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Marion Erwin's presentation of the First Ladies. Marion is a resident at Westminster Village. She painted each portrait and gave an interesting talk.



Resident's enjoyed a night of dinner and entertainment.

## Valentine's Banquet



## Tammy Talk Spring is Here!



Well the little groundhog told us we will see an early spring! I sure hope he is right! I will miss my winter wardrobe and you ladies' know what I mean. We all find that cute cozy outfit that we don't wanna part with, but I am looking forward to wearing something nice on a warm spring day! Bring that sunshine on! As spring approaches, we will see a lot of change. We are experiencing quite a bit of change lately and that's ok. With change, we grow. With change we learn. We will be doing a spring cleanup campaign on the property to make sure that our neighborhoods are cared for and clean. If you are needing some help with things that have accumulated in your carports, please contact the office and we will get a plan together to come help you clean it up if we need to. If you are able to do it please start and lets get the village looking as nice as we can get it. It's looking like April is when we will start the tear down of the houses. There will be a mess here for a little bit, so the best head start we can get on our homes, the better.

We also need to know if you have anything in the overflow parking? If you have something there, Please take a picture of your property and bring your information to the office.

We are planning on refreshing the village trail this year. We will paint and pressure wash and I have a call in to Black Hills Energy to see if they can help us on a pavilion for the concrete slab out there. Picnic tables, a couple of charcoal grills? Please give us your feedback on what you would like to see done to the Village Trail that will help you to utilize it more. We will have your Eclipse Party there! Sack lunches, music, and glow sticks so bring your favorite lawn chair!

We want to welcome Alley back to work! We missed her very much but she had to go and bring a life into the world! Sweet little Theodore (teddy bear) is perfection! We also would like to Welcome Kevin'una (or Keke for short) as our new receptionist! Alley, has been moved up to Assistant Accounting because Jennifer has moved up to Accounting Director! We will miss Angela so much, but we understand why she needs to move on. Angela, please know that we love you and will miss you terribly! I would also like to thank Mary Dyer for all her hard work and dedication to the front desk while Alley was out. Mary, you are a godsend! We appreciate you so much! I need to let everyone know that we are still looking for volunteers for the white elephant! Great perks come to great volunteers! If running the sales desk is not something you want to do, then maybe sorting and pricing is?

Beginning immediately, you will now be able to put things you need disposed of on the curb on SUNDAY nights only. This would be anything that would normally go to the dumpster, for example: furniture, tv's, mattresses etc. The city is bringing the claw truck out every Monday to pick up these items. Please understand that if you put something out on any other day, you will be subject to clean up fees if we pick it up. Please only put it on the curbs on Sunday nights. The city is also getting a plan together to repair our road issues here, clean out the manholes and finally get all the leaves out and stop the flooding. They have a lot to do here and it will take a while to do, so I'm asking for patience.

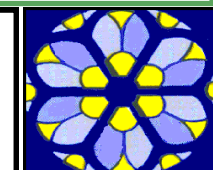
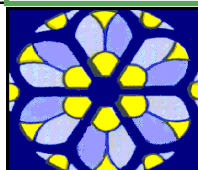
Please remember that my door is always open, so is my heart and mind. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please, make an appointment with me or give me a call. I'm all ears.

