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VILLAGE

The Scoop
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Caregiver Support Group

Caring for a loved one

Reclaimed Resale

Art Without Boundries



Snyder Village Caregiver Support Group

Caring for a loved one is a meaningful and selfless act, but it often comes with emotional and physical challenges. At Snyder Village, we understand the complexities of caregiving and offer a Caregiver Support Group to provide encouragement, guidance, and a sense of community. Whether you're a spouse, adult child, friend, or family member, our monthly gatherings offer:

CONNECTION

Meet others who understand caregiving joys and challenges.

EDUCATION

Access resources and tips to maintain balance and well-being.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Share your experiences in a safe, supportive space.

RESPIRE

Take time for yourself—caring for others starts with caring for you.

You don't have to go through caregiving alone. Join us on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in the Snyder Village Library, across from the Retirement Community Bistro.

All caregivers are welcome. For details or to RSVP, please contact Mary Smith at msmith@snydervillage.com.

Reclaimed Resale Funds Art Without Boundaries on Campus

Reclaimed Resale continues to make a meaningful impact on our community by funding the Art Without Boundaries program in the Health Center and Assisted Living. The local shop has donated proceeds to support this innovative arts initiative since 2019.

The Art Without Boundaries program brings trained facilitators directly to individuals with cognitive or physical challenges. The program fosters creativity, self-expression, and connection—regardless of physical or mental limitations through everyday pleasures such as singing, movement, painting and storytelling.

Since 2015, Reclaimed Resale has donated close to \$150,000 in gifts to the Resident In Need Fund, event sponsorships, and support of the art program.

Please consider stopping in to see Debbie Rauh, Executive Director, and the many volunteers at Reclaimed Resale. Donations and purchases at the resale shop truly make a difference—helping to turn everyday items into extraordinary experiences.



Chaplain's Office Moves

Chaplain Chris Rinkenberger's office has temporarily moved to the Retirement Community Activity Office.

This move is part of ongoing efforts to enhance our community space to better support the evolving needs of our residents. The current chaplain office will be repurposed into a dedicated space for small group activities such as Bible studies, rosary, prayer circles, card groups, and crafts.

We invite all residents to stop by the Chaplain's new office or visit one of the many spiritual programs on campus.

The Chaplain is here to support you—wherever you are on your spiritual journey. Prayer Request forms will be available outside the new office location.



Janelle Clark
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Update

I hope you are enjoying every moment of this beautiful summer season! August is often a time for us to pause and savor the sunshine, spend time with family and friends, and reflect on all we have accomplished so far this year. I hope you are enjoying the new format of *The Scoop Newsletter*—take a little extra time to review photographs and articles. This month’s edition highlights our caregiver support group, Reclaimed Resale’s support of the Art without Boundaries program, and our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Benefit Online Auction. Donations and volunteers are needed!

It also includes important information about the upcoming Retirement Community Resident Council elections, details regarding Chaplain Chris’ upcoming office move, and a message from our leadership team on Snyder Village’s approach to managing resident entrance fees.

I continue to be inspired by the sense of community we share. This month, I encourage you to take advantage of activities and events happening around campus and mark your calendar for our upcoming all-campus event—Rock the Lot! The event will take place on September 11, from 3-6pm, in the HC/RC Apartment Parking Lot. Join us for live music and food trucks. Friends and family are welcome!

New Residents

Do you know someone intersted in Snyder Village?
Please have them call Mike and Christine at (309) 812-2998.



Karen Stickelmaier



Walter & Laura Eschelbach



Christine and Mike
SALES TEAM

New residents not pictured include Cathy Shea, Glenda Bachman, and Kathleen Chapman.

Our generous sponsors support our mission to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of others in a loving, dignified, and Christian atmosphere.



