

The Scoop

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From the Executive Director...

Brian Grundusky



Hello to all residents and associates!! I want to thank you all again for your continued efforts and patience during these challenging times. The challenges that we are facing continue and you all have been very responsive, and patient and I will continue to ask that you follow all the necessary guidelines that we have in place.

COVID-19 Update: Currently, Cumberland County's positivity rate is 9.7% (as of 3/31/23). We have lifted the masking guidelines in Residential Living areas. This would be for RL residents and their visitors. Although we are not requiring masks to be worn, we are highly recommending masking for those who are considered immune-compromised. We are still requiring masking for all associates and for The Oaks SNF and MapleWood AL visitors (this would include RL residents who are visiting The Oaks SNF and MapleWood AL). We will continue to follow the science and the direction of our federal and state regulators when it comes to the

pandemic. Please continue to ask questions and provide feedback as this is also a learning process for all of those involved. I also wanted to get back to some other operational updates as we need to forge ahead and continue the great work that we do here at Bethany Village.

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Our commitment to providing a safe living and work environment, for those who reside and work here, is as strong as ever. We remain diligent about preparation, process, and awareness regarding preventive measures for coronavirus and other communicable viruses and diseases. We continue to review the latest CDC guidance and will continue to align our policies and guidelines based on these updates. We have removed the active screening process for the entire community.

We have been consistent throughout the pandemic in examining all the guidance and science before easing any coronavirus restrictions. We must also consider information and guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and state or local

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requirements.

We have and will continue to update our policies and procedures for our residents and updated travel and quarantine guidelines have been placed on the “BV Family and Friends” page. This can be linked through <https://www.asbury.org/bethany-village/resources-events/family-friends/>

Financial Update: Bethany did not meet the Operating Ratio (OR) for February. The OR came in at 105% compared to a budgeted OR of 95%. **This is a negative variance of 10%.** We were over in expenses by **\$173,842**. Primary drivers of this variance were due to being over in contract labor (C.N.A.) in The Oaks by **\$270,000** and in leases (expense of the temporary boiler unit for the West Apartments) by **\$90,000**. We also were under in revenue for the month by **\$93,837**. This was due to not meeting occupancy levels in both MapleWood and The Oaks.

YTD: BV is currently at 98.9% compared to a budgeted OR of 96.2%. This is a negative variance of 2.7%. We are over in expenses by \$254,459 (Contract Labor) but are over in revenue by \$102,000 (Foundation and Federal Covid Expense reimbursement). The BV Senior Leadership Team will continue to ensure that we are doing everything that we can to ensure that we are maximizing our resources while providing quality care and services. The leadership team did submit an OR contingency plan for 2023 to ensure we do all that we can to meet our goals.

Staffing: We are still facing several staffing issues at BV. We continue to have shortages in housekeeping, dining, and clinical areas (SNF C.N.A.). Currently, we have several open full-time positions across the community. We are being creative to ensure that we are doing all that we can to attract and retain our staff and do appreciate your ongoing patience and support during these challenging times. We do understand the frustration that is occurring. We will continue to do all that we can to ensure that we are meeting these needs in this area.

Occupancy: (as of 3/31/2023): We are currently 94.4% occupied (compared to a budget of 94.8%). In Residential Living, we currently have 13 West Apartments and 1 Court Apartment available. We also have 2 Assisted Living rooms and 3 SNF beds available. We have extended the current incentive plan for the West Apartments and will be working with our corporate marketing team to develop other methods to fill these openings.

BV West Land Sale: The West Land Sale contract will be closed on 3/29/23. I will continue to work with the buyer and the corporate team to ensure that this is a seamless process. I received feedback from both residents and associates on the utilization of these funds as we are re-investing the proceeds back into the community. I will continue to work with the BV Community Advisory Council and the BV Long Term Planning committee on this process. More to come.

BV West Pipe Burst Update: We continue to renovate the BV West Common area (Springfield's, Café, and Clinic/Pharmacy area) due to the pipe burst that we had over the Christmas holiday. We will be re-opening this area on 4/3/2023. This includes the West Main Entrance, Billiards room, Reading room, Springfield's restaurant, Collegiate Café, Computer Lab, and Clinic. We do want to thank you for your patience and understanding over the last several months as this was a major project that did have an impact on those

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areas.

2023 Great Place to Work Survey and 2023 Resident Satisfaction Survey: Bethany Village will be completing the 2023 Great Place to Work (Associate) Survey starting March 20, 2023 and ending on April 4, 2023. BV will also be completing the 2023 Resident Satisfaction Survey in May of 2023.

2022/2023 AL and SNF Annual Surveys: BV was able to complete the 2022 Annual Assisted Living (AL) survey on October 5, 2022. This was our first annual survey that we had in AL for the last 3 years. We did receive some minor deficiencies and were cleared of those in November of 2022. We have received our updated AL license and are in good standing with the State.