God Bless us All,  
Tammy Swanson, Executive Director



### 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.



**Lunch at Tackers Shake Shack In Manila**



**March 5**  
Leave the RC at 10:45  
Please sign up if you plan to go.



**March 1**  
12 noon  
Grilled Hamburgers & Chips Lunch  
Ramey Center / Please Sign Up



### BINGO

Birthday & Move-In Anniversary



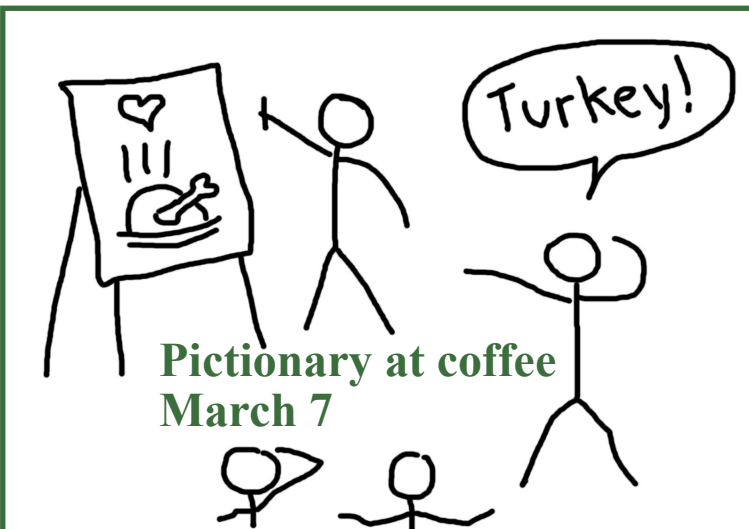
**Tuesday**  
**March 19th**

2:00 PM Ramey Center

Note: There is some confusion that only residents with birthdays and move in anniversaries are allowed at this event.

**All residents are welcome.**

*Must be present to win prizes.*



**Pictionary at coffee**  
**March 7**



**St. Patrick's**  
**Friday, March 15th**  
12:00 noon in the Ramey Center

**Irish Menu**  
**Potato Bar**

Everyone can be Irish... Wear Green  
**Please sign up!**



**Thunder Bayou Golf Course**  
is ranked # 4 in the state of Arkansas.  
Call 532-2621 for more information. .

# CRAFTY ONES

## 2 PM Thursday the 7th & 21st in the Craft Hut

### Westminster Village Directors

**Tammy Swanson** Executive Director  
**Cindy Williamson** Administrative Director  
**Leslie Acred** Marketing Director  
Resident Services Director  
**Butch Sanders** Environmental Services  
**Jennifer Stigall** Accounting Director

### Board Members

**President** Janet Robertson  
**Vice President** Beth Fitzgerald  
**Secretary/Treasurer** Roger Oldham  
Jeremy Bennett, Billy Curl, Tom Henry, David King, Victoria Sierra, Bill Sullivan, Gary Swain  
Westminster Village is a 501(c)3

### The Advisory Committee:

Loretta Heard, Annie Campbell, Gary Walker, Tommy Hayes, Vicki Schrimsher, Patty Guttridge

The Advisory Committee serves as a voice for the residents of Westminster Village. The office has an open door policy. Residents are welcome to call or come by anytime. However if you prefer to speak to someone on the Advisory Committee instead they will bring your concerns to management at the monthly meeting. The Advisory Committee meets at 1:30 the second Tuesday of the month.

### Monday & Thursday Morning Exercise in the Ramey Center

Bring a bottle of water for hydration.

### 9 AM Exercise

We continue to advertise exercise on Mondays and Thursdays. Residents are welcome to continue to come together to work out. We are looking for someone to lead the exercise program but have been unsuccessful so far in our efforts. We ask that you continue to be patient with us in our search.

**Remember, you can always find the most current Village Voice in full color online at**  
**<http://www.wmv.org/newsletters>**



5215 Southside Drive  
Blytheville, AR 72315  
(870) 532-4100

**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.

**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.**

# Happy Birthday

## March Birthdays

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark McCormick
- 4<sup>th</sup> Art Prince
- 11<sup>th</sup> John Calvert
- 13<sup>th</sup> Karin Swanson
- 25<sup>th</sup> Debbie Ellis



## Employees

- 1st Reggie Craig

New Move In Gloria Barnes

Call the office to schedule a time to pick up items too big for the garbage can. We do not pick up furniture, mattresses, box springs, bedding, etc. Big items are only picked up Monday – Friday. Cost for pick up may vary.

Please DO NOT leave containers with liquids on the curb for security to pick up. These containers tend to spill on the guards.



The Westminster Village Book Club meets **Wednesday, March 13th at 2 p.m.** in the Ramey Center.

The book will be **Dirt Creek** by Hayley Scrivenor.

All are welcome to attend.

Be sure and purchase your protective eclipse glasses at the front desk. \$2 each. You will need the glasses if you want to see the eclipse April 8.



# Move In Anniversaries

- Sandra Harris 8 years
- Emma Burns 5 Years
- Paul Crump 5 Years
- Mark & Sheryl Tomlinson 3 Years
- Jeannean Smith-Beamon 2 Years
- Johnny Williams 3 Years
- Daniel & Connie Bromley 2 Years
- Shelia Martin 1 Year
- Coach Cleo Massey 1 Year
- Phyllis McCanless 1 Year
- Paul Peiffer 1 Year

## Library News Wednesdays 8-10 Fridays 1-3



The Doris Marks Village Library is a special treasure for our Village! With thousands of books to choose from as well as a place for residents to relax and read. Come check out something to read and relax with!

