

# THE ACORN

SHERWOOD OAKS NEWSLETTER

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*“The flowers that bloom in the spring,  
tra la ...*



Photo by Bill Lefler

*... breathe promise of merry sunshine!”*

Gentle Readers:

*Well, it finally happened: The last Covid-19 restrictions at Sherwood Oaks have been lifted, and we are once again permitted to have guests join us in the Dining Room, the Auditorium/Card Room, and the Chapel, and even invite them to swim with us in the pool and participate in exercise classes at the Cranberry Lake Fitness Center. It has been a long three years!*

*It has also been good to see residents and staff working to update the raised garden beds by the Summer House (see the back cover) and making plans for seasonal gatherings in the vicinity. Here's hoping for a summer with no more than the necessary rain, moderate heat, and lots of sunny days in which to enjoy the greenery and floral displays that mark our beautiful campus.*

*Looking back, let us acknowledge the care and concern evidenced by the Administration and the Sherwood Oaks staff during the pandemic. We did have numerous cases of Covid, but nobody died of it. That's a record of which we can all be proud, and for which we are all grateful.*

*As is our tradition, the ACORN will not be published again until September. In the meantime, we wish all of you a wonderful summer and look forward to reconnecting with you in the fall.*

*The Editors*

### **Memorial Donations and Remembrance Cards**

Did you know? Donation envelopes and remembrance cards are located on the memorial table in the lobby. The donation envelope lists many options to choose from when contributing in memory of a resident or loved one. Remembrance cards can be filled out and placed in cubby #346; they will be collected and given to the spouse/family.

### **SUMMER CALENDAR**

Fathers' Day	June 18
Juneteenth	June 19
Summer Solstice	June 21
Independence Day	July 4
Senior Citizens' Day	Aug. 21
Women's Equality Day	Aug. 26

### **THE ACORN**

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Submissions for the September issue must be sent to the Editor no later than

**August 15, 2023.**

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

*Memories are precious possessions that time can never destroy. For it is in happy remembrance that the heart finds its greatest joy.*

*Catherine Nettelmann April 24, 2023*

*Stuart Knoop April 24, 2023*

## **CRAIG MEYERS - #127**

By Janice Wendt - #158



Photo by Scott Vogel

Craig Meyers is a guy who likes to “develop solutions to physics and math problems” as a hobby. He holds degrees in physics and astronomy, but he also coached youth soccer for over 30 years. This gent with his head in the heavens and his feet on the ground moved to Sherwood Oaks in April.

A native of Baltimore, Craig graduated from the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute before advancing his studies at Towson State University, Western Kentucky University, and, lastly, at Penn State, where he met his late wife Donna, a Pittsburgh native. She died in 2019 after 39 years of marriage. The couple are the parents of four sons, who married four wonderful young women and produced eight grandkids. In a very Sherwood Oaks twist, one of the sons is married to the daughter of Jim and Mary Bouwkamp (#601).

Craig’s first job was at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Virginia, where he led the Advanced Software Technology Group. Home then was Fredericksburg, VA, where his three youngest sons were born. Later, Carnegie Mellon University came calling, and the family moved to Pittsburgh. He had

an interesting 30-year career at Carnegie Mellon. He notes that flying out to an aircraft carrier was a lot of fun.

Throughout his career, Craig developed system architectures for complex defense systems, including satellites. Placing an emphasis on abstractions represented in mathematical formalisms served him well in each job he held. He once read: “Software is a mathematical object.” He found it to be a wonderful expression that he applied throughout his career.

Craig traveled often for work, and especially enjoyed San Diego, CA, Washington, DC, and Bath, ME. Later, when he had time off, he and Donna relished beach vacations in Myrtle Beach and Topsail, SC.

Still settling into his new home, Craig says he really appreciates meeting other residents over dinner. He likes hearing about his neighbors’ life experiences and interests.

If you do find yourself sharing a meal with Craig, be certain to ask him about the family heirloom that was a gift from a famous Pittsburgher! And welcome him to our neighborhood.

