



**Notable Quotable**

“Like family, we are tied to each other. This is what all good musicians understand.”

~ Billy Joel, born May 9, 1949

**May Horoscopes and Birthdays**

NAME	LOCATION	DATE
BUCK, GARY	McK	5-01
COPLEY, DEE	McK	5-04
KNUDSON, DICK	PV	5-08
REINECKE, ALICE	PV	5-09
WIEGAND, MARIAN	McK	5-10
WEINRICH, JUNE	WP	5-10
RODERFELD, ALVIN	WP	5-12
FLOWERS, LORENE	McK	5-15
STAIRWALT, HELEN	WT	5-15
FLANARY, MARTHA	PV	5-18
KNIGHT, LINDA	PV	5-20
LEDESMA, ELLEN	McK	5-21
STILLWELL, PAULINE	McK	5-29
HENLEY, MARY	SFH	5-31

Name	Birth Day	Job Name
Copeland, Victoria	5-14	Life Enrichment Coordinator - NE
Funk, Diane	5-19	Receptionist - NE
Dey, Shannon	5-26	Director of Health Services
Gillean, Danielle	5-26	Certified Nurses Aide - NE
Harvey, Alexandria	5-28	Utility Technician - NE
McAfee, Kailey	5-28	Server - NE
Rayfield, Makenzie	5-29	Server - NE



# Village Voice

May 2026

**Celebrating May**

**Family Month**

**Personal History Awareness Month**

**Global Love Day**  
May 1

**Star Wars Day**  
May 4

**Mother's Day**  
May 10

**International Nurses Day**  
May 12

**New Friends, Old Friends Week**  
May 17-23

**Rescue Dog Day**  
May 20

**Memorial Day**  
May 25

WP Front Desk: 618-466-8662  
Weston Front Desk: 618-467-0191  
Emergency Number: 618-791-8752



**Welcome New Residents!**



Randy & Chris Pace  
232 WP



Gina Baker  
212 WP



Dean Germain  
336 WP



Gloria Lorts  
4709 Otterbein

## Anita's Corner

Dear Residents,

May is a beautiful time of renewal, growth, and celebration. As the days grow warmer and flowers begin to bloom, it reminds us of the many ways our Village continues to flourish because of each of you. Our vegetables and flowers have all been planted, and it has been wonderful to see our residents busy at work tending to the gardens—planting, watering, and nurturing the beauty that surrounds us. This season invites us to spend more time outdoors, enjoy the beauty around us, and connect with friends and neighbors who make our community feel like home.

April was filled with wonderful moments—from meaningful gatherings to engaging activities that brought laughter and connection throughout our community. It is always inspiring to see residents supporting one another, participating in events, and sharing their time and talents so generously. The strength of our Village truly lies in the spirit of involvement and kindness that is demonstrated every day.

Like in previous articles, I want to take a moment to recognize and appreciate the many resident volunteers who give so much of themselves to enhance life in our Village. Your willingness to share your time, talents, and compassion makes an extraordinary difference in the lives of others.

This month, I would especially like to recognize and thank **Linda Rainey** for her faithful volunteer service over many years. Linda has been a dedicated leader of our resident-led bingo on Monday nights—an anticipated, fun-filled evening that brings laughter, excitement, and wonderful fellowship to so many. Her enthusiasm and commitment help make Monday nights something residents truly look forward to each week. Linda also serves on our Activities Committee. She helps coordinate additional card and dice games, as well as Wii Bowling—activities that encourage connection, friendly competition, and joyful moments together. Her willingness to give her time and energy reflects a generous heart and a true commitment to building community. Linda, please accept our special thanks! We are truly grateful for you and the many ways you make our Village a happier place.

In May, I will be hosting four **“Ask Anita” gatherings**, and I truly hope you will join me. We will meet in the areas where you live—**Weston, Homes/Villas, Wiseman Pollock, and McKendree**—so that everyone has a convenient opportunity to participate. If there is anything in particular that you would like for me to cover, please do not hesitate to let me know in advance. This meeting really is *your* meeting. At this time, I won't have many formal updates, but I always value the opportunity to listen, share conversation, and hear what is on your mind. Your thoughts and ideas help shape our community in meaningful ways. 😊

**During these gatherings, we will also be highlighting our hospitality promises to our residents and reinforcing our shared commitment to providing exceptional service and care throughout our community.**