The library volunteers will be at the library Wednesdays and Fridays. Residents are free to go to the library any time.

Happy Reading from the library volunteers. Residents wanting to volunteer should contact Loretta Heard.

## CUP BINGO

A new spin on BINGO using solo cups.

Join us for coffee.  
March 8



We wish Kendall Berry luck and happiness in his future endeavors. Kendall served as Resident Services Director for 15 years. His dedication to the residents was appreciated. In the interim, while looking to fill this position we strive to keep events and activities running smoothly for our residents. We continue to look for fun and interesting events and activities. Suggestions from residents are encouraged and welcomed.

## Tammy's Tips

Join us at coffee on March 21 for a make-up tutorial led by our very own Tammy Swanson. Not just for women. Guys you will enjoy this also. Tammy will talk about skincare too.



Meet Kevin'una Orr, otherwise known as Keke. Keke is Westminster Village's new receptionist.

After 16 years, Angela Hollins has given up her title as Accounting Director. No other employee has surpassed her continued dedication to the company. Her knowledge of the history of Westminster Village will be greatly missed. Angela will be missed. We wish her much luck, success and happiness with her future endeavors.



**Tuesday, March 26**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Ramey Center**  
*Resident, Merrill Frame*  
*Presentation on Pottery.*

# March 2024 - Village Voice

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**  
Library 8 to 10 AM

**Thu**

**Fri**  
White Elephant 10 to 3

**Sat**  
White Elephant 10 to 3

**Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10th set your clock forward 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday the 9th.**

ANC - Arkansas Northeastern College  
RC - Ramey Center  
CH - Craft Hut

**3**

**4**  
9AM Exercise class RC  
**5:30 TOPS**

**5**  
  
**Lunch at Tackers Shake Shack, Manila, eave RC at 10:45 am**

**6**

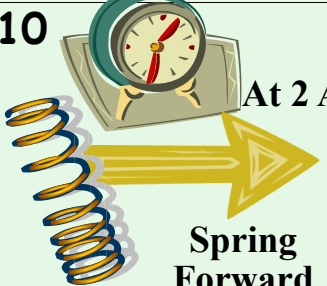
**7**  
9am Exercise Class RC  
9:30 Mingle  
10am Coffee—Pictionary  
  
2pm Crafty Ones CH

**1**  
**12 noon Grilled Hamburgers & Chips Lunch RC Sign Up!**  
4:30 Resident Dance RC  
6 PM Mexican Train Dominoes RC

**2**  
White Elephant 10 to 3

**8**  
White Elephant 10 to 3  
4:30 Resident Dance RC  
6 PM Mexican Train Dominoes RC

**9**  
White Elephant 10 to 3

**10**  
  
At 2 A.M.  
**Spring Forward**

**11**  
9AM Exercise class RC  
**5:30 TOPS**

**12**  
**Advisory 1:30pm RC**

**13**  
**2pm Book Club Doris Marks Library**

**14**  
9am Exercise Class RC  
9:30 Mingle  
10am Coffee—Bring your t-shirt to coffee to decorate for the eclipse

**15**  
**St. Patrick's Luncheon 12:00 noon RC**  
  
White Elephant 10 to 3  
4:30 Resident Dance RC  
6 PM Mexican Train Dominoes RC

**16**  
White Elephant 10 to 3

**17**  
  
**HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY**

**18**  
9AM Exercise class RC  
**5:30 TOPS**

**19**  
**First Day of Spring Lemonade / Snacks 2pm / RC Birthday / Move In Bingo**

**20**


**21**  
9am Exercise Class RC  
9:30 Mingle  
10am Coffee—Tammy's make up tips  
  
2pm Crafty Ones CH

**22**  
White Elephant 10 to 3  
4:30 Resident Dance RC  
6 PM Mexican Train Dominoes RC

**23**  
White Elephant 10 to 3

**24**

**25**  
9AM Exercise class RC  
**5:30 TOPS**

**26**  
**Merrill Frame Pottery Presentation—5:30 RC**  


**27**

**28**  
9am Exercise Class RC  
9:30 Mingle  
10am Coffee—cup bingo

**29 Happy Easter!!**  
**Good Friday / Office Closed**  
4:30 Resident Dance RC  
6 PM Mexican Train Dominoes RC

**30**  
White Elephant 10 to 3

**31**  
  
**EASTER**

**1 April Fools Day**

**2**

**3**

**4**  
9am Exercise Class RC  
9:30 Mingle  
10am Coffee  
  
2pm Crafty Ones CH

**5**  
White Elephant 10 to 3  
4:30 Resident Dance RC  
6 PM Mexican Train Dominoes RC

**6**  
White Elephant 10 to 3



## Eclipse /



# Resident Block Party Monday, April 8, 2024 Village Trail / 12 noon

Glow sticks and glow in the dark t-shirts.