The 2023 annual Oaks clinical and building survey took place in February/March and we received 3 minor deficiencies. We were able to be cleared of those areas and are in good standing with the state (DOH and Life Safety)

Thank you again and please stay safe and healthy!!

Bethany Village Auxiliary

Phyllis Kegerreis

Spring is here and it's time for the Auxiliary Ice Cream Social on April 12th. It is open to all residents. You do not have to be a member of the Auxiliary to attend. This is our big fund raiser and includes the basket raffle. The cost is \$10 and you will get a bracelet that will be your ticket for the ice cream and cookies. The baskets will be on display and the tickets pulled at 4 pm. The Social starts at 2pm in the Rife Center and there will be entertainment during the afternoon. You can check the flyer for times and location of ticket sales for both the Social and the Raffle. If you have any questions, please call Phyllis Kegerreis at 717-697-1562. If I'm not there, leave me a message and I will call you back. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon of friendship, food, entertainment and support for the Auxiliary.



Now since spring is here, it's time to put away the winter clothes. Taylor Marie will be here in the Rife Center on May 17th from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. There are clothes for you in all sizes. The Auxiliary gets 10% of the sales. Don't forget to mark your calendar.

The Board Meetings are open and you are welcome to come and see how we operate. The meeting is in the East Conference Room at 9:30 am, the first Wednesday of the month with the exception of July and August. Hope to see you at our activities.

Bethany Village Auxiliary
Basket Raffle and Event
Come join the fun!

April 12, 2023 2 - 4 PM
in the Rife Center



Ice Cream Sundaes
Music by BV Residents
Raffle Tickets on Sale
Ticket Drawing at 4 pm
Pink Admission Bracelet \$10

Event & Basket Raffle Tickets will be sold:

April 5	12 - 2	West Mailboxes
April 6	11 - 1	Bistro
April 7	4 - 6	Bistro
Basket Raffle and baskets on display		
April 10	1 - 3	Rife Hallway
April 11	1 - 3	Rife Hallway
April 12	12 - 4	Rife Hallway

Raffle Ticket Price \$2 or 6 for \$10

New East Park

Joyce Kieffer

Plans are underway for a new park at the corner of Whitefield Drive and South Bethany Drive!



Why an East Park?

- To provide a place for residents and family members to gather to socialize, have a picnic, rest, and take in the beauty around them...
- To enhance residents' physical and emotional health by spending time in nature...
- To create a place where residents can meditate, pray, or simply spend time outdoors.

"Those who contemplate the beauty of earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts." Rachel Carson

What will the park include?

- A 16' x 16' vinyl octagon gazebo
- Vinyl benches for the gazebo
- 2-3 recycled plastic picnic tables (wheelchair accessible)
- New landscaping with native trees and flowers

Who is the manufacturer of the gazebo and benches and why were they chosen?

- Backyard and Beyond is the vendor for the gazebo that is manufactured in New Holland.
- The manufacturer uses solar energy and recycled products.
- Back Yard and Beyond prides itself on being an environmentally friendly company.

What are the Project Phases?

- Phase 1: Purchase and installation of gazebo and benches
- Phase 2: Purchase and installation of picnic benches
- Phase 3: Installation of new landscaping

How can you help?

This is a resident-driven initiative that is dependent on your support.

Gazebo and benches: \$30,000

Picnic Tables: (2-3) \$3,600

Landscaping: \$5,000 (TBD)

Donors will be eligible to enter a contest to name the park!

Contact Jacob Kanagy for more information at 717.591.8019 or jkanagy@asbury.org.

An informational session about the park will be held on April 17 at 11:30 AM in the Rife Center. All residents are invited!



Example of gazebo to be purchased*

*Almond color instead of white

New Wellness Staff



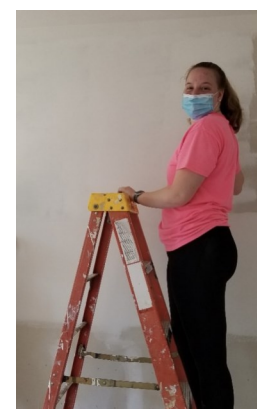
Bethany Malykh
Full Time Wellness Professional

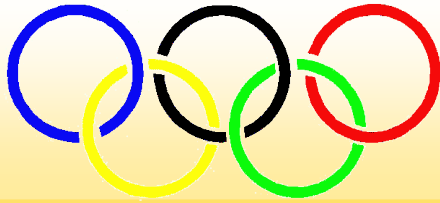
Bethany is originally from Southern Maryland, growing up along the Chesapeake Bay. She graduated from Messiah College in 2011 and decided to make Mechanicsburg, PA her home, where she lives with her husband and their two dogs and two cats. A dancer for most of her life, she eventually found a passion for teaching Barre, Pilates, and Stretching classes at a local studio. She is excited to be able to use these skills as well as expanding into new areas as a Wellness Professional at Bethany Village. In her free time, you will often find her singing and participating in community theatre productions in the Central PA area.



