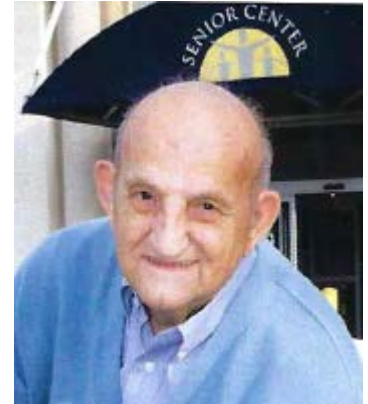
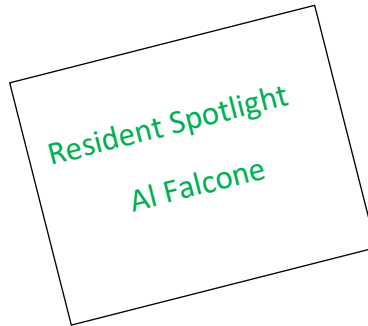


THE BRANCHLANDS TIMES



Al Falcone was born in Waterford, New York, near where the Erie Canal starts. He went to High School in Waterford and at age sixteen he was given the Outstanding Boy Scout Award by the American Legion for doing one or more good deeds every day. This has become a lifelong philosophy for Al since 1937. When Al was working, he spent many years with the Boy Scouts of America teaching them about Community Service.

Al lived through the depression, serving our country during WWII as a bomber of 64 sorties. As a wounded Veteran, Al earned a Purple Heart. He compiled 319 member histories as President of the WWII Bomb B Group and is still involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In fact, he has been sending a card every day to a Veteran by placing it in the mail box provided for outgoing mail at the Charlottesville Senior Center where he has been a member for many years.

Al lived in many parts of the U.S. He has lived in New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Florida, settling in Virginia in 2008. Here he joined the Senior Center and shared his expertise, experience and his generosity with them. He has worked on the grounds, pulling weeds, trimming trees and bushes, repairing furniture, deep cleaning the Senior Center Kitchen, sending Get Well cards to the sick members and speaking at Memorial Day and Veteran's Day events.

Al was married to Margaret Norris for 48 years. He has a daughter, Janice Stalfort, two wonderful grandsons, and five great grandchildren and has carved a giant turtle for them to enjoy. He is a skilled wood carver and has made many beautiful pens as gifts, as well, as birds and lovely butterflies. He has made and presented hundreds of his carvings to his many friends and has never charged for a single one.

Al was a Virginia State winner of \$500.00 for a local "Home Instead" contest and gave the Senior Center the money along with his contribution of \$500.00. Along with the cash prize, Al received a certificate and a spot in the contest's "Wall of Fame" for his outstanding service.

Al was a member of the Monday Social Club and a member of the Writing for Pleasure group which was at the Senior Center for thirteen years, and is now being held at Branchlands, where Al currently lives. Al moved to Branchlands on April 14, 2018 and says he really likes it here. It is a wonderful and friendly place with many senior citizens. The apartments are lovely, the food provided by Chef Barry is delicious, the grounds have beautiful bushes and trees and there is even a lake nearby along with some woods where you can walk and enjoy the scenery.

We are so happy you have come here Al and we hope you'll soon find time to come to our Happy Hour and the many events we have here in the Langman Room, as well as, the many bus rides to restaurants, concerts and other interesting places.

By Betty Kollar

Coming in May....

We will be bringing back some of your often requested activities.

We will be hosting a Pre-Kentucky Derby Happy Hour on the porch. You will be able to place your bet on your favorite horse while you sip your Mint Julip. The women will be sporting their finest bonnets.

If you don't have one, ask Fran Dagro or Sandy McLaughlin. They made extras in crafts class.

For your Musical entertainment, 'Stan Hamrick ' will be back. We will also have 'Jane & Tom'.



We hope you can all join us.

God's Spring

By Betty Kollar

I must rake my garden. There are stones so big,
I cannot grow more than a twig.
The winter's snow, the leaves that fell,
Still cover all my seedlings well.

I long to mow the grass that grew
And trim Hydrangeas no longer blue.
The sun gets warmer every day
And soon will chase cold winds away.

I need to breathe the springtime air.
And walk among my flowers fair.
Please God, I pray you bring
The soft sweet breath of April's Spring.

Happy Mother's day !



We would also like to extend a heartfelt
thank you to all of our veterans as
we wish you all a

Happy Memorial Day!



Happy Birthday to...



Jane Holden - May 3

Marion Holloway - May 25

Dora Caprye - May 31

*Let's Give a Warm
Welcome
to our New Residents...*

Clara Cohrs H-1J
Tina Blackwell H-1G

Music by Matt O'Donnell – April 26, 2018



First Cook out of the season – April 27, 2018



The residents didn't get to enjoy eating on the porch this day as the weather was still a little too cool. However, that never stops Chef Barry from utilizing the grill. The food might have been eaten inside, but it had that great outdoor flavor.

Spring has decided to come a little late this year.

As mentioned earlier in this issue, we hope to be able to enjoy a fun filled pre 'Kentucky Derby' Happy Hour on Friday, May 4th on the porch with a cook out to follow. Watch for the pictures in the next issue.

Movie Actors 2

Find and circle all of the Movie Actors that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell out a movie for which William Hurt won an Oscar.

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DIESEL, Vin
DOWNEY JR, Robert
DREYFUSS, Richard
DUVALL, Robert
EVERETT, Rupert
FERRELL, Will

FIENNES, Ralph
FREEMAN, Morgan
GERE, Richard
GOSLING, Ryan
HANKS, Tom
HARRELSON, Woody
HOFFMAN, Philip Seymour
HOWARD, Terrence
HURT, William
JACKSON, Samuel L.
JONES, Tommy Lee
KEATON, Michael
KILMER, Val
LABEOUF, Shia
MAGUIRE, Tobey

MARTIN, Steve
MORTENSEN, Viggo
MYERS, Mike
PATTINSON, Robert
PENN, Sean
REYNOLDS, Ryan
ROGEN, Seth
RUDD, Paul
SMITH, Will
STALLONE, Sylvester
STEWART, Patrick
VAUGHN, Vince
WILKINSON, Tom
WILLIAMS, Robin
WILSON, Owen

Construction Tidbits

Construction is just about complete!

The fences are down and the parking lots are paved. Holtrust is renumbered. Sargent should be completed within the next two weeks.

We are setting up tours starting May 7th for any interested residents. The sign up sheet is in the Manor House Foyer.

You have been seeing some new faces around the Manor House as the new employees start arriving. Say hello and welcome them to our community.

The residents will start moving into Linden House around the middle of the month.

This should be the last update regarding construction. By our resident meeting on May 23rd, Linden House should be up and running.

Linden House at Branchlands



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Coming Attractions

Riverside Matinee Theater – Wednesday, June 22, 10:00am – 6:00 pm.

'Always Patsy Cline'. The musical play, complete with down home country humor, true emotion and even some audience participation. There are still a few seats available on the bus if you would like to join us.

MGM Casino – Looking at a reschedule for sometime in July. This is a good summer time trip as you will be in the nice air conditioned casino.

Civil War Museum – I am looking into a date and time to visit one of the museums in our area. It will probably be Richmond with a lunch stop included on the way home.