

# Weekly Buzz

April 17,  
2026



## Mary Ellen's Corner -

Hello Friends –

I want to take a moment to review what you need to do if you need to cancel a trip or program that you have signed up for. Simply call the sign-up line at **440.953.1375**. The sign-up line is used for **signups, cancellations and questions** about programming. My team and I all have access to that number and check it regularly. I hope this helps. If you need further information, please reach out to any member of the activity team. Have a superb week.

Joyfully,

Mary Ellen Layman, Director of Activities

## Jr. Leadership Lake Country

### Garden Bed Project

Sunday, April 26

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

All Around Campus

We are so thrilled to have high school students from all over Lake County that take part in the Jr. Leadership Lake County program select Ohio Living Breckenridge Village as this year's project site. We will start at the North Apartments at 10:00 a.m. on April 26th and work together prepping the raised beds and pots in the courtyard for planting. Working our way up the hill to the front of Fairmount Health Center, then up to SSH patio to prep their raised beds and they will finish out at Grace Woods patio behind the main dining area. Residents are encouraged to join in the fun or just come out to meet the students. There are 12 students in the program from area high schools like Lake Catholic, Harvey, Mentor and Willoughby/Eastlake schools. If you are unable to join us that day, prayers for nice weather would be appreciated. Thank you.

## The Women's Committee of Willoughby Fine Arts Association

### Presents - OPUS 216

Wednesday, May 13

Bus Pickup 10:30 a.m.

Event 11 a.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

**Cost: \$20**

We are pleased to partner with the Women's Committee of the Willoughby Fine Arts Association to host their monthly meeting in May. Enjoy lunch prepared by Chef Ryan and his team and an encore performance by OPUS 216. The repertoire of music has been selected for the Women's Committee of the Fine Arts Association. OPUS 216 was founded in 2012 and is versed in classical and non-classical styles. OPUS 216 is the only independent string-based ensemble listed for special events at several of Cleveland's largest institutions. Ohio Living Breckenridge Village is also lucky enough to have different performers from OPUS 216 play once a month on Tuesday Evening Programs. Lunch includes Sundried Tomato and Basil Chicken, Creamy Risotto, Yellow and Zucchini Squash and Raspberry Chocolate Torte for dessert. Water, lemonade and coffee included. There will be a cash bar available for beer and wine. Ohio Living Breckenridge Village Residents will get the members pricing of \$20, a savings of \$5.

**Space is limited, transportation available and reservations required. Reservations begin Monday, April 20 at noon and end on Sunday, May 3 at 6 p.m. by calling the sign-up line.**

**New Trips -**

**The Maltz Museum Presents -**

**Icons in Ink: The Jewish Comics**

**Experience**

Thursday, May 21  
 Bus Pickup 10:15 a.m.  
 Trip 11 a.m.  
 Maltz Museum

**Cost: \$17**

Discover the powerful fusion of Jewish culture, history, and artistic expression through the lens of graphic storytelling in this dynamic traveling exhibition from the Center for Jewish History!

Icons in Ink: The Jewish Comics Experience examines a wide range of Jewish themes and identities in comics, recognizing the diverse roots that have contributed to this unique art form. The exhibition features original artworks, rare archival pieces, and historical artifacts spanning from classic newspaper strips to contemporary graphic novels, highlighting iconic characters, stories, and creators. The Maltz Museum's presentation of The Jewish Comics Experience includes a new section focusing on Cleveland's rich history of comic book creators and artists – CLEVELAND: HOME OF HEROES! Join us for a wonderful trip to the Maltz Museum, where we will tour this amazing new exhibit and all the other exhibits as well.

**Transportation included, reservations required and will open on Wednesday, April 22 at Noon, space is limited.**

**Special Bistro Hours**

Please note that on Tuesday, April 21 the Bistro will be closing at 3 p.m. sharp for a special event. The Bistro will be open from 5-6 p.m. for those attending the Seize the Day program for bar service only. Thank you.

