

Weekly Buzz

February 13,
2026



Mary Ellen's Corner

Hello Friends –

Just a friendly reminder that when you sign up for a program or event that we purchase tickets in advance for; you are financially responsible for those tickets. We do not always have a waiting list. If we do, then you are in luck! If we do not have a waiting list or if no one takes those tickets by the date of the outing or event, you will be charged since those tickets have already been purchased. Thank you for your understanding. Have a fantastic week.

Joyfully,
Mary Ellen Layman, Director of Activities

New Trips -

Playhouse Square Presents

Macbeth

Wednesday, March 25

Bus Pickup 6:15 p.m.

Event 7:30 p.m.

Hannah Theatre at Playhouse Square

Cost: \$77 – Floor seats

"Something wicked this way comes..." This spellbinding story weaves a tale of power's intoxicating promise and the heavy toll it demands. This timeless tragedy captivates unforgettable characters, Shakespeare's incomparable language and the relentless exploration of power's corrupting force. The boundaries between heroism and villainy blur as the question begs an answer: will ambition lead to greatness or doom? Don't miss this enthralling journey into the heart of human desire, danger and destiny.

Reservations required and now open; transportation included.

Playhouse Square Presents -

The Outsiders

Thursday, May 7

Bus Pickup 6:15 p.m.

Event 7:30 p.m.

Playhouse Square

Cost: \$85

In Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1967, Ponyboy Curtis, his best friend Johnny Cade and their Greaser family of 'outsiders' battle with their affluent rivals, the Socs. ***The Outsiders***

navigates the complexities of self-discovery as the Greasers dream about who they want to become in a world that may never accept them. With a dynamic original score, ***The Outsiders*** is a story of friendship, family, belonging and the realization that there is still "lots of good in the world." Winner of the 2024 Tony for Best Musical, this thrilling new musical features a book by Adam Rapp with Justin Levine and lyrics by Jamestown Revival. Transportation included. **Reservations required. You can call in starting on Wednesday, February 18 at noon.**

Save the Dates -

Here are some dates to put in your calendar, more information coming soon! Please do **not** RSVP for these events yet. Thank you.

Pancake breakfast - Thursday, March 12 from 9-11 a.m. at the Smith Performing Arts Center

Girl Scout Cookie Sales - Tuesday, March 10 from 6:15–8 p.m. at the Smith Performing Arts

Wii Bowling Banquet - Thursday, April 9 at 11:30 a.m. in the Smith Performing Arts Center

New Classes and Events -

Morning Melodies with

Greg Piscura

Tuesday, March 3

Bus Pickup 10:30 a.m.

Event 11 a.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: No Charge

Join us for a wonderful morning performance by our favorite local crooner, Greg Piscura. He will be sure to delight you.

Reservations recommended and transportation available by calling the signup line.

Chautauqua Series Presents -

The Future of the American

Experiment Part 1

Thursday, March 5

Bus Pickup 12:30 p.m.

Class Time 1 p.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: No Charge

Originally presented on 7/15/2025 by Michel O'Hanlon (Brookings) and Kori Schake (AEI).

Experts from two think tanks with divergent perspectives, the Brookings Institution and the American Enterprise institute (AEI), discuss important issues of U.S society. In this discussion the topics of American defense and foreign policy are explored. The discussion includes: the Russian invasion of Ukraine, NATO, Iran, China, and the Golden Dome. There is surprising agreement between the two representatives six months into the Trump administration. **Reservations recommended and transportation available by calling the signup line.**

Science Friday with Joe Presents -

IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Friday, March 6

Bus Pickup 10:30 a.m.

Class 11 a.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: No Charge

Great scientific discoveries are often the result of hard work and very good luck, often by ordinary people who turn out to be incredibly interesting.

Join us as we look at several incidents that literally changed the world we live in today...small stories that gave rise to life-changing ideas...including Dr. Erlich's magic bullet, Chinese heavenly flowers, how the pancreas caused an assassination in Bavaria and how a cantaloupe saved millions of lives. **Reservations recommended and transportation available by calling the signup line.**

Chautauqua Series Presents -

The Future of the American

Experiment Part 2

Wednesday, March 25

Bus Pickup 12:30 p.m.