Debra McBride
Part Time Wellness Professional

Debra grew up and currently lives in New Bloomfield, PA. She went to West Perry High School, where she played basketball all four years. After high school, she continued her education at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA. She graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science with a concentration in health and wellness. Throughout her time at LVC, she discovered her love for helping others by completing almost 200 hours of community service in four years. She served in many capacities, from painting a house for Habitat for Humanity to participating in a virtual service trip to Brazil. She's excited to be here at Bethany Village and can't wait to meet all of you!





Bethany Village Olympic Games May 22nd - June 2rd

The Bethany Games will be taking place May 22nd - June 2nd. Come out and play some of your favorite games or try something you have never done before! Wellness will be hosting practice days in April/May for some of the events you may be participating in. Please check out the practice schedule and how to play each game located at the Wellness Center or outside Resident Life. At this time, we are receiving back any medals that you would like to donate to be used again this year - please bring them to the Wellness Center and we will take it from there.

Each participant gets a shirt which is based on their country. At the end of the games, we hold an awards ceremony and gold, silver, and bronze medals are given out. At the closing ceremonies, each team walks in carrying their country's flag, wearing their country's colors, and sits together. There is a band that plays each country's themed music for entertainment. Many come out and play the Bethany Village Games, but some just like to attend and cheer on fellow residents. Join in for the fun this year!



What games are played at the Bethany Village Olympic Games?

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| -Aqua Jog | -Disc Golf | -Ping Pong |
| -Basketball Free Throw | -Football Toss | -Shuffleboard |
| -Billiards | -Horseshoes | -Soccer Ball Kick |
| -Bocce | -Ladder Ball | -Softball Toss |
| -Cornhole | -Mini Golf | -Walking |
| -Croquet | -Pickleball | -Water Volleyball |



How to Register:

You will fill out the form and drop off at the Wellness Center. On the form you will select your choice of country that you would like to be on. Once we get back the registrations, we will begin to list who is on what country at the Wellness Center. You will also need to select what events you plan to participate in.

****Shirt Order:** Please note that you must register for your shirt before the games in order to receive one in time for the Games week – stop by Wellness to register for your shirt by April 17th to insure you will have one.

PARCR Meets LeadingAge PA!

Lowell Starling

PARCR's April Quarterly Meeting will be at Londonderry Village in Palmyra on April 12, 2023, at 10:00am. The keynote speaker will be Garry Pezzano, the CEO of LeadingAge PA. He will discuss his plans for LeadingAge PA as well as the legislative climate in Harrisburg for issues affecting CCRCs. If you are not familiar with LeadingAge PA they are a trade association representing more than 380 quality senior housing, health care, and community services like Bethany Village across the commonwealth. These providers serve more than 75,000 older Pennsylvanians. LeadingAge PA provides education, advocacy, and work force growth support to its members.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be on July 12, 2023, at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown at 10:00am. The speaker will be an expert on Medicare plans and the pros and cons of those plans. This information will be just in time for the Medicare Open Enrollment period in the fall.

You do not have to be a PARCR member to attend the in-person meetings. The invitation letter will be in your mailboxes a couple of weeks before the meeting.

As always, PARCR individual memberships are \$20 a year and you can find the registration materials at PARCR.ORG. For the \$20 you get access to all the legislative and regulatory information published by PARCR in conjunction with LeadingAge PA, and the PARCR Post newsletter. You also get front row seating at the Quarterly Meetings ☐

Official Websites:

PARCR – PARCR.ORG

(Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents)

LeadingAge PA – leadingagepa.org

NaCCRA – naccra.com (National Continuing Care Residents Association)



Back in the 1800's the Tates Watch Company of Massachusetts wanted to produce other products and, since they already made the cases for pocket watches, decided to market compasses for the pioneers traveling west. It turned out that although their watches were of finest quality, their compasses were so bad that people often ended up in Canada or Mexico rather than California. This, of course, is the origin of the expression, "He who has a Tates is lost!"

Food for Thought

Dale Meadowcroft

There were a hundred hints of Spring in the air when I drove my wheelchair outside on a fine Spring morning. The air itself was warm and comfortable, more so than it had been in months. It was refreshing and replenishing as I took a deep breath under the cozy March sunshine. I snuck a smile. This was my favorite time of year, where the weather was just right, and the wind seemed to hug you back. Spring was upon us, and with that, the days longer and warmer. The sun brighter and happier. The grass greener and fuller. And people's smiles reflected the joy that the sun brought to us. Springtime comes as music to the soul, and as a lullaby to rock winter into her seasonal bed chamber so she can dream of ice-kissed dreams until her late November alarm clock wakes her up.

I closed my eyes for a moment and was amazed as dozens of Springtime memories mixed and mingled in my mind. It tickled my senses and helped recollect my thoughts as I started to remember those fond memories from way back when. The faithful Spring breeze helped transport me back to yesteryear, and time almost seemed to have stopped around me.