Residents will meet at the Village Trail at noon for lunch. Lunch will be sandwiches, chips and drinks. **Bring your own chair.** Come and enjoy the company of others.

Resident Services will order glasses for the event. Call the office if you need a pair. The cost is \$2.00.



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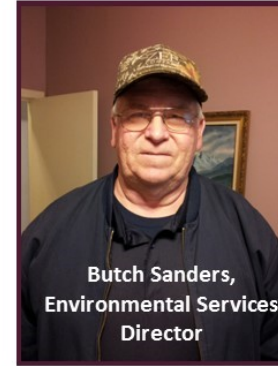
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Maximum	Apr 8, 2024 at 1:58:06 pm
Partial ends	Apr 8, 2024 at 3:15:53 pm

**What is a Solar Eclipse?** Sometimes when the Moon orbits Earth, the Moon moves between the Sun and Earth. When this happens, the Moon blocks the light of the Sun from reaching Earth. This causes an eclipse of the Sun, or a solar eclipse. During a solar eclipse, the Moon casts a shadow onto Earth.

There are three main types of solar eclipses:

1. Total solar eclipse: A total solar eclipse is visible from a small area on Earth. The people who see the total eclipse are in the center of the Moon's shadow when it hits Earth. The sky becomes very dark, as if it were night. For a total eclipse to occur, the Sun, Moon and Earth must be in a direct line.
2. Partial solar eclipse: This happens when the Sun, Moon and Earth are not exactly aligned. The Sun appears to have a dark shadow on a small part of its surface.

## Maintenance Department



Butch Sanders,  
Environmental Services  
Director



Bobby Stigall  
Maintenance



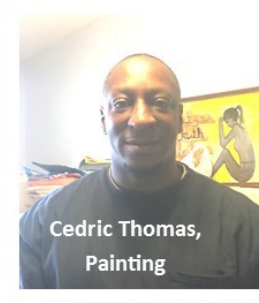
Tommie Wilborn  
Maintenance



Tony Lambert  
Maintenance



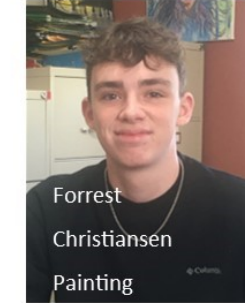
Kecia Fuller,  
Painting



Cedric Thomas,  
Painting



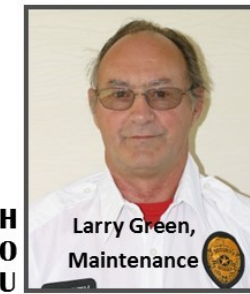
Sybrina Higgins  
Painting



Forrest  
Christiansen  
Painting



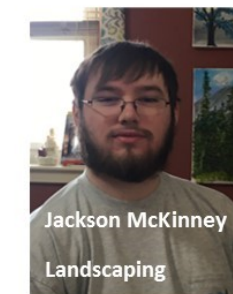
Frank Gonzalez  
Project Manager



Larry Green,  
Maintenance



Brandon Ward  
Maintenance



Jackson McKinney  
Landscaping



Randy Murray  
Maintenance

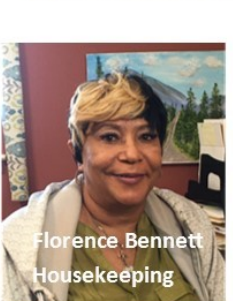
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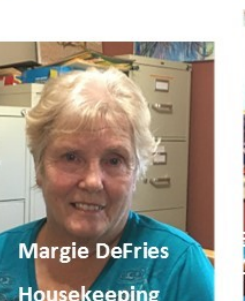
Carrie Payne  
Housekeeping



Julia Dominguez  
Housekeeping



Florence Bennett  
Housekeeping



Margie DeFries  
Housekeeping



Elsa Perez Hernandez  
Housekeeping

## Security



Julius Snead,  
Security Director



Maya Davis  
Security



Elvis Williams  
Security



Sammie Presswood  
Security

## Landscaping



Landscaping—  
Reggie Craig

## Help Support Westminster Village's Roofing Fund!

We want to thank our residents who are participating in our Kroger Community Rewards Program and encourage more residents to sign up.