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Resident Birthdays AUGUST

HEALTH CENTER

- 4 Jay Lorenz
- 7 Cloanne Mason
- 9 Lorraine Koppenhoefer
- 13 Vivian Diveley
- 22 Caroline Firlit
- 31 Dorothy Hanson

ASSISTED LIVING

- 6 Frieda Busse
- 10 Blanche Parks
- 23 Rose Fandel

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

- 4 Edward Bohanan
- 4 Linda Richard
- 5 Mary Smith
- 6 Judie Arnold
- 6 Gretchen Jones
- 10 Bob Meis
- 10 Glenn Paulson
- 11 Leland Neff
- 16 Jewell Deissler
- 20 Ken Hobson
- 20 Ruth Lightbody
- 21 Karen Zerbonia
- 22 Jan Skaggs
- 25 Pat Orrison
- 26 Joan Gerjets
- 26 Roy Saatkamp
- 27 Joy Anderson
- 27 Sue Buchanan
- 27 Ron Kerlin
- 27 Mike Manz
- 27 Jim Richardson
- 28 Helen Heinz
- 29 Jane Baudino
- 29 Barbara Ehmen
- 29 Mary Kerlin
- 30 Don Pannier
- 30 Doris Waterworth
- 31 Judy Johnson

To submit your wedding anniversary announcement, contact Jim Lovell by phone at (309) 367-4300, ext. 133 or by email at jlovell@snydervillage.com, and be sure to include your wedding date. Please submit by the 15th of the month prior to your anniversary and resubmit every year.

In Honor & Loving Memory

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 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.

The following individuals were lovingly remembered by spouses, family members, or friends who gererously donated to the Resident In Need or other Snyder Village funds in June 2025:

Frances Garber; Eula Snow; Sue Zobrist; Barbara VanCleave; and Floyd Cripe

Remembering our Friends & Neighbors



Janet Antrim
July 23, 1937 -
July 1, 2025



Nancy Grebner
Sept 25, 1938 -
July 3, 2025



Delbert Shirley
Jan 25, 1924 -
July 5, 2025



Shirley Ann Lane
Sept 8, 1929 -
July 12, 2025

Staff Members AUGUST

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 YEAR
Jessica Doan
Brenda Green
Jasmine Gulley
Shawn Mauzon
Emily Mura
Danielle Riley
Regina Shelton
Karsten Sherman
Dawn Venzon
- 2 YEARS
Brittany Armstrong
Jared Arthur
Cecilia Fandel
Aspen Kirchmeier

- 3 YEARS
Janelle Clark
Kyersten Hill
Joann Hosbrough
Tanaisha Walker
Lori Whitten
Valeri Ziegler
- 4 YEARS
Joanna Collins
Nancy Roggy
Oliviia Smith
Joseph Toldeo
Shaina Wilson

- 5 YEARS
Benjamin Quast
Mary Smith
Aryanna Thomas

- 20 YEARS
Ashley Thompson

- 25 YEARS
Shari Smith

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Latoya Moore
- 2 Olivia Smith
- 3 Jordan Williams
- 4 Michael Anderson
- 5 Alyssa Boley
- 5 Mary Smith
- 6 Becky Balk
- 7 Shari Smith
- 10 Glenn Paulson
- 11 Amanda Bauer
- 11 Brittany Hamilton
- 12 Emily Peterson
- 14 Joseph Workley
- 15 Emerson Stone
- 19 Asiah Baker
- 19 Bella Dupage
- 20 Henry Ausfahl
- 22 Jessica Doan
- 22 Chelsie Spencer
- 24 Amber Pickett
- 24 Kristy Miller
- 25 Syndy Clark
- 26 Amanda Yetter
- 28 Kayla Schwanke
- 28 Brayden Lowery
- 28 Sean Birchenall
- 29 Jane Miller



Chaplain’s Message

Chris Rinkenberger
CHAPLAIN

Shampoo bottles often say: “wash, rinse, repeat.” This algorithm has likely boosted sales more than any marketing campaign. Similarly, the author of Hebrews repeats a point for emphasis: under the Law, sacrifices were made “again and again,” proving that those sacrifices could “never take away sins” (v. 11).

Christ’s priesthood offers “one sacrifice for sins” and then “sat down at the right hand of God” (v. 12). His work is finished. Two facts confirm this: He is now at rest, (v. 13), and His sacrifice has “made perfect forever those who are being made holy” (v. 14).