## **ANOTHER NEW RESIDENT**



Photo by Mackenzie Jones  
(daughter of Claudia Jones)



## CHAPEL NOTES

By Gary Brandenberger - #602  
For the Chapel Committee

Sunday Services begin at 2:00 p.m.  
in the **Card Room**.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

### Sunday, June 4

Rev. Craig Gyergyo  
Christ Church at Grove Farm

### Sunday, June 11

Rev. Tom Parkinson  
Dutilh United Methodist

### Sunday, June 18

Rev. George Benson  
Cranberry Community Presbyterian

### Sunday, June 25

Rev. Greg Cox  
Ingomar United Methodist

*"A soft answer turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger."*

*Proverbs 15:1*

Note: The list of worship leaders for July  
and August will be posted on the Bulletin  
Board in the mailroom in a timely fashion.



## LIVING WITH LOSS NEWS

By Jean Henderson - #346

Your Living with Loss Team will present  
our annual **Memorial Service tentatively on Sept. 23**. The service will include the reading of the names of all residents and staff who have died since September 2022. More information will follow.

Another **Grief Group**, to be led by Sam Blair, chaplain at Bridges Hospice, is scheduled for **Oct. 18 & 25**, and **Nov. 1 & 8**. Space is limited. Please notify Jan Wendt at #158 if you are interested in attending.

We invite you to use the *Remembrance Cards* on the end table in the Lobby. They will be given to the families of the deceased.

Stop by the Mail Room bulletin board to see the list of all your LWL Team offers, and let us know of other ways we might help.

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## CURIO CABINETS FOR JUNE/JULY

By Janet Desko - #210

Thank you to all who contributed to the curio cabinets for May/June. I think all the mothers, grandmothers, and daughters would have been proud to see all the beautiful items on display.

Peggy Meister and I are looking forward to the June cabinets, as our theme will be **"Travel – See The U.S.A."** We will be displaying photographs, postcards, souvenirs, maps, and anything related to your travels in the United States.

Please pick up your "Moms – Past, Present, and Future" items currently in the cabinets on **Tues., June 6**, from **10:30 a.m. – noon**, and from **4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

Then, on **Thurs., June 8**, please bring in your new items from **10:30 a.m. – noon** and from **4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** for **"Travel – See the U.S.A."**

We couldn't do it without you, Sherwood Oaks! Keep those awesome items coming!

## **WHAT'S NEW WITH SORA? (SO Residents Association)**

By Jane Lohman, Secretary, #717

**NOTE: Complete minutes are always available for review on the SORA bulletin board in the mailroom and in the SORA binder in the library.**

Data from minutes for the May 2, 2023, monthly board meeting:

**SORA Treasurers:** The Memorial/Special Projects Fund balance is \$50,156.06, and the Employee Appreciation Fund balance is \$17,730.95, totaling \$67,887.01. The SORA operating treasury balance is \$91,270.78.

### **Liaison Reports**

**Welcoming Committee:** Peggy Rubel will take over as temporary chair.

**Security and Transportation:** Buses are all in use and cameras are working. The committee will meet every other month.

**Trips and Tours:** June trips are planned for Bayernhoff Music Museum, tour of Beaver with lunch, tour of Flight 93 site, and dinner at Jimmy Wan's restaurant. Check bulletin board for information and additional trips.

**Continued Learning:** Four speakers lined up for fall series, and videos assigned for most Tuesdays through 2023.

**Landscaping:** Summer House walkway will be paved this summer. Patio homes will be power washed and public flower beds mulched.

**Recycling:** 185 pounds of plastic were collected through April toward another TREX bench. Volunteer sorters are welcome on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. in Unit 186.

**Dining Committee:** Café will reopen for lunch on June 5.

**Living with Loss:** Recommended courtyard gatherings as an easy way to build community and reduce feelings of isolation.

**Program:** May 25 jazz concert was cancelled.

**Drama Club:** Dinner Theatre performance scheduled for May 11 and 13 was cancelled, to be rescheduled in the fall.

**Sherwood Neighbors (formerly Yellow-Jackets):** Celebrated Volunteer Week with an ice cream social. **Volunteers are needed to serve as contacts**, enabling residents in SNU and OG to feel connected to the community.

**Focus on the World:** April food drive resulted in 10 boxes of food and \$800 in cash donations.

**Summer House:** Committee is considering building renovation, possible new construction of an auxiliary building, and evaluation of playground equipment and surrounding gardens. Also planning to establish a pickleball site near the bocce court.

**Executive Director:** Census: IL 188/243 – 9 homes under contract. New marketer hired. Three Lunch and Learn events scheduled. SN 29/43 (5-star CMS rating); PC 28/42; OGC: 30/30. The Auditorium project start date is May 30. Masking is now optional for residents and staff. Interviews taking place for Security Director.