I was suddenly a six-year-old again helping my dad cut the grass. I heard the steel cleats on his boot heels as he pushed the manual reel mower out of the garage onto the lawn.. Every few passes I got to carry the collected clippings to the compost. What a mixture of odors came to mind: fresh cut grass and old leaves from last fall.

Then, I was 12 again, riding my bike down a hill with my friends, the wind whistling past my face. I could vividly hear the blades of grass rustle in between the tires of my bike. John and Chuckie were my best friends. We loved being outdoors again. Young boys can only play board games for so long. John's mom packed us peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch. I couldn't wait to sink my teeth into that fresh delicacy that was as delicious and as simple as the Spring air around us.

Spring brings baseball. I thoroughly enjoyed Little League baseball yet every spring brings the not so sweet memories of graduating to a larger field and bigger pitchers who knew how to throw curveballs. It was then I realized I would be spending more time delivering papers on my paper route than attending afternoon practices for Junior and Senior High School baseball teams.

I swiftly moved past those memories to my '48 Jeep in college. Oh, the places we went and the things we did. That Jeep took us to many snowy mountains for skiing but it was the spring of northwest Pennsylvania that opened her arms to the Mountain Laurel and fresh, ice cold streams for a few close friends. We were no longer eating peanut butter and jelly and drinking coke on those outings. I also fondly remember the patience of my girlfriend, Ellie, when the spring poking through the passenger seat ripped her jeans.

Spring is a time of renewal. Rejoice in her beauty. We're all traveling through the passage of time in this world, and we are all strolling through sweet seasons in our lifetime. We are all creating timeless memories everyday with the ones we love, whether we know it or not. It's important to appreciate the little things in life, and may we add our own sense of joy, love, and beauty to them.



A GARDEN WALK, APRIL, 2023

Anna Johnston

What should be blooming in April? What with these warm days early or late in the week, and freezing nights in between. I'm looking with admiration at the daffodils that stand tall through it all. Notice the display in front of the Bistro entrance. The trees are unfurling their buds in shades of red and chartreuse.

This is an anxious time for bluebird enthusiasts. Beth Shank had bluebirds guarding her nesting box until she found them gone and something less than wonderful was there on top proclaiming ownership. I checked with Joyce Kieffer who last year was the happy grandma to her bluebird brood. No luck so far this year. They referred me to Barb Bankard. She reported that her bluebirds have almost completed their nest in her box. If the eggs get laid, there are still predators that will destroy the eggs. But there is always a next time.



IF you have had your garden mulched, and IF you have bearded iris, spring into action. You may have planted your iris correctly with the rhizomes at ground level or just below the surface. A layer of mulch might now make the rhizomes buried, and the iris will not bloom. So on the next warm day, plan to push the mulch away from your beloved iris. Some iris growers are fanatics about their treasures. I knew a woman who grew prize-winning specimens. If they didn't produce

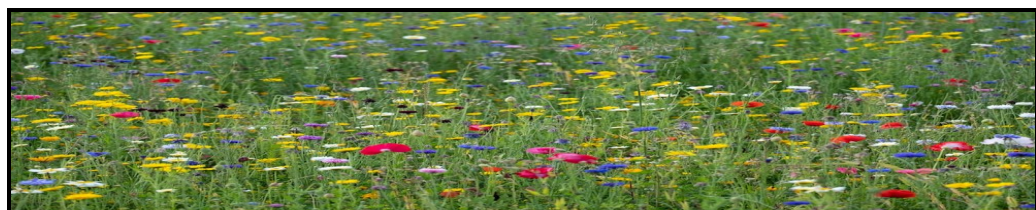
properly, she would have a firm discussion with them, and tell them they had one more chance before out they would go. I thought she may have had something with being firm.

I had a shrub, a mock orange, that had not bloomed for three years. I had had it. We had a talk. It bloomed the next year. You might want to try that with a troublesome plant or maybe you should move it, so it receives the proper amount of sun or shade or whatever. Perhaps that is the challenge and fun of gardening: figuring it out.



As we take our Garden Walks with the longer days, we should look at what is flourishing in our neighbors' yards and check out the Community Gardens on the East Campus. It's a good way to get ideas of what you might want to try because their plants are thriving. Ask questions.

Walk, Observe and Enjoy!



Hershey Handbell Ensemble

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April 29, 2023 7:30 p.m.
Bethany Village, Mechanicsburg, Pa
Rife Center



The Ensemble was formed in 2004 and is based in south-central Pennsylvania. It was formed to fulfill the need for an auditioned community ensemble comprised of persons able to play advanced literature, interested in advancing the art of handbell ringing through education and performance while uniting people through the musical arts. The fifteen member group under the direction of Dr. Shawn Gingrich performs on seven and a half octaves of Malmark Handbells, four octaves of Petit and Fritsen Handbells, Handchimes, silver melody bells, and other assorted instruments.

