



# The Snyder Scoop

## December 2021

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SNYDER VILLAGE WELCOMES

*Danira Parra*  
CAMPUS CHAPLAIN

Snyder Village is pleased to welcome Danira Parra as the new campus chaplain. Along with her new role at Snyder Village, Danira also serves part time as pastor of Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church in East Peoria. Originally from Arizona, Danira moved to the area over 30 years. Her love of snow brought her to the Midwest, and she still considers shoveling snow one of her favorite activities. "It's great exercise and a great time for praying and singing," says Danira.

As the chaplain for the Snyder Village campus, Danira will minister to residents and staff in the Retirement Community, Assisted Living, and Health Center. "My job is to be a prayer warrior here," explains Danira. "I am here to listen and pray." Residents and staff are encouraged to call Danira "Pastor D" and to leave prayer requests or other notes for her in the box outside the campus chapel, which is located near the pool table. All requests and information shared will remain private. "Anyone can leave a note for me. Just include your name and contact information and I will get back in touch with you," says Danira. The chapel is open 24 hours a day and is available as a quiet place to think and pray.

Danira is looking forward to meeting and getting to know everyone on campus. "I am thrilled to be here (*Snyder Village*)", she says. Danira can be reached at (309) 367-4300 ext. 202.



# Keith's Corner

## A Note from the Executive Director

My 2021 has flown by; has yours too? It is hard to believe that it is December and time once again to celebrate Christmas. I am looking forward to seeing all the festive Christmas lights and decorations and seeing who the winners of the Retirement Community decorating contest are. The campus was spectacular last year, so be sure to spread your holiday cheer with your own talents this year.

I know you all have been through incredible challenges during the past year. Thank you for your assistance and perseverance as we work together to get through the COVID pandemic. Please take time during this season to thank God for his protection and provision as we remember and celebrate Christ's birth.

I am wishing everyone Christmas cheer with your family, loved ones, friends and everyone you meet.

Enjoy the Season and Christmas Blessings to Each One of You!

*Keith*

### *Happy 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Ronald & JoAnne Stover



December 2

### *Happy 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*

Herman & Doris Miller

December 10



### *Happy 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Daryl & Betty Stonier



December 27

### Wedding Anniversaries

To submit your wedding anniversary announcement, call Angela Kauffman at (309) 366-4133 or email [akauffman@snydervillage.com](mailto:akauffman@snydervillage.com) with your wedding date and years married. Submit information by the 15th of the month prior to your anniversary. Dates need to be resubmitted **every year**.

### Retirement Community Resident Council

**Wednesday, December 8**  
**9:00 am | SV Center**

All Retirement Community residents are welcome to attend.

# Retirement Community Chatter

Retirement Community residents enjoyed creating a winter scene during painting class.



Residents “armchair traveled” to Plymouth, MA! After taking their tickets, the flight attendants served them refreshments & pumpkin bars while they enjoyed the sights of Plymouth.

## What We’re Looking Forward To:

- **Dec 1, 1:00 p.m.** - We will take a trip to see the “Festival of Nativities” in Peoria. There will be more than 3,000 nativities on display.
- **Dec 14** - Join us from **9-10 a.m.** to get your picture taken for the 2022 Directory. Then, the Christmas Brunch will begin at **10 a.m.** Prizes will be awarded for the Christmas Light Contest winners. At **11 a.m.** we’ll enjoy music from Matt Barber.
- **Dec 20, 7:00 p.m.** - The Peoria Pops will be performing in the SV Center. This is an exceptional band that you won’t want to miss!

*For a complete list of the December activities happening in the Retirement Community, view the activity calendar or visit [www.snydervillage.com](http://www.snydervillage.com). All activities are subject to change.*



# Assisted Living Happenings

We had fun with our fall mason jar craft.



We loved having Duke the therapy dog come visit!

We honored our veterans on Veteran's Day. Thank you for your service!



