVD for the Residents to watch themselves on television at the Sturgis run event.

Once again, have a great summer, stay cool and drink plenty of fluids, and don't forget the sun screen.

Sincerely,
Joan Muir

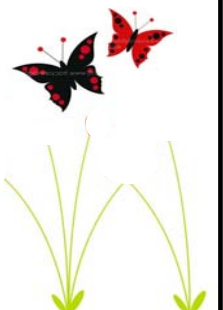


NOTARY REMINDER:

Notary comes every
Wednesday on request at 2:30.

Please have a current Photo
I.D card and all paperwork
present at the time.

Thank you



Resident of The Month

Dorothy Roark

Dorothy Roark was born the 29th of November, 1918 in Denver, Colorado. In 1921 her family moved to Hamilton to work for her Great Uncle who owned some land near Hamilton. Dorothy has 3 sisters and a brother who passed away when he was 5 years old.

As a young girl living in Hamilton, Dorothy attended grade school and graduated from High School in 1939. During high school, Dorothy attended the prom. Money was tight during the 30's so she would pick cherries and berries to sell to earn enough money to buy dresses.

While swimming one day at the river, a young man jokingly said, "Take your clothes off and jump in." Embarrassed, Dorothy ran home. The following Saturday the same young man asked her out on a date. In 1939 they got married

Dorothy's husband worked for the Rocky Mountain Lab for 7 years then started an orchard of cherry and apple trees. On the 60 acres they also had a pasture and a few cows completely fenced with a rock wall. With the orchard and cows, they had to hire several men to work and Dorothy was the main cook. Dorothy also worked for her father at Economy Foods for 35 years. Apparently her father was a tough man to work for.

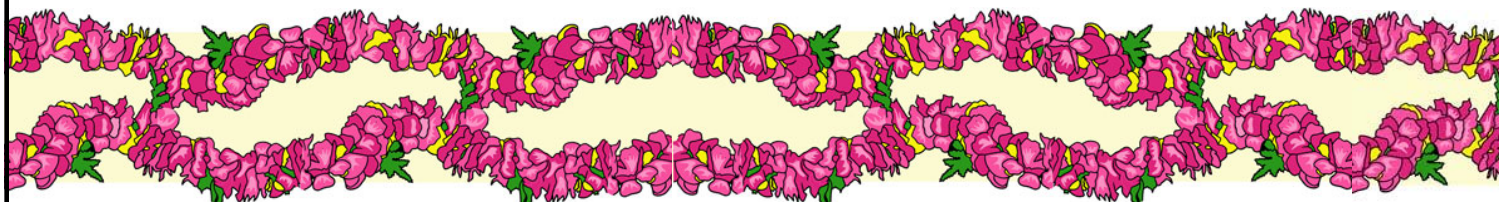
Dorothy and her husband raised 2 daughters who were born on the same day 5 years apart. They both graduated from Hamilton High School. She has 8 grandchildren, 17 great-grand children and 1 great-great granddaughter.

After retiring in 1959 she has vacationed all over the United States including Alaska and Hawaii.

Dorothy's hobbies include: Doing "fancy work", which is embroidery, and crocheting, reading and visits from her large and loving family.

50th

Anniversary



Veteran Profile of the Month

Herbert "Al" Drake

In 1941 Al Drake was 17. He lived in a small town in North Dakota named Lakota. His father was a rail-roader for the Great Northern Railroad. "America in those days was a patriotic society," says Al. Young men enlisted to do their duty to end the war. So Al quit High School and joined the Navy.

He was sent to Great Lakes Training Center for boot camp and then to an airbase in Jacksonville, Florida where he attended cook school. After he completed the school he was sent to Alameda, California and assigned to the USS Steamer Bay which sailed for Pearl Harbor.