The Ensemble will have their selection of popular CD recordings available for purchase at the concert.

THE AL TOMB-GENE DAVIS MEMORIAL CONCERT

Growing with the Garden Club

Cindy Rogers Lindsay

You know spring is in the air when you see Todd from the maintenance department tilling the Bethany garden on March 22. He has to work hard to avoid the perennials that are along the fence in some of the plots - like Lois Heagy's raspberry bushes and Miriam Wood's strawberries, not to mention Charlotte Perrago's perennial flower beds. Some gardeners like Scott Kehs have already planted spring onions. And soon there will be so much more.

We gardeners owe a great deal to those residents that came before us and worked diligently to provide us with such a beautiful area. Long ago in 1977, when all of us were still young adults, Bethany residents started the garden club on land at the Children's home. Looking over old notes, it looks like the club had already started the produce tables on the East side (there was no "west side" of Bethany at that point). Some of the members baked cookies to donate to the table. There are reports of bluebirds laying eggs in the nest boxes and just like now problems with weeds and animals getting into the garden. Some things just never change, do they?



But there was a change coming for the Garden Club. They had an idea to move the garden to its current location. In February of 2002, plans moved forward and after months and months of work, the new garden was "open for business" around the spring of 2004—in an area about half the size of the current garden. In a report of September 2005, the late John Creighton (Nadine's husband) stated due to the addition of new apartments, there was a need to enlarge the garden area. Thanks to the leadership of John and the hard work from many people 15-20 years ago including Charlotte Perrago and Earl Norman and others, our garden has doubled in size, continued to flourish, and sits ready now for the current 30 members anxiously waiting to get dirty in the soil.

Lots of good produce and flowers to come! Be on the lookout for the produce tables on both the East and West campus later this spring.

VENTURE LECTURE SERIES

Monte Avery

Here we are into April and our second lecture will be coming up before you know it. We have two lectures left for the Spring series. Please join us as we continue our journey for our next lecture.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023 - 7 p.m.

Our lecturer for the second lecture will be Erica Shaffer. Her topic will be the "Health Of the Environment". She will talk about trees and how to keep them healthy, the use and nonuse of chemicals in the garden/lawn/landscape, planting for wildlife, and how our health is directly benefited by these types of choices.

She is a Garden Speaker and Writer, Herbalist, former Nursery Manager of Highland Gardens for 30 years, a "Tree Hugger" and "Petal Pusher".

For 30 years, Erica Shaffer was Highland Gardens, that small-but-homey neighborhood garden center along South 18th St. in Lower Allen Twp. She was the face and voice of the business who answered bug and fertilizer questions, yakked about plants with loyal customers who were more like botanical brethren, and spoke to every garden club in the area. She's the one who drew up those unique, hand-written plant signs that were sometimes blunt and sometimes funny but always filled with hands-on advice that only down-and-dirty gardeners come to know. And when it was time to order plants for the garden center, Erica

was like a kid in charge of the candy store, filling every corner of Highland's five acres with cutting-edge and delicious selections that box-store staff never even heard of.



Thursday, May 18, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Our lecturer for the third lecture of the Spring series is Robert Lau. His topic will be "Music 101: An Introduction to Classical Music". The lecture will feature a brief history of classical music from the renaissance through the 20th century. Music as related to other arts and tips for listening will be discussed. The ability to read music is not a requirement for attendance.

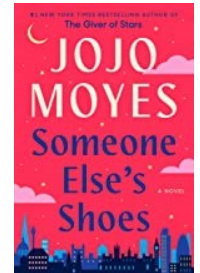
The program will be presented by Dr. Robert Lau, a resident of Bethany Village. A retired educator, composer and organist, Dr. Lau holds degrees in music from Lebanon Valley College, Eastman School of Music, and Catholic University of America. He taught music theory and history during a 42-year college career which included a 10-year position as Chair of the Music Department at Lebanon Valley College.

P.S. If you would like to join the Venture Lecture Committee, please feel free to contact me – by e-mail monteavery@verizon.net or by phone at 717-737-7805. Thank you.

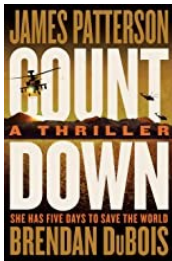


Julie Klassen’s Ivy Hill series. Last month I listed the 1st book in the series, “The Innkeeper of Ivy Hill”. Now we have the other 2 books in the series; “The Ladies of Ivy Cottage” and “The Bride of Ivy Green”. You need to read this series in order to continue the story of what happens to the main characters along with some new ones who appear as the story moves along. Find out what happened to Jane Bell when she inherited the “The Bell” and was forced to make a big change in her lifestyle.

