

# THE ORCHARD SCOOP

Orchard Heights 5200 Chestnut Ridge Road  
Orchard Park, New York 14127



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## National Assisted Living Week 2021



There is nothing like design your own donut inside and out during National Assisted Living week to bring smiles to everyone's faces!



## Chalk Walk 2021



## A letter from Lee



Hi Everybody,

Looking ahead to the month of October we have a lot planned. There will be fall foliage rides, rides for Cider, a traveling accordionist for our celebration of Oktoberfest and a traveling magician for Halloween. The magic show will be the day before to allow those who want to cheer the Bills onto victory not having to choose between the two. There are also traditional activities such as making fall decorations, decorating pumpkins and reverse Trick or Treat.

Our weekly traveling concerts are continuing on Saturday afternoons. This month's entertainers will include: Scott Celani-vocalist and guitarist, David Stockton- folk guitarist, Craig Wilkins playing a little bit of country and new to Orchard Heights will be Joseph Mahfoud playing classical guitar.

Take some time to enjoy the beautiful fall colors in while taking a short stroll or sitting with friends on the front porch.

Lee Watson, Recreation Director

## Alien Visitor



On October 19, 2017, astronomer Robert Weryk was using a telescope at Hawaii's Haleakala Observatory when he noticed something strange, an object perhaps 3,000 feet long and 500 feet wide traveling away from the sun out of our solar system. The object was called Oumuamua, a Hawaiian term meaning "scout." Astronomers first called it a comet and then an asteroid but soon realized that it was neither. Oumuamua became the first known interstellar object to visit our solar system, an object not bound to any orbit or any

particular star. After its discovery, some theorized that it was a nitrogen iceberg or a broken shard of a distant planet. Others went so far as to speculate that it was an alien listening device! But, as Carl Sagan said, "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence," which we do not yet have.

## Fun Facts about Rain by Donny Snell



- Raindrops are not tear shaped. They start out round as they drop, with air resistance they change shape and flatten and curve into the shape of a jelly bean.
- Average raindrops take 2 minutes to fall to the earth and 14 mph. The smaller drops can take 7 min to reach the earth. Larger drops can travel up to 20 mph.
- Not all raindrops reach the ground. Under certain circumstances rain will evaporate before it nears the earth's surface. This is called Phantom rain.
- Rain has a smell. When rain drops fall on clay or dusty soils they trap small air bubbles which rise upward, bursting out of the droplet. This produces a pocket of scent in the air from the wind to disperse. This is called Petrichor.

## Best wishes for a terrific September Birthday

## Welcome

### Residents

Mary Hetzendorfer	October 1
Ray Didley	October 1
Anne O'Neill	October 2
Mary Jo Ippolito	October 7
Eugene Eusanio	October 9
MaryAnn Byers	October 9
Judy Weiser	October 9
Lois Carter	October 12
Sharon Hassett	October 14
Florence Kirkner	October 15
Warner Anderson	October 16
Maria Perea	October 22
Linda Spencer	October 25
Marjorie Rogalsky	October 30

### Co-Workers


James Stewart	October 10
Ricquie Farszml	October 14
Brianna Spampinato	October 16
Karen Rechin	October 26
Melissa DaBolt	October 28
Samantha Strong	October 30



Noreen Whalen  
Patricia Madigga  
Aurelia Hartloff  
Rosemarie Pandolfi  
Richard Fuller  
Shirley Lewczyk




## Resident of the Month– Mabel Kirst




Mabel was chosen Resident of the month because of her light hearted personality and interest in keeping busy. Her interests are vast and include: sewing, Art, bowling, bingo, gardening, pinochle, bridge, rummy, reading light mysteries, cooking/baking, table games, ice skating and going on short trips. Her travels have taken her to foreign counties, Mexico and Puerto Rico. Congratulations Mabel and thank you for all you do!

## Co-Worker of the Month– Samantha Strong



Samantha Strong was voted Co-Worker of the month by our residents. She has been providing excellent care for our folks for just over a year. Everyone finds her to be a wonderful help. Her supervisors say “she is an amazing aide”. When she is not working, she enjoys a quiet life in Orchard Park with her 2 children, 2 step children and 2 dogs. Some of her other interests include hunting deer. Congratulations Sam and thank you for taking such great care of everybody!

## Resident of the Month –John Nedimyer



John is from Altuna, Pennsylvania and loves to talk about his days as an Engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, He also worked at the Ford Stamping plant for 40years and is an Army veteran of the Korean War. He is the father of 7 and enjoys jigsaw puzzles, car rides, exercise, music, gardening and physical labor. John likes to keep busy with our various recreational activities and is always easy going and agreeable. Thank you John for making life much nicer for everybody Congratulations!

## Big Foot's Big Moment

In 1958, a northern California newspaper published a letter in which local loggers described finding massive 16-inch-long footprints in the California wilderness. The loggers called the unknown creature who had left the prints "Big Foot," and readers of the newspaper became instantly fascinated with the story. As the story of Big Foot spread to newspapers across the country, a legend was born. It wasn't until October 20, 1967, that the Bigfoot legend reached a fever pitch.

Two rodeo cowboys from Yakima, Washington, Roger Patterson and Bob Gimlin, ventured into the northern California wilderness hoping to capture hard evidence of the creature. Patterson had long held a fascination with Bigfoot and had spent much of the previous decade interviewing Bigfoot believers, compiling their stories, and mapping the creature's supposed territories. Despite Patterson's earnest belief in Bigfoot's existence, no one was more shocked than he when he and Gimlin stumbled upon a hairy, apelike figure stomping through northern California's remote forests.

Patterson was able to film Bigfoot for about a minute, capturing the now-famous shot of Bigfoot midstride. The men believed that they had struck gold, that they possessed the evidence needed to prove Bigfoot's existence. The scientific community, however, was not impressed with the footage. Many believed the film had been a hoax and Bigfoot just a man in a costume. Yet other scientists have trouble debunking the film. Patterson and Gimlin lived out their days arguing that the film and their encounter was genuine.

## Celebrating our Teachers!



Front Row; L-R: Barb Hoelle, Shirley Kelly, Florence Kirkner,  
Back Row-L-R Charles O'Brien, Jim Roward

*"Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions." -unknown*

## Your Management Team!!



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