## What We're Looking Forward To:

- Dec 6 & 9, 1:30 p.m. - Come get your photo taken to be used in your Christmas cards!
- Dec 13, 1:00 p.m. - Decorate Gingerbread Houses
- Dec 16, 6:00 p.m. - Christmas Tea Party
- Dec 17, 3:00 p.m. - Deck the Hall Door Tour
- Dec 20, 1:30 p.m. - Baking & Decorating Christmas Cookies
- Dec 30, 1:30 p.m. - Hot Chocolate Bar

*For a complete list of the December activities happening at Assisted Living, view the activity calendar or visit [www.snydervillage.com](http://www.snydervillage.com). All activities are subject to change.*

# A Health Center Hello



Residents had fun decorating their pumpkins!



We know our residents will receive gifts from family and friends, but we would like to have something special under the tree for everyone from "Santa" again this year!

If you are interested in "adopting" a resident this holiday season, please contact Amanda Yetter to sign up and for instructions. Email Amanda at [amanda@snydervillage.com](mailto:amanda@snydervillage.com) or call (309) 366-4180.

Please have all gifts wrapped or in gift bags and delivered by "Santa" to the Health Center by December 20. Thank you!

## What We're Looking Forward To:

- **Dec 1-12** - We will be celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas in fun, creative ways before learning the true meaning behind the song.
- **Dec 6, 10:00 a.m.** - Painting ornaments with Fired Up!
- **Dec 8, 6:00 p.m.** - Outing to the Festival of Lights
- **Dec 13, 2:15 p.m.** - Painting with Deb Wiechmann from the Potting Shed Art Studio
- **Dec 17, 12:30 p.m.** - Santa & his elves will be here!

*For a complete list of the December activities happening in the Health Center, view the activity calendar or visit [www.snydervillage.com](http://www.snydervillage.com). All activities subject to change.*





## Faith & Worship

*Snyder Village thanks area churches for providing weekly chapel services.*

### **Wednesday Chapel Services**

**2:30 - 3:00 p.m.** (Health Center)

**3:15 - 3:45 p.m.** (Assisted Living)

**Dec 1: Christian Union Church of Metamora**

**Dec 8: TBD**

**Dec 15: Apostolic Christian Church**

**Dec 22: Germantown Hills Baptist Church**

**Dec 29: TBD**

### **Sunday Chapel Service (Willow Hill UMC)**

**10:00 a.m.** (Retirement Community, SVC)

#### **Televised:**

Sundays, 9 a.m. - Service from Grace Presbyterian Church on Channel 4 (WEEK)

Sundays, 10 a.m. - Service from Christian Union Church on Channel 2

## Therapy Presentation

### ***Pace Yourself***

Did you know our heart and lungs need exercise as much as our muscles? Join in on a presentation from the Snyder Village Therapy Department about heart and lung health.

**Monday, December 13**

**10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**SV Center**



*We hope to see you there!*

*Contact the Therapy Department at (309) 367-4300 ext. 101 with any questions.*



*Thank you to all who have supported Snyder Village with your gifts, your time and your prayers.*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*from the Development Department*

**Santa's Workshop**

**Friday, December 10**

**5 - 7 pm ❄️ SV Center**

**Residents, Staff & Families Are Invited!**

*Santa Will Be There!* ❄️ **Fun & Games for All!**

**To add your candy/crafts/games table, call Amanda at (309) 366-4180.**



## Employee Service Anniversaries

### DECEMBER

26 yrs	Sandy Adams
15 yrs	Mark Clanin
9 yrs	Jennifer Blumenshine
4 yrs	Erin Harris
4 yrs	Angela Burns
2 yrs	Tammy Gilles
2 yrs	Alissa Goodman
1 yr	Natalie Thoren
1 yr	Darcy Slotter

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*Snyder Village Employees:* Be sure to join the Snyder Village Employee Group on Facebook for updates.