Class Time 1p.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: No Charge

Originally presented on 7/18/2025 by Jonah Goldberg (AEI) and Jonathan Rauch (Brookings).

Experts from two think tanks with divergent perspectives, the Brookings Institution and the American Enterprise institute (AEI), discuss the issue "Is America Coming Apart." The discussion centers on the failings of government including social problems not addressed, the decline of strength of the organized parties, media extremism, and the distortions of politics due to financing. There are substantial areas of agreement between these disparate representatives. **Reservations recommended and transportation available by calling the signup line.**

Case Western Reserve University Siegel Lifelong Learning Presents - Important Documents that Made America

Mondays April 13-May 18

Bus Pickup 10:30 a.m.

Class 11 a.m.

Smith Performing Art Center

Cost: OLBV Residents \$90

Community members \$105

Join Patrick Moore, JD for this upcoming course. As we mark over 250 years of American History, it's a fitting moment to refresh our civi memory. The principles and ideals found in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and Lincoln's great speeches have inspired generations and continue to do so. Revisiting their historical context reminds us of their enduring meaning and purpose helping to carry their legacy forward. Other documents that may be discussed are the Emancipation Proclamation, the Northwest Ordinance and Letter from Birmingham. Reservations required, transportation available. **Reservations start on Thursday, February 19 at noon by calling the signup line.**

On Campus Happenings -

Iconnect Presents - Tech Concierge

Monday, February 16

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

North Private Dining

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:

February 16 – Rivers Edge Pub GW

March 2 – Gathering Place at OCP

March 9 – North at the NPD

Travels with Marilyn Giverny France

Tuesday, February 17

Bus pickup 1p.m.

Event 1:30p.m.

Gathering Space

Cost: No Charge

Marilyn Dolence, one of our Ranch residents, invites you to her next travel destination to Giverny France where the great impressionist Claude Monet lived and created a beautiful garden. Come take a stroll through Monet's Garden on February 17! **Reservations recommended.**

Transportation is available by calling the signup line.

Aging Well Series 2026 Presents -

Over the Counter Supplements

Monday, February 23

Bus Pickup 1:30 p.m.

Event 2 p.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: No Charge

Join us for our first 2026 Aging Well lecture featuring Haidy N. Kamel, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Chemistry at Cuyahoga Community College who will educate us on over-the-counter herbal and dietary supplements. Dr. Kamel received a fellowship from the NIUST (National Institute of Underwater Science and Technology) in 2006 to continue her research in the field of drug discovery from natural sources. Dr. Kamel comes to us from the Tri-C Speakers Bureau.

Registration required. Transportation is available by calling the signup line.

LifeLoop Log in Information -

Go to - Lifeloop.com

Username: Content.ohio

Password: Breckenridge1!

If you have questions regarding LifeLoop, please contact the Activity Department at 440.953.1375.

Women in History Presents -

Sally Hemings

Thursday, February 26

Bus Pickup 12:30 p.m.

Event 1 p.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: \$5

Thomas Jefferson's Concubine, Sally Hemings was an enslaved woman owned by Thomas Jefferson. The Jefferson–Hemings Controversy is the question of whether Thomas Jefferson impregnated Sally Hemings and fathered any, or all of her six children. There were rumors as early as the 1790's. But what exactly was the 40-year relationship between Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings? Were they lovers, or was it something else because they were master and slave? Join us for this amazing program presented by Women in History.

Reservations required and transportation available by calling the signup line. Reservation now open.

CMA Long Distance Learning

Presents - From the Earth Through

Her Hands: African Ceramics

Wednesday, March 4

Bus Pickup 10:30 a.m.

