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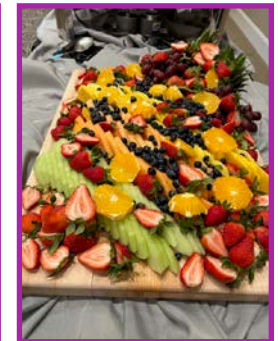
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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATE BRUNCH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th VPS CELEBRATED OUR inspiring RESIDENTS whose invaluable seeds of kindness through volunteering are bettering VPS, the community and our world in general. THANK YOU ALL!



Join the Pride!



Retire to Where it All Began.



RAINFALL/ SNOWFALL AT THE VILLAGE

by Peter P.

SNOWFALL	March	RAIN
trace	18	-
trace	22	0.01
-	23	0.39
-	31	0.22
	April	
-	1	0.57
-	2	0.93
-	3	2.22
-	4	0.54
small hail	5	0.07
-	11	0.04
-	12	1.41
-	13	0.27
-	15	0.26

Measurements in Inches

Poetry Corner

Everyone is welcome to the Poetry Group the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 3:00pm in the Lions Den

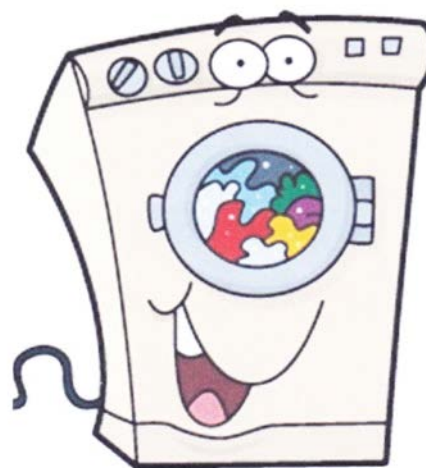
One Step Backward Taken

By Robert Frost

Not only sands and gravels
Were once more on their travels,
But gulping muddy gallons
Great boulders off their balance
Bumped heads together dully
And started down the gully.
Whole capes caked off in slices.
I felt my standpoint shaken
In the universal crisis.
But with one step backward taken
I saved myself from going.
A world torn loose went by me.
Then the rain stopped and the blowing,
And the sun came out to dry me.

Submitted by Anne R.

MAY TIP OF THE MONTH



Use your clothes drier
efficiently. Don't overstuff
and use low heat.

The Village Sustainability Committee

OMELETTE COOKING CLASS



Renee' Reed, VPS sous chef, offered a hugely successful small group ~ everyday cooking class. Omelettes!



MEET VPS LEAD DRIVER, BRIAN CLAPP!



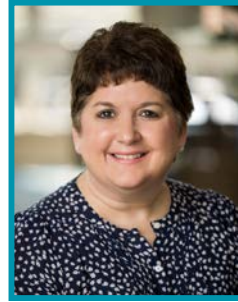
My name is Brian Clapp and I am pleased to have joined the team here at The Village as your new lead driver. I was born and raised in the beautiful "Big Sky Country" of Montana. My family and I

have lived in two other states, having relocated to Central Pennsylvania almost 3 years ago from San Antonio, Texas after my wife accepted a staff position at PSU. Most of my career has been spent as an auto mechanic at various GM dealerships and then later on I moved into fleet maintenance positions.

My wife, Beata and I have an 11-year-old daughter that currently attends Penns Valley Intermediate School as a 5th grader as we live in the small borough of Centre Hall, which is just east of State College. It has been fun exploring the surrounding area and we very much enjoy visiting and learning about historic locations in the area. Personally, I am a classic car enthusiast and love to tinker with a fixer upper in the garage. Motorcycling has also been a passion of mine since high school.

I look forward to meeting everyone and have felt very welcome by all!

THE ED VIEW



The American Nurses Association is celebrating National Nurses Week 2024 May 6 - May 12, and throughout May. This year's theme, "Nurses Make the Difference," honors the incredible nurses who embody the spirit of compassion and care in every health care setting.

The advent of modern nursing is credited to Florence Nightingale, who laid the foundation for professional nursing through her tireless work during and after the Crimean War. As a nursing manager on the frontlines, Nightingale introduced hygiene protocols and other measures that drastically reduced infections and deaths in battlefield hospitals.

National Nurses Week honors nurse's contributions and sacrifices and reminds us to thank the medical professionals who keep us healthy. It is celebrated between May 6, National Nurses Day, and May 12, the birthdate of celebrated nurse Florence Nightingale. Happy Nurses Week to all nurses living and working at The Village at Penn State!

Ellen Corbin
*Executive Director,
The Village at Penn State*



RECYCLING ROUNDUP

WHOA!

In equine circles, whoa means stop. So...”whoa” to collecting bottle caps. The special recycling program was a whopping success and has ended. Just leave the caps on the empty bottles, jars and jugs and drop them in their proper bins in the recycling room in the apartment buildings. “Whoa” to dropping light bulbs, broken glass and pottery in the separate buckets in the recycling room. Deposit this kind of stuff in the trash bin. The black plastic bags are thick enough to protect the hands of the maintenance staff person who collects trash and recycling most every night of the week.

Also, a special “Whoa” to leaving food residue in any container. Rinse them thoroughly, pu-leeze!

