

Bridgeway Pointe News

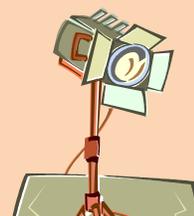
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Daniel Drake Center
for Post-Acute Care | 

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 6 Library Talk: German Heritage,
3:30 p.m. | Club Room
- Oct. 7 Halloween Craft
11 a.m. | Art Room
- Oct. 8 Luncheon to Hofbrauhaus
10:45 a.m. | Meet at Flag Pole
- Oct. 10 Germany in Pictures: Suzanne & Hubert
3 p.m. | Club Room
- Oct. 15 Pumpkin Decorating
2 p.m. | Art Room
- Oct. 16 Cincinnati Zoo Presents "Bats"
1:30 p.m. | Club Room
- Oct. 20 Ray Heckman Entertains
2:30 p.m. | Club Room
- Oct. 23 Linda Vallery Entertains
2 p.m. | Club Room
- Oct. 27 Decorating Halloween Cookies
11 a.m. | Cooking Kitchens
- Oct. 29 Decorating Halloween Cookies
1:30 p.m. | Cooking Kitchens
- Oct. 30 **HALLOWEEN BASH!!!**
6-8 p.m. | Drake Cafeteria



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Bernice
(Bernie)
Batts**



Pet Lover...Both Dogs & Cats

Bernie Batts was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and lived there with her parents and two sisters until the family moved to Ohio when she was seven years old. "I just call myself a West Virginia hillbilly," she laughs, but she has many good memories from Parkersburg.

She recalls taking walks with her very handsome father, Hulah Francis. He would take her by the hand and off they'd go. Problem is she'd have to run to keep up with his big steps. He'd stop and ask her, "Why are you running?" Then he'd slow down his pace for a minute or two, but then speed up again. It tickled her to no end. She said her father called himself "a

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Resident Spotlight (Continued)

jack of all trades and master of none,” but this proved useful during the Great Depression. There was always an odd job to be had.

Bernie was born on Labor Day, 1922, and, as she got a little older, remembers asking her mom in earnest if that meant she was going to have to work her *whole entire* life.

Bernie married for the first time when she was just 17 and had her three children: Jimmy, Sherry, and Barry. Only Jimmy is still living, and he’s in California. She lost Barry and Sherry to cancer and heart disease. Displayed prominently in her apartment, so everyone can see it, is a picture that Barry gave her with the poem, *Mother of Mine*. The poem reads: To see her is to love her. And love but her forever. For God did make her what she is and never made another.

Later on in her life, Bernie married James Batts, and they were married for 36 years. He was an auto mechanic and truck driver, and he owned a car repair shop

with his father. Bernie liked working with the public, so she found work in the grocery and dry-cleaning businesses.

Both she and her husband liked pets. At one point, they had 70 dogs! People just kept dropping them off at her house, and she couldn’t say no when they did. Eventually, all but one dog went to the SPCA. She kept her beloved Mickey and said “I’d like to die when she did.” Today, she has two cats with her for company: Sox and Calico.

Bernie came to Bridgeway about two-and-a-half years ago. She enjoys the friends she’s made and said the “food is delicious!” She also likes attending activities in the Club Room.

Bernie is 92 now, having trouble with both eyesight and hearing, and walking is getting more difficult. Yet, she says she’s had a good life. “It seems like God was with me all the way,” she said with a big smile...and then, “Mommy said I always had a smile on my face. It’s always been like that.” If you know Bernie, you know the truth of that smile.



This past month residents at Bridgeway Pointe enjoyed a day at Parky’s Farm with wonderful fall weather! The day was complete with lunch, bingo, and a meet-and-greet with some of the animals at Parky’s Farm! The afternoon concluded with a wagon ride around the grounds and a sneak peek at some of the Halloween events that will be happening in October at the farm!



October Birthdays!

Lillian Woodburn	Oct. 9
Clara Bushelman	Oct. 10
David Stenger	Oct. 18
Craig Woellner	Oct. 24



Happy Birthday to All!

Welcome
to Bridgeway
Pointe

Gene Ochs
Ruth Weber
Zora Burton



Fall Flower Arranging

Have you seen the wonderful fresh flower arrangements in the Bridgeway Pointe Chapel and in the resident rooms? After a busy morning at Winton Woods, the residents came back to a large selection of donated flowers by Jim Koenig! The residents were able to put their creativity to work making these wonderful arrangements. Resident Mary Morin said, "It is so nice to wake-up to wonderful fresh flowers!"

Winton Woods Boat Ride and Picnic Lunch

Cool fall weather can't slow down the residents! They enjoyed a boat ride on Winton Woods Lake led by one of its naturalist staff. We saw different forms of wildlife such as a Blue Herron along the waters of the lake and turtles during the tour. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch.



Bridgeway Pointe Halloween Bash

Thursday October 30th



6:00pm-8:00pm
Children Welcome



Requesting candy donations

Please place donations in the candy cauldron outside administration offices

We Remember...
Doris Parrotti

Catholic Mass Update

Priests from St. Clement Parish in St. Bernard will preside at Catholic Mass on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel. Three priests will rotate to officiate at the monthly Mass. Residents met Father Valentine last month and will have the opportunity to meet Father Fred and Father Jim in October and November.

Father Norman and Father Tim will continue to officiate Catholic Masses, as their schedules permit. Please see the schedule outside the chapel for the most current schedule. Please contact the Activities Department, if you have any questions.



IT PAYS TO REFER



Don't forget:

Residents who refer a family member or friend to Bridgeway Pointe will receive a one-time discount of \$1,000 off a month's rent...and the referred new resident will receive the same discount!*

See Kris Collins in the front office for specific details. *Some exclusions apply.