Though we still grow in holiness, our obedience adds nothing to Christ’s perfect work. He has provided a perfect righteousness that cannot be improved upon. Sanctification – the Spirit’s work of shaping us – flows from forgiveness and justification. God writes His Law on our hearts (v. 16), not to earn salvation, but to reflect it. Sanctification always begins with forgiveness and justification through Christ. Where there has been forgiveness, there is no longer any need for sacrifice (vv. 17-18).

Go Deeper: Read *Hebrews 10:11-18* - What is sanctification? How does it begin? How have you experienced it?
Pray with us: Jesus, thank You that Your sacrifice has made a way for us to have a relationship with you and is making us new each day.



Our campus is nestled in a rural setting.

SUNDAY SERVICE

10am SV Center Service by Willow Hill UM

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

2:30pm Health Center
3:15pm Assisted Living

FRIDAY SERVICES

1st Friday of the Month
St. Mary’s Rosary & Mass 10am SV Center

2nd Friday of the Month

Service 10am HC Activity Room
Service by Crossroads Global Methodist Church
St. Mary’s Communion 9:30am Health Center

3rd Friday of the Month

Service 9:30am SV Center
Service by Washington Lutheran
St. Mary’s Communion 9:30am Health Center

Transportation: On every Saturday, 3:15pm departure for 4pm Catholic Mass at St. Mary’s of Metamora, and on every Sunday, 9:20am departure for 10am Worship Service at Christian Union Church of Metamora.



The power of prayer is extraordinary.

To amplify this power, our Pastor, Chris, is continuing our Prayer Chain program. To participate, scanning the QR code to the left or pick up and complete a form, returning it to Chris’s mailbox outside the Chapel or mail it to: Chaplain, 1200 E Partridge St, Metamora, IL 61548. Prayer requests can also be submitted to Chris by calling (309) 367-4300, Ext. 202, by emailing crinkenberger@snydervillage.com.

2025 Resident Council Election Nominees

Vote in-person at the Resident Council Meeting on Wednesday, Aug 13, at 9:30am.

From Aug 6-12 (by 4:30pm), vote by paper ballot (pick up in and return ballot to Heather Spence’s office), or vote by phone (call Heather Spence at (309) 366-4105, or Adrianna Leach at (309) 366-4181).



Judy Bradow ★★★
PRESIDENT

Judy has called Snyder Village home for 11 years and has served on the Resident Council for 10 of those, including time as president. She chose to run again to accomplish a few more things for the residents—like bringing back pizza parties and introducing new, engaging activities. Her goal is to boost participation and make life at Snyder even more enjoyable.

FUN FACT: Judy is a proud Grandma to 4, Great-Grandma to 6, and Great-Great-Grandma to 7!



Roy Saatkamp ★★★
PRESIDENT

Roy has been a resident of Snyder Village for 11 months. With a background in leadership roles, he was inspired to run for Resident Council after talking with current leadership and realizing it was a good fit for his skills. Roy enjoys organizing and finding ways to make things more efficient. Through this role, he hopes to improve communication and increase awareness among all residents—not just those who attend council meetings.

FUN FACT: Roy dressed up as a Cubs fan and sat on the roof of a school after his students met a reading goal.



Jerry Purdue ★★★
VICE PRESIDENT

Jerry has been a resident of Snyder Village for 2 years. He decided to run for Resident Council to serve the community and help Snyder Village continue to reflect the Christian, loving values it was founded on. Jerry is passionate about fostering strong communication—both between residents and staff, and among neighbors themselves.

FUN FACT: In 2018, Jerry rode his bicycle across the entire state of Wisconsin in just one day!



Joe Richard ★★★
VICE PRESIDENT

Joe has lived at Snyder Village for just over a year and brings enthusiasm and heart to the Resident Council. He enjoys being involved and wants to help make Snyder Village the best it can be. One idea he’s passionate about is creating a resident handbook filled with helpful tips and answers to the everyday questions new residents often have.

FUN FACT: Joe is a retired pastor who loves to bake cookies!



Carolyn Mann ★★★
SECRETARY

Carolyn has been a resident of Snyder Village for 2 years and hopes to bring a thoughtful approach to her role on the Resident Council. With previous familiarity of how the council works, she’s eager to support communication by helping share news and updates from meetings.

