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Bluffview Newsletter

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Administration

Rob McInnes, Administrator

We're already well on our way to another year of beautiful life in this world, with this coming year holding as much opportunity for beauty and humanity as it does fear of the chaotic milieu that we've seen throughout the watershed events of the past two years. At Bluffview, we are tightening into a formidable team that is able to navigate the current labor shortages, fears of the continuing pandemic, and uncertain

regulatory landscape with relative dexterity. This has been shown by the entire staff's dedication to caring for our residents despite challenges, but also by the effectiveness that we've been able to continue in providing a high level of care to those members of our community who need it. If you've had a chance to talk with me in the past month, I may have said something along the lines of "We're keeping our head above the water here at Bluffview". While true, I hold a hope that we will be able to do

more than this in the coming year, and return to a state of unbridled joy in our work as the waters of the pandemic slowly recede. We have had several staff members test positive for COVID-19 in the past few months, and I am happy to report that they have all made a quick recovery. Additionally, no residents have tested positive for over one year. Please continue to help us in our mission by visiting your loved one in their room, and wear your mask for the duration of the visit. We are well-equipped for

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any outbreak among residents, and we have learned hard lessons through the the past year on what to do should we get a suboptimal result on any testing. I will plan to keep families and friends well informed should we receive any positive tests for members of our community. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me by phone or email. Stay well, and use the solitude of winter to re-center yourself on the things, people, and experiences that bring joy to your life.

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Environmental Services

Ryan Ray, Environmental Services Coordinator

Our Environmental Services department continues to provide the daily, weekly, and monthly services to our common areas and resident rooms. We've recently filled a PM position that continues laundry services and cleaning of common areas into the evening hours. We completed another round of duct cleaning in January and another area is scheduled for February. We'll finish this project in March.

Upcoming, four times per year tasks scheduled for the first quarter will include extracting corridor carpets and disinfecting wall surfaces throughout the facility. Even though we're currently in the middle of winter that isn't stopping us from thinking about Spring. Over the next couple of months with help from residents, we will be painting and assembling bird houses. With the bird houses and some more landscaping planned, it is our hope to continue taking advantage of our beautiful setting for all to enjoy nature.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions regarding the daily services or project work that Environmental Services provides.



What's Cookin' in the Kitchen

Tammy Atkinson, Nutritional Services Coordinator

I hope everyone had wonderful and safe Holiday. It's a new year and already things are changing, for the better, in the Nutritional Services Department. We have a new Head Cook, Kyra, who has now started fulltime with us. Kyra comes from some upscale restaurants in the area, and this shows in the food that has been prepared by Kyra for your loved ones. We have switched food vendors from Martin Brothers to Reinhart, and so far, we have reaped the benefits since they are local. The supply chain for food and paper continues to be a challenge, but with our new vendor, we have been able to provide continued good food. We have installed a new dish machine that is a lot more efficient and has cut the time spent washing dishes by over half! This allows staff more time to garnish and kick things up another notch. Think Spring Everyone and Stay Safe!

Nursing Services

Bobbi Klaver, Resident Health Coordinator

Happy New Year from the Nursing Department! As we get further into January, our temperatures have been getting colder. Please ensure that your loved one's clothing is appropriate for the colder weather and bring in warmer clothing, if necessary. Please remember to mark the clothing with their initials. Since COVID is on the rise, if you are experiencing any symptoms or questioning whether or not you are sick, please don't come to the facility. We are still requiring that all visitors wear a facility provided mask, take your temperature when you arrive and complete the COVID symptom form in the breezeway. We also require that visitors remain in the residents room until further notice. According to the CDC, handwashing is the number one way to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Stay warm and healthy!



BLUFFVIEW'S NEW EMPLOYEES

Resident Care Coordinators:

Latoneya Holmes

Ashley Gray

Emma Snodgrass

Dietary:

Tom Borchardt



Life Enrichment

Sarah Pedretti, Life Enrichment Coordinator

January has been packed full of fun activities! It may be freezing outside, but we've enjoyed some "hot," "cool," and totally sweet activities this past month. The residents LOVED our seventh annual Around the World in a Week Celebration! We got to travel to Belize, Peru, Zambia, Pakistan, and France. The residents learned some history and current events, enjoyed eating some goodies from those countries, loved seeing the beautiful sights, and listening to the moving music. All of us now truly want to save up the money and hop on a plane

there! We also started a fun series of Fashion through the decades. We started in the 1920's and jumped every twenty years hitting the 40s and 60s. We'll continue this fun program through February hitting the 80s, 70s, and 50s. This February, we will be welcoming back our Valentine's Day Gala & crowning of our Sweetheart King and Queen!! We'll play around with a day of indoor "snow" tubing, and enjoy many different holiday programs.

We did say goodbye to many of our UWL Clinical Rotation students, and expect another group for this next semester! We will also be re-hosting our Bluffview 5k Run/Walk that was postponed in 2020. It is planned for April 30, 2022!!



January:

**Virginia
Mike
Mary
Diane**

March:

**Vernon
Rosalee**

February:

**Bettye
Hal
Joan
Gail
Gladys**

*Always
(AND) forever
Remembered*

MaryJane Bess -- January 25th
Jean Elstad -- January 15th
Kasey Schroeder -- January 6th