



Dear Residents, Family Members and Friends,

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

Since the last newsletter there have not been any cases of COVID-19 in either Baldwin Care Center, Birch Haven Assisted Living or Birchwood Apartments. However, the community transmissibility rate remains at a high level. The Baldwin Care Center continues to test staff who are not up-to-date with their vaccines twice weekly. Just a reminder to family and friends that you should be wearing a mask during your visit to any of the settings on the campus. Please stay home if you are not feeling well. Residents of the Baldwin Care Center received their second COVID-19 booster shots on May 17th. Some staff also received their first or second COVID-19 booster shot. The residents of Birch Haven Assisted Living and Birchwood Apartments will be receiving their COVID-19 boosters on June 7th.

I wanted to share some facts about Memorial Day. Here are 10 Things to Remember about Memorial Day: **1.** Memorial Day began as a response to the Civil War. The tremendous loss of life and its effect on communities led to several spontaneous commemorations of the dead. Groups of women decorated soldier's graves in various locations after the war. In Carbondale, Illinois, Union hero Major General John Logan delivered an address at a ceremony honoring fallen soldiers. This was recognized as the first organized, community wide Memorial Day service **2.** Major General John Logan made Memorial Day official. On May 5, 1868, Major General Logan issued General Order #11, which set aside May 30, "for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country." **3.** Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. The holiday was long known as Decoration Day thanks to the practice of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags. The name Memorial Day dates back to 1882, but the use of the term Decoration Day didn't disappear until after WWII. **4.** Memorial Day becomes a national holiday. New York state was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday in 1873. Most northern states followed suit by the 1890s. The South didn't adopt Memorial Day until after World War I. In 1971, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act shifted Memorial Day from May 30 to the last Monday in May. **5.** President Ulysses S. Grant presided over the first Memorial Day ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery on May 30, 1868. **6.** The remains of the first Unknown Soldier, a World War I fighter were interred on November 11, 1921 at Arlington National Cemetery. **7.** A group of Vietnam veterans organized a motorcycle ride with 2,500 participants to Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day weekend in 1988 to draw attention to Vietnam War soldiers still missing in action and prisoners of war. By 2018, the numbers were close to half a million riders. Virtual motorcycle rides continued during the pandemic. **8.** Memorial Day has its own set of customs. It is customary on Memorial Day to fly the flag at half staff until noon and then raise it to top of the staff until sunset. The World War I poem "In Flanders Fields" inspired the Memorial Day custom of wearing red artificial poppies. **9.** Some states still celebrate a Confederate Memorial Day. It is celebrated at the end of April in Alabama and Mississippi. Texas and Tennessee observe Confederate Heroes Day on January 19th. **10.** In 2000, Congress established a National Moment of Remembrance, which asks Americans to pause for one moment at 3 p.m. in an act of national unity. We all need to remember how fortunate we are to have the freedoms that we do and remember and thank the veterans that made those freedoms possible. Happy Memorial Day!



The Baldwin Care Center Campus will be recognizing the graduates who work here. Kendall Forehand is a CNA at the Baldwin Care Center. Zoe Henderson works in the Dietary department at the Baldwin Care Center and Ian Poitra, works in the office of the Baldwin Care Center. We appreciate their service to the residents of the Baldwin Care Center. We also have a resident, Phillip Thorn, who has been receiving services from the Baldwin-Woodville school district who will be recognized. We are planning an event to honor all of them and their accomplishments on June 7th. Congratulations, Graduates!

The Birchwood Apartments will be participating in the events that will be held in conjunction with Windmill Days. The Birchwood Apartment tenants have been working hard preparing for a Craft Sale to be held in conjunction with the Garage Sales throughout the community on Friday, June 10th. The hours for the Craft Sale are 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. We hope to see you there!



I am wondering if there is anyone who might have an interest in greeting visitors and making certain visitors are screened for COVID-19 at the Baldwin Care Center? We currently have a volunteer who works on Wednesdays. If anyone has an interest in volunteering any other day of the work week, please contact me via email or by phone. Volunteers should have received the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and one booster to be considered up-to-date with their vaccines. Thanks!

*Eileen LaFavor,
Administrator*



BCC at 45th



Thank you to Baldwin Christian School for helping to clean-up branches and flower beds at Birchwood



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