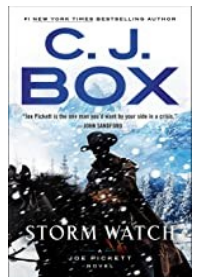
JoJo Moyes “Someone Else’s Shoes” Who are you when you are forced to walk in someone else’s shoes? Filled with JoJo Moyes’ signature humor, brilliant storytelling, and warmth, “Someone Else’s Shoes” is a story about how just one little thing can suddenly change everything. Among other books by JoJo are “The Giver of the Stars”, “One Plus One”, and the beloved “Me Before You”, series.



James Patterson “Countdown” 5 days to save the world, 4 days to save her family. An undercover CIA agent excels at working from the shadows—until a botched field operation reveals dark dealings between her bosses and an informant. And a hidden plot by a terrorist genius that could kill thousands of Americans. Among them: her husband and daughter. She has to go dark. The Division wants to erase her. And they know every detail about her identity, her history, and her family. Her countdown has begun.



C.J.Box “Storm Watch” When a prominent University of Wyoming professor goes missing, authorities are stumped. That is, until Joe Pickett makes two surprising discoveries while hunting down a wounded elk on his district as an epic spring storm descends upon him. First, he finds the professor’s vehicle parked on a remote mountainside. Then Joe finds the professor’s frozen and mutilated body. When he attempts to learn more, his investigation is obstructed by federal agents, extremists, and Governor Colter Allen. Meanwhile, Nate Romanowski is rebuilding his falconry company—and financing this through crypto mining with the assistance of Geronimo Jones. He’s then approached by a shadowy group of local militant activists that is gaining in power and influence, and demanding that Wyoming join other western states and secede from the union—by force, if necessary. They ask Nate to throw in with them, but he’s wary. Should he trust them, or is he being set up?



As a storm of peril gathers around them, Joe and Nate confront it in different ways. Find out how!

Connie Scheil

The Bethany Readers

Barbara Bankard

Bethany Readers A Women's Book Club



The Bethany Readers welcomes all women of Bethany Village and Bethany Towers to our monthly book discussion.

The group will meet on **Tuesday, April 11 at 10:00 am** in the **Rife Center**. Our selection this month is West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge and Margee Kooistra will facilitate the discussion.

Listed below are the dates and books to be discussed. The Bethany Village library has one copy of each book. If you borrow one of these books, be sure to return it as soon as you are finished, so others can borrow it.

To be added to the email list, contact Barb Bankard at bbankard@comcast.net or 410-236-7520.

Hope to see you there!

Date	Book	Facilitator
Tuesday, April 11 Rife Center	West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge	Margee Kooistra
Friday, May 12 Corporate Conf	The Chancellor: the Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel	Ann Hipp
Tuesday, June 13 Rife Center	Founding Mothers: the Women who Raised our Nation by Cokie Roberts	Ida Mae Heidecker
Friday July 14 Corporate Conf	To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee	Mary Baker
Tuesday, August 8 Rife Center	Horse: a Novel by Geraldine Brooks	Maggie Pepe
Friday, Sept 8 Corporate Conf	The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson	Melissa Stock
Tuesday, Oct 10 Rife Center	The Blue Orchard by Jackson Taylor	Jane Tracey
Friday, Nov 10 Corporate Conf	Lillian Fishbox takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney	Micki McCoy
Tuesday, Dec 12 Rife Center	Facilitators for 2024 PARTY	

Bethany Village Model Railroad Club

Lowell Stirling

April 2023 News and Updates

This year the Garden Trains located in Martha's Garden between The Oaks and MapleWood starts running on May 10, weather permitting. Scheduled runs are every Wednesday and Saturday from 10:30 to 11:30am until the end of September. If you have never seen them, or it's been a while since you saw them, treat yourself to a show and come on over to Martha's Garden and see all the enhancements. Treat yourself to some childhood memories, or fantasize about what life was like in those times.

Check out the Firehouse and fire engines as the trains go rolling by.



Come and watch as the "Main Line" Pennsylvania Railroad freight train, the "Short Line" passenger train, and the "Trolley" travel through the pastoral rural area in the background, and then the industrial area including worker housing and a brewery.

From there, the trains travel through the southwest America village portraying multiple centuries in the old southwest. See the pony express station in the background, and the Little White School House with the schoolmarm watching the kids playing on the playground. As you leave the southwest village and travel into the 19th century don't miss the saloon and then the more modern buildings of the next era. We travel further through time to the 20th century community including a theater, a Harley Davidson dealer, a traditional diner, plus a sawmill modeled after one in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

The "Main Line" train is a freight operation. Some days it pulls standard freight cars, other days it pulls a circus train complete with circus animals and characters. The "Short Line" train is a passenger train that runs a route similar to the main line but on a shorter stretch of track. The antique "Trolley" shuttles back and forth between the passenger station at one end and its barn at the other end of its track. All this activity is viewable from The Oaks porch, or the Arbor on the other side of the layout.