**Veale Wellness &**

**Aquatic Center News -**

**Dance Aerobics, Water Aerobics or Water Fitness!**

There are many facets of Wellness and if fun and cardiovascular health are your current goal these classes may be for you. Class times and descriptions can be found on the class schedule in the VWAC tab of the Portal or a hard copy can be found at the side desk of the center. Contact Kimberly English at 440.942.8031 for any questions.

**New Classes and Events -**

**Intermediate Watercolor Painting with Sandy**

Starting Monday, May 4\*\*

Bus Pickup 1:30p.m.

Class 2-3:30 p.m.

MCA Art Room at the Osborne Building

**Cost: \$45**

Join Rancher Sandy Reddig for an intermediate watercolor class

All supplies will be provided. An person with some watercolor experience, or anyone who took Sandy's into class in March is able to take this class. Continue learning with Sandy is this beautiful medium. Take time to Paint!! More watercolor techniques & tricks will be covered in a series of classes Sandy has been professionally painting in watercolor, pastel & oils for 45 years. A brief discussion of the topic will be followed by a demo. Each artist will then work on their projects, with one-on-one personal attention and constructive suggestions. All questions are encouraged so all participants will learn.

\*\* Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, class will be as follows – Monday May 4, 11, 18 and Wednesday May 20, all classes at 2 p.m.

**Space is limited, reservations required, transportation available by calling the sign-up line.**

**Upcoming Trip Pickups -**

5/7	<i>The Outsiders</i>	6:15 p.m.
5/8	Severance Pickups	9 a.m.
5/21	Maltz Museum	10:15 a.m.

**CMA Long Distance Learning  
Presents - Adorning Ritual: Jewish  
Ceremonial Art**

Wednesday, May 6  
Bus Pickup 10:30 a.m.  
Class 11 a.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

**Cost: \$5**

The Cleveland Museum of Art houses an encyclopedic collection, giving visitors valuable insights and perspectives into the lives and cultures of people around the world and throughout time. To enhance its permanent collection and to more fully represent the stories and objects important to our communities, the museum is displaying art on loan from the Jewish Museum, New York, in six galleries. Most of the works are ritual objects relating to Judaism or the lives of Jewish people, from silver Torah finials to an inlaid marble panel commemorating a marriage. The objects have been placed in context with other works of the same time or region, allowing a fuller narrative to unfold. As you encounter these objects in the galleries, we invite you to consider their relationships to the other works in these spaces. In addition to the loans from the Jewish Museum, two examples of Jewish ceremonial art from local collections are on display in two additional galleries: an etrog box recently acquired by the Cleveland Museum of Art and a miniature Torah ark on loan from the Mishkan Or Museum of Jewish Cultures in Beachwood, Ohio. **Reservations required, transportation available by calling the signup line.**

**Lake Metro Parks Presents -**

**Tundra and Killy**

Thursday, May 14  
Bus Pickup 12:30 p.m.  
Class 1 p.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

**Cost: No Charge**

Join us for a double feature with Animal Ambassadors, Tundra the Rough-legged Hawk and Killy, the American Kestrel from Penitentiary Glen Reservation.

**Transportation available by calling the signup line.**

**Tuesday Evening Programs -**

**Please call the signup line if you need transportation by the Monday before the program.** Bus pickup starts at 6:15 p.m. for GW and 6:30 p.m. for main campus. All Programs start at 7 p.m.

4/14 **OPUS 216** - Jackie Pegis, cello

4/21 **Seize the Day** – Cabaret Dinner  
Theater by reservation only

4/28 **Sarah & Jonathan Gordon** –  
Contemporary Piano and Vocals

**On Campus Happenings -**

**Scribbler's Book Reading Session**

Friday, April 17th

3:00 p.m.

BV North Community Room

**Cost: No Charge**

Members of the Scribbler's group who took part in the project of *writing Pages from the Ages Volume 2* will do another reading session at BV North. They will each read one of their pieces from the book. Residents and staff that make up this group are...Sharon & Rick Naylor, Dick Philpott, Dick Meadows, Dean Myers, Barbara Phillips, Bonnie Kale, Mary Ellen Layman and Barbara Hacha. **No transportation available.**

**Greg Piscura Presents -**

**Morning Melodies**

Tuesday, April 21

Bus Pickup 10:30 a.m.

Event 11 a.m.