**Old Business:** Approximately 75 residents attended Artscape, a display of handcrafted items, with 30 residents and staff displaying their art talents.

**New Business:** Jean Henderson distributed a sheet listing all the spiritual offerings available this year at SO.

Beth Brown mentioned the need to find someone to take over responsibility for Granny's Attic, since Joanne and Frank Weiss are retiring from this job.

**Next Monthly Board Meeting:** **Tues., June 6, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Card Room. All Residents are welcome.

The SORA Annual Meeting was set for **Tues., May 23, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium.

## CONTINUED LEARNING

By Jno L. Hunt - #308

I, Jno Hunt, have assumed the role of chairman of the committee from Wally Christy. We thank Wally for his service as chair and appreciate his continued membership on the committee. We also welcome three new members: Jim Hvidding, Jane Lohman, and Shirley Poduslo. Along with current member Bruce Cooper, we are assembling a group of speakers for our programs this fall. Please let any of us know if you have suggestions for either speakers or topics.

Meanwhile, we have scheduled a regular series of programs on Channel 951. Initial airings on Tuesdays are at 10:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Encore presentations are on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

### June

Tues., June 6: *The World's Great Paintings* (17 & 18). Encore on Thurs., June 8

Tues., June 13: *Inventions* (9 & 10). Encore on Thurs., June 15

Tues., June 20: *National Geographic – Death Valley*. Encore on Thurs., June 22

Tues., June 27: *Comparative Religions* (11 & 12). Encore on Thurs., June 29

### July

Tues., July 4: *Beethoven's Ninth – Symphony for the World*. Encore Thurs., July 6

Tues., July 11: *Inventions* (11 & 12). Encore on Thurs., July 13

Tues., July 18: *National Geographic – Hidden Hawaii*. Encore on Sat., July 22

Tues., July 25: *Comparative Religions* (13 & 14). Encore on Thurs., July 27

### August

For August listings, please see Channel 951.

## CAMPFIRES: AN ENDANGERED SPECIES?

By Barbara Rankin - #123

After publication of the May ACORN article asking for help, we did get two volunteers to assist with the Fire Pit (Thanks, John and Terry!)

However, unfortunately no one came forward to help with the sound system. Gary Brandenberger is willing to do a Campfire on June 7 (rain date: June 14). If attendance is good, we will consider scheduling more; if not, there won't be any more campfires this summer.

I do know that many of you have looked forward to these evenings, enjoying songs, stories, and s'mores. We hope, therefore, to see you on **June 7 (or 14) at 7:15 at the Summer House**.

A bus will leave the Center at 7:00 p.m. and will return at 8:15 to take people back to the Center or to their parking areas. You can also get on the bus at your parking area and ride directly to the Summer House, as the 7:00 p.m. bus returns to the Center.

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*Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.*

## From FOCUS ON THE WORLD

Submitted by Bruce Cooper - #715

On **June 15**, FOTW will present Mary Chitwood at **7:00 p.m. in the Card Room**. Mary is the Founder and Executive Director of Robin's Home, whose mission is "(t)o provide a full continuum of care to homeless, unstably housed or low income women veterans and their children. We are located in Butler, PA and serve women veterans in 7 counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Erie, Lawrence, and Mercer." She spoke to us several years ago, but the Home's service area has greatly expanded in the intervening years.

To commemorate World Population Day in July, we will be showing *Ten Billion*, a documentary that examines the predicted growth of the human population by the end of the century and the ramifications of that growth on Planet Earth. Broadcasts of the documentary on Channel 951 will be at **10:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. on Thurs., July 20**, with encore broadcasts on **Fri., July 21, at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.**

International Youth Day is Aug. 12. On **Aug. 17**, Ken Burns's *Hiding in Plain Sight*, a documentary about mental illness in youth, will be shown on Channel 951 at **10:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m., with encore viewings on Aug. 18 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.**

We hope you will find all of these programs stimulating and worthwhile!

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## HOW TO STAY ACTIVE & HEALTHY BY GETTING WET

By Carolyn Broeren - #739 & Denton  
Bond - #736

Here at Sherwood Oaks the swimming pool provides some of the best low-impact ways for us seniors to answer this question. How? Water exercise has been shown to:

1. Reduce arthritis and joint pain
2. Increase flexibility and balance
3. Improve cardiovascular fitness
4. Build strength.