## Birthdays of the Month

### Health Center

**9** Virginia Brown  
**11** Norene Mausch-  
baugh  
**28** Michael Foster  
**28** Barbara Sasso

### Assisted Living

**3** Juanita Koch  
**10** Mary Osborne  
**13** Joan Seibert  
**17** Eula Snow  
**24** Bill Presley  
**28** Shirley Rosenbaum  
**29** Patricia Yount  
**31** Roxanne Shine

### Retirement Community

**4** Kathryn Brown  
**4** Ron Root  
**6** Chris Deissler  
**6** Gordon Guenther

### Retirement

### Community Cont.

**8** Katherine Paulson  
**10** Mary Kay Koch  
**14** Leticia Hill  
**14** Sharon Kauffman  
**17** Lura Cordes  
**17** Donna Perry  
**18** Jan Myers  
**19** Lucille Lotz  
**19** Mary Meis  
**20** Carol LaRue  
**20** Jerry Rebholz  
**20** Sarah Schaub  
**21** Betty Kauffman  
**21** Sharon Schumacher  
**22** Lucille Chamberlain  
**22** Philip Legel  
**22** Jerry Osko  
**25** Merry Lu Buchanan  
**27** Marti Bolen  
**31** Dianna Attkisson  
**31** Marvin Grebner

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### **Retirement Community Reminder:**

Be sure to take part in the Christmas Light Decorating Contest! Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for cottages & apartments. The voting period ends **December 13**.



## Pinochle Club



Help! We need new players! The more tables, the better the winnings!

**We play every Thursday night at 5:30 p.m. and finish by 8:30 p.m.**

We ask each player to put 50 cents in the pot for six games. The top three players split the pot according to place, and last place is rewarded with a "Booby" prize.

We will teach you the rules and how to play pinochle. Join us for lots of fun! **Call Paul Elliott at (309) 238-7274 with questions.**

***Congratulations to the winners!***

### Oct 21, 2021

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Lee Neff  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Jill Elliott  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** Wayne Rassi  
**Booby** Jodi Rassi

### Nov 4, 2021

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Lee Neff  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Shirley Schroeder  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** Leslie Koch  
**Booby** Don Simmons

### Oct 28, 2021

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Wayne Rassi  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Paul Elliott  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** Bill Shea  
**Booby** Don Simmons

### Nov 11, 2021

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Shirley Schroeder  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Lowell Koch  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** Paul Elliott  
**Booby** Lee Neff





*Need help at home?*

*Loving Care in Your Own Home*

Contact us:

**309-367-2300**

Meal Preparation  
 Personal Grooming  
 Transportation  
 Housekeeping  
 & more!

## Attention Retirement Community!

**Join us on Tuesday,  
 December 14,  
 in the SV Center:**



**9:00 AM:** Photographer Pam Siefken will be taking photos for the 2022 Directory. Updating the photos in the directory will help all residents (especially new ones) identify and recognize their neighbors.



**10:00 AM: Christmas Brunch**  
 Join us for the Retirement Community Christmas Brunch and enjoy great food & fellowship.



**11:00 AM:** Be entertained by Matt Barber, who will be here to sing some oldies and Christmas songs in the style of Frank Sinatra.

## *With Gratitude*

I want to extend my gratitude to everyone who gave me condolences, a card, a prayer, offered their help, etc. due to the passing of my husband, Albert. Snyder Village has a special place in my heart, and I appreciate all of you.

Much Thanks,  
 Melinda



# Volunteer News

Thank you to the many volunteers that serve across the Snyder Village campus! Your service is truly a gift to our residents, families, and staff. May your holidays be filled with God's goodness & peace. *Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

## Volunteer Needs:

- Volunteers are needed for several roles in our bistros during the breakfast, lunch, and supper hours. If you can help serve during any of these times, please contact me (*Ashley*) for more information.
- Do you love to decorate for the holidays? The Health Center needs your help to assist with setting up and decorating Christmas trees. We are looking for individuals or small groups of three volunteers to assist. Please contact me and we can set up a time for you or your small group to come!
- We are looking for a few more individuals to greet visitors at the Health Center Greeters' Desk. As a greeter, you would welcome visitors, give them a COVID-19 symptom sheet to fill out, and take their temperature.
- We are still in need of a few more ministry members to provide the message and prayer during our weekly services in the Health Center and Assisted Living. Church services are held each Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Health Center and at 3:15 p.m. at Assisted Living. Worship is very important to our residents!