Class 11 a.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: \$5

African women have worked in ceramics for millennia, yet their accomplishments are under-exhibited compared to male artists who sculpted in wood. This rotation considers key western, central, and eastern African ceramics spanning the first through 20th centuries. The intimate presentation illuminates the deeply historical practice of African women working in ceramics and considers connections between functional and display ceramics. One of the 10 works is newly acquired (a mid-20th-century bowl by renowned Nigerian ceramicist Ladi Kwali OON MBE), while others have not recently been on view or are being exhibited for the first time. **Registration required**; transportation is available by calling the signup line.

Group Reiki

Friday, March 27

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 compliment 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.

Campus Movies -

North

February 14

6:30p.m. - NCMR

As Good As It Gets

Melvin Udall (Jack Nicholson) is an obsessive-compulsive writer of romantic fiction who's rude to everyone he meets, including his gay neighbor Simon (Greg Kinnear), but when he has to look after Simon's dog, he begins to soften and, if still not completely over his problems, finds he can conduct a relationship with the only waitress (Helen Hunt) at the local diner who'll serve him.

Grace Woods

February 14

Due to technical issues, there will be no movie this week. Thank you for your understanding.

Osborne Community Plaza

Monday, February 16

4:30 p.m. - PAC

Special Pizza and Movie night by reservation only.

Upcoming Trip Pickups -

2/18 *SUFFS the Musical* 6 p.m.

2/20 *Severance Pickup* 9 a.m.

3/25 *Macbeth* 6:15 p.m.

3/29 *Jesus Christ Superstar* 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Programs

Please call the sign-up 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.

2/17 Rey Rangel – Guitar and vocals

2/24 OPUS 216 – Classical Pianist

3/3 No TEP

3/10 Opus 216

3/17 RCD Trio

Reminders -

Care Cards Price Increase -

BV North - 75¢

SSH and Gift Shop - Small - 50¢ Large 75¢

GW - 75¢

Severance Concert Dates

Please mark your calendars for the following dates.

February 20 for Frenzied Tango

March 20 for Chan Conducts Bartok

May 8 for Wagner's Gotterdannerug

As always, these concerts also include a pre-concert lecture, coffee and donuts and a one-hour Cleveland Orchestra concert.

Bus pickup starts at 9 a.m.

Jesus Christ Superstar Trip -

Jesus Christ Superstar will be on Sunday March 29 at 2 p.m. This trip is now full.

Please call the signup line to be put on the waitlist.

OCP Parking -

Please refrain from parking in the two "future new resident" parking spots in front of the OCP. We want to make sure we provide a warm welcome to the increased prospect site tours. Thank you!

This includes after hours and weekends due to tours.

Breckenridge Gift Shop -

The Breckenridge Gift Shop is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12- 2p.m.

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Brain Games at Grace Woods -

Brain Games meets from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Monday in the Woodland Ridge Community Room at Grace Woods. Open to the entire campus. Call transportation directly at 440.954.8343 if you need a ride.

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.

Specialty Recycling -

If you have used batteries, hearing aids, or eyeglasses, residents can send them through campus mail to Ken Jones or Susanne Carter. You can also drop them off at Ranch 171 or the Grace Woods front desk.

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 will take 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.

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.

Sign-up Line 440.953.1375

Foundation Information

Together, We Make Caring Possible

At Ohio Living, our mission is simple yet profound: to provide adults with caring and quality services toward the enhancement of physical, mental and spiritual well-being consistent with the Christian Gospel. Every day, our dedicated employees bring this mission to life. From those who prepare delicious meals to those who keep our spaces shining, from nurses and therapists to chaplains and volunteers, their caring hands and open hearts create the experiences that make Ohio Living feel like home for so many.

And your generosity is what makes it all possible. As a nonprofit organization, every gift and every dollar we receive is reinvested into our people, programs, and communities -- not into profit. This is what sets Ohio Living apart.

