The RIDGEWOOD AT Shenango Valley



SUMMER 2026

Fun Fridays



The Ridgewood took a trip through the decades as our team members and residents dressed through the ages and brough their favorite eras to life. Above, from left, Joann Holzer & Beverly Parker show off their outfits!

Temperatures got hot in July, so we treated our amazing team to ice cream from Dairy Queen! At left, Diana Maurice & Bella Pipic share ice cream treats together. Below, from left Heather Burroughs, Leonor Davis, Nita Coleman, and Jasmine May pose with their sweet treats.





Dory O'Donnell (below) may have come from another planet, but she fits right in at The Ridgewood!



Houston, we have a resident! Elizabeth Ellis (below) gets into the alien spirit.



The aliens have landed! Below, from left, Genevieve Anderson, Rachael Johnson, Nita, Joann, Kristen Knapp, and Beverly Parker joined in on the fun!



Out of this world

There's always a reason to have a little fun! This summer's Fun Fridays included cooling off with ice cream on a hot summer day, heading "out of this world" with an alien and space theme, and traveling through the decades with everyone dressing up in the style of a favorite era. Residents and team members have jumped right in, making each Friday a chance to get creative, dress up and enjoy some laughs together.

Party Pigs
Hog Wild Fun

On July 3, our residents welcomed two very special visitors! Mini pigs Birch, age 1, and Cedar, age 2, stopped by to show off their skills.

The pair kept everyone entertained by jumping through a hula hoop, painting a picture, playing the piano, and performing a variety of tricks. Of course, the highlight for many residents was getting a piggy kiss!

Thank you to Tree Family Party Piggies for bringing Birch and Cedar to spend the afternoon with us!

Below, from right: Anna Fette, Iris Layman, Elaine Canon, and Ginny Careghini take turns posing with Cedar at the kissing booth. Residents held a carrot in their mouths, and Cedar gladly took it, giving them a piggy kiss in the process!













Above, from left: Amy Doran, Elizabeth Ellis, and Juanita Rentschler give Birch some belly rubs. The little pig made himself comfortable by rolling onto his side, happily soaking up the attention from all three residents!

At right: Birch and Cedar preforming tricks with their trainer.



The Many Hats of Bev Parker



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When Bev Parker began looking for her next opportunity, she knew she wanted to be part of an organization she could feel good about. After her previous employer, a wood veneer plant in Jackson Center, closed, Bev found that opportunity at The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley.

“I knew that this was a quality organization,” Bev said.

As the new Administrative Assistant at The Ridgewood, Bev wears many hats. She helps welcome visitors, assists with tours, supports residents and families, and handles everything from billing and payroll to scheduling and administrative needs. For Bev, the variety is part of what makes each day interesting.

She also enjoys the people she works alongside. “I am most looking forward to fulfilling a variety of roles which will make for a very busy day,” she said. “I enjoy the personal aspect of working as a team with my coworkers and administrators. They are all so nice.”

But for Bev, getting to know the people at The Ridgewood goes beyond her job description.

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That perspective comes naturally to someone whose life has taken her into many different communities and experiences. A New Wilmington native who now lives in Neshannock, Bev previously worked for the U.S. Postal Service and spent five years living in Mexico. While there, she taught English and learned Spanish, adding another chapter to a career that has taken several different paths.

Today, family is at the center of her life. Bev has two daughters, two sons-in-law and six grandchildren, and she treasures the time she gets to spend with them. She also enjoys staying active, whether she's running on the track or walking outdoors. Now, she is adding a new community to the list of people she is getting to know.

And if Bev's first days at The Ridgewood are any indication, she is already finding that the best part of her new role isn't just keeping everything running smoothly. It's the people she gets to meet along the way.

Meet Genevieve Anderson



There's a new face in a familiar place here at The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley. Genevieve Anderson, LPN, has joined the team as the Resident Care Coordinator, bringing with her experience from her previous role as an LPN in The Villas at St. Paul's Senior Living Community and a genuine passion for caring for others.
Genevieve's journey has taken her quite a few places. Originally from Minnesota and one of 11 children, she joined the U.S. Navy after high school. She served as a cook in San Diego before spending three and a half years in Puerto Rico, where she met her husband.

After moving back to Pennsylvania, Genevieve and her family called Beaver County home for more than 20 years before settling in Fredonia two years ago. Today, she and her husband enjoy life with their two sons and four grandchildren.

When she's not at work, Genevieve enjoys spending time outdoors and is especially passionate about hunting and archery. We're excited to welcome Genevieve to The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley and look forward to the experience, dedication and care she brings to her new role.

Rainbow Creations










In June, residents welcomed summer by making sunny rainbow banners for their apartment doors. Top row, from left: Sue Dydek, Anna Gross, Amy Doran. Center row, from left: Barb Holder, Virginia Careghini. Bottom row, from left: Elaine Canon, Elizabeth Ellis, Anna Fette, Amy Doran, and Genevieve Destefano show off their creations!

