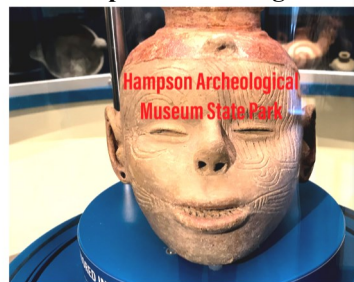


# THE VILLAGE VOICE

Maintenance making a new wheelchair accessible walkway to the office.  
Nice work Reggie, Tommy & Simon!



Hampson Archeological Museum State Park



Birthday Party  
Bingo Winners



Coffee



Lambert's Big Portions



Veterans Day State Flag Plaza #VeteransDay



# THE VILLAGE VOICE

## November Fall Colors Country Roads of Southern Missouri Trip

We had a lovely trip driving through rolling hills and winding country roads of Scott County, Missouri. The Fall colors were so lovely next to the Mississippi River. We had a special lunch at the Riverhouse next to the Mississippi River and then traveled to the Yule Log Cabin Christmas Store that had over a hundred different decorated Christmas trees.



## Merry Christmas

It's the most wonderful time of the year!! I absolutely love the Christmas and New Year Holidays! The parties, the

togetherness, and the shopping!! I'm not a black Friday kind of shopper, but I do like to shop! My first experience with black Friday I was 9 years old I believe and was pretty traumatic. I was at K-Mart, yes



we had one, with my mom, grandmother and one of my aunts. It was the first year that the Cabbage patch dolls came out. I wanted a preemie which was not real easy to come by, but I wanted one real bad. The sweet smell of baby powder on these dolls was so cool and their chubby little cheeks were irresistible, even for a 9 year old. So, here I am, face pressed against the door. Not by choice but I was shorter and all the adults were pushing my face against the glass waiting for their chance to run. I didn't dare turn around. Here I am, nose to belly with all these people, so I faced forward and I concentrated on my mission. My mom had come up with a plan. I had clear instructions on how to obtain my little Preemie Cabbage Patch doll. As soon as the door would open I was to run as fast as I could and go straight to the toy department and grab my doll. Sounds easy enough right? Not so fast. The doors open and the first thing I lose is a shoe. So here I am, one shoe running to the toy department. I get there and the one that I want is on the top shelf, too high for me to reach. So I did what any other kid would do, I started climbing. Up and UP I go and I got her!! I bear hug her in one arm as I'm climbing down with the other and BAM!! She is snatched from my hand! I look to see and pray it was my mom or grandmother but nope, it's some woman I didn't know! I then quickly grabbed it back. Now I was taught how to respect my elders. But c'mon she just yanked it from my grasps, so I yanked it back. She then proceeds to yell at me and tell me to give her the doll back and I said "no! I had it first!" About that time, the woman grabs me by my arm and proceeds to try and yank me but then stops! Dead in her tracks!

My grandmother has come to my rescue. This could get really ugly. My grandmother was an easy goin sweet lady until you messed with one of her grandkids! My grandmother simply says, "You'll let go of my granddaughter if you know what's good for you." The woman then starts to tell her that I grabbed the doll from her. My grandmother got closer to her and gives her the death ray stare right into her eyes and says "OOOONNNEEEE, TWWWOOOOOO. I knew what happened at 3, but this woman didn't know? By the time she gets to three the woman backs up and my grandmother grabs me to hide behind her. So as you see, my first black Friday was a traumatic one! (Continued on page 2)



### Our Mission Statement

Westminster Village is committed to providing an environment that encourages and enables our residents to enjoy life to the maximum of their capabilities in a relaxed atmosphere of security, comfort and dignity.





(Continued from main cover)

As I sit here writing this article I can't believe that the year is almost over! I can remember as a teenager thinking I'd never see 2020 and here it is. It just seemed so far away. I can't wait to see everyone at our holiday party. We are combining Christmas and New Year's together in one great dinner. It just made sense to combine them so that you all could plan what you needed to with family or friends and it not take up two dates.