If you have any interest in joining us in being a blessing to the residents of Bethany Village, we can use all kinds of skills to build, operate, and host the operations of our trains.

Contact Membership Director Nancy Thomas (717- 591- 5497) President Tony Wright (717 307-1718) or Vice President Jim Wilt (717 648-5175) for information. You can also see more details on our web site: <https://bvmrrc.bvrescoun.org/>



START YOUR DAY THE VERY BEST WAY - WITH CHANNEL 956!

Sandy Henry

Hello, 956 watchers! (and especially NON-watchers!!)

Here's a salute to Channel 956 or, as I affectionately call it, "The Bethany Buzz Channel"! Promptly at 9:00 a.m., each weekday, 956 offers a 15 minute or so gold mine of information containing everything you need to know about what's happening at Bethany Village.

The program is managed by Bob Brommer, producer extraordinaire. The cast is currently composed of: Phyllis Kegerreis, Dr. Robert Lau; Dennis Smith; Ginny Wilt, and Tony Wright, who are scheduled one week at a time and get up bright and early to contribute their talents to the program. And, speaking of talent, Joe Kearney provides a mighty fine song and guitar rendition on Thursdays! They are assisted by cameramen Jim Wilt; Tracy Olson, and Art Mauk (a former resident). The reporters read material faithfully provided by Lois Heagy. Please note that Bob is always eager to welcome interested persons to the team for either "on or off screen" positions!



Here's the schedule format: You are greeted with a smile and a personal assessment of the weather by one of our two respected chaplains — Brand Eaton or Bill Alford, followed by a carefully selected Bible verse and an appreciated translation of how the Bible's message can be applied to daily life. At the conclusion, we join him in reciting The Lord's Prayer — certainly the one time when all of us are really "on the same page" at the same time!

The announcer of the week then starts by providing an important report on resident status, (birthdays; hospitalizations or rehabilitations, and deaths).

The day's activities are then announced by activity groups. This is why I think of BV as "The cruise ship that never leaves port", as the various options are almost staggering: The fitness center! The pool! The classes! The meetings! The card and board games, and the support groups!

The program concludes with any other special events that may be planned; an amusing pronouncement in homage to "national days", and personal thoughts by the announcer that are either helpful; thought provoking, or just hilarious!

As you know, this is a vast community, yet you can be connected to it fully without even setting a foot outside your residence simply by being a regular viewer of the 956 morning announcements show.

Give it a try for just one week, and the following Monday you will set an alarm for 8:55 so as not to miss a minute of the live action.

What a great way to start your weekdays! And please stay tuned for more rave reviews when the reported new Saturday sessions begin!

Let's face it — it just gets better and better here at Bethany!

BETHANY VILLAGE BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Susan Asbury Anna Ford Nancy McDonald Nelson Spengler	4/14	John Currie Cathy Levine
4/2	Kathy Hartle Marylou Lowther Marilyn McCoy	4/15	Diane Brokenshire Fran Killian Adelle Sheaffer
4/3	Dee Farr John Sweeney	4/17	Ellen Kern Nancy Rhan
4/4	Lois Boor	4/18	Mary Alice Mumma Louann Noll
4/6	Jim Coultrap Helga Rist	4/19	Anne Marie Eshelman David Messner
4/7	Ralph DeLuca Mel Kissinger Corinne Kostukovich Shirley Morris Helen Smith	4/20	Grace Ann Steckbeck Joselyn Stover David Theis Glenn Walker
4/8	Roberta Lewis Lauretta Robeson Al Saucier	4/21	Anna Hagenbuch Joanne Redshaw Barbara Baltosser Tom Mulliken FLORENCE RIEGEL Lucy Saunders
4/9	Jim Smeltzer	4/22	Marian Wood
4/10	Natalie Snyder	4/23	Ray Saunders Bob Slatick Jeffrey Fuoti
4/11	Kay Hess Bruce Kroeck Dennis Smith Arletta Thomas	4/24	Marlin Snider
4/13	Leroy Erickson Caroyl Pettis Ruth Rhodes Nancy Toth Ann Van Dyke	4/26	Bill Dallam Shirley Stratton
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Bored of the Flies?

Fred Baldwin

The adult spotted lantern fly, with its bright red wings and black spots, looks like the Marvel Universe version of a ladybug. Bethany Village residents saw a lot of them last summer. What do we know about them? What can we expect this summer and for the foreseeable future? And what, if anything, can we do about them?



Two BV residents, Raymond and Margaret Pepe, will suggest answers to these questions during a presentation on April 13 at the Rife Center (2:00pm). The Pepees are

Penn State Extension Master Gardeners. Penn State Extension is dedicated to delivering science-based information to people, businesses and communities.

This briefing will address a wide range of questions. What do lantern flies look like at different stages of their life cycle? Are the bugs likely to kill plants and trees? What species are most vulnerable? What control measures are feasible? Do fly traps work? (Spoiler alert: sticky bands around tree trunks are likely to do more harm than good. The Pepees can explain why.)

