

# Weekly Buzz

February 20,  
2026



## *Mary Ellen's Corner*

Hello Friends -

On March 4 we are having a very special program at the Veale Wellness & Aquatic Center. We need **your help** and participation to work on a project with high school students who are members of Jr. Leadership Lake County. If you were here for the Prom two years ago, that was the organization that put that on. They are still working out the details of the exact start time of the program, but it will be between around 10 a.m. As soon as we have all the details, we will have it listed in the Buzz. Have a glorious week.

Joyfully,  
Mary Ellen Layman, Director of Activities

## Grand Letter Update

Just a reminder that if you are participating in the Grandletters Program, that letters are due **NO LATER** than Tuesday, February 24. Please turn in your letters to your front desk or drop them off at the IL Activities office. If you have any questions, please call Kirsten Ross directly at 440.954.8344. Thank you.

## 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.

**Girl Scout Cookie Sales** - Tuesday, March 10 from 5-7 p.m. at the Smith Performing Arts before Tuesday Evening Program

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

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

## Volunteers Needed

Set up for the Pancake Breakfast on March 11 at 2 p.m. in the Smith Performing Arts Center. The event takes place on March 12 from 9-11 a.m.

Set up for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 27 at 2:00 in the Smith Performing Arts Center. The event takes place on March 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. We need helpers for the event as well. Please call the sign-up line at 440.953.1375 to let us know if you can help.

## New Classes and Events -

**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 \$89**

**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 civic 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 by calling the signup line.**

**Chautauqua Series Presents -  
The Future of the American  
Experiment Part 2**

Wednesday, March 19\*\*  
Bus Pickup 12:30 p.m.  
Class Time 1 p.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.**  
\*\*Date subject to change.

**Lake Metroparks Presents -  
Animal Ambassador Adam**

Thursday March 26  
Bus Pickup 12:30 p.m.  
Class 1 p.m.  
Smith Performing Arts Center  
**Cost: No Charge**  
Join Lake Metro Parks as our next Animal  
Ambassador, Adam a boxed turtle comes to  
visit from Penitentiary Glen Reservation.  
Learn all about Adam and his habitat.  
**Reservations recommended and  
transportation available by calling  
the signup line.**

**Upcoming Trip Pickups -**

2/20 Severance Pickup 9 a.m.  
3/25 Macbeth 6:15 p.m.  
3/29 Jesus Christ Superstar 12:30 p.m.

**Women in History Presents -  
Carrie Chapman Catt**

Wednesday, March 18  
Bus Pickup 12:30 p.m.  
Event 1 p.m.  
Smith Performing Arts Center  
Cost: \$5  
Join us for another amazing event from  
Women in History and “meet” Catharine  
(Carrie) Chapman Catt, an American  
women's suffrage leader who campaigned  
for the Nineteenth Amendment to the  
United States Constitution, which gave U.S.  
women the right to vote in 1920. Catt  
served as president of the National  
American Woman Suffrage Association  
from 1900 to 1904 and 1915 to 1920. Catt  
is the founder of the League of Women  
Voters, which is still active today.  
**Reservations required and  
transportation available by calling  
the signup line. Reservations open on  
Tuesday, February 24 at Noon.**

**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. Don’t miss this  
enthraling 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, this 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.**

## ***On Campus Happenings -***

### ***Iconnect Presents -***

#### ***Tech Concierge***

Mondays

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:

March 2 – Gathering Place at OCP

March 9 – North at the NPD

March 16 – Grace Woods Pub

March 23 – Brownstones Community Rm.

March 30 – Gathering Place at OCP

## ***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.

## ***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 1790s. 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.

*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.**

*CMA 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.

*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.**

## **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 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.

## **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.

2/24 OPUS 216 – Classical Pianist

3/3 No TEP

3/10 Opus 216

3/17 RCD Trio

## **Campus Movies -**

**North**

**February 21**

**6:30p.m. - NCMR**

***Thelma***

A 2024 American comedy-drama film written, directed, and edited by Josh Margolin. The film stars June Squibb as a woman who falls victim to a phone scam, and sets out to find the perpetrators with the help of her grandson and a friend Richard Roundtree (in his final role).

**Osborne Community Plaza**

**Monday, February 23**

**4:30 p.m. – PAC**

***Murder on the Orient Express***

This mystery/thriller movie, centered around the novel written by Agatha Christie, follows a train ride to London, when a stabbing happens aboard the train. Detective Hercule Poirot has to find out who the culprit is before another murder occurs.

## **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.

**March 20** for Chan Conducts Bartok

**May 8** for Wagner's Gotterdammerung

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.

### **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 11 a.m. and closing at 6 p.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.

### **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, 1-2 p.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).

### **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:

***I had only heard about you [God] before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance. (Job 42:5-6)***

### **Weekly Worship Schedule -**

Held every Friday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. 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 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

### **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 p.m. in the North Private Dining Room. Call Chaplain Bev at 440-954-8373 or bwrobel@ohioliving.org for more information.

### **Chapel Choir Singers -**

Chapel Choir Singers practice at 1:30 p.m. in the Lyons Chapel. Contact Marcine Petrea at 216.261.6117 or mrcine@aol.com 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 1-2 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.

### **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.**