We have finally seen some police presence here on the village. We know this because Leslie was stopped twice in two days. She was doing her usual thing working on guest houses and the officer stopped her to see what she was doing. She showed her name tag both times and he knew all was well. I did want to tell you though, if you see or hear anyone in your yard around your house at night, call the police first and then call the help line. More than likely it's kids from the Bowling Alley, but they need to know they can't hang out here. It's a scary world out there and it's even scarier if you live alone and hear commotion outside your home created by a group of kids. We will do all we can to help remedy

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, God Bless each of you.

Sincerely,

Tammy Swanson,  
Executive Director



**Arkansas Northeastern College**  
**Choral & Band Concert**  
**Sing We All Noel**  
3 PM Sunday, December 8th  
Adams Vine Recital Halls



## Westminster Village Residents and Staff Happy Holidays Dinner.

**Thursday, December 19th, 6 p.m. in the Ramey Center. We will have Ham, Turkey, Dressing & Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Salad, Rolls, and Cake with Ice Cream.**

**Tea and coffee will be provided.**

**You must sign up by Friday,  
December 13th.  
You will receive your reserved dinner  
ticket at the dinner.**

**Sponsored by Resident Funds and  
Resident Services.**



**Baking something special for the  
Police & Fire Departments  
for Christmas!**

**Monday, December 17th  
Bring your baked cookies or cake  
to the Ramey Center at 2 PM.  
We will deliver to the goodies.**



**Come to the office on  
Wednesday, the 18th  
from 1 to 4 to judge the  
office doors. Refreshments  
will be served.**



**Don't forget about the 11/12 program.  
Earn more interest than you can get from the bank!  
Call the accounting office for more information about  
this program.**

**Westminster Village is a 501(c)3  
non-profit corporation**

## Count Down to 2020!



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### DECEMBER

Minnie Spencer	9th
Vernon Burton	11th
Edith Sellers	11th
Debra Prince	12th
Alberta Miller	13th
Delia Partlow	13th
Sandra Cothran	14th
Sammie Hayes	14th
Judy Byrd	16th
William Brandon	18th
Diane Somers	18th
Carolyn Crump	20th
Arthur Arnold	21st
Cynthia Petty	21st
Bill Labonte	22nd
Elma Hampton	24th
Becky Harrington	24th
Jerry Lindsey	25th
Emma Burns	26th
Bell Watkins	26th
Brenda Omusi	27th
Laurie Bass	29th

## New Neighbors

**Dennis Darby  
Fontella Falls  
Tammy Frazer  
Sonja Gibson**

## Move In Anniversaries

Wanda Dye	18 Years
Leroy & Leona Tate	14 Years
Becky Harrington	11 Years
Merrill & Nancy Frame	4 Years
Annie Conley	2 Years
Rickey Green	2 Years

**Faith In Action** offers the following services: Light Housekeeping - Respite Care - Local Transportation - Letter Writing - Telephone Reassurance. **If you need a ride you must have an application on file and give 24-hour notice. Please call 532-1501 for more information.**



### Thunder Bayou Golf Course

is ranked # 4 in the state of Arkansas Call Tony, Van or Ron for more information. 532-2621.

**The Advisory Committee :** Edith Sellers, Loretta Heard, Bob Scott, Mary Rixse, Ann Campbell, Gary Walker, Jack and Anita Thompson

### Westminster Village Directors

<b>Tammy Swanson</b>	Executive Director
<b>Cindy Williamson</b>	Administrative
<b>Leslie Acred</b>	Marketing
<b>Kendall Berry</b>	Resident Services
<b>Butch Sanders</b>	Environmental Services
<b>Angela Presnell</b>	Accounting
<b>Peggy Kenner</b>	Wellness Nurse

### Board Members

David King, Bruce Young, Beth Fitzgerald,  
Helen Milam, Roger Oldham, Bob Ramey,  
Janet Robertson, Bill Sullivan, Judge David Burnett,  
Glen Whitener, Pastor Mike Wey

### Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	Pastor Mike Wey
<b>Vice President</b>	Janet Robertson
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Roger Oldham
<b>Finance Chairman</b>	Bob Ramey

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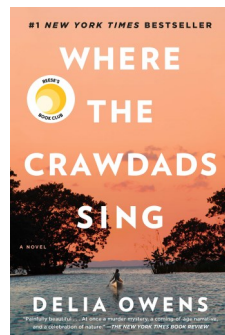
## Veterans

Jim Dixon, the Mississippi County Veterans Service Office, is available at our Westminster Library each Thursday afternoon from 1 - 4:30 in the paperback book room. Jim is here to answer questions and help veterans and their families with their retirement, medical assistance and surviving spouse benefits. Stop by the Library any Thursday afternoon to meet Jim and allow him to assist you in locating the information and resources about your Veteran's Benefits.





The Westminster Village Book Club will meet at Ann Campbell's house Wednesday, December 11th at 1 PM The Book Club will be having their Christmas Party while discussing the book **"Where The Crawdad's Sing"** by Delia Owens



### Morning Exercise with Peggy

Mondays and Thursdays  
9 a.m. in the Ramey Center Gym. Bring a bottle of water for hydration.



### Stretch and Stress Relief

with Peggy on Mondays and Thursdays at 11:45 noon in the Ramey Center.



### Village Library News

The volunteers at the Westminster Village Library want to wish you a beautiful holiday season, **Merry Christmas and peace in the New Year 2020.**

Thank you from your library volunteers: Doris Marks, Loretta Heard, Eileen Thurman, Donna Clayton, Nancy Frame, Emma Burns, and Beverly Trusky.



## Elf Mail

It's that time of year again. Elfie wants to remind you about the Big Mail Box in the Ramey Center for you to send cards to all the residents in the Village. The Elves are planning to set up the Mail Box on Friday, December 6th. You can start bringing your cards on Friday, December 6th. Please address your cards with Name and Address. **NO STAMPS ARE NEEDED!!!!** Please remember to not write on the back of the face of the card so we can recycle the cards for the Blytheville Abilities Unlimited. Please bring your cards for delivery to residents from December 6th thru December 20th. You can pick up your cards when ever you come to the Ramey Center. Put your cards in the BIG Mail Box only, the Elves will do the rest. Thank you Eileen Thurman, Chairman Elf.

See ya'll soon!



## WOW Breakfast Potluck

Saturday, December 14th  
10 AM

Fix a breakfast specialty to share.



A Box is in the Ramey Center for donation items for the Haven  
Need Bleach, Cleaning Supplies,

Bath Towels, Ladies & Kids Pj's  
Toddler & Kids Socks  
Ladies Khaki & Black Pants  
The Haven 532-6669



WOW is helping the Blytheville Humane Society. Donate cleaning supplies, blankets and old clean towels. Put items in the Humane Society Box in the Ramey Center.

## WOW

Women of Westminster are collecting coats & canned goods for Thanksgiving & Christmas for the Blytheville Food Pantry. You can bring your non-perishable food and coats donations to the Ramey Center all year long. Canned Vienna Sausage really helps people. Just put your items in the box provided. If you would like to donate money \$ to the Pantry send your check to: Blytheville-Gosnell Area Food Pantry 122 W Main St, Blytheville, AR 72315 (870) 762-9999



**Merry Christmas! It is time to get into the Christmas spirit!**

Thursday the 5th 6:30 PM the Blytheville Christmas Parade

Arkansas Northeastern College Community Christmas Adams Vine Recital Hall Sunday the 8th 3 PM

10 AM Jonesboro Shopping Day Friday the 6th

10 AM Dyersburg Shopping Day Friday the 13th

Baked Goods for the Police & Fire Departments Monday, 16th 2 pm

Wednesday the 18th Office Door Judging 1 to 4

Resident Door Contest Winners will be announced at Coffee on the 19th

Holiday Dinner on Thursday the 19th 6 PM

### Ramey Center Christmas Decoration

Days 3rd & 4th We will start decorating the Ramey Center on Tuesday the 3rd 9 to 12 & 1 to 3. We will continue decorating Wednesday the 4th 9 to 11 then go to lunch. Come help out decorating the Ramey Center for Christmas. We will go to Benny Bob's for lunch on Wednesday the 5th at 11.