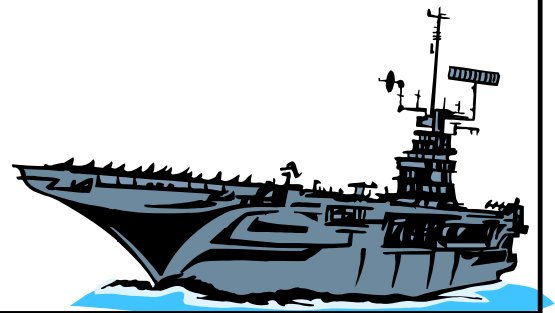
The Steamer Bay was a CVE- type aircraft carrier. It was a small carrier with two fighter planes and two bombers. The fighters would search out enemy ships and notify battleships of their location.

The war was over by the time Al arrived in Pearl Harbor and he was left there to serve as a cook at the base. While he was there Al was able to take classes in the Navy and at the University of Hawaii for a year's worth of High School credit.

At that time the political climate in Hawaii made most people unfriendly toward Navy sailors. Statehood was a controversial issue at the time. So Al was happy to leave and never wanted to return to Hawaii.

Al returned home to Lakota in 1946 when he was 19. He finished his last year of High School and became a meat inspector trainee in December 1946. His training period lasted 3 years.

He married at 21 to a 19 year old local farm girl. They moved to Fargo, then to Billings, then finally to Missoula. When they got to Missoula they decided to stay. He eventually retired from the USDA after 39 yrs of honorable service in a career that he loved.



Social Time with Sarah!

As some of you may be aware, we will be implementing a new assessment process in October with compliance to MCA guidelines. A large part of these changes will center around the resident interview processes for cognition, mood, daily routine prior to admit to Village, and the wishes of the resident regarding discharge. These interviews will be conducted during each assessment period occurring during a resident's stay at Village. Assessments are done upon admission at 5 days, 14 days, 30 days, 60 days 90 days and quarterly after this. One of the major changes that you may notice is that we will be required to inquire as to whether each resident would like to return to the community with each assessment. We understand that not every resident who wishes to return home is able to do so and that asking them about this could bring them sadness or create tensions within family relationships. The happiness of our residents and peace of mind of their families is very important to us and will be of the highest priority while conducting conversations surrounding this subject. Other interviews center around recognizing signs of depression and, on the surface, may seem to visit rather sensitive subjects. It has been my experience working with the elderly that they are much more at ease discussing subjects such as end of life, thoughts of suicide, and loneliness than we of younger generations. Once, again, we will approach these conversations with the utmost sensitivity and respect. Overall, we expect these new assessments and interviews to allow each resident a greater voice in the cares that they receive and the support systems that they find helpful in adjusting to facility life. It is hoped that they will contribute to an excellent quality of life and sense of community during a resident's stay at Village, whether this be a short stay on one of our sub-acute units or decision to make one of our long term care rooms a home. As always, my door is open to any questions or concerns that you might have about these changes.

Admission/Marketing Message

Well here it is, August, and it's hard to believe the summer is waning already. We have been busy over the last month welcoming lots of new residents, primarily on our sub acute units. Construction is finally over! What a wonderful job they did for us and our residents!

Well it is with great sadness that we have to announce Kaley Burke has left our office to take the Admissions & Marketing director position at Hillside Manor. Congratulations to her but she will be missed here at Village.

It is with great happiness, however that I can welcome a new Admissions and Marketing assistant, Sheila Morrill. Some of you may know her as she was a CNA on the Clark Fork unit here at Village.

Sheila recently graduated with a degree in Health Administration and Communications.

Watch for info next month on the Alzheimer's Memory walk coming September 11th. We will post info by the front desk as it comes available to us.

Have a safe & fun rest of the summer.

Sincerely,

Bernice Zimmermann

Admissions & Marketing Director



Please **DO NOT** bring any chemicals into residents rooms.

Ex: Air fresheners, Febreze, disinfectors ect....

Or any other cleaning products.

It is a FIRE LIFE SAFETY & OSHA HIGHLIGHT.

Thank you!





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