



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 the 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 we have not had any cases of COVID-19 on the campus and we have not seen any of the gastrointestinal cases we were experiencing. When we are not experiencing any COVID-19 cases we do not need to COVID test all of the staff. When we have a case of COVID-19 we test all staff and residents until there are no new cases for two weeks. When there are no cases in the facility, we are still required to test staff whose vaccination status is considered not "up-to-date". In order to be "up-to-date" staff must have had the primary vaccine series (one or two shots) and a booster. The frequency of testing varies with the community transmission rate of COVID-19 in the county. Recently the community transmission rate has been lower so we are testing staff who are not up-to-date once a week. The campus is working with Village Pharmacy currently to get the second COVID-19 booster vaccine for residents and staff over 50.



We have long been waiting Spring this year. I have been feeling bad for the birds that came back anticipating that it would be warm in Wisconsin. Residents of the campus have been discussing activities for Spring. Birch Haven residents discussed grilled items that they are looking forward to eating. The tenants of Birchwood Apartments are looking forward to planting flowers in the raised gardens. The

Birchwood Apartment tenants are also busy making items for the Craft Sale that will be held on June 11th in conjunction with Windmill Days, the Baldwin community celebration. I would like to pass along a request from the Birchwood Apartments. We are looking for stretchy watchbands for use with the emergency pendants that the tenants use. Some wear the pendant on a chain around their neck, but other tenants prefer to wear the pendant on their wrist. The wristband that is available is made from plastic and is not the most comfortable for tenants. So if you have a watchband from a watch that no longer works, please consider donating it to the Birchwood Apartments. The watchbands can be dropped off at any of the locations on the campus that you might be visiting.



Recently I had the opportunity to meet with and provide a tour to staff from Western Wisconsin Health (WWH). The new CEO, Eilidh Pederson, the Chief Administrative Officer Charlie Forbush and the Discharge Planner, Morgan Ista visited the campus. Some managers from Baldwin Care Center, Birch Haven

Assisted Living and Birchwood Apartments discussed services available in each setting on the campus with the staff from WWH. WWH staff found the information very informative and enjoyed the tour. The Baldwin Care Center Campus is very fortunate to have Western Wisconsin Health provide physician services to the entire campus. Several providers come to the campus. Dr. Kathleen Findlay is the Medical Director for the campus and is normally rounding twice per week seeing residents who live at the Baldwin Care Center. Andrea Burns, NP provides medical services to residents of Birch Haven Assisted Living and tenants of the Birchwood Apartments. Andrea rounds regularly at these locations. This is such an incredibly convenient service for our residents so that they do not have to be transported outside the building to a clinic. We are also very lucky to have Nicole Szudy Buatala, a psychiatric nurse practitioner sees residents on the campus. Western Wisconsin

Health also provides lab services to residents on the campus. This is so much easier than sending residents out for lab draws. We are so fortunate to have Western Wisconsin Health as a local partner providing health care services to the Baldwin Care Center, Birch Haven Assisted Living and Birchwood Apartments. We look forward to potentially expanding our collaborative relationship in the future.



I would like to thank the family of Baldwin Care Center resident Doris Hansen for the delicious birthday cake for residents and staff. Baldwin Care Center employee Dollie Niemann treated staff to donuts. They were delicious. Thank you!

*Eileen LaFavor,
Administrator*



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**Happy
Birthday!**



Doris Hansen