

# Gull Creek Gazette

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## At A Glance



Stay cool this summer!



Try chicken breast in the air fryer!

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## From the Desk of the CEO

Rod Burkett

Gardant Management Solutions was created 23 years ago with the mission of increasing accessibility and affordability in the assisted living industry, and we have dedicated ourselves to carrying out this mission at the local, state, and national levels over the past 2 decades. We have challenged ourselves to help lead the way in senior living in the affordable sector, and to maintain innovative and inclusive approaches in carrying out our mission.

While we have created a good start to this mission, much more needs to be accomplished. By the end of this decade the senior population that are in lower to moderate income groups will double. In addition, the segment of this population that don't have home ownership or adult children that can help provide support will skyrocket. This scenario illustrates the growing need for more capacity in the affordable assisted living sector, but when you survey the current and planned supply of this service on a national basis, the resulting number is woefully short.

Recently, the American College of Physicians (ACP) has joined the effort to shine a light on this important issue. ACP has published a position paper that states, "that long-term services and support must be strengthened to ensure that individuals can maintain quality of life and financial stability as they age. The demand and cost for services and support is expected to increase considerably over the coming decades, but policymakers have struggled to develop ways to ensure this need is met. Further, more needs to be done to improve quality and better coordinate long-term services and support and medical care."

Gardant welcomes the insight and focus provided by ACP's position paper, and we hereby rededicate ourselves to our objective of influencing policymakers at the local/state/national levels, as we carry out our mission to serve both individual residents and the aging adult population as a whole.



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# IN THE NEWS

## What Life Was Like 100 Years Ago

Rick Banas

I thought it would be interesting to take a look back at what life was like in the U.S. in the early 1920s.

The world was still suffering from the 1918 influenza pandemic.

Life expectancy was 53.6 for men and 54.6 for women.

The most popular occupations for men were farmers, doctors, lawyers, and bankers. For women, it was teachers, nurses, and maids.

Hats were a must for men. Hats and gloves were essential accessories for women.

Prohibition, which banned the production, importation, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages, went into effect across the U.S.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified, giving women the right to vote.

With the advent of commercial radio, the radio became a main source of entertainment, with families huddled around the radio in their living room.

The Chicago Theatre opened. It was billed as the “Wonder Theatre of the World.” Carl Sandburg, in a report for the *Chicago Tribune*, noted that mounted police were required for crowd control.

Swanee, April Showers and Toot, Toot, Tootsie by Al Jolson were among the most popular songs.

*Reader’s Digest* and *Time* magazine were first published.

In a 1920 play, Czech writer Karel Capek introduces us to robots that are designed to serve and work for humans. Perhaps foreshadowing *The Terminator*, the robots turn on their masters.

We were introduced to Chanel No. 5, Cheez-It snacks, Laughing Cow Cheese, and the Wonder sliced bread brand. The inspiration for the name “Wonder Bread” reportedly came from the wonder created by the colors and shapes of the dozens of hot air balloons that dotted the sky during the International Balloon Race at the Indianapolis Speedway.

Insulin was discovered by a young Canadian surgeon and his assistant. Skeptical colleagues labelled the substance nothing more than “thick brown muck.”



# WELLNESS

## Summer Time Heat

Deborah Denham RN, MSN, CPPS, CPHRM

Do you remember playing in the sprinkler? There was nothing more exciting than being able to run through that icy water and then stand on the lawn for a few minutes to allow the sun to rewarm your skin and repeat. We had well water, so our sprinkler water was freezing.

People aged 65 and over are more prone to heat related health problems according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Keeping your feet cool on a hot day can help prevent over-heating. You can dip your feet in a container of cool water or put a cold rag or ice pack on your feet.

A modified sprinkler party is also an option, everyone sits in shorts and bare feet outside on the lawn in chairs and their legs and feet can be sprayed with mist from a hose. Guaranteed to bring forth a giggle or squeal of delight on a nice hot day. Just be careful walking on wet patios.

Our feet help to control the body's temperature, so keeping them cool will help stop you from overheating. Feet and ankles are particularly sensitive to heat, as they have lots of pulse points.

Remember if you are cold inside your apartment put on a sweater instead of adjusting the thermostat to a tropical setting. You do not want to heat your core temperature with warm air, instead just cover up a bit to ease a chill.

Drink water. Water isn't just a refreshing thirst-quencher. It's essential to almost all bodily functions, from lubricating our joints to pumping blood to our heart. Staying hydrated is a key part of maintaining good health.

Some other tips for staying cool; wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Don't engage in very strenuous activities and get plenty of rest. If you are accustomed to taking a nap in the afternoon, plan a siesta instead. (It sounds more vacationy).

## Recipe Corner

### Air Fryer Chicken Breast

- 4 oz. Chicken Breast
- 1 Tbs. Olive Oil
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. Garlic Powder
- 1/4 tsp. Salt and Pepper
- 1/4 tsp. Oregano

### Directions

1. Preheat the air fryer to 370 degrees
2. Rub the chicken with olive oil and sprinkle with the seasonings
3. Place the chicken in the air fryer—do not overlap the chicken
4. Cook for 10-15 minutes until the chicken reaches 165 degrees
5. Let the chicken rest 305 minutes before cutting. Plate and serve.