*For more information on volunteering at Snyder Village, please contact:*

**Ashley Thompson | Volunteer Coordinator**  
**(309) 366-4135 | athompson@snydervillage.com**



### *Attention Volunteers!*

Please join us for a little celebration of the blessing that you and others have brought to Snyder Village. We would like to begin the holiday season with a token of our appreciation to the many who give of their time and talents to help make Snyder Village "Your Place to Call Home."



Following Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday signifies the beginning of the holiday giving season. Although generosity is encouraged every day of the year, Giving Tuesday is November 30, 2021.

**You can support the residents of Snyder Village this Giving Tuesday by making a gift to the Resident In Need Fund.** This Fund allows Snyder Village to continue caring for those who have exhausted their personal resources and can no longer pay for the cost of their continuing care.

Learn more and give online today at [www.snydervillage.com](http://www.snydervillage.com) or call Mike Lane at (309) 366-4116.

## Refer Your Friends



Refer your friends to Snyder Village and you could get paid!

Retirement Community residents can earn **\$500** for each new resident they refer who moves into a cottage or apartment in the Retirement Community. Assisted Living residents can earn **\$1,000** for each new resident they refer who moves into an Assisted Living apartment! Just ask the Retirement Community or Assisted Living for more information.

## Updated Information Needed

### **Retirement Community Residents:**

Happy winter to all Snyder Village Retirement Community residents. As we welcome 2022, I would like to update health information.

When possible, please bring a copy of current medications, allergies, primary care doctor, and dates of recent vaccines. This information is kept private but is necessary in the event of an emergency.

The information can be given to me during clinic hours, which are 6:30-11:00 AM on Thursdays in the library. You can also drop the information off at the Retirement Community Office or the Activities Office.

Thank you,

Connie Klinkradt  
Retirement Community Nurse



Tell your friends & family that Snyder Village is hiring! We are currently hiring Dining Servers, Cooks, Home Care Aides, RNs/LPNs, CNAs, Housekeeping, Transportation, Activity Aides, and more!

Great job benefits include insurance coverage, paid time off, flexible scheduling, matching 401k, and scholarships.

Applicants can learn more and apply online at [www.snydervillage.com](http://www.snydervillage.com). Questions? Call (309) 366-4143.

**WE'RE  
HIRING**  
JOIN OUR TEAM

# Remembering Our Friends and Neighbors...

Snyder Village remembers friends and neighbors lost this past month. We pray family and friends will find peace and comfort during this difficult time.

*"So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22).*



**Kaylene "Kay" Kurth**

Nov 13, 1942 - Oct 23, 2021



**Denis Gioletti**

Sept 24, 1932 - Oct 30, 2021



**Joan White**

Dec 11, 1933 - Nov 13, 2021



**Helen MacLaren**

Feb 28, 1926 - Nov 15, 2021

## In Honor and Loving Memory

The following individuals were lovingly remembered by a spouse, family members, or friends who donated generously to the Resident In Need or other Snyder Village funds in October 2021:

**Larry Attkisson, Patty Berg, and Jim Williams; Patricia Darnall; Oliver "Junior" Garber; Margaret Matson; Henry Mauschbaugh; Walter Nyberg; and Joseph Vanecko**

Gifts to Snyder Village, in honor of an individual or couple, are also made by loving family and friends in celebration of special milestones in life such as graduation, anniversary, retirement, or in general recognition or appreciation. None were received this month.

The Resident In Need Fund allows Snyder Village to continue caring for those who have exhausted their personal resources and can no longer pay for the cost of their continuing care. This helps to ensure that we can provide the highest quality of care for our residents. Thank you to all who have supported the Snyder Village Mission with your gifts.





Metamora Community Nursing Home DBA

1200 E. Partridge St., Metamora, IL 61548

(309) 367-4300 | [www.snydervillage.com](http://www.snydervillage.com)

## Please patronize our Summer Events Sponsors:



*Mr. Gene Baker*



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