We look forward to celebrating all of the wonderful women of our Village during our annual **Mother's Day luncheons**. Please refer to the activity calendars for specific times and dates. To all of our mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and those who have shared the gift of nurturing others, **we wish you a beautiful Mother's Day filled with appreciation, joy, and special moments surrounded by those who love you.**



*Riders often decorate their bikes with flowers, ribbons, or other symbols of protection.*



*The Red Cross has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize three times—in 1917, 1944, and 1963.*

## Holy Rollers

As the weather warms in May, cyclists of both the motor and pedal variety feel the call of the open road. As a response to this urge to cycle, many religious institutions hold a Blessing of the Bikes ceremony. In massive cathedrals like New York City's St. John the Divine, pews are packed with bikers and spandex-clad cyclists of all religious denominations while the local priest showers

attendees with holy water and prayers for a safe bicycling season. Since 1972, the Blessing of the Bikes has become a May ritual in Baldwin, Michigan. Over 10,000 motorcyclists and bicyclists congregate at the Baldwin airport for a blessing ceremony. Some churches have added a new twist, inviting wheelchairs, strollers, and skateboards for a Blessing of the Wheels.

## Aid Without Borders

World Red Cross Day, observed each year on May 8, honors one of the world's largest and most enduring humanitarian networks—and the people who keep it running when it matters most. The date marks the birthday of Henry Dunant, founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the first recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Today, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement operate in nearly every country, responding to crises that range from armed conflict and natural disasters to public health emergencies. In a world shaped by climate extremes, migration, and ongoing conflict, the organization's role is more relevant than ever.

In recent years, Red Cross workers and volunteers have been on the front lines of wildfires, floods, earthquakes,

and hurricanes. Beyond disaster response, the Red Cross plays a critical role in blood donation services, emergency preparedness training, and support for military families and veterans.

World Red Cross Day is also a reminder that humanitarian work is guided by core principles, like humanity, impartiality, and voluntary service. These principles allow the Red Cross to work across borders and political divisions.

This year's observance highlights the importance of local volunteers, who make up the majority of the movement's workforce. Trained community members often serve as first responders in emergencies, using local knowledge to deliver aid quickly. Their efforts show that humanitarian action doesn't always start with large-scale operations—it begins with neighbors helping neighbors.

**Your Council Members** – Nancy Dorris (President), Bonnie Fox (Vice President), Charla Canale, Vern Henley, Norman Iman, Pat Klasner, Marilyn Meyer, Valerie Pelot, JoAnn Phelps, Ollie Reszler, Elaine Wardein, Rita Wyatt

If you have questions or concerns, please contact one of the council members above and it will be discussed at our next meeting.

**Asbury Village Board Members** – Donna Bernis, Andy Bowen, James Herndon, Jack Hoelscher, Zeke Jabusch, Paul J. Jun, John Keller, Jeff Lauritzen, Mike McCormick, Rev. William Pyatt, Mary Reilly, Stephen Schwartz, Rev. Kim Stuby, Karen Wilson

**Activity Committee** – Linda Rainey, Cheri Bond, Charlie Bond, Bob Gulovsen, Bonnie Fox, and Ray Robinson.

Suggestions for outings or activities are welcome. Feel free to contact one of these members with your ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Dining Room Committee** – Sharon Hogan (Chairman), Mary Henley, Rose Roggow, Mary Ann Forcade, Pat Lacey, Nancy Dorris, Cookie Neuhaus

If you have questions, concerns, suggestions or compliments regarding the dining room, please contact one of these members and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

**Library Committee** – Maggi Behrens, Liz Bumbacher, Grace Green, Irene Gulovsen, Jan Luken, Linda Nevlín, Valerie Pelot, Bernie Wickenhauser, Mary Beth Wuellner, Emert Wyss

**Your Village Ambassadors** – **Wiseman Pollock:** Nancy Dorris, Jerry & Etta Jane Leonard, JoAnn Phelps

**McKendree:** Linda Rainy, Martha Darr, Lorene Flowers

**Villas:** Shirley Bachman, Elaine Wardein, Rose Roggow, Ann Huebner

**Homes:** Ruth Scanlon & Larry Peiman

**Back Up Ambassador:** Darlene Gulovsen

## Resident Spotlight: Ron Kurth



During the month of May, we would like to shine a spotlight on Weston Terrace resident Ron Kurth.

Ron has enjoyed being active his whole life going hunting, dancing, cooking and gardening prior to living at the Village. He loves all sports and even played for the Dodgers at one point in his life.