Sherwood Oaks has Aquacize twice weekly, Monday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Since Aquacize can reduce joint pain and relieve symptoms of arthritis, it makes daily chores much easier and helps you stay active out of the water. Water exercise improves flexibility and also allows you to perform exercises a person cannot do on land. In addition, there is less risk of falling when performing Aquacize.

Besides Aquacize (sometimes called *water aerobics*), there are groups of residents who do daily lap swimming and water walking. These exercises improve cardiovascular fitness, which is important for everyone, but especially benefits seniors, because we can work at higher intensities without stressing our joints. The resistance provided by water helps build muscles and increase strength without the use of weights. It is a great way to prevent muscle loss, especially in seniors. It also makes daily activities easier. An added benefit is that water activities help us manage our weight and permit us to eat more desserts and the ice cream for which Sherwood Oaks is famous.

Check out the swimming pool on the lower level of the Center next to the fitness center, by picking up a key at the front desk. If you are planning to actually swim or walk in the water, check the schedule on the wall adjacent to the pool entrance and make sure you have a buddy. Safety is a priority.

Another way to become involved in water exercise is to speak with Bill Burtner, our Fitness Director, at Ext 8543.

Later this summer there will be an Open House (Open Pool), where there might be cookies to incentivize you to dip your toes into the water and to check out the pool. An announcement of the date and time will be made on Channel 950.

## COOPER'S CLIMATE CAPSULE

By Bruce Cooper - #715

Your surgeon tells you that you have a situation that requires immediate surgery. You decide to get a second opinion; then, after 32 second opinions from respected surgeons who concur with the diagnosis, the 33<sup>rd</sup> doctor thinks it's OK to wait and watch. Would you go with the 33<sup>rd</sup> diagnosis?

In the field of climate science, that 33<sup>rd</sup> 'doctor' is Bjorg Lomborg, whose Ph.D. is in political science, not climate science. As you might imagine, his 'research' with the Copenhagen Consensus Center has been funded to a large extent by venture capitalists and foundations who support the fossil fuel industry. A reference to his work in an article in the May *Acorn* means to subvert the 97% of climate scientists who are sure that, as our cartoon friend Pogo once opined, "We have met the enemy, and they is us!"

By definition, science is never 'settled,' with new information changing our understanding of the world. For instance, the James Webb telescope has led astronomers to ask how the universe at its 'edges' can be expanding faster than the speed of light. With the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere sitting at 420 ppm, roughly 50% higher than pre-Industrial Revolution levels, the consensus of climate science regards dumping 162 million tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere every day as the main culprit for the warming of our planet. Reducing that dumping to zero as quickly as possible should be our primary way to fight the climate crisis.

As for the developing countries, they should be assisted to use the cheapest way to generate electricity; today, that means wind and solar. Let's get busy with that help.

Watch ***It Blows Both Ways – How Wind Affects Climate Change*** on Channel 951 on Mon., June 12, at 10:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m., or 7:00 p.m.. Encore presentation on Wed., June 14, at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

## MOTHER WAS RIGHT!

By Ellen Brierly - #734

I remember the warnings from my mother when I was a young child. "You'd better stop what you are doing before you break your neck." I considered the words just to be part of a script all mothers had in their repertoire, meant to stop children from foolishness. In my old age, I realize that they are words of wisdom. As I have grown older, I have real respect for the ability to remain in an upright position.

For example, all was well until March 4. I refused help while exiting a car because I am very independent and assume that I can "do it myself." While adjusting my cane onto my right arm and my purse onto my left arm, I lost my balance, and down I went in the parking lot of a busy restaurant. I don't remember the fall, only the landing on my head. Being a good Sherwood Oak-sian, my first thought was, "Rats. Now they will make me go to the hospital to see if I have brain damage." The fact that I might have done some bodily harm didn't enter my mind. After careful examination, the doctor said, "Congratulations, you have broken your neck." *My mother was right!*

Nasty meds caused me to lose a whole week. I thought I was in Paris. I wondered why everyone spoke English. I even complimented our "tour guide" on his ability to speak so well. He turned out to be my son-in-law. I was in Skilled Nursing the entire time.

The moral to this story is that, regardless of how many years it might be since your mother pronounced doom, it can catch up with you. There is no statute of limitations.