Shafer/Sweitzer Dining Room

**Cost: No Charge**

Join our favorite crooner at the newly renovated Shafer Sweitzer Dining Room as he sings our favorite songs. Light refreshments will be served. **Reservations recommended and transportation available by calling the signup line.**

**Chautauqua Talks Presents -  
The Gulf States' Emerging Influence**

Thursday, April 23  
Bus Pickup 12:30 P.M.  
Lecture 1 p.m.

**Cost: No Charge**

Dr. Vali Nasr reviews the relationships of past U.S. Administrations with Middle Eastern countries with a particular emphasis on Iran. Highlighted are the concern for nuclear weapons and the impact of oil. Also discussed are the interactions of other major economies - Russia, China and EU countries.

**Transportation is available by calling the signup line.**

**Group Reiki -**

Friday, April 24  
Bus Pickup 12 p.m.  
Class 12:30 p.m.  
MCA Theatre

**Cost: No Charge**

Join our Reiki Masters, Mary Ellen Layman and Kim Bradac for a relaxing time. Reiki is translated as "guided life force energy" and it is a complement to modern medicine to aid in the improvement of your well-being using healing touch. **Registration is required** and transportation is available by calling the signup line.

**Aging Well 2026 Series Presents-  
Safe Driving for Seniors**

Monday, April 27  
Bus Pickup 1:30 p.m.  
Event 2 p.m.  
Smith Performing Arts Center

**Cost: No Charge**

Driver Rehabilitation Specialists keep Ohio's older drivers safe and moving. As Ohio's population of 65+ drivers continues to increase there can be concern regarding the level of safety while driving. Learn about the risk factors that can impact older drivers and how to stay safe on the road. Light refreshments will be served. **Reservations are required. Transportation is available by calling the signup line.**

**JD Stillwater Presents - *Awe, Science,  
and Meaningful Well-Being***

Wednesday, April 29  
Bus Pickup 10:30 a.m.  
Class 11a.m.  
Smith Performing Arts Center

**Cost: \$5**

Recent research into the experience of awe reveals that awe makes us feel small but also deeply connected. This in turn makes us better people. With help from some truly awesome video footage, we'll explore what's known about awe's effects on us, how it can benefit humanity, and how science can help us experience awe.

This engaging multimedia presentation explores recent findings on awe, using examples that allow participants to experience awe along the way. We will consider the components of an awe experience, the changes in brain function that accompany awe, the effects on other body systems and social dynamics, the sibling rivalry between awe and horror, and the uses and misuses of awe in education, politics, and warfare. **Reservations are required and transportation is available by calling the signup line.**

**The Pathways to Diversity Task Force  
Presents-*Buddhism: History,  
Teachings, and Contemporary  
Practices***

Tuesday, May 5  
Bus Pickup 12:30 p.m.  
Lecture 1 p.m.  
Smith Performing Arts Center

**Cost: No Charge**

Who is the Buddha, and what did he teach? Was the Buddha a god? Was Buddhism a philosophy, a way of life, or a religion? This talk opens with the history of Buddhism and its core teachings. It also introduces contemporary practices such as meditation and pilgrimage. These practices are rooted in pre-modern Buddhist teachings, and remain central to Buddhist communities and traditions across the globe. Join Dr. Jue Liang as she delves into these questions and more. **Reservations recommended and transportation available by calling the signup line starting on Tuesday, April 7 at noon.**

**Windows 11 Class -**

Thursday, May 14  
 Bus Pickup 10:30 a.m.  
 Class 11 a.m.  
 MCAT at Osborne Community Plaza  
**Cost : No Charge**  
 Join Jenny Sutter, Technology Training Librarian from the Eastlake Library as she hosts a one-hour hands-on training on how to use Windows 11. Eastlake Library has a limited amount of traveling laptops for this class, or you can bring your own laptop if it is equipped with Windows 11. Transportation is available. **Space is limited and reservations required.**