Now Ron enjoys going on outings such as lunch out and joyrides and attending parties held in Weston each month. He says one of the best things about living in Weston is how so many personal responsibilities are taken care of for you and he doesn't have to worry about them.

We also look forward to honoring our dedicated Asbury nurses during **National Nurses Week**, celebrated **May 6–12**, with this year's theme, "**The Power of Nurses.**" This theme highlights the incredible influence nurses have through their compassion, expertise, and commitment to caring for others. Congratulations to our residents who have held a career in nursing...thank you for serving others.

I would like to offer special recognition to **Shannon Dey, Weston Director and Clinical Director and Nicole Reed, Weston Director of Nursing.** As you know, they work as a team to cover all of the clinical needs of our community. Their collaboration, professionalism, and dedication provide reassurance and comfort to residents and families alike. What would we do without them? We are incredibly grateful for the care, leadership, and compassion they demonstrate each and every day.

*Please note that we will have a change in our Health and Wellness Navigator position. An announcement will be forthcoming. As you know, it is an important role with us and we appreciate your understanding.*

Once again, we will be participating in the **Alton Memorial Day Parade**, and we are excited to continue this wonderful tradition. We will take our bus, our vans, and our truck—and rumor has it that **Uncle Sam** will be joining us again, along with his children all dressed in their patriotic colors! All residents and families, too—if there is room—are welcome to join us. It's a hometown parade that we have proudly enjoyed for the past five years, and **Asbury Village is truly a parade favorite!** Be sure to tell your friends and family to watch for us and wave as we pass by, it is always a highlight of the season. **We will board the bus from the Wiseman Pollock Lobby beginning at 8:30 a.m., and we anticipate returning by approximately 11:30 a.m. If planning to attend, please sign up at the WP Reception desk so that we'll be sure to have a seat for you. Thank you!**

As we look ahead to the rest of May, I encourage each of you to take part in upcoming activities, spend time with neighbors, and continue building the connections that make this Village so special. Warmer days give us new chances to enjoy time outdoors, participate in events, and share meaningful moments with friends.

I'll be attending an Executive Director Leadership conference in Des Moines, May 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. This is hosted by Life Care Services, our management company. It's a few days away but always worthy of an opportunity to grow and learn. I'll keep you posted on what I learn!

Thank you for being such an important part of our community. Your involvement, encouragement, and friendship create a place where people truly care for one another. I am grateful every day to be part of this Village family alongside each of you.

Wishing you a joyful, active, and sunshine-filled May! -Anita



## Activity Connection

May is shaping up to be full of fun, connection, and a little bit of flair—so mark your calendars and join us!

### Sewing Group Returns – May 4

Calling all sewing enthusiasts! We're excited to bring the sewing group back. Join us as we reconnect and begin planning a special upcoming project. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just curious, all are welcome!

### Derby de Mayo – May 5

Two celebrations, one unforgettable event! Enjoy festive horse races, margaritas, and chips & dip as we combine Derby Day and Cinco de Mayo. Don't forget to wear your brightest colors and favorite derby hats!

### Mama's Gone Wild: Mother's Day Lunch – May 7

Ladies, this one's for you! Join us for a lively and joy-filled Mother's Day celebration. Come dressed in fun colors, bold prints, or your wildest style! Enjoy music, signature mocktails and cocktails, a photo booth, and a delicious lunch—it's a celebration you won't want to miss. All ladies welcome!

### Fishing Club Outing – May 9

The Fishing Club is back! Our first outing will take us to a private lake in Kampsville (about a 45-minute drive). With plenty of seating and convenient amenities, it's the perfect day to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

### Musical: *Upside Down* – May 12

Join us for a special performance of *Upside Down*, a powerful musical inspired by the Book of Acts. This is sure to be a meaningful and memorable experience!

### Western Happy Hour – May 15

Yeehaw! Dust off your boots and wear your best western attire as we welcome the Hill Williams for a toe-tapping Happy Hour full of great music and good company.

