

# THE VILLAGE VOICE



Decorating t-shirts for April 8 eclipse.

Birthday/ Move In Bingo



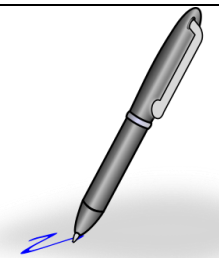
Merrill Frame did a great pottery presentation. I have to apologize to the residents. I forgot to take pictures. So I found some from the past. Thanks to Susan Person for her help in the presentation.

## A reminder to all residents:

Please leave your front and back porch lights on nightly to light up the village for additional security and make seeing your home address easier for emergency services.

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## Tammy Talk



If you are reading this, it means that you survived the Delta Crud of 2024! You may even still be going through it. The weather is so bi-polar. Warm or cold, rain or snow with maybe a tornado sprinkled through! I just keep repeating, "April Showers bring May flowers". I can't wait to get all the goodness planted back into the ground. I sure have missed the pretty green ferns at our entrance, I was very happy with how they looked last season. Let me know what you would like to see planted at the entrance this spring! I am always open to ideas! We were so pleased to see how many of you enjoyed the baked potato bar! What a great way to celebrate St. Paddy's! A huge thank you to everyone who helped. Carrie and Leslie did amazing as usual! You can always depend on them to make every event special and YUMMY! We got to meet a couple new staff members as well. As many of you remember, we welcomed a new receptionist last month, but she decided that this just wasn't for her after all. So, let's welcome Kylie Mallory to the reception desk. We are very happy that Kylie has joined the team and I have no doubt that she will add to the atmosphere here at Westminster Village. Let's also welcome Tyler Erikson as our new Wellness Representative in your Wellness Department. Tyler is currently taking classes to become certified in everything Silver Sneakers! We want to make this exciting and fun for you and your friends and neighbors! As you know, Silver Sneakers can be opened up to the community as well. We are hoping to collaborate with the Senior Center on some classes too. I want to remind you all too of TOPS (taking off pounds sensibly). They meet at 5:30 p.m. every Monday at the Ramey Center.

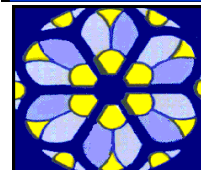
We had a fantastic First Day of Spring! Leslie hosted Birthday Bingo and it looks like a good time was had by all! Leslie made her famous little ham and cheese slider crackers she's so good at. They're my favorite! Cindy made freshly made, real deal, lemonade and the peach cobbler was gone by the time I got there! I heard someone won money at Bingo! We would love to see you all win money at Bingo.

We lost two beloved residents and one beloved former resident in March. Please keep the families of Al Tate, Jean Scott and Beverly Blue in your prayers. They all passed within days of each other. Beverly Blue passed 3/7/24, Jean Scott 3/9/24 and Al Tate 3/11/24. A memorial for Jean Scott will be held April 6 from 12-3 at the Ramey Center.

Keep your calendars close to you and watch for events coming up that you may enjoy. Our 2pm movie matinee at the Ramey will be April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm, so be thinking about what movie we want to watch.

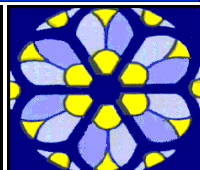
The Westminster Village staff looks forward to seeing you all soon! HAPPY SPRING!

*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.







## Movie Day

Movie to be determined.

**April 3 at 2p.m. Ramey Center**

**Please sign up if you plan to go.**

**April 11th**

**Coffee, 10 a.m.**

**Bunco**

**Hosted by Tammy**

**April 18th**

**Coffee, 10 a.m.**

**Pictionary**

**Hosted by Cindy**

**April 24th—12 noon**

**Resident Potluck**

**Going away potluck for Gary and Patty Guttridge.**

**Hosted by Residents**

**Please call the office and let us know what you intend to bring to the potluck. The meat is pulled pork from Yanks.**

**April 4th  
Coffee  
Library Presentation  
Loretta Heard and Susan Person**

**Eclipse  
Noon -April 8  
At the Village Trail  
Bring a chair.  
See page 5 for more information**

**April 16th  
Resident lunch—Taco Bar  
Leave the RC at 11 a.m.  
Hosted by Carrie**

## BINGO

Birthday & Move-In Anniversary

**Tuesday**

**April 23th**

2:00 PM Ramey Center

Hosted by Jennifer.