SOCK HOP

On July 29, the room filled with the sounds of Elvis, classic tunes, and excited energy as residents gathered for their first official dance at The Ridgewood: a sock hop. The afternoon brought back the sights and sounds of an era filled with great music, dancing and plenty of fun.

Before the dancing began, residents put their knowledge of the past to the test with some history-themed trivia. After a little friendly competition, the music started and the dance floor quickly became the place to be. Residents danced, sang along to familiar songs and enjoyed spending the afternoon together.

And while the name might suggest otherwise, residents didn't actually leave their shoes at the door! Instead, they put them to good use on the dance floor as they enjoyed the music and showed off their moves.

It was a fun afternoon filled with classic music, dancing and memories, and a great way to bring a little bit of the sock hop era to The Ridgewood.







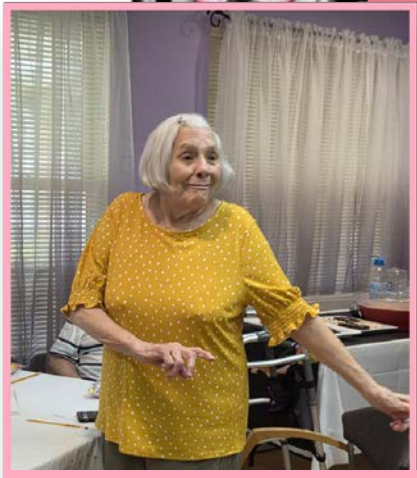


From top to bottom: Top photo, from left, Leonor Davis and Anna Krankowski show off their moves. Second photo, Dolores Schaller watches the fun. Third photo, from left, Mary Pleso, and Nita Coleman are out on the dance floor. Bottom photo, Marge Ryan poses for a photo.

DANCE



Residents and team members raise their hands as “Shout” by The Isley Brothers plays.



Genevieve DeStefano struts her dance moves on the dance floor.



From left: Leonor shares a dance with Vincent DeStefano.



From left: Frank Pleso, Mary Pleso, Sally Mckown, & Marge Ryan kick off the Sock up by being the first to hit the dance floor.



From left: Amy McCloud & Jean Hejazi laugh together as they dance.



From left: Frank and Mary Pleso pose for a photo.







Family Picnic

On September 18, residents and their families gathered for our annual Family Picnic, enjoying a beautiful afternoon of good food and time with family and friends. A caricature artist added to the fun, while resident favorite Dale Cinsky performed on acoustic guitar, providing the perfect music for the picnic.



























RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



Genevieve DeStefano

Seventy years of marriage, four children, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren have given Genevieve DeStefano a lot to be proud of. At the center of it all is family. Genevieve says every one of them holds a special place in her heart, and that love shows up in the traditions they have shared through the years.

One of those traditions comes with a familiar tune. Genevieve's favorite song is "New York, New York," and it has become a family tradition at weddings, where everyone joins in to sing it together. It is the kind of simple moment that brings generations together and creates memories that last.

Genevieve is an open book, and she likes it that way. She is quick to share the things she enjoys, from wedding soup and fried pepper sandwiches to her dream of one day visiting Italy.

She thinks her fellow resident Ginny is amazing and would love to trade places with her for a day.

Her imagination is just as big when it comes to superpowers. Genevieve would use hers to bring peace to the World Cup, cure cancer and bring God into everyone's life. And when asked what advice she would give the next generation, her answer is straightforward: study and work hard, and always be respectful.

