

The  
**RIDGEWOOD**  
*AT Shenango Valley*



At top from left: Elaine Canon and Rosemary Harakal enjoy a game of St. Paddy's Bingo; At middle from left: Pastor Rose Hilliard and Pat Shaffer gather for Bible study; At bottom from left: Barb Holder and Ginny Careghini share excitement for bingo and Dolores Shaller shows off her shamrock painting.



# Shamrockin' Good Time



Residents celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a full day of holiday-themed activities. The festivities included a shamrock painting project, where residents created colorful artwork inspired by the season, followed by a special treat of pistachio almond ice cream and shamrock cookies. The celebration continued with Shamrock Bingo, giving residents the chance to test their luck while enjoying friendly competition. Later in the day, residents gathered for a Bible study led by Pastor Rose. The combination of creative activities, festive refreshments, and themed games made for a memorable St. Patrick's Day celebration.

# Easter Week Highlights



At top from top left: Dolores Shaller, Anna Gross, and Amy Doran visit Easter Bunny Lane at Kraynak's; Elaine Canon, Ginny Caregini, Marge Ryan, and Dolores Shaller show off their Easter gifts; At bottom from left: Frank Pleso, Mary Pleso, and Sally McKown pose with their Easter eggs.

Residents enjoyed a week of Easter-themed activities that offered opportunities for fun, fellowship, and reflection. The celebration began with a trip to Kraynak's to visit Easter Bunny Lane, followed by a scenic drive through Buhl Park. Back at The Ridgewood, residents took part in an Easter craft project, creating festive decorations to celebrate the season.

The week also included an exercise session with Rob from VNA, helping residents stay active and engaged, as well as time spent praying the rosary with the Rosary Society. One of the highlights of the week was the Easter egg hunt, where residents searched for colorful eggs.

Easter week provided many opportunities for residents to celebrate the season together.



# Pouring Out Gratitude for Mothers



Residents gathered with family members and friends for a special Mother's Day Tea celebration.

The afternoon featured a variety of teas, fresh fruit, and baked treats, creating a welcoming atmosphere for conversation and connection. Tables were decorated for the occasion as residents enjoyed spending time with loved ones and celebrating the mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures who have played such important roles in their families.

At top from left: Elizabeth Ellis, Lucille Sickafuse, Elaine Canon, Anna Fette, Rosemary Harakal, and Barb Holder pose together for a photo; At middle from left; Dee Janosko, Juanita Rentschler, Marge Ryan, Anna Krankowski, Ginny Careghini, Iris Layman, Amy Doran, Sally McKown, Anna Gross, and Gail Hink snack on delicious home made treats.



# PA OH Gives Giving Week

## June 20-26 This Year

We are excited to share that The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley is once again participating in The Community Foundation of Western PA and Eastern Ohio's PA OH Gives Giving Week, June 20-26. This year, all donations made to The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley through this foundation will be going to the Good Samaritan Fund to support benevolent care. This means no resident ever has to leave or adjust their level of care if they outlive their financial resources. Last year, we provided more than \$20,000 in benevolent care to those in need, ensuring a secure and safe future for our residents and their families.

When you give during the week of June 20-26 through PA OH Gives, your donation will be matched on a prorated basis by the Community Foundation. This is a great way to potentially double the impact your gift has on the residents!

### Ways to Give:

**Online:** Scan the QR or go to [paohgives.org](http://paohgives.org), click Programs and select The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley.



**Check:** To Community Foundation of PA & E OH with "The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley" in the memo line. Mail to 7 W State St. Suit 301, Sharon, PA 16146 or drop off at The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley reception desk by 11 a.m. on Friday, June 26.



## Back By Popular Demand..

Residents recently welcomed back one of their favorite musicians, Gene Testa (at left), for an afternoon of music and dancing. Performing a variety of familiar songs from the piano, Gene had residents singing along and tapping their feet throughout the program. Mary Pleso and Leonor Davis (at middle from left) were among those who took to the dance floor, while Elaine Canon and Pastor Rose (at right from left) enjoyed the music from their seats, clapping along to the familiar tunes. A regular visitor and longtime favorite, Gene once again brought residents together through the shared enjoyment of live music.

# RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



## Rosemary Harakal

Born and raised in Farrell, Pa., Rosemary graduated from Farrell High School in 1954. After finishing school, she began working at Gibbs Flower Shop before marrying in 1955. Over the next several years, she and her husband welcomed four children into their family, creating a busy and rewarding home life.

In 1975, Rosemary began working at Kraynak's, where she spent many years serving customers and building friendships. Throughout her life, she has enjoyed connecting with others and bringing joy to those around her.

When asked about her special talent, Rosemary said it is being social and making people happy—qualities that shine through in her interactions with fellow residents and team members.

Her warm personality and friendly nature have made her a treasured part of The Ridgewood community.

Rosemary's favorite songs are “I Will Always Love You” and “You Are Always on My Mind.” If she could have any superpower, she would choose the ability to create peace in the world. She would also love to visit Italy and the Holy Land someday.

One person Rosemary greatly admires is Mother Teresa. If she could trade places with anyone for a day, she would choose Mother Teresa because of her compassion and dedication to helping others.

When reflecting on her time at The Ridgewood, Rosemary shared: “God has blessed me in many ways in my lifetime, but one of the greatest blessings was meeting and befriending everyone at The Ridgewood. Thank you all for being so nice to me.”

Congratulations, Rosemary, on being named Resident of the Quarter. We are grateful to have you as part of our Ridgewood family.

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**OF THE QUARTER**

# TEAM SPOTLIGHT

When most of The Ridgewood is asleep, James is hard at work helping prepare meals and keeping the kitchen running smoothly. For the past three years, he has served as our midnight cook, bringing dedication and consistency to the overnight shift.

James says his favorite part of the job is the quiet, peaceful atmosphere that comes with working nights. While many people prefer the hustle and bustle of the daytime hours, he enjoys the calm environment and the opportunity to focus on his work.

Outside of The Ridgewood, he has been married to his wife, Erin, for 21 years. Together, they share their home with their dog, Reese.

A sports fan at heart, he enjoys spending his free time watching games and says his ideal weekend would simply involve catching up on some well-earned sleep.

Years spent in the kitchen have given him a unique talent. According to Erin, he can cut a steak and know exactly how many ounces it weighs, and he can tell when a steak is cooked to a perfect medium rare just by touch.

If he could have any superpower, it would be the ability to heal the sick.

The best advice he has ever received is



## James Harris



to trust himself, a lesson that has stayed with him throughout life.

Given the chance to share a meal with a historical figure, James would choose former President Barack Obama.

If he could travel through time, he wouldn't go far—he would simply go back and meet Erin sooner. And if every entrance came with a soundtrack, “Bad” by Michael Jackson would be his song of choice.

We are grateful for the care, commitment, and hard work James brings to The Ridgewood. Congratulations on being named Employee of the Quarter!

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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](mailto: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!

## BEAN BAG BASH

Residents recently put their aim to the test during a fun game of bean bag toss. With prizes up for grabs, the competition brought plenty of excitement, friendly rivalry, and laughter.

Participants took turns tossing bean bags and cheering one another on as they worked toward winning a prize.

