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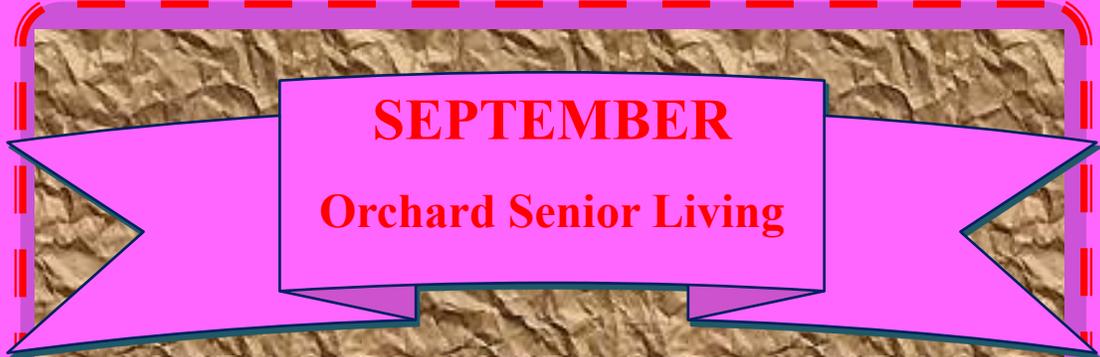
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**All the staff
and residents
at Orchard
Senior Living
in Tucker, GA**

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CIRCUS DAY at Orchard at Tucker



Vanessa & HN at the kissing booth!



Donna enjoying some cotton candy!



Vanessa ducked out on the patio for a game!



DJ burning off those carnival fun foods!

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Phyllis watching Mercy make cotton candy!

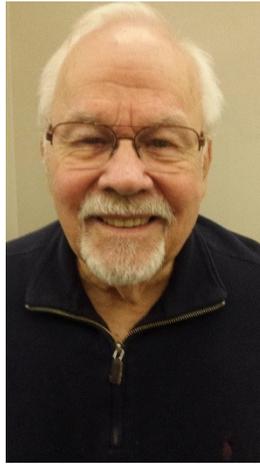


Claude enjoying a snow cone before the games begin!



Cecil & DJ trying their hands at ball toss!

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: CECE REIMER



BY DICK SUEVER

Cece was born in Danbury, Iowa in 1927. His grandfather came to Iowa from Germany to work “as a hired hand on a farm” the only trade he knew. His grandmother Jacobsen came to Iowa from Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.

Cece’s memories of the Great Depression years include his mother baking bread four times a week in the oven of the wood and coal fired cook stove, and making bean soup. “Boy, that bread and bean soup surely tasted good together,” tells Cece with a boyish grin. He and his sisters tended a big garden with a wide variety of vegetables including an abundance of cabbage to make sauerkraut. Cece has fond memories of the big band era, especially the sound of the Glenn Miller band playing, “In the mood.”

After graduating from college, Cece was employed by Weyerhaeuser Company in Denver selling oil-well drilling materials. While living in Denver Cece was introduced by a friend to Phyllis Dorste.

Phyllis was born on a farm near Falls City, Nebraska where her great-grandfather, Dorste, like many settlers in the 1880’s, was drawn to the beautiful Nemaha Valley which offered great agricultural opportunities. Phyllis was eager to leave the farm and get on with her life after graduating from Falls City High School. Wanting to care for people in their time of need, she attended Nursing School in Omaha, Nebraska. After finishing Nursing School she and some of her friends went to work at the VA Hospital in Denver where she and Cece met.

Resident Spotlight: Cece Reimer

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They found they had much in common and dated only one year before getting engaged and setting their wedding date. When their parents arrived for the wedding they were introduced to their future daughter-in-law and son-in-law for the first time. Phyllis's Irish mother told her in private, "You're marrying a stranger!"

Cece laughs when he talks about Phyllis being diagnosed with German measles while they were on their honeymoon and the doctor telling him, "Don't worry, she'll grow out of these childhood diseases."

After they were married, Weyerhaeuser transferred Cece from Denver to Houston, then to Dallas, and finally to Atlanta. Having adopted two new born babies, Mark then Anne, while they lived in Dallas Phyllis chose to stay at home with the children until they were both in school. Then she returned to caring for people in need as a nurse at the DeKalb General Hospital (now DeKalb Medical Center).

Meanwhile, Cece became a New Product Manager for Weyerhaeuser and traveled throughout the Southeast calling on Architects, hospitals, developers and contractors who might be interested in products being developed by Weyerhaeuser.

Cece and Phyllis retired in 1987 and became more involved in ministries at the church they attended, Phyllis became the Wedding coordinator and a leader in the Women's Club. Cece was the first President of the Parish Counsel. He will celebrate thirty years as an Ordained Permanent Deacon this October.

When Phyllis's health began to deteriorate she was lovingly cared for at home by Cece, Mark and Anne until she went peacefully to the Lord in 2014. Cece continued to live alone with help from Mark and Anne.

When he needed more professional help and began experiencing serious health problems Cece came to the Orchard in 2017 where he tells. "I have found friendship, love, and a place to heal my mind and heart."

Bob enjoying a ice cream sundae social in celebration of Staff Kudo's Party!



Janie & daughter, Lynn, during out Out To Lunch Bunch at, "The Varsity!"



Resident Mary's assistant, Danielle, helping out during, "National Cheese Pizza Day!"



Buddy & Lola. Buddy was found in our parking lot and we were able to return him to his owner by days end!



In the spirit of school starting back, I thought I would speak on my schooling. I got the majority of my education from my brothers. They taught me how to face my fears and be tough. They would do such things as jump off the roof of our house and insist I do the same. When I hesitated, they would say, “Be a Man!” and like them, or what they perceived themselves to be, I wanted to be a man, too.

So I jumped!

Can you guess who I am?

Newest member to our Engagement Team, Christa, During a New Resident Meet & Greet!



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