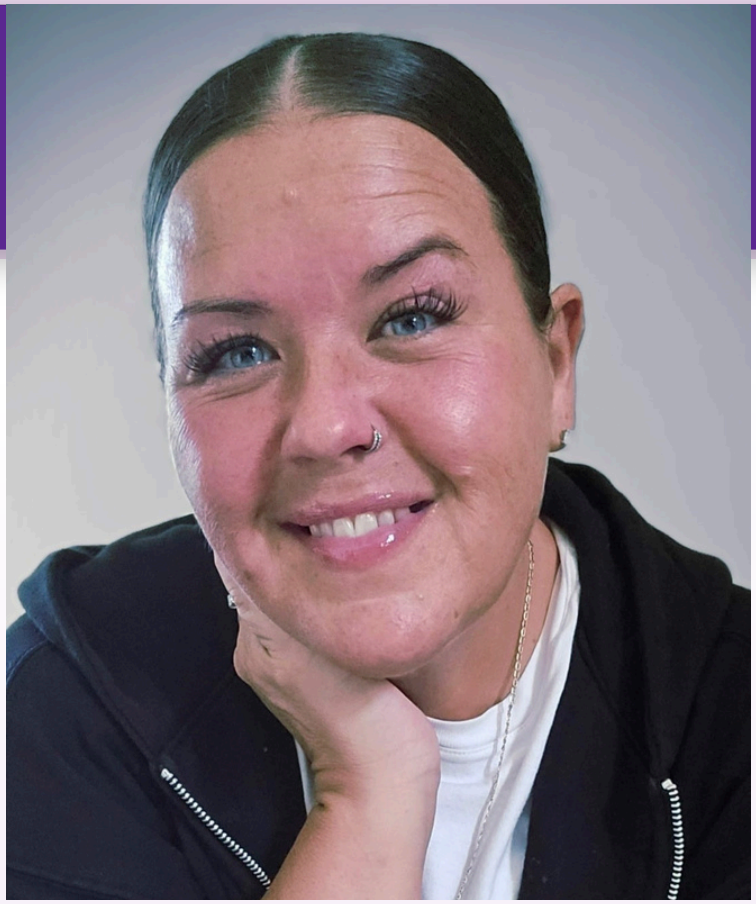
That same warmth is part of what Genevieve appreciates about life at The Ridgewood. She loves the good atmosphere and the pleasant, caring staff, and she knows everyone is well cared for. In Genevieve's words, "everything is WONDERFUL!"

We are proud to recognize Genevieve as our Resident of the Quarter and celebrate the life, family and personality that make her such a special part of The Ridgewood community.

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OF THE QUARTER

TEAM SPOTLIGHT



Heather Burroughs

For Heather, family is at the center of everything. She has shared the past 12 years with her husband, Quintin, and together they have built a family that includes her daughter, Modesty, her three sons, Aaron, Tyler, and Ace, and her two grandsons, Aaron and Aiden. If she could plan the perfect weekend, she would skip the usual plans and head to the beach with her husband, kids, and grandsons.

Music is another big part of Heather's life, and anyone who has spent time in the kitchen has probably heard it playing. She especially enjoys Koryn Hawthorne, Jekalyn Carr and CeCe Winans. Her own theme song is a little different: "Bout it, Bout It" by Master P.

Heather's personality comes through in some of her other favorite things, too. She loves chicken parmesan, enjoys solving true crime shows before they reveal who did it, and considers cooking one of her special talents. If she could have any superpower, she would choose teleportation, giving her the ability to travel to any time or place.

That love of travel even extends through time. If she could spend a day with anyone from history, Heather would choose Mary Magdalene. And if she could travel through time for a personal visit, she would spend a day with her youngest brother.

The advice Heathers Carries with her is simple: "Let go and let God." It is a fitting sentiment for someone who values the people around her and the relationships she has built at The Ridgewood.

What Heather likes most about Ridgewood is that it is a small community where you can truly get to know each resident personally. For her, those individual connections are an important part of what makes the community special.

We are proud to recognize Heather as our Employee of the Quarter and celebrate the personality, talents and personal connections she brings to The Ridgewood each day.

"LET GO AND LET GOD"

OF THE QUARTER

Celebrating Our Centenarians

We had two wonderful reasons to celebrate Centenarians Day: Anna Krankowski (102) and Virginia Careghini (102)!

Each has lived more than a century, with a lifetime of stories, memories and experiences to share.

We're so glad to have Anna and Virginia in our community and enjoyed celebrating this special day with them!







Taste of The Ridgewood

Saturday, October 24 1 - 3 p.m.

Come see what life at The Ridgewood tastes like! sample flavors of fall and resident favorites prepared by the RWSV culinary team. Learn more about the dining experience and discover what life at The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley has to offer. This free event is open to all, so reserve your spot today!

Sign up online at **RWSV.org** or call **724-347-0998** to reserve a spot! | **One Elston Way HERMITAGE, PA**

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We hope this finds you well! In 2026, The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley is looking for new ways to keep you connected and informed about the happenings in our community. To make it easier for you to stay up-to-date with our latest news, publications, and upcoming events, we'd love to start sharing more information via email.

If you would like to receive updates directly in your inbox, please provide us with your email address. Simply give us a call at **724-589-4646** or email us at **marketing@sp1867.org** to share your contact details. You can also scan the QR code on the left to visit our website and complete the online form.

This initiative is also a more eco-friendly choice and will reduce costs. Thank you for being a part of our extended family. We look forward to keeping you informed and engaged!



Thank you to everyone who donated during PA OH Gives Giving Week in June, hosted by the Community Foundation of Western PA & Eastern OH. Together you raised $4,628.01 for the Good Samaritan Fund to help residents who outlive their savings and can no longer afford the cost of their care.

Did you miss PA OH Gives? The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley welcomes your donations for the Good Samaritan Fund any time throughout the year! Visit www.rwsv.org to give, or send your check made payable to The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley to 1 Elston Way, Hermitage, PA 16148.