Your kindness allows us to go beyond meeting needs -- it helps us nurture those who give so much of themselves to care for others. From June 2024 to June 2025, donors across Ohio Living gave more than \$444,000 in support of our employees. These funds helped more than 110 team members facing unexpected hardships -- from car repairs and house fires to health challenges and family losses -- through The Caring Fund, our largest source of donor-supported assistance. Additional donor gifts enhanced child and elder care support, renovated staff break rooms, provided uniforms, funded continuing education, and even stocked "Caring Closets" with free everyday essentials for team members right in our workplaces.

When our employees feel supported, valued, and inspired, they can give their very best each day -- and that creates a ripple of care reaching every corner of Ohio Living. Because of you, we're not only changing lives; we're lifting spirits and building stronger communities of care together.

Your continued support helps us keep this circle of care growing. If you feel inspired to make a gift to the Caring Fund or other employee support initiatives, please reach out to Eva Allen, Director of Gift Planning for the Ohio Living Foundation at Breckenridge Village: 440.497.5237 or EAllen@ohioliving.org

Every act of generosity makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for helping our caregivers continue to shine!

Spiritual Life -

Weekly Scripture Verse and Devotional from Chaplain Bev...

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day season of fasting, reflection and remembrance before Holy Week and the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. Take a moment and meditate on this passage:

By the sweat of your brow, you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return. (Genesis 3:19)

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.

Feb 13 – Rev. Barbara Holzhauser

Feb 20 – Pastor Wayne DeMarco

Feb 27 – Rev. Cassie Wolfe

Mar 6 – Rev. Bev Wrobel (with Communion)

Mar 13 – Pastor Candy Jankowski

Mar 20 – Pastor Wayne DeMarco

Mar 27 – Rev. Cassie Wolfe

Ash Wednesday Service -

February 18 at 10 a.m. in the Lyons Chapel. All are welcome.

Imposition of Ashes –

Wednesday, February 18

1-1:30 p.m. - Brownstone Community Rm

1:45-2:15 p.m. - Shafer-Schweitzer

Creative Place

2:30-3 p.m. - North Community Room

3:30-4 p.m. - Grace Woods Reserve

Community Room

Chapel Choir Singers -

Chapel Choir Singers practice at 1:30 in the Lyons Chapel. Contact Marcine Petrea at 216-261-6117 or mrcine@aol.com for more information.

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Lenten Challenge -

Draw closer to Christ by reading through all four gospels during the 40 days of Lent and/or learn more about the attributes of God by reading three Psalms a day.

Reading guides will be available at the front desks of BVN, SSH and GW. Or please call Cheryl Manos at 440-954-8361 and one will be emailed or put in the campus mail to you.

Loss of a Spouse Grief Support -

One session meets Thursday, February 26 from 1:30-3:30 in the North Private Dining Room. Call Chaplain Bev at 440-954-8373 or bwrobel@ohioliving.org for more information.

GriefShare -

Grief Support Group – 13 weeks Utilizes a video, participant book and discussion to help you on your journey through grief. Meets Thursdays, beginning March 5 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the North Private Dining Room. If you're not sure that GriefShare is for you, please attend one or two sessions. Building community with others who understand is a significant part of the healing process. Call Chaplain Bev at 440.954.8373 or bwrobel@ohioliving.org for more information.

Monthly Spiritual Life and

Visitation Team Meeting -

Meets on the second Wednesday of every month.

Wednesday, February 11 from 1p.m.-2 p.m. in the Lyons Chapel at the Nason Center.

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

Visitation Team -

The Team provides friendly visits to residents throughout the campus. They offer friendship, a listening ear and assistance to new residents in their transition. If you would like to receive a visit or be a part of the Team who makes visits, please contact Chaplain Bev Wrobel at 440-954-8373.

Sign-up Line 440.953.1375

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 1-2 p.m. 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 Pastoral Care Office and can be given to residents, family or friends who need support and encouragement.

Monthly Catholic Mass -

February 23, the fourth Monday of each month from 1:30-2 p.m. in the Lyons Chapel.

Provided by Immaculate Conception Church

Monthly Sunday Worship

February 22, the last Sunday of each month from 10-11:00 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.**