**All residents are welcome.  
Must be present to win prizes.**

**April 25th  
Coffee, 10 a.m.  
Shots for prizes.  
Hosted by Tammy**

**April 30—Southland Casino  
Leave the R. C. at 10 a.m.  
Hosted by Tammy**

## Happy Birthday

### April Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> Anita Artison  
5<sup>th</sup> Patty Guttridge  
7<sup>th</sup> Valerie Carr  
8<sup>th</sup> Donald Dunlap  
8<sup>th</sup> Eva Henderson  
8<sup>th</sup> Tina Pursnani  
8<sup>th</sup> Gloria Smith  
12<sup>th</sup> Loretta Heard  
15<sup>th</sup> Annie Campbell  
18<sup>th</sup> Josie Richardson  
20<sup>th</sup> Tim Anderson  
20<sup>th</sup> Shirley Coleman  
22<sup>nd</sup> Susan Person  
26<sup>th</sup> Michael Lysell

### Employees

1st Julie Dominguez  
13th Kecia Fuller

Please remember the office cannot advertise sickness or death without the permission of the family. We are more than willing to make "one calls" at the request of the family. If we have information regarding a funeral or memorial service at the time the newsletter goes out we can inform residents.

## 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. Let that good book take you to places you've never been. Imagine yourself as the hero in the story.

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



The Westminster Village Book Club meets

**Wednesday, April 10th at 2 p.m.**

in the Ramey Center.

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

All are welcome to attend.

### The Advisory Committee:

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

The Advisory Committee serves as a voice for the residents of Westminster Village. The Advisory Committee meets at 1:30 the second Tuesday of

## Move In Anniversaries

<i>Debbie Ellis</i>	<i>15 years</i>
<i>Edward Brownlee</i>	<i>14 years</i>
<i>Reba Clower</i>	<i>11 years</i>
<i>Cathy Daniels</i>	<i>6 years</i>
<i>Donald &amp; Nina Dunlap</i>	<i>6 years</i>
<i>Art &amp; Debra Prince</i>	<i>5 years</i>
<i>Gregory Davis</i>	<i>4 years</i>
<i>Nola King</i>	<i>1 year</i>
<i>Michael &amp; Teresa Price</i>	<i>1 year</i>

New Move in: Darlene Rodgers

### Westminster Village Directors

Tammy Swanson, Executive Director	Cindy Williamson, Administrative Director
Leslie Acred, Marketing Director	Butch Sanders, Environmental Services Director
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		

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*Mark your calendars.*

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Arranging | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry Making   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knitting         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stain Glass                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leather Craft    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tin Craft                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Macramé          | <input type="checkbox"/> Weaving                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Needlework       | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oil/Painting     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yarn Art                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pottery          | <input type="checkbox"/> Different Painting Techniques |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quilting         | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rug Making       |  |

1) I enjoy working out in a fitness facility:  
 By myself  
 With a partner

With an instructor  
 I don't like to workout

2) I enjoy exercising in the:  
 Early Morning  
 Midmorning  
 Noon

Early Afternoon  
 Late Afternoon  
 Evenings

3) Do you have your own personal computer?  Yes  No

4) I am interested in using the computer lab?  Yes  No    Do you have internet?  Yes  No

5) My favorite restaurant and cuisine:

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese  | <input type="checkbox"/> India   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greece   | <input type="checkbox"/> _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Italian  | <input type="checkbox"/> _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanese |                                  |

6) What kind of programs would you like to have at coffee?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

7) How can the staff of WMV improve your stay with us?  
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8) Do you have any area(s) of expertise that you would be willing to share with others in the community through volunteerism?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

We encourage you to volunteer. If you would like to be contacted as a volunteer please include your name, phone number, and/or email address.

