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# Villages Gazette

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## Celebrating September

### World Alzheimer's Month

**Labor Day (U.S.)**

*September 4*

**Lunch @ Lucille's**

*September 6*

**Grandparents Day**

*September 10*

**Patriot Day (U.S.)**

*September 11*

**Lunch @ Oakland Manor**

*September 13*

**Rosh Hashanah**

*September 15–17*

**Enhanced Financial Planning**

*September 19*

**Lunch @ Chili's**

*September 20*

**Lunch @Woody's**

*September 27*

**Classical Music Month**

**ROXY MOVIE: *Rhapsody***

*September 22*

## The Most Fashionable Month

The month of September brings a string of fashion weeks from the industry's most influential designers in some of the world's most fabulous cities. New York, London, and Milan all host runway shows debuting the hottest trends for 2024. This monthlong fashion celebration culminates in Paris, where top designers, celebrities, and fashionistas gather to show off their newest fashion creations. September just might be the most fashionable month of the entire year.

New York, London, Milan, and Paris are known as the "Big Four" fashion cities of the world. Typically, each city hosts its own nation's designers. Donna Karan, Michael Kors, and Thom Browne call New York home; Burberry, JW Anderson, and Simone Rocha rock the runways of London; Italian greats Fendi, Gucci, and Prada strut in Milan; while French fashion houses Chanel, Givenchy, and Dior display their elegance in Paris. While there are plenty of fashion labels in Spain, Japan, Turkey, and elsewhere, fashion houses large and small flock to these four cities, where journalists and celebrities exert tremendous influence over which trends will dominate the next season.

The very first fashion shows were held in Paris. Nineteenth-century designer Charles Frederick Worth and his marketing team replaced fashion dolls with live women to parade new designs in public places like racetracks and beauty salons. During the first two decades of the 20th century, both designers and department stores began staging their own "fashion shows," or fashion parades, to lure middle-class women into stores. It wasn't until 1943, amid World War II, that New York held its first official fashion week, which it dubbed "Press Week." With fashion industry moguls and media unable to fly to Paris, New York decided to hold its own fashion event. American designers could now give buyers alternatives to French fashion. Paris soon established its own regular couture shows in 1945. Our global devotion to fashion trends had finally begun.

## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Dr. Julee Poole

**Birthplace:** Abingdon, VA

**Hobbies:** Reading Music, Plants & Gardening, Photography, Arts & Crafts, College & Pro Football, True Crime, & lifelong learning

**Family:** My family is very small. My parents, Wayne & Jo Stamper passed away in 2023 and 2012 respectively and my brother, Jim (New Mexico) and sister, Christie (Clarksville). My brother and I do not have any children. My sister has one son, Ryan Davidson (Hendersonville, TN) who is married to Megan Smith Davidson. They do not have any children (yet).

**Pets:** I have a toy poodle, Birdie, who is about to celebrate her 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. She wants to be the center of attention always. She loves everyone! I also have a beta fish; we call him "Brother", he is 5 years old.



**If I could live anywhere in the world, it would be:** The Alabama Gulf Coast! I was fortunate to live on the Alabama Gulf Coast for 10 years. Living on the Gulf Coast was my happy place, with ocean breezes, salty air, seagulls, and the University of Alabama (Roll Tile Roll!).

**Something unique about me:** I am a college campus brat, with my father working as a college professor. I grew up in the higher education world. I worked for 30 years as a mental health professional and then transitioned into university teaching. I am still teaching today – full-time at Purdue University Global (Go Boilermakers!). I am also an adjunct faculty member for APSU, California Southern Univ., Southern New Hampshire Univ., and Troy Univ.

**Something I love most about living at the Villages:** The people! I have enjoyed getting to know and interact with the residents and staff. The stories and wisdom that are shared are priceless to me.



Dr. Julee Poole



FEATURED SEPT. MOVIE

*Rhapsody* is a 1954 American musical drama film directed by Charles Vidor and starring Elizabeth Taylor, Vittorio Gassman, John Ericson, and Louis Calhern based on the 1908 novel Maurice Guest by Henry Handel Richardson.

It revolves around a debutante who follows the man she loves and hopes to marry Zurich where he studies violin at a conservatory. There she meets a piano student who falls madly in love with her. She must then choose between this man who loves her more than his music and the violinist who loves his music more than anything else.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### Tiffany Burlison - Cook



**My birthplace:** Florala, Alabama (small town)

**Hobbies:** Baking, Reading, Books, Writing, Photography, Poetry, Listening to music

**Family:** I have two older sisters and two brothers (one older, one younger). I am the middle child.

**Pets:** I have a cat named Eva.

**If I could live anywhere in the world it would be:** Paris, France. I've learned a lot about its culture, and I also took French language in school. I would also like to learn to cook French cuisine.

**Something unique about me:** I am double jointed and have been an avid reader since I was eight.

**Something I love most about working at the Villages:** the friends I have made here because we have some of the best people I have ever worked with on The Villages Team!

## September Birthdays

In astrology, those born from September 1–22 are Virgins of Virgo. Virgos, associated with the goddess of the earth, are rooted in the material world. They are considered practical, organized, and detail oriented. Those born from September 23–30 balance the scales of Libra. Libras strive to find equilibrium and fight for equality and justice. They use their sharp minds to de-escalate conflicts and find peace.

Faye Wallace #222 – September 1

Deb Metz #216 – September 1

Gail Kenner #200 – September 11

Sandra Wilson #401 – September 20

Barbara Hopkins #301 – September 21

Emily Nickerson #324 – September 21

Trish Moore #400 – September 24

Allan Anthony #404 - September 25

Marilyn Bright (Staff) – September 29

**BIRTHDAY PARTY: September 15th**

## Something Borrowed



Since 1987, September has been celebrated as Library Card Sign-Up Month. While this is a time to remind children about the value of libraries, people of any age are encouraged to get a library card and explore the wonderful world of borrowing books for free. America's first lending library was founded in Franklin, Massachusetts, in 1778. When Founding Father Ben Franklin was asked to donate a bell to the town, he instead donated a set of books, which became the library's first collection. The oldest known library in the world dates back to the seventh century BC. Located in Nineveh, in modern-day Iraq, it was a private library built for the Assyrian ruler Ashurbanipal. It did not house books but rather 30,000 cuneiform tablets, including the 4,000-year-old *Epic of Gilgamesh*. It wasn't until the 19th century that public lending libraries became popular, and the first library membership "card" systems were devised.