**Travels with Marilyn Presents -**

**Bellissima Tosc \*\***

Tuesday, May 19  
 Bus pickup 1p.m.  
 Event 1:30p.m.  
 Gathering Space  
**Cost: No Charge**  
 This month we travel to Tuscany! It is a region in central Italy. Its capital is Florence. We will visit wineries, Abbey's, and medieval villages just to name a few! Hope you can join me! **Transportation is available by calling the signup line. \*\* Please note there is no Travels with Marilyn in April**

**Campus Movies -**

**Grace Woods**  
**April 18**  
**7 p.m. – Reserve Community Rm**  
**A Prairie Home Companion**  
 Grace Woods Movie Nights Are Back! Our first movie will be a mystery-comedy-musical based on Garrison Keillor's popular NPR radio program. **"A Prairie Home Companion"** features Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, John C. Reilly, Woody Harrelson, Tommy Lee Jones, Kevin Kline, and Garrison Keillor. Watch as the cast gets ready to present what they believe will be the last Prairie Home Companion radio production, and try to figure out who the mysterious blonde really is. Note that it's rated PG-13 for risqué humor, but all in good fun. Come celebrate the repair and upgrade of the equipment in the community room. See you there!

**North**  
**April 18**  
**6:30p.m. - NCMR**  
**Dr. No (1962)**  
 A resourceful British government agent seeks answers in a case involving the disappearance of a colleague and the disruption of the American space program.

**Osborne Community Plaza**  
**Monday, April 20**  
**4:30 p.m. – PAC**  
**The Devil Wears Prada**  
 Getting hired in NYC working under an editor of a large magazine is a big deal for Andy, who had just graduated college. She quickly learns this new job isn't as glamorous as it seems, having to deal with her "impossible to please" boss.

**Reminders -**

**In Our Art Gallery -**

Rancher resident Sandy Reddig is showing in the Art Gallery now through the end of April. Please feel free to walk through and see her amazing pieces.

**Severance Concert Dates -**

**May 8** for Wagner's Götterdämmerung  
 As always, this concert also includes a pre-concert lecture, coffee and donuts and a one-hour Cleveland Orchestra concert. Call Georgette if you'd like to be put on the waiting list. **Bus pickup starts at 9 a.m.**

**Questions about the Resident**

**Portal/Icon?**

Contact Pam Bruck, Executive Assistant at 440.942.4342 ext. 1502

**Schell's Bistro -**

Hours are Tuesday through Friday starting at 11a.m. and closing at 6p.m. Reservations can be made during regular business hours by calling 440.497.5160. Please note that the Bistro is closed daily from 3-3:30p.m. for the server's lunch.

## **Iconnect Presents -**

### **Tech Concierge**

Mondays

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Cost: No Charge**

Bring your laptop, phone or tablet for our Tech Concierge to help you. **No** in-room/home visits will be available. This program is free of charge. Signup for your 15-minute time slot at your housing area's front desk. Shafer Sweitzer and Ranch residents can signup at the Osborne Community Plaza volunteer desk. The schedule will be as follows:

April 13 – North Private Dining

April 20 – Grace Woods Pub

April 27 – North Private Dining

### **Best of the East**

Ohio Living Breckenridge Village is honored and excited to have been named a finalist for the Cleveland Magazine "Best Senior Living" category for the fourth year in a row! We invite you to join the celebration and vote for us at Landerhaven, Mayfield Heights, on April 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. where more than 75 restaurants will be featuring award-winning food and beverages. Help recognize us as the winner four years in a row for the extraordinary care and compassion our professionals provide our residents and employees daily. **No transportation available.**

### **The Outsiders**

Trip on Thursday May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Playhouse Square. Cost is \$85. This trip is now full, call the signup line to be put on the wait list.

### **Vision Loss Support Group -**

If you are experiencing vision loss and want to connect with others for emotional support and to share ideas, please come to our vision loss support group. The group takes place on the third Wednesday of each month in the North Community Room at the North Apartments, 1-2p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Kilkenney, LISW-S at 440.954.8341 or [rkilkenney@ohioliving.org](mailto:rkilkenney@ohioliving.org).

### **Hearing Loss Support Group -**

Do you feel isolated due to hearing loss? Do you wish you could connect with others who understand what you're going through? If so, you are welcome to join our Hearing Loss Support Group, which takes place on the second Wednesday of each month, 1-2 p.m. in the BV North Conference Room. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Kilkenney, LISW-S, 440.954.8341 or [rkilkenney@ohioliving.org](mailto:rkilkenney@ohioliving.org).