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## PAPERBACK PONDERINGS

By Jean Henderson - #346

Come feast your eyes on ALL the options in your Paperback Room: hundreds of Novels, Non-fiction books, Biographies, Spirituality books, a shelf set up by your Living with Loss Team, and more Puzzles!

There's a special section for NEW DONATIONS before they are put into the main collection.

Just take a paperback – no need to check it out – and return it when you're done to the return box in the main Library. There's no time limit for paperbacks. Enjoy!

If you take a book from the cart in the hallway outside the Library, remember that those are books that have been WITHDRAWN from our collection, so please DO NOT RETURN them to the Library.

We always appreciate your donations! Just drop them in the cardboard box in the Paperback Room. Thanks so much! And HAPPY READING!

## WORTH A LOOK BOOKS NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

By Barbara Christy - #237

*River of the Gods: Genius, Courage and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile* by Candice Millard. Non-fiction. Amid the craziness of the European race to build empires in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the story of these two adventurers and their African guide stands out. Richard Burton and John Hanning Speke – both educated military men of aristocratic background – were commissioned by the British Royal Geographical Society to locate the source of the Nile and claim it for England. Fiercely competitive and incompatible by nature, they were nevertheless yoked together for more than two years of life-threatening dangers and hardships. Hostile even after the trip was successfully completed, their bitter rivalry

ended in death and disillusionment, even while their life-saving guide, former slave Sidi Mubarak Bombay, went unsung and unremembered. 916.2043 MIL

*The Daughters of Yalta: The Churchills, the Roosevelts, and the Harrimans* by Catherine Grace Katz. Anna Roosevelt, chosen to go to Yalta instead of her mother, knew the President's deepest secrets. Kathy Harriman was the daughter of the fourth-richest man in America and not at all awed by living in the vacation palace of former Tsar Nicholas II. Red-haired Sarah Churchill was listed on the personnel roster as "Section Officer Oliver," because her divorce was not yet final. These three intelligent and devoted women accompanied their fathers to one of the largest and most important international summits in history. This is the story of what occurred. 940.53 KAT

*The Great Displacement: Climate Change and the Next American Migration* by Jake Bittle. Non-fiction. Whether or not you agree with the current science about the causes of and remedies for climate change, this book is an important examination of the consequences. Huge wildfires in California, sinking islands in Florida, historically severe storms across the country are forcing change on our land use, housing markets, the insurance industry, and our economy. This is an account of some of the people being displaced. 362.870 BIT

*South to America* by Imani Perry. Non-fiction. What does it mean to be American? This author, a black woman returning to see the South with a new perspective, posits that understanding the South, with its peculiarities and traditions, is essential to understanding our nation as a whole. From "origin" stories, with detours through the Bible Belt, Jim Crow, and Princeton's slave auction to the global south of Cuba and the Bahamas, this book is a tour de force account of life in America today. 975 PER

*Flight of Passage* by Rinker Buck. Non-fiction. We should never underestimate the ability of our young people. Three decades ago, a 17-year-old boy and his 15-year-old brother became the youngest pair to fly across the United States in a Piper Cub they bought and restored by themselves. Sons of a barnstormer, veteran of the flying circuses, and WWII flight trainer, Rinker Buck and his brother set out to prove themselves to their dad as well as live an adventure of a lifetime. Donated by Judi Pinyot, in memory of Frank Cox. 629.130 BUC

*It Ends with Us* by Colleen Hoover. Fiction. Lily Bloom is sitting on a twelfth-story ledge contemplating suicide – not her own, but how others experience it – when a hunk of a guy storms onto the roof and begins beating up on a chair. This is the beginning of a beautiful relationship, one Lily needs as she recovers from the death of her famous but abusive father. Then an important man from her past walks into her present. This book is the sequel to *It Starts with Us*, also by Colleen Hoover. F HOO

## **CLIMBING MOUNT KILIMANJARO – THEN AND NOW**

By John Bridges - #122

Today about 30,000 people per year set out to climb Mt Kilimanjaro in a 7-day trip costing up to \$6,000. They are provided with mattresses in their tents, a guide, a cook, and porters. Some 40% of them do not reach the summit, and 6-8 die in the attempt. I imagine that now there are well-worn tracks, permanent toilet facilities, and established camp sites. In contrast, when two friends and I climbed it in 1953, we did not expect to see another person nor any sign that other people existed. For us it was just pristine nature at its best.

