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A Note From Our Executive Director

Hello, and welcome to April! Warmer weather is on the way, and I hope all of you get a chance to enjoy the beauty of spring. We have a new theme this month for our special event "Wild Wild West." It will be on Thursday, April 18th, at 6pm. Eddie Sal will be providing our entertainment. We think this theme will be a lot of fun and hope to see you there. We are also starting a men's group this month. We will have meetings every month. Please be sure to check out the calendar for more fun activities and events.

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Dabble in Scrabble

Have some F-U-N on April 13, National Scrabble Day. Fans of the popular board game often turn to "The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary," which was most recently updated in 2022 and now contains more than 100,000 words.



Bursting With Spring Blossoms

This month, cities around the country are celebrating the bursting colors of spring blossoms with festivals dedicated to regional flora.

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. Tulip farms scattered throughout Washington state's Skagit Valley begin blooming in April, and that's when thousands of visitors crowd area roads for a scenic driving tour of the spectacular fields of flowers. The event has grown into a month of festivities since it first began in 1984.

North Carolina Azalea Festival. The port city of Wilmington, N.C., draws more than 200,000 people to a weeklong celebration of the millions of lush, showy shrubs that come alive with blooms of pink, purple and red. Founded in 1948, the festival's garden tour is one of the longest-running in the South.

Atlanta Dogwood Festival. Flowering dogwood trees provide a beautiful backdrop for this Georgia tradition that dates back to 1936. Atlanta's historic Piedmont Park hosts the weekend event, which features one of the nation's top art shows, live music and family entertainment.

Meriden Daffodil Festival. During the last two weekends in April, thousands of people gather in this Connecticut city to view a sea of 650,000 sunny yellow and white daffodils in bloom. A parade, fireworks show and "Connecticut's largest tag sale" are the highlights of this fun fest, started in 1979.

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April Birthdays

- 4-1 Nada Coates
- 4-4 Harvey Peatross
- 4-7 Linda Gurley
- 4-10 Estelle Milsap
- 4-11 Hilda Hester
- 4-21 Margaret Yeomen
- 4-22 Laura Johnson
- 4-28 Lisa Wanderer

Locations

- Activities Room, AR
- Courtyard, CY
- Dining Room, DR
- Windsor Room, WR

Country Store

- Tuesday 11 a.m.-Noon
- Thursday 11 a.m.-Noon

Alert for Allergy Weather

It’s the season for allergies. Local weather forecasts often include pollen counts. But if you miss those numbers, you can still be prepared with a do-it-yourself weather check. Expect symptoms to flare up when it’s windy, warm and dry. During rainy weather and breeze-free days, the pollen level will likely be lower.

“Tomorrow morning, when the sun shines through your window, choose to make it a happy day.”
—Lynda Resnick

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	April Fools' Day 1 9:30 Grocery Orders with Amy 10:30 Bank Runs 🚌 1:30 Manicures & Music🎵 3:30 Exercise with Amy 4:00 MSNBC Evening News	2 8:30 Dr. Appointments 10:00 Coffee & Pastries, AR 11:00 Country Store