TO ENROLL: Select Westminster Village as your organization to support. The organization number is VY237. Once you're enrolled, Westminster Village will earn 3-5% rewards (depending on your purchases) every time you shop and use your Plus Card!

To get started, sign up with your Plus Card at the link below.

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

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## Kroger Community Rewards Giving More Back to the Community!

Kroger is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations will earn millions of dollars through Kroger Community Rewards®. The program is designed to make your fund-raising the easiest in town...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

Enroll now for the Kroger Community Rewards Program. And remember...**all participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for their chosen organization.**

## North East Arkansas Transit

NEAT offers safe, reliable, affordable, RURAL transportation in Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Jackson, Mississippi, Poinsett, St. Francis and Woodruff Counties.

Transportation is available for shopping, medical appointments, jobs, education and access to public services, etc.

Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available upon request.

**1-866-336-3691**  
Or  
**870-932-0836**

Please call 48 hours in advance to schedule a ride.

A program of Crowley's Ridge Development Council, Inc.  
[www.crdcnea.org](http://www.crdcnea.org)

If information is needed in other formats to meet ADA requirements please call.

Our community action agency does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, gender, religion or disability status. Customer diversity is wholeheartedly embraced in both our service delivery systems and hiring practices as we strive to eliminate the causes of poverty in Northeast Arkansas.

## Village Trail

The Village Trail is an adult walking trail that sits in the heart of Westminster Village on Candyland Street. Located along the walking trail are three adult fitness stations for the use of Westminster Village residents and resident guests. Health information: four trips around the Village Trail is approximately a mile. Use of the exercise equipment is at your own risk. Consult your doctor before beginning any exercise regimen.

## Doris Marks Village Library

The library is located at 5219 Southside Drive. You can access the library when a library volunteer is present. There are several books from which you can choose. If you would like to make a donation of books to the library please call the office at 532-4100. DVD and VHS movies are also available. The videos are on the honor system, please return in a timely manner. There is a volunteer librarian available Wednesday 8-10 a.m. and Friday from 1-3 p.m. (subject to change).

## Village Reading Room

The Reading Room is located at 5219 Southside Drive. You can access the reading room when a library volunteer is present. The reading room features paperback books, puzzles, and dominoes. The paperback books are on the honor system, please return in a timely manner.

## Village Craft Hut

The Craft Hut is located at 5536 Appletree and is open to residents. The Craft Hut offers various crafting opportunities including painting, sewing, quilting and pottery along with scheduled Crafty One activities.

## Village Wood Working Shop

The Wood Working Shop is located at 5537 Appletree. Access to this building is gained only if you have been issued a woodshop key. The fee for the key is \$10. Prior to being issued a key, all potential users must first attend a safety review. Please contact our office at 532-4100 for more information. Please understand any operation of any electrical equipment is at your own risk. Westminster Village is not liable for any injuries. You are responsible for cleaning up after yourself.

## Village Swimming Pool

The Swimming Pool is located off Memorial Drive. Access to the pool is gained only if you have key. Do not loan your key or your key will be confiscated and pool privileges will be revoked. The pool is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Pool rules and schedule are posted inside the door. Only 17 people are allowed in the pool area. Guests must be accompanied by a resident. No children allowed.

## White Elephant

The Fannie Ruth White Elephant, our resident managed and supported thrift store, is located at 5221 Southside. It is open Friday's and Saturday's from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (time subject to change). We do not take furniture, mattresses, boxed springs, etc.

## Ramey Center

The Ramey Center is located at 4404 Memorial Drive and is there for your enjoyment between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily. This is the center used for many scheduled activities, as well as non-scheduled activities, and administrative needs, (Thursday morning coffee, exercise class, parties, Wii games, bridge, billiards and special events, etc.) The Ramey Center is a rentable facility. Contact the office for information. The Ramey Center has bagged ice in the freezer for free. Please only 2 bags per household at a time.



From November 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024 Westminster Village has received 26.06 in Kroger Rewards. Twelve households participated. All donations go to the roof fund. Thank you to all who participated.