

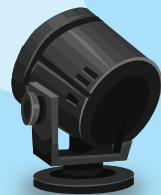
In The Spotlight

Jacqueline Dong



Jacqueline Dong has been a resident of Blaire House since 2018. Jackie has three children, one boy and two girls. Jackie loves to talk with staff and other residents.

Thank you for being part of our family.



BEAUTY/BARBER SHOP:

Our hairdresser/barber is Jemma Hanna. Barbershop hours are every first Saturday of the month.

Hairdresser hours are every Monday beginning at 2:00 PM and Thursday beginning at 9:45 AM.

WEEKLY SPIRITUAL:

Catholic Mass is every Friday morning at 10:00 AM and every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.



AnneMarie R. poses with the pumpkin she decorated.

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT BLAIRE HOUSE

Veteran's Day is an American holiday that honors those who have fought and given their lives in the military service of this country. The Junior ROTC of Burncoat High School presented a Color Guard Presentation to the residents on Monday, November 4th. The residents were mesmerized by their performance. The Burncoat Junior ROTC Color Guard presentation is done annually in commemoration to those who have served in our nation's armed forces.



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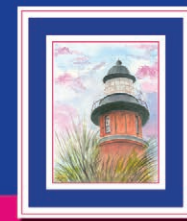
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Executive Director: Faith Bandama
Director of Nursing: Ellen Duffy-Friend
Staff Development Coordinator:
Business Office Manager: Jo LeBlanc
Human Resources: Kristen Sullivan
Social Worker: Sianeh Konie
Activity Director: Charleen Forbes
Admissions Coordinator: Carrie Webster
Plant Maintenance: Mark Mailoux
Food Service Director: Edwin Rodriquez
Housekeeping/Laundry: Luis Pabey

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History of the Jack O-Lantern



People have been making jack-o-lanterns at Halloween for centuries. The practice originated from an Irish myth about a man nicknamed "Stingy Jack." According to the story, Stingy Jack invited the Devil to have a drink with him. True to his name, Stingy Jack didn't want to pay for his drink, so he convinced the Devil to turn himself into a coin that Jack could use to buy their drinks. Once the Devil did so, Jack decided to keep the money and put it into his pocket next to a silver cross, which prevented the Devil from changing back into his original form. Jack eventually freed the Devil, under the condition that he would not bother Jack for one year and that, should Jack die, he would not claim his soul.

The next year, Jack again tricked the Devil into climbing into a tree to pick a piece of fruit. While he was up in the tree, Jack carved a sign of the cross into the tree's bark so that the Devil could not come down until the Devil promised Jack not to bother him for ten more years.

Soon after, Jack died. As the legend goes, God would not allow such an unsavory figure into Heaven. The Devil, upset by the trick Jack had played on him and keeping his word not to claim

his soul, would not allow Jack into Hell. He sent Jack off into the dark night with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal into a carved out turnip and has been roaming the Earth with it ever since. The Irish began to refer to this ghostly figure as "Jack of the Lantern," and then, simply "Jack O'Lantern."

In Ireland and Scotland, people began to make their own versions of Jack's lanterns by carving scary faces into turnips or potatoes and placing them into windows or near doors to frighten away Stingy Jack and other wandering evil spirits. In England, large beets are used. Immigrants from these countries brought the jack-o-lantern tradition with them when they came to the United States. They soon found that pumpkins, a fruit native to America, make perfect jack-o-lanterns.

Source: The History Channel
<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/halloween/pumpkin.html>

"Winter forms our character and brings out our best."

— Tom Allen