Your gift of volunteerism is the heart of Westminster Village. Flag volunteer: ( ) yes ( ) no

I am interested in joining the following committee(s):

- ( ) Activity ( ) Library ( ) White Elephant ( ) Advisory ( ) Resident Services

Don't let age define you, let it inspire you.

**After completing the survey, tear it off the newsletter and turn it into the office. For your convenience you can drop it in the rent box.**

# CRAFTY ONES

**2 PM Thursday  
4th & 18th  
in the Craft Hut**

**Grocery Run with Carrie**

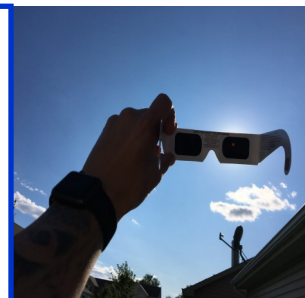
**Monday's at 10 a.m.**

**Contact the office if you  
need to be included.**

**Sign up! Sign up!  
Everybody Sign up!**

We can do our jobs so much better when we know how many to plan for. Help us make events and activities great!

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.



**Jean Scott  
memorial service  
at the  
Ramey Center,  
Saturday, April 6 from  
12 noon - 3 p.m.**



**Tuesday, May 21  
5:30 p.m.  
Ramey Center  
Resident, Sandra Harris  
Presentation on Quilting.**

**June 4, RC, 5:30p.m.**

**Paint and Sip**

**Hosted by Cindy**

**September 6—Relay for Life  
More information to come.**

We are showcasing our resident talent. If you are interested in showing off your special talent or hobby and would like to do a presentation, call the office and we will put you on the calendar.



# 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.



Obscuration	99.72%
Magnitude	0.9944
Duration	2h, 36m, 49s

Partial begins	Apr 8, 2024 at 12:39:04 pm
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.

**Sign up, sign up! We need to know how much food to buy!!!**

### Resident Interest Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

So that Westminster Village can plan for and provide you with activities you desire and find enjoyable, please check the appropriate box(es) of interest.

1) I would participate in a day trip to:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Museums      | <input type="checkbox"/> Musicals               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Events  | <input type="checkbox"/> Parties                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choirs           | <input type="checkbox"/> Plays/Theater          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Churches         | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Events          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinema           | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Services     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts         | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Theatre   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Sites | <input type="checkbox"/> Relay for Life         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby Shows      | <input type="checkbox"/> Classes or events ANC  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lakes/Rivers     | <input type="checkbox"/> Casino                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries        | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lyric            |   |

2) Best time to schedule events:

3) I enjoy participating in the following games, sports and/or exercise activities:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerobics                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Gin Rummy                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy/Astrology       | <input type="checkbox"/> Golfing                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backgammon                | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearts                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Badminton                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoes                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ball Games                | <input type="checkbox"/> Jigsaw Puzzles            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biking/Cycling            | <input type="checkbox"/> Pen/Paper Games           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billiards                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnics                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bingo                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pinochle                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Watching and Feeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Poker                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Games               | <input type="checkbox"/> Polka                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bocce Ball                | <input type="checkbox"/> Scavenger Hunt Indoors    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Shuffleboard              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming/Aquatics         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cards                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tai Chi                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charades                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Checkers                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree/Plant Identification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chess                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Fish             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer/Video Games      | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Country Western Dancing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Training           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cribbage                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wii                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Croquet                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominoes                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Gin _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers                   | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening                 | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                     |

4) Do you enjoy arts and crafts?

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Clay Modeling  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketry | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beadwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Crochet        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carving  | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramics | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Sketch |

**Please fill out the survey and turn it into the office. Thanks.**





Happy Spring Everyone!! I don't know about you but I'm ready to see green grass and beautiful flowers and most of all warm weather!!.

Remember we offer direct deposit for your rent. Sign up at the office, just bring a voided check and we will give you a form

to fill out. Its that easy and worry free.

We also offer the 11/12 program where you prepay your rent for 11 months and get the 12<sup>th</sup> month FREE!