The Pepees' presentation, to be followed by a Q&A period, is sponsored by the BV Ecology Team. The Master Gardener program, offered through universities in the United States and Canada, provides intensive horticultural training to volunteers who contribute to their communities by providing research-based information about home horticulture and pest management to the public through plant clinics, educational programs, demonstration gardens and other projects.

Bereavement Notifications

James Jones 2-26-23

Marie Leonard 3-2-23

Ralph Tygard 3-9-23

Julie Williams 3-12-23

Alfred Fritz 3-16-23

Jay House 3-19-23

Betty Kublic 3-19-23



Please Welcome our New Residents to Bethany Village

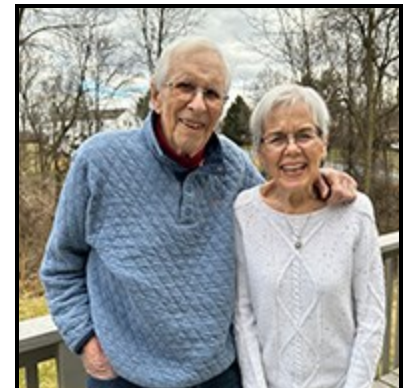
Amanda Price

Luke Lumby moved into West Apartment 3144. His phone number is 717-591-8639. Luke moved here from Mechanicsburg, PA. He has always worked hard and is still very active with his company Bag Processor's Inc. Luke loves British and Welsh culture. He loves to socialize and is excited to do that here at Bethany!

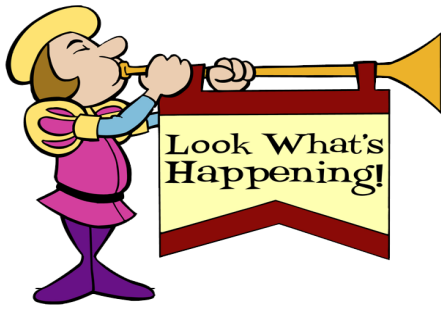


Pat Gilmore-Lee moved into Center Apartment 102. Her phone number is 717-919-4126. Pat moved here from Mechanicsburg, PA. She loves to knit and does that every Tuesday! Pat loves horses and even had one at one time on her "farmette" in Camp Hill. She is happy to be here at Bethany.

John and Carole Gilbert moved into West Apartment 2143. Their phone number is 717-591-8709. John is interested in arts and sports. He served in the Army and has even lived in Germany! He likes meeting new people. Carole worked in an Orthodontic Office. She enjoys house plants and reading. John and Carole have a dog named Benny that they adore! They are both looking forward to meeting new people here at Bethany.



Nancy Storer moved in Court Apartment 3306. Her phone number is 717-395-4031. Nancy is moving here from Harrisburg, Pa. She is originally from Maine and worked in Banking, then later worked in Insurance. Nancy loves spending time with her grandchildren. She is very involved in her Christian faith. Nancy is excited to meet new people here at Bethany.



The SCUTTLEBUTT Bulletin Board

What is Your Story?

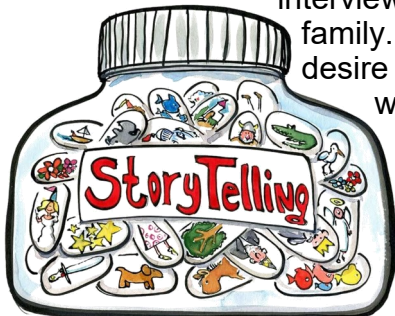
Barb Lewis

Everyone has a story. Much of the time, we even speak in stories to our family and friends. But all of us have untold stories, or ones which have been told but not passed down to succeeding generations (and some shouldn't be!).

Do you have some family history you'd like to make sure your grandchildren/ great grandchildren know about? Is it written down somewhere, or do you have a digital copy? Maybe you have a funny tale about how you learned to ride a bike, or about how you met your spouse, or maybe it's a serious account about how your faith got you through a serious illness. Or maybe it's memories of your own grandparents, or family participation in the world wars. Even something mundane to you may be of great interest to your grandchildren.



As a former teacher and would-be writer, I would LOVE to interview you and then make the notes into a story for your family. No cost. No obligation. No sharing with others. I just have a desire to help families capture memories important to them. You would receive both a printed and a digital copy.



I am working with my second person now. So far, the stories have been 2-4 pages each, which involves about 1-2 hours of interview time.. If you are interested, call me at 603-630-9205. We live in a West Cottage at 5282 Dogwood Ct.

THE SCUTTLEBUTT is a community bulletin board for announcements or communicating with our resident community. Included could be want ads, a brief thought to share, or thoughts for a new activity. If you would like your thoughts or ideas to fill this space, send them to dale.meadowcroft@gmail.com

Items of appropriate content, good for our community will be reviewed and published.