



Dear Residents, Family Members and Friends,

This newsletter is being sent to responsible parties listed as the primary contact for the residents of the Baldwin Care Center. This newsletter is being distributed to the residents of the Baldwin Care Center. Responsible parties can direct other family members and friends to the Baldwin Care Center website at www.baldwincarecenter.com to read current and previous newsletters. Birch Haven Assisted Living is sending newsletters to responsible parties. The Apartment Manager distributes copies to the Birchwood Apartment tenants. If there is a topic you would like discussed in the newsletter, please contact me via email at elafavor@baldwincarecenter.com or by phone at 715-684-3231, Ext. 103.



Last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention modified public health recommendations for people who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Wisconsin DHS endorses and supports adoption of the new standard for quarantine guidance. Provided that certain criteria are met, it is no longer required that vaccinated persons quarantine after close contact with a person with COVID-19. Because data about the duration of the vaccine-induced protection are still accumulating, the duration of quarantine exemption for vaccinated persons is currently limited to the 90 days after receiving the last dose in a vaccine series. Specifically, vaccinated people with an exposure to someone with COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet the following criteria: *Are fully vaccinated (i.e., exposure occurs > two weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or > two weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine) *Are within 90 days following receipt of the last dose in the series *Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure. Exceptions to the new quarantine recommendation exist for patients receiving inpatient care in a healthcare setting and residents of long-term care facilities. Patients and residents in these settings should continue to follow prior guidance requiring quarantine for 14 days after the date of the last exposure. This exception is due to the higher risk of severe illness and death amongst patients in these settings. Fully vaccinated healthcare personnel (HCP) with exposure to COVID-19 may be considered exempt from quarantine requirements under the new guidance. So vaccinated staff do not have to quarantine after exposure to someone with COVID-19.



On Monday, February 15th the Baldwin Care Center celebrated Valentine's Day by crowning the 2021 royalty. The new Valentine King and Queen are Brian Hurtgen and Inez Newton. We needed to modify our annual celebration a bit due to the quarantine that is in place on the Whispering Pines side of the building, but we had a great time. As I had mentioned in a previous newsletter, February 14th is the anniversary of the date that the Baldwin Care Center opened in 1972. Historically, we have celebrated with a Valentine Ball with live music and a dance. The residents who are crowned King and Queen represent the facility in the annual Baldwin Community Celebration (Windmill Days) that has recently been held in the month of June. The royalty have been a part of that parade for 30+ years. We are hopeful that some sort of community celebration will be able to be held this year.



The quarantine on the Whispering Pines side of the Baldwin Care Center continues this week after the staff COVID case on the 11th. There are no other COVID cases on the campus. Even with the quarantine on the Whispering Pines side, visiting booth visits continue. Visits are being scheduled every other week for residents and family members in the Baldwin Care Center. Since the visiting booths are completely enclosed, we feel it is a very safe way for family members to visit. Vestibule visits in Birchwood Apartments and Birch Haven Assisted Living continue. Please contact the Birchwood Apartment Manager or the Nurse Manager or Assistant Nurse Manager in those settings to schedule a visit.

Because of the positive staff COVID case, the Baldwin Care Center is conducting outbreak testing for all staff and residents. Residents and staff will be tested weekly for two weeks with a molecular test that is sent out to a laboratory for processing. All results will need to be negative for two weeks before quarantine can be lifted. Birch Haven Assisted Living and Birchwood Apartments continue to test all of their staff every two weeks with rapid tests. Tenants/Residents are tested if they become symptomatic. The COVID positivity rates continue to decline in St. Croix County and across the state. As more people become vaccinated we will see numbers decreasing even more. The second COVID-19 vaccine

clinic in both Birchwood Apartments and Birch Haven Assisted Living staff and residents will occur on Tuesday, February 23rd.



This week we have a BIG THANK YOU to pass along to the families of the late Evelyn and Richard Peterson that treated the staff on the entire campus to 6 inch Subway subs, chips, cookies and pop for lunch on Tuesday, February 16th. The family wanted to recognize the extra hard work of the entire staff this past year. The family indicated that the staff have not only cared for the residents medically, but have also been their families during the pandemic. Thank you to Barb and LeRoy Dull, Linda and Dean Peterson, Jean and Steven Peterson, Kristine and Richard Meunier, Ruth and Jerry Peterson, Joyce Peterson Kobilka and Gary Peterson. The meal was enjoyed by everyone! Thank you so much for thinking of us. Thank you so much for thinking of us. Thank you to Dorothy LaFavor's daughter, Holly Geck for the donuts for Birch Haven Assisted Living. They were delicious!

*Eileen LaFavor,
Administrator*

Valentine King & Queen 2021



 Inez Newton



 Brian Hurtgen



Fun with the
King of Rock n' Roll

