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A word from your ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Residents,

Welcome to September!

I am extremely happy I have joined the Grand Oaks family as the administrator. I know it's been difficult the past month with COVID-19 in our lives, but we are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe. If you have any questions or concerns, I have an open door policy, or you can call me at 402.

I'd like to offer a heartfelt thank you to the activities department for still having enjoyable activities under difficult times, and to Chef Bobby and his team for serving such great food with a smile. I have only been here for one month, but I can see the dedication in each staff member and the kindness in their hearts.

We have great things planned for September and I am looking forward to enjoying each moment with all of you. For Labor Day, we have a BBQ and games planned, and on September 12th we'll be celebrating Grandparents Day. National Assisted Living Week is also September 13th – 17th and we have lots of fun things planned!

And please remember, it's important to stay hydrated in this heat.

Thank you all for being a part of the Grand Oaks family and I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer!

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Administrator



September 2021 CHEF SPECIAL

FISHERMAN'S PLATTER

Нарру BIRTHDAY!!!





Fresh shrimp and fried clam strips, served with golden brown corn hushpuppies, tangy coleslaw, and your choice of tarter or cocktail sauce

Tom M.

Betty O.

Liz S.

Kathy S.

Elaine P.



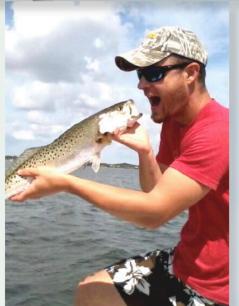
Natalie G.

Barbara M. (This month's spotlight resident!)





KEVIN D. COOK/SERVER



Kevin grew up in Boca Raton and Martin County - he's a true Florida native! His favorite childhood memories are bass fishing on Lake Okeechobee for his fourth birthday and his first trip to Palm Beach International Raceway (formerly known as Moroso Motorsports Park) to see the jet engine powered drag cars!

In middle school through high school, Kevin played the saxophone and bass guitar. He also enjoyed skateboarding and playing baseball and tennis. He graduated from Martin County High School and attended Indian River State College where he majored in psychology. He also took welding courses at IRSC and can weld up to a 3/4 inch steel plate.

Kevin started his cooking career at the age of 18 when he worked in the kitchen at Ruby Tuesdays. From there, he went on to work at Sandhill Cove Retirement Living, where he earned three consecutive awards for Best Featured Entrée at Taste of Martin County! Kevin also works as a commercial fisherman, something he has been doing since he was 10 years old. In fact, his childhood role model was the

late Jose Wejebe from the Outdoor Channel's popular Spanish Fly fishing show.

In his spare time, Kevin enjoys fishing and playing the guitar. When asked what he likes best about working at Grand Oaks, he said, "Getting to know our residents."



Resident SPOTLIGHT

BARBARA M.



Barbara was born in Japan in 1943 during the war. She has two brothers. She lived in Japan until she was 10 years old, when her mother married her step-father who was in the US Air Force. Barbara thinks of her step-dad as her father and still has fond memories of him to this day.

Barbara traveled a lot with her family because of her step-dad's job in the Air Force. She lived in the United States for a while before returning to Tokyo, Japan, where she attended high school. After graduating, Barbara landed a civilian job as the secretary to the Surgeon General of the United States Air Force. She was then promoted to work at the Pentagon, where she worked for two years before deciding she didn't like it nearly as much as working for the Air Force.

Barbara met and married her husband at this time, and he lived in Virginia, so she took a job at a federal prison near their new home. She worked there for six years. Then, her husband wanted to move to Florida,

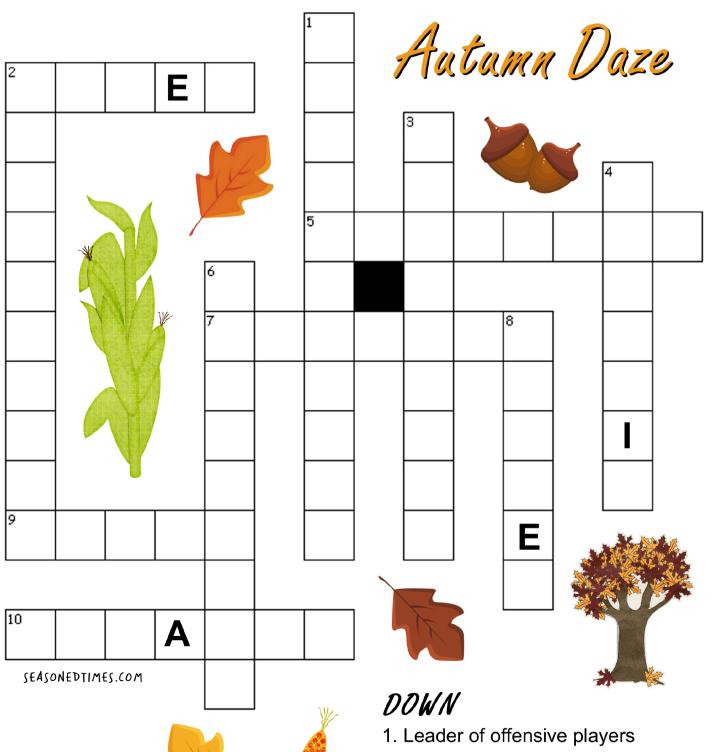
but Barbara didn't want to move far away from her parents. She was very happy when her parents decided to relocate to Florida with her, her husband, and their three children.

For fun, Barbara loves to play poker! Her favorite game is Texas Holdem. She once won \$7,000 playing this game! She's been to Las Vegas many times, too. She would go twice a year, once for Christmas and once for Mother's Day. She would even get a chance to play with some of the best poker tournament players in the world when she would visit Vegas!

Barbara is also very talented at making macramé and even had her own store called "Plants and Macramé by Barb". She loves reading mystery novels, cooking American and Japanese foods, and being a mother and grandmother. She has four grandchildren.

When asked what she likes best about living at Grand Oaks, Barbara says, "They treat me real good here."





- ACROSS
- 2. Fermented juice
- 5. Filled with gratitude
- 7. Period of picking and gathering
- 9. Woody nut with cap
- 10. Upper portion of body warmer

- 2. Horn-shaped basket, usually filled to overflowing
- 3. Constructed with sticks and old clothing
- 4. Large, round gourd
- 6. Smooth-shelled nuts
- 8. Large forest bird or three strikes bowled consecutively



Calendar Spotlight



Run Deep IN OUR COMMUNITY



Monday, September 6 Labor Day BBQ with live music and games on the front porch 10:00am-1:00pm



13th-17th

Spirit Week for National ALF Week



Sunday, September 12

Grandparents Day Social with Surprise Gifts and Reminiscing 2:30pm



Wednesday, September 22

September Birthday Party 3:30pm

ACROSS

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- 2 Fermented juice CIDER
- 5 Filled with gratitude- THANKFUL
- 7 Period of picking and gathering- HARVEST
- 9 Woody nut with cap- ACORN
- 10 Upper portion of body warmer SWEATER

DOWN

- 1 Leader of offensive players QUARTERBACK
- 2 Horn-shaped basket, usually filled to overflowing-CORNUCOPIA
- 3 Constructed with sticks and old clothing SCARECROW
- 4 Large, round gourd PUMPKIN
- 6 Smooth-shelled nuts CHESTNUTS
- 8 Large forest bird or three strikes bowled consecutively -TURKEY