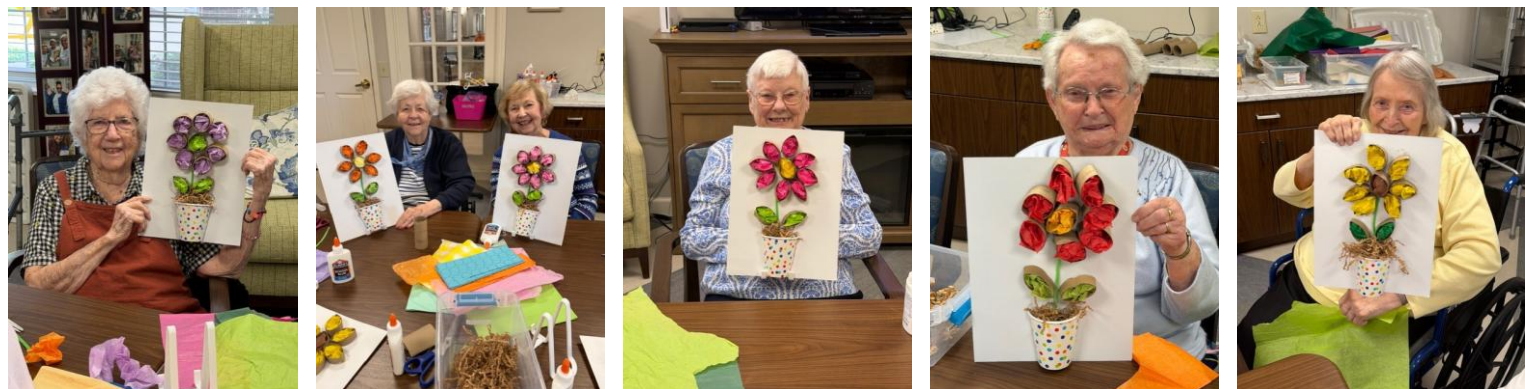
### Alton Memorial Day Parade

Join us as we honor and celebrate together at the Alton Memorial Day Parade. We'll depart at 8:30 AM and return to the Village by 11:30 AM—don't miss this special community tradition.

We can't wait to see you at these events—bring a friend, your festive spirit, and get ready for a fantastic May!

See you at the fun,  
Linzi Tripp





# National Day of Prayer – A Special Invitation to the Chapel

Dear Friends,

As your Chaplain, I am delighted to invite you to a special celebration in honor of the National Day of Prayer, taking place on Wednesday, May 7, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon in our chapel. This annual observance is a cherished opportunity for our community to come together in unity, reflection, and prayer for our nation, our leaders, and one another.

This year’s gathering promises to be a meaningful time of inspiration, encouragement, and hope. We will lift our hearts and voices together, seeking guidance and strength as we face the challenges and blessings of our shared journey. You may come any time between 10 am and noon. Whether you regularly attend chapel services or are joining us for the first time, you are warmly welcome to participate. Stop by and pick up a quilt block, adding it to the cross, with all the blocks eventually coming together as a National Day of Prayer Quilt. Thank you so much to our quilters for their willingness to share their talents with us.

Please note that, to share our services with those who are unable to attend in person, you may notice us recording some of our May chapel services, including this special event. These recordings help us extend our message of faith and community to a wider audience and will be broadcast on our in-house channel and quite possibly on YouTube and Facebook. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

I encourage you to invite your friends, family, and colleagues to join us for this important day. Let’s make this National Day of Prayer a memorable and uplifting occasion for all.

With prayers and blessings,  
 Pastor Alan Abert, Chaplain

## Nurses Notes

The Dementia Support Group will be held May 21st at 5pm. Christina Baker, a Certified Dementia Therapist, will be presenting on Treatment and Medication Options. Please RSVP to Shannon Dey if you plan to attend.

Nurses will be performing blood pressure checks May 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Wiseman-Pollock Coffee Area.

Medicine Shoppe will be hosting a Vaccine Clinic on Tuesday May 19th from 10:30a-12 noon. Please sign up at WP reception desk. If you want a vaccine but are unable to attend the clinic, please sign up and let the receptionist know. Shannon will contact you to set up a time for you to receive the vaccine.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Join us on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Benjamin-Godfrey Auditorium for a fun Laughter Yoga session.



## Vaccine Clinic

Provided by Medicine Shoppe of Wood River

COVID, Pneumonia, Shingles,  
Immunizations will be available

**Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**10a - Noon  
Game Room**

**Sign up at WP Reception Desk**

**If you want a vaccine but are unable  
to attend the clinic, let reception know  
so Shannon or Nicole can assist you to  
receive the vaccine at a later time**

Open to  
Employees

MAMA'S GONE WILD

# MOTHER'S DAY

## Lunch

A FUN & FESTIVE MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON  
JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE AMAZING  
WOMEN OF OUR COMMUNITY WITH A  
JOYFUL AND LIVELY AFTERNOON!

**MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - 12:00**  
PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 5TH!