### Shopping Days

Friday, December 6th at 10 a.m. we are going to Jonesboro for shopping

at the Mall and lunch in Jonesboro.

Friday, December 13th at 10 a.m. we are going to the Dyersburg Grecian and Shopping.

Sign up with the front desk to be a part of these outings.

**Merry Christmas!** Looking forward to a very happy new year in 2020. God Bless, Westminster Village!

## Merry Christmas Potluck

Wednesday, December 25th at 2 p.m. on Christmas day. Residents will dine in the Ramey Center. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Turkey and ham will be provided.

We need dressing, gravy, deviled eggs, and much more.

Sign up with the front desk.

Please let the front desk know what



### Christmas Door Decorating Contest

We want to see your Christmas spirit. Sign up with the front desk if you would like to participate in the WMV "Best Christmas Door" decorating contest. There will be first, second, and third place prizes. Decorating begins December 1st. Resident doors need to be finished and ready for judging by 12 noon Monday the 16th. The judges will pick the winners to be announced at the Thursday, December 19th Coffee.

Do not forget to **Sign Up** with the front desk to be included in the contest.

## Resident New Years Eve Party

9 to 12 midnight in the Ramey Center  
Tuesday, December 31st

Bring something to share.  
Dress casual.

Please sign up with the front desk.

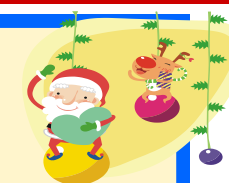
## BINGO

Birthday & Move-In Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday December 17th

3:00 PM in the Ramey Center

Must be present to win prizes.







# Village Voice December 2019



## Sun

## Mon

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## Wed

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**White Elephant**  
**9 - 1**



## Fri

**White Elephant**  
**9 - 1**



## Sat

**White Elephant**  
**8 - 2**

Show off your creative Holiday style! Decorate your door! Enter the Door Contest! Pg 3

<b>1</b>  <small>Christmas isn't a season It's a feeling. -Edna Ferber</small>	<b>2</b> 9 AM Exercise Class RC 10 Fall Prevention RC Wellness Clinic 11 AM - 11:30 11:45 Stress Relief 5:30 TOPS	<b>3</b> 9 - 11 Decorating the Ramey 1 PM ELF MAIL MEETING RC 1 - 3 Decorating the Ramey 5 Osceola Bingo	<b>4</b> 9 AM Decorating the Ramey 11 AM El Acapulco Sign up!	<b>5</b> 9 AM Exercise Class RC 10 AM COFFEE Physical Therapy House Calls Wellness Clinic 10AM - 12 PM 11:45 Stress Relief 2 PM Crafty Ones CH 1 - 4:30 VA in the Library	<b>6</b>  Elf Mail Begins Friday the 6th 10 AM Shopping & Lunch Jonesboro Sign up! Pg 3 5:30 PM Line Dancing RC 6 PM Mexican Train Dominoes RC	<b>7</b> Bob Scott Memorial 1 to 3 Ramey Center All are invited!
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<b>22</b>  HAPPY HANUKKAH	<b>23</b> 9 AM Exercise Class RC 10 Fall Prevention RC Last Day Wellness Clinic 11 AM - 11:30 11:45 Stress Relief 5:30 TOPS	<b>24</b>  Christmas Eve Office Closed	<b>25</b>  2 PM Christmas Potluck in the Ramey Center pg 3 Office Closed	<b>26</b> NO EXERCISE NO COFFEE White Elephant Closed	<b>27</b>  5:30 PM Line Dancing RC 6 PM Mexican Train Dominoes RC	<b>28</b>  1:00 Rummikub RC
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