I set out one morning from Nairobi with the producer and electrician of the Nairobi Puppet Theatre, in my little Austin Pick Up, for the Laitokitok Forest Ranger's house on the

northern slope of the mountain. We reached there in the afternoon, and, after explaining what we wanted to do, set off, promising to be back in 5 days, or he would send out a search party at our expense. We carried backpacks containing food for 5 days and essential items like sleeping bags, raingear, and toilet paper. We had the advantage of being acclimatized to living at 6,000 to 8,000 feet above sea level, so were not affected by the height of Kilimanjaro.

We made camp before dark, lit a fire, and stretched out after our long journey on unpaved roads. We got off to an early start the next morning, following game trails through the thick forest. We stopped at the tree line and enjoyed a peaceful night under the stars. The next morning we awoke to a wonderful clear sky, with the snow of the 17,000-ft. Mount Kenya just discernible 200 miles to the north. However, when we reached the col between snow-capped Kibo and rocky Mwenzi (Swahili for friend or companion), it started to snow, rapidly becoming a blizzard. Hunkered down in what shelter we could find, we waited for it to end. It didn't.

We were not prepared for this in our light tropical clothing, so we beat a hasty retreat well before dark. We stopped at the upper tree line, made camp, and soon enjoyed a blazing camp fire by which to dry our clothes and warm ourselves.

The next day we continued our descent. Before camping, we passed a complete elephant skeleton. We then felt we had to keep going, if only to avoid having the Forest Officer send a search party to look for us. (Remember: There were no cell phones or portable radios in those days.)

As often happens in life, we did not reach our primary objective, but this did not spoil the companionship or healthy exercise, upon which we can look back with happy memories.

## **THE COLETTA MCKENRY LIBRARY ACCESSIONS**

### **FICTION, INCLUDING LARGE TYPE AND DVDs**

Angels in the Attic	O'Donnell, Mary	c. 2023	F O'DO
A Beautiful Blue Death	Finch, Charles	c. 2007	F FIN
Countdown	Patterson, James	c. 2023	F PAT
Demon Copperhead	Kingsolver, Barbara	c. 2022	F KIN
The Flight Attendant	Bohjalian, Chris	c. 2018	F BOH
The Golden Spoon	Maxwell, Jessa	c. 2023	F MAX
I Will Find You	Coben, Harlan	c. 2023	F COB L.T.
It Ends with Us	Hoover, Colleen	c. 2016	F HOO
The Taming of the Shrew		c. 1967	F TAM DVD
This Body of Death	George, Elizabeth	c. 2010	F GEO
Ticket to Paradise			F TIC DVD
The Writing Retreat	Bartz, Julia	c. 2023	F BAR

### **NONFICTION, INCLUDING BIOGRAPHIES**

The Daughters of Yalta: The Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans	Katz, Catherine Grace	c. 2020	940.53 KAT
The Declassification Engine: What History Reveals About America's Top Secrets	Connelly, Matthew J.	c. 2023	352.37 CON
Flight of Passage	Buck, Rinker	c. 1997	629.130 BUC
The Great Displacement: Climate Change and the Next American Migration	Bittle, Jake	c. 2023	362.870 BIT
Personal Paintings and Poems with Purposes	Typanski, Robert	c. 2023	810 TYP p.b.
River of the Gods: Genius, Courage and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile	Millard, Candice	c. 2022	916.20 MIL
War Diary	Belorusets, Yevgenia	c. 2023	947.7 BEL p.b
Wings: A History of Aviation from Kites to the Space Age	Crouch, Tom D.	c. 2003	629.130 CRO

## **EYES OF THE STORM**

By Peg Rychcik - #297

I took this photo of our roof following the severe storm on Saturday, April 2. The roofing shingles, which were forced up by the extreme intensity of the storm winds, created the perfect placement of eyelashes. I couldn't help but add the eyes to make it picture perfect!



*(Editor's note: The above photo was wrongly titled in the May issue, hence its reappearance in this one. We apologize for the oversight.)*



# *Images of recent improvements to the Summer House Grounds*



Raised Garden Beds



The Arbor



Cleaning out the Garden Shed



Summer House Gardens



Paving the Walkway

Photos by Mike Desko and Jan Wendt