We have changed to E-Statements so if you would like your statement emailed please call the office and give us your email address.

I'm loving my new position as WMV Accounting Director and I'm learning more every day! If you need anything or have any questions please feel free to call me or come see me.

Just know each and every one of you are important to all of us in the office.

Jennifer Stigall  
Accounting Director



Meet Kylie Mallory. Kylie is Westminster Village's new receptionist. Kylie is a mom of 5 and excited to be a part of the Westminster Village family.

**Monday & Thursday Morning  
9AM Exercise in the Ramey Center Gym**



Tyler Erikson has joined Westminster Village as Wellness Representative. Tyler will lead our residents in exercise on Monday and Thursday mornings. His office hours are not set as of yet but he will be available to residents on a regular basis. We are excited to have him on board. Tyler is excited about meeting you all. If you are interested in meeting Tyler give him a call at 870-532-4100.

Please remember, work orders should be called into the office during office hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. you will notify security at 870-623-4119.

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

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Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available upon request.

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

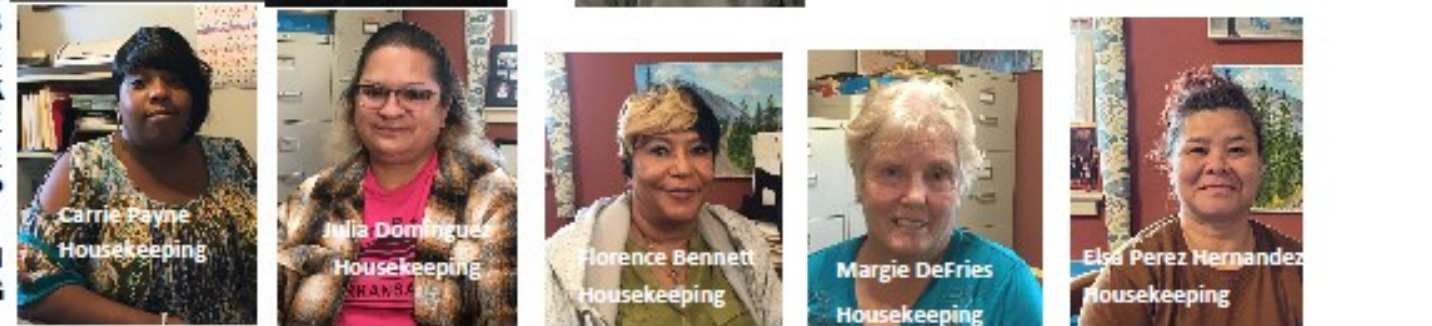
Please call 48 hours in advance to schedule a ride.

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.

**Maintenance Department**



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**Security**



**Landscaping**



# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ANC - Arkansas Northeastern College RC - Ramey Center CH - Craft Hut	<b>1</b> 9AM Exercise class RC 10AM Grocery run  5:30 TOPS	<b>2</b> Please sign up early for the events you plan to attend!	<b>3</b>  2 pm <b>Movie at the RC</b> Movie to be determined. Hosted by Tammy	<b>4</b> 2pm Crafty Ones CH  9am Exercise Class RC 9:30 Mingle 10am Coffee— Library Presentation, hosted by Loretta and Susan	<b>5</b>  White Elephant 10 to 3  4:30 Resident Dance RC 6 PM Mexican Train Dominoes RC	<b>6</b>  Jean Scott memorial RC / 12 noon –3p.m.  White Elephant 10 to 3
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9AM Exercise class RC 10AM Grocery run  12 “moon” Eclipse watch at the Village Trail  5:30 TOPS	<b>9</b>  1:30 Advisory—R. C.	<b>10</b>  2 pm <b>Book Club RC</b>	<b>11</b>  9am Exercise Class RC 9:30 Mingle 10am Coffee—Bunco Hosted by Tammy	<b>12</b>  White Elephant 10 to 3  4:30 Resident Dance RC 6 PM Mexican Train Dominoes RC	<b>13</b>  White Elephant 10 to 3
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