# LIFESTYLE

## Happy August Birthday

Betty B.—8th

John D.—20th

Janet “JJ” J.—31st



## Leadership Team

### Administrator

Vicki Maroulis

### Business Office Manager

Beth Bloom

### Director of Nursing

Terri Dukes

### Dining Director

Kim Hinman

### Memory Care Director

Heidi Litton

### Marketing Director

Gheri McAllister

### Maintenance Director

Jay McCaulley

### Resident Services Coordinator

Megan Richmond

## Gull Creek gets the Bronze Award!

We were honored to learn that nine Gardant-managed assisted living and memory care communities have been recognized as 2022 recipients of Bronze Commitment to Quality Awards by the American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). They are being recognized for their commitment to improving the lives of residents through their commitment to quality care. The Bronze distinction is the first of three progressive levels of the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Awards program. The awards program incorporates the standards of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program and is designed to help organizations achieve superior performance by improving the quality of life for older adults and staff.



## Upcoming Council Meetings

Resident Council will take place on Tuesday, August 24th at 2pm

Family Council—will take place on Thursday, August 25th at 4pm



These council meeting give you an opportunity to hear about community updates, ask questions and offer suggestions.

## Employee of the Month

Is there a team member who has done something special for your loved one? When you visit the community did a team member leave a lasting impression? Is there a department that you feel deserves an extra pat on the back? We always want to show our appreciation for our team by passing out treats, offering themed meals, raffling off baskets and so much more! If you know of any team member that we should honor or feel deserves an extra kudos please reach out the Megan Richmond, Resident Services Coordinator. We would LOVE to share your feedback with the team.



# LIFESTYLE

## 7 Dimensions of Wellness

We strive to plan a wide variety of activities to meet everyone's needs. We know everyone has their own passions, hobbies, and personalities, so that is why it is even more important to offer an array of programs. We plan our monthly calendar based on resident favorite activities, themed days and most importantly the 7 dimensions of wellness. There is a certain program you would like to see being offered at Gull Creek please reach out to Megan Richmond, Resident Services Coordinator.



## Strawberry Themed Social



Who doesn't love a sweet strawberry on a warm summer day? August usually means the end of summer we need to take advantage of the time we have left! On August 3<sup>rd</sup> we will have a strawberry bonanza where we will be learning about the red fruit, make some themed strawberry goodies and finish the day with a strawberry social!

## Candyland Themed Day

How sweet it is! On August 30<sup>th</sup> we have planned a Candyland themed day! Do you remember the old board game we all used to know and love? The race is woven around a storyline about finding King Kandy, the lost king of Candy Land. The board consists of 134 spaces, most red, green, blue, yellow, orange or purple and some of the remaining pink spaces are named locations such as Candy Cane Forest and Gumdrop Mountain. Today we will have activities and a special lunch all based around CANDYLAND!!



## Horoscope

### Aquarius (1/20-2/18)

Do not close off yourself from people that mean well to you.

### Pisces (2/19-3/20)

Do things that will enable you to elevate your life.

### Aries (3/21-4/19)

You have all that it takes to make all your dreams come true!

### Taurus (4/20-5/20)

Ensure that you spend most of your money on needs rather than wants.

### Gemini (5/21-6/20)

Happiness, peace, and harmony will reign for the better part of the month.

### Cancer (6/21-7/22)

Your marital life will be filled with bliss.

### Leo (7/23-8/22)

Make good use of your talents and skills.

### Virgo (8/23-9/22)

You will make the right choices when it comes to career and finances.

### Libra (9/23-10/21)

Be free to pursue your passions with all you have.

### Scorpio (10/22-11/21)

Your children will be so happy and excited to have you around.

### Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)

Focus on your loved ones and always do all you can to make them feel loved and cared for.

### Capricorn (12/22-1/19)

Always be there for each other and make each other happy.



# AUGUST

## Word Search Puzzle



I Z Z S S H G T R T G E Y O G B P P  
 A Y B U H M D A N E I W R Q V A B B  
 C Y C O I A W O R R A Z Y E J R E I  
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BOAT  
 GARDEN  
 CAMPFIRE  
 BIKING  
 FLOATIE  
 FISHING  
 RIVER  
 AUGUST

KAYAK  
 BARBECUE  
 OCEAN  
 CANOE  
 PICNIC  
 BEACH  
 ICE (as in ice cream)



SUN  
 SHADE  
 VACATION  
 SWIMSUIT  
 SWIMMING  
 POPSICLES  
 READING

WARM  
 LAKE  
 TOWEL  
 POOL  
 PARK  
 CAMPING  
 SUNSET





# ANSWERS

I Z Z S S H G T R T G E Y O G B P P  
A Y B U H M D A N E I W R Q V A B B  
C Y C O I A W O R R A Z Y E J R E I  
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