Jim T.
Chairman, VPS Resident Recycling Committee



A SOLDIER'S HAND

Residents helped assemble care packages again for *A Soldier's Hand* nonprofit. The bags will be sent to soldiers around the world, as a token of appreciation for serving our country! Special thanks to resident, Judy H., for once again organizing this meaningful event!



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The following residents have been elected to a two year term on the Resident Council:

Jane B., John H., Lam H.,
Paul J., and Brian W.

The following residents will be entering the second year of their two year term:

Tanis B., Karen F.,
Ed S., and Martie S.

*Respectfully submitted, Karen F.,
RC Nomination Chairman*



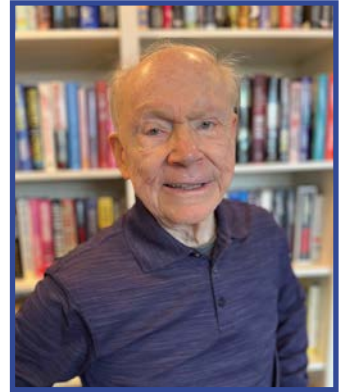


2024 ECLIPSE VIEWING FROM PALMER PARK



2024 VPS ROSE COLOGNE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM T.!

Jim T. is the “Recycling Czar Extraordinaire” at The Village at Penn State. The time, energy, and effort he puts into leading the program and chairing the committee is incalculable. He is in frequent contact with the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority to ensure The Village program understands the value of a comprehensive program and implements the “best practices” for a strong, effective recycling program. Jim and his committee monitor the four collection centers at The Village, and ensure recyclables are correctly sorted, and deliver any non-traditional items such as batteries, computer cables, electronics and such to appropriate outlets like Best Buy, Staples, Home Depot, and others. The Village program was highlighted for its excellence in a full-page article in the monthly Liberty Lutheran corporate publication. In addition, Jim and his committee were recently awarded the coveted Emerald Award by CCRRA for meeting or exceeding the criteria as a Green Good Neighbor in Centre County.



JIM'S SPECTACULAR AMARYLLIS!



CULINARY CORNER

This month I would like to shine the light on a member of the culinary team. Many of you know Renee Reed, some maybe not so much.

Renee's current position is Sous Chef, second in command of kitchen operations. Her responsibilities include oversight of all kitchen personnel, all aspects of food prep and production, and maintaining high quality and sanitation standards throughout the meal periods. I have great deal of respect for what Renee brings to the team each and every day!

Renee has been a team member of the Village for 18+ years. In an effort to get to know her a little better I asked her 10 questions that should help you discover some of her professional traits.

1. What is your favorite dish/food? Maine Lobster, any style
2. Why did you choose a chef as a career path? Because it's hands on and every day is different
3. Did you attend culinary school, if so where? Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, Pa
4. What are some of your must have pantry items? Peanut butter
5. Must have kitchen tools/equipment? High quality cutlery/knives, air fryer
6. Best dining experience? On a cruise ship – 30 day dry aged beef, char grilled – chocolate lava cake
7. What motivates you at work every day? To inspire future culinarians, teach others what I know
8. What is your least favorite menu item? Seafood
9. What is your cooking style/philosophy? Avoid getting in a rut, experiment with food
10. What well known chefs influenced you? Julia Child and Guy Fieri

I hope this gives you some insight on what motivates Renee. If you see her make it a point to thank her for her continued efforts.

Matt Lambert
Executive Chef, The Village at Penn State

NATIONAL PET DAY



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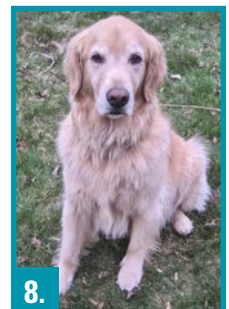
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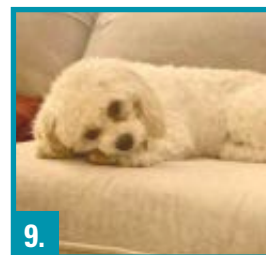
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1. Theo - Joan B.
2. Darby
3. Mr. Rudy - Kellie V.
4. Trooper – Rosalie
5. Topaz - Cindy P.
6. Sunshine - Terri K.
7. Alexander Franklin James (deceased) - Marilyn U.
8. Maizie
9. Bella - Jan M.
10. Tootie - Karen F.

MAY IS:
 May 5 is World Hand Hygiene Day
 May 7 World Asthma Day
 May 6-12 National Nurses Week
 May 12-18 National Nursing Home Week

DOCTOR'S IN
 Advanced Regional Center for Ankle/Foot Care, call Amanda to schedule, 814-225-1418 (tell her you are from VPS)
 Albrecht Audiology, 814-867-4327

LABORATORY HOURS
 Lab will be here Mondays and Thursdays from 8:00 - 8:15am.

"THE NURSE IS IN" HOURS
 Monday - Friday 9:00 - 11:00 am
 By appointment as needed

The Podiatrist will be at The Village on May 20th from 12:00-6:00pm.

Albrecht Audiology is here the 2nd Wednesday of the month, May 8th, in the Doctor's Office.

Dr. Bethaney Tessitore will be on site. Much of what we do in our office, we can do here including hearing tests and programming of hearing aids. Call the office at 814-867-4327 to schedule your appointment or walk in.

WONDERFUL VISIT AT THE HORSE BARN

Thanks to Brian Egan, Prof of Equine Science at PSU, for another wonderful visit at the horse barns.

