



Dear Residents, Family Members and Friends,

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



We did not have room in the last newsletter for the photos from the Windmill Days parade. I had the privilege of taking the Valentine King and Queen in the parade this year. It was great to be able to get out and see people lined up on the streets after last year's hiatus. This year the King was Brian Hurtgen and the Queen was Inez Newton. Inez was a resident at the Baldwin Care Center during the time that we celebrated our Valentine Ball. Inez is currently a tenant at the Birchwood apartments. For as many years as I can remember we have taken part in the Baldwin community celebration by participating in the parade. Initially we borrowed a convertible to take the residents in the parade. Then I decided to purchase a convertible. For many years I had a 1994 Chrysler convertible. In 2020 it was time for an upgrade. I purchased a bright blue 2007 Ford Mustang shortly before the 2020 parade would have been held. So "Millie the Mustang" had to wait until this year for her debut performance. Millie is named after a favorite aunt of mine. It was a lot of fun listening to parade watchers call out the names of the King and Queen. I was touched that several parade goers along the route shouted "Thank you for everything you do". It has been a difficult 15 months since the pandemic began. It was awesome to get back to some sense of normalcy celebrating Windmill Days.

The plans of correction for the statements of deficiency from the recent survey were submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Quality Assurance for review and approval. Many of the building issues that were cited were easy fixes such as caulking an area that is in the ceiling, moving an item that was in front of an electrical panel, marking the oxygen area to clearly indicate empty and full tanks. Improvements needed to be made by the Environmental Services department in the process of documenting fire drills and fire extinguisher checks. The facility also has to submit plans to the state for placement of a sprinkler head in a location behind the dryers. The sprinkler head was not part of the original plan when the facility opened. The health deficiencies cited have already been corrected. One was regarding a medication reduction for a resident and the other plan of correction involves providing education to the nursing staff regarding storage of medications. The great results of this year's survey are due to the wonderful staff of the Baldwin Care Center! I appreciate everything that the staff does for the residents.



The Baldwin Care Center campus would like to welcome the new staff in the Environmental Services Department. Kevin Brathol began working on May 17th as the Maintenance Technician. Kevin replaced LeRoy Dull who retired. Kevin had prior experience working for the Baldwin-Woodville school district. We welcome Warren Hanson to the role of Director of Environmental Services. Warren began his responsibilities on June 14th. Warren has prior experience as a Director of Environmental Services at another senior campus. Warren and Kevin are doing a great job. They make a great team.

The changes in the visiting policy seems to be going well. The expansion of the visiting hours is appreciated by everyone. I know residents and family members are enjoying being able to visit longer. The visiting guidance from the federal and state regulatory agencies has not changed. Facilities still need to have visitors complete a health questionnaire and have their temperature taken. Visitors must remain masked while in the hallway on their way to visit residents in their rooms. We are still unable to accommodate family coming in to eat with residents. Residents continue to enjoy being able to eat in the dining room with friends and attend group activities. The guidance still indicates that if an unvaccinated resident attends an activity, all residents must wear a mask. Residents who are not vaccinated still need to be seated six feet away while dining. As always, when any of this guidance changes, I will be sharing it with you.



This week I would like to thank the family and friends of Baldwin Care Center resident Darlene Martena Johnson. They provided a pizza lunch for all of the staff of the Baldwin Care Center as a thank you to staff for the care that Martena received while she was a resident of the Baldwin Care Center. Martena's family also donated a beautiful hutch to the facility. Family wanted to assist with the fundraising for the new vehicle for the campus. We will be raffling off the hutch which is currently displayed in the Woodland Heights den. Proceeds will go towards the vehicle fund. We will have raffle tickets available soon.

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