### **Grand Letter Luncheon**

Save the date and mark your calendars, the Grandletter Luncheon will be Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Invites will be going out soon. Please do NOT RSVP yet. If you have any questions, please call Kirsten Ross directly at 440.954.8344. Thank you.

### **Knife Sharpening -**

The Craft and Wood Shop have a new service! We have purchased a professional knife sharpener and are prepared to put a nice sharp edge on your knives! Label each handle with your name, unit and phone number on a tape. Drop them off at in the container by the entrance to the wood shop which is in the NE corner of the North Garage.

We will sharpen them and call you to arrange a time for you to pick them up. The cost is \$3 each and \$5 minimum.

**We cannot sharpen serrated blades.**

If you have questions call Cal Hunter at 440.527.8233 or email:

**[cwhuntersr@aol.com](mailto:cwhuntersr@aol.com)**

## Spiritual Life -

### Weekly Scripture Verse and Devotional from Chaplain Bev...

**Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. (Psalms 119:105)**

God's Word refers to the written or spoken message of God, as well as the message of God revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, often called the Word. The Word of God is like a light in our hand, illuminating truths about the story of God, the character of God, and the ways of God. It helps us understand His creation and answer difficult questions or make hard choices. The guidance found in God's Word is perfect. His story is true. His instructions are trustworthy. His promises will stand. His commands are like beams of light pointing us back to Himself. We can know God, better understand who He's created us to be and navigate this increasingly dark world by the light of His Word. God's Word is a lamp for our feet and a light on our path. As we walk with God, step by step, He will lead us to life.

### Weekly Worship Schedule -

Held every Friday from 2:30-3:30 in the Lyons Chapel. Open to all campus residents, family and friends. A Breckenridge bus comes each week from North Apartments. Others can call for transportation.

Apr 17 – Pastor Wayne DeMarco

Apr 24 – Rev. Cassie Wolfe

May 1 – Rev. Bev Wrobel w/Communion

May 8 – Rev. Barbara Holzhauser

May 15 – Pastor Wayne DeMarco

May 22 – Rev. Cassie Wolfe

### Chapel Choir Singers -

The choir is growing! Please join us if you enjoy singing! Chapel Choir Singers practice on Fridays at 1:30 in the Lyons Chapel and sing each week in the worship service at 2:30 p.m. Contact Marcine Petrea at 216.261.6117 or mrcine@aol.com for more information.

### Monthly Spiritual Life and Visitation Team Meeting -

Meetings alternate on the second Wednesdays of the month from 1:00-2:00 in the Lyons Chapel. The Spiritual Care Team meets on odd months, and the Visitation Team meets on even months. Please attend if you are interested in learning more about these impactful ministries. For more information contact Chaplain Bev Wrobel at 440.954.8373 or [bwrobel@ohioliving.org](mailto:bwrobel@ohioliving.org)

### Prayer Chain -

If you have a prayer request or would like to join the Prayer Team to pray for others, please call Cheryl Manos at 440-954-8361 to be added to the prayer chain. The Prayer Team is here to pray for you.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry -

Meets on the third Monday of every month from 1:00-2:00 in the Nason Center upper-level lobby outside the Lyons Chapel balcony. This is a social time to knit or crochet together. Prayer shawls are available in the Spiritual Care Office and can be given to residents, family and friends who need support and encouragement.

### Monthly Catholic Mass -

April 27, the fourth Monday of each month from 1:30-2:00 in the Lyons Chapel. Provided by Immaculate Conception Church.

### Monthly Sunday Worship -

April 26, the last Sunday of each month from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Lyons Chapel. Provided by Wickliffe Presbyterian Church.

### Lectio Divina -

Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room at The Landing at Grace Woods. Weekly Scripture Meditation meets on Wednesdays. Led by Chaplain Bev. Come as you can. No prior reading or preparation is required.

**Please call transportation directly at 440.954.8343 for a ride to any Spiritual Life program 24 hours before the event.**