


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 Assisted Living 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 and friends to the Baldwin Care Center website at www.baldwincarecenter.com to read current and previous newsletters. If there is a topic that 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.



I have something really fun and interesting to share with you. Stacy Lardahl, Care Coordinator for the Woodland Heights Neighborhood purchased a Butterfly Farm. She set the farm up close to the main entrance of the building. It has been very interesting and entertaining watching the transformation from caterpillar to chrysalis to beautiful butterfly over the past couple of weeks. There are residents who were checking it every day to see the progress. The release of the butterflies on Thursday, April 22nd was quite an event. Residents and staff went outdoors to watch the release. We felt it was quite an appropriate day to do the release. April 22nd is Earth Day. I believe many of our residents would remember this date as Arbor Day. I guess you don't have to be that old to remember Arbor Day. When I was growing up it was still called Arbor Day. The first Earth Day was scheduled on the date that was recognized as Arbor Day on April 22, 1970.



The COVID-19 positivity rate in St. Croix County continues to be at a level that requires us to test staff every week. The positivity rate is currently over 5%. I think it is easy to get nonchalant about restrictions regarding COVID-19 especially in the community since we have not been hearing about as many hospitalizations or deaths. Part of the reason we have not been hearing about as many hospitalizations or deaths is because the vaccine has proven to be effective in reducing hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID. We must remain vigilant in following strict infection control practices. Just a reminder that the guidance for mask wearing is different for people in the community than it is for residents in long term care facilities or assisted living facilities. Fully vaccinated people in the community may meet with one another and not wear masks. The guidance for residents in congregate settings like assisted living and nursing facilities continues to be that masks should be worn. The visitation guidelines for the Baldwin Care Center campus indicate that both residents and visitors should wear a mask during visits. As a reminder, some highlights of the visitation guidance include completion of a screening form and having your temperature taken. We are required to do this each time a visitor enters the facility. Social distancing should be practiced while in the room. The suggested length of time to visit is one hour. If special circumstances arise, such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. the length of time for visits can be adjusted. Please let us know if you need additional time for a visit. No more than two people can visit at one time. A child counts as one visitor and they should be able to wear a mask during the entire visit. Thank you for continuing to follow the visitation rules. If you have any questions about visitation, please feel free to contact me at the Baldwin Care Center. Kayla Ridley or Heidi Fink can be contacted at Birch Haven Assisted Living. You can contact Jenell Neidermyer at Birchwood Apartments with any questions that you might have.

At the Baldwin Care Center entrance, we have some new screeners. We have enlisted the help of two volunteers to help with the screening process at the door. Chris Dopkins, BCC volunteer, is screening visitors on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Mary Frey, who is Baldwin Care Center resident Iris Nadeau's daughter, is screening visitors on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday mornings. Both of the volunteers are fully vaccinated. Both Chris and Mary will also participate in the weekly COVID-19 testing with the staff. We want to send out a great big THANK YOU to both of them for their assistance with this. We greatly appreciate it!

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OUR VOLUNTEERS



The donations for vehicle fund continue to come in. Thank you to Brian and Marlene Hurtgen for their recent donation. We were able to get a new catalytic converter for the bus, so that is back in service for the time being. The bus is the vehicle that we would like to replace first. We are still in search of a bus. As I indicated in an earlier newsletter, larger vehicles are not as readily available as the smaller transport vehicles. Thank you to everyone one who has made donations to this cause. We appreciate your support in this effort.

Eileen LaFavor,
Administrator

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Arlene Goossman (April 21st)

Lucy Crosby (April 23rd)

Doris Hansen (April 24th)

& Anneliese Michels (April 24th)

