



MENNOWOOD

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

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Fun by the Yard



This summer, our amazing volunteer Suzanne introduced us to the beautiful Japanese art of Kinusaiga—a unique art that uses foam boards and fabric pieces to create colorful, intricate designs without sewing. The final product resembles a textured quilt square. Residents caught on quickly to this contemporary art form and were excited to combine different fabrics and shapes into something truly one-of-a-kind.



Barbara begins her masterpiece



Frances Tobler shows off her progress on her first ever Kinusaiga quilt. At right, residents enjoy chatting and swapping fabric to create the perfect color and pattern combinations.



Chick it Out!

Who knew chickens could be fun and therapeutic? Our residents and staff absolutely loved getting to meet, hold, and pet a lively group of birds who do more than cluck and flap—they bring smiles and laughter. We learned that chickens can be friendly, with personalities as different as their sizes and coloring.

Thank you to our community friend Jon Aldridge from Bayada Home Health Care for bringing our new, feathered friends to visit several times this summer.

At left, Jean Colpas enjoys a full lap of love. During the rare moments they weren't being held, our feathery guests had space to explore the courtyard.

Barbara Rountree



Donna Ragus



Priscilla Bele and her father, Fred Smith.



Bobbie McWithey



Let's Luau

Recognizing birthdays is a big deal in our community, which is why our Life Enrichment team hosts a monthly birthday bash, ensuring that everyone's special day is remembered! August's party was extra fun, complete with Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts, and leis in all sorts of festive colors. Special congratulations to Pat who was recognized as our Resident of the Month.



Above, Walter Holly and Mary Barnes share a hug. At right, Director of Life Enrichment Chrissy Bell presents Pat Parker with her "Resident of the Month" gift.



Grandparents' Day Carnival

Great weather and great grandparents combined to make our annual Carnival a smashing success. Celebrating Grandparents' Day, the outdoor event was open to kids of all ages and featured bubbles, games, crafts, and lots of special treats. A hugging booth and freshly popped popcorn were crowd favorites!

Pat Cagle helps a junior visitor apply a temporary tattoo.



Our wonderful team and a giant popcorn! Below, Mary Barnes and Edie Banziger at the Hugging Booth.

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Shining Stars

Our annual Employee Appreciation event celebrated all the incredible employees who make Mennowood such a special place to live, work, and call home! We were treated to a catered lunch, a candy bar, and appreciation from our leaders.

And, of course, we had one very special announcement: our 2026 STAR Nominee, who represents our community at our management firm's annual employee awards luncheon. Mary Nasambu—affectionately known as Sister Grace—truly shines in her work, serving our residents with care and compassion. We are proud of her and all our amazing team members!



Director of Nursing Brenda McCullen smiles beside our annual STAR employee, Sister Grace Nasambu.



From left to right: Executive Director Lynn and Dining Team members Renee, Felicia, Connie, Andrea, and Octavia (kneeling in front).

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