FUN FACT: Carolyn is aiming to live to a healthy 95 so she can celebrate her first grandson’s 30th birthday!



Robyn Pannier ★★★
SECRETARY

Robyn has been a resident of Snyder Village for 3 years and currently serves on the Resident Council. She ran for the position to get more involved, learn about the community, and connect with fellow residents. Robyn and her family have truly enjoyed Snyder and love their neighbors. She hopes to help keep everyone informed about what’s happening around the Village.

FUN FACT: Robyn still works at Goodfield State Bank—and loves it!

SV Volunteers

Calling All Volunteers! Join us in making the Annual Snyder Village Benefit Events a success!

We're kicking off the excitement early with a Benefit Pork Chop Cookout and Lucky Duck Pull at Metamora Kirby Foods on Sat, August 23, from 11am-3pm. The Village Market, Ice Cream Social and Online Auction Viewing will take place at the SV Center on Sat, September 6, from 1-4pm. Whether it's cooking pork chops, scooping ice cream, setting up tables, or greeting guests—we'd love your support before and during these events! To volunteer contact Ashley by calling (309) 366-4135 or emailing athompson@snydervillage.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to help transport Health Center residents in wheelchairs to activities in the SV Center and on off-campus field trips.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 AT 1PM

Field Trip:
Hooked on Fishing (Dixon's-East Peoria)
3 volunteers needed

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 AT 6PM

Concert in the Park:
Roof Top Big Band (Metamora Square)
2 volunteers needed

MONDAY, AUGUST 11 AT 10:15AM

Dining Out Club:
Storm Shelter (Eastport-East Peoria)
2 volunteers needed

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 AT 2PM

Peoria Area Senior Citizen Band (SV Center)
3 volunteers needed

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 AT 2PM

Field Trip:
Bakery Bar (Metamora Square)
2 volunteers needed

BIRTHDAY PARTY HOSTS NEEDED

Do you have a talent, hobby, or belong to a group or organization? Volunteers are needed to host a Health Center birthday party in October on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Hosting includes providing entertainment (music, crafts, games, or sharing a hobby or collection) for 20-30 minutes and bringing one cake. Times and dates can be flexible if needed.



2025 Benefit ONLINE AUCTION

Register to Volunteer on SignUpGenius

We are in need of several volunteers to help with the Snyder Village 2025 Benefit Events! All proceeds from the benefit support the Snyder Village 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.

Under the "Available Slot" Column, please click on the "Sign Up" button next to the slot you want to volunteer for. Click on the "Submit and Sign Up" button at the bottom of the page to fill out your contact information.

We appreciate all your support!

Contact Ashley Thompson, Volunteer & Events Coordinator, for more information or assistance signing up please, by calling (309) 366-4135, or emailing athompson@snydervillage.com.



2025 Benefit ONLINE AUCTION

SEPTEMBER 6 - 20

Scan the QR to visit our Benefit Online Auction

bit.ly/svauction2025



We are excited to invite you to participate in the Snyder Village 2025 Benefit Online Auction – an annual tradition that brings together residents, families, staff members, volunteers, and community members in support of a truly meaningful cause.

This event is an opportunity to make a direct impact by supporting our mission to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of others in a loving, dignified, and Christian atmosphere. Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, last year's auction raised over \$80,000 for our Resident In Need Fund – which helps ensure continued care for residents who have exhausted their personal resources. Your involvement makes it possible for us to continue offering exceptional care to those who call Snyder Village home.

BENEFIT EVENTS

BENEFIT PORKCHOP COOKOUT

Saturday, August 23 11am - 3pm
Kirby Foods - Metamora

We're kicking off the excitement early with a Benefit Porkchop Cookout! Join us for a tasty meal and the always popular Lucky Duck Pull!



VILLAGE MARKET, ICE CREAM SOCIAL, AND ONLINE AUCTION ITEM VIEWING

Saturday, September 6 1 - 4pm
SV Center on the campus of Snyder Village

Don't miss the official auction kickoff! Enjoy **free** ice cream sundaes and root beer floats, 50/50 raffle, browsing auction items in-person, and placing your first bids **online** as the auction officially opens at 1pm! While you're here, shop at the popular **Village Market** featuring handmade goods, fresh produce, cookies, cinnamon rolls, pies, cheese spreads, and more!

Bidding opens on Saturday, September 6, at 1pm, and closes on Saturday, September 20, at Noon

Gather your friends and family to join in the fun – all while making a meaningful difference for our residents through the **Snyder Village Resident In Need Fund**.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important benefit!

LET'S BUILD ON THE SUCCESS!

We are now seeking new and exciting items for the 2025 Benefit Online Auction! Whether it's a gift card, vacation package, or something unique, every donation helps us fulfill our mission of providing for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of others in a loving, dignified, and Christian atmosphere.

If you, or someone you know, can donate or help procure items, please call **Ashley Thompson** at (309) 366-4135. If you are able to contribute a cash gift, any amount is appreciated. Visit us online at snydervillage.com to pay via Clover, or mail a check (payable to "Snyder Village"). Tax-deductible donation receipts are available. **The deadline to donate items is Friday, August 15!**



Pinochle Club Winners


Thursdays | 5:30 pm | SV Center

June 19	July 3
1st Lowell Koch	1st Don Heininger
2nd Leslie Koch	2nd Leslie Koch
June 26	July 10
1st Leslie Koch	1st Paul Elliott
2nd Jodi Rassi	2nd Jim Richardson

Euchre Club Winners

Tuesdays | 5:30 pm | SV Center

July 1	July 15
1st Jodi Rassi	1st Jodi Rassi
2nd Karen Duncan	2nd Betty Bekermeier
3rd Leslie Koch	3rd Betty Bekermeier
July 8	
No Euchre	
	July 22
	1st Jim Richardson
	2nd Lowell Koch
	3rd Leslie Koch
	Don Heininger
	Jodi Rassi



WITS WORKOUT

Does Your Brain Need A Fitness Routine?

Snyder Village is excited to partner with Illinois Prairie District Public Library and Bradley University to offer Wits Workout. Join us for fun, interactive sessions designed to boost brain health and build social connections. Wits Workout offers engaging puzzles and activities that challenge your mind and encourage conversation – all in a supportive group setting. Stay sharp, stay, social, and have fun!

Thursday, Aug 21
2pm SV Center

To reserve your spot, please contact Heather Spence by calling (309) 366-4105, or emailing hspence@snydervillage.com.

Stability, Stewardship, and Your Peace of Mind

AN UPDATE FROM OUT LEADERSHIP TEAM

We’re aware that recent news stories have raised concerns in some Life Plan Communities across the country, where residents reportedly lost a portion of their entrance fees due to financial instability or ownership transitions. We understand how unsettling such reports can be, and we want to address them directly. First and foremost, we want to assure you our community remains financially sound, stable, and committed to honoring the promises we’ve made to you and your families.

We have always taken a conservative, responsible approach to managing our finances. Here are a few key points that highlight our ongoing financial health:

STRONG RESERVES & INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT

We maintain robust financial reserves, are fiscally conservative, and undergo regular third-party audits. Our most recent audit affirmed our strong fiscal position and compliance with industry standards.

STEADY OCCUPANCY & GROWTH

Our occupancy remains healthy, and we continue to see strong interest from prospective residents—an important indicator of long-term viability.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT GOVERNANCE

As a mission-driven, not-for-profit organization, every dollar we receive is reinvested into the community—not paid out to shareholders.

TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION

We believe you deserve transparency. Our annual financial reports are available for review, and we’re happy to meet with any resident or family member who has questions.

While we cannot control the practices of other communities, we can control how we operate—and that includes maintaining the highest standards of financial stewardship, long-term planning, and resident trust.

If you have questions or concerns, we invite you to reach out directly to our leadership team. We are here for you, and your peace of mind remains our highest priority.

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YES


NO



Caregiver Support Group

Meets every Third Thursday of the Month beginning at 5:30pm in the Retirement Community Library




SAVE THE DATE

ROCK THE LOT

Thursday, September 11 3-6pm
Health Center / Front Entrance Parking Lot

LIVE BAND FOOD TRUCKS FUN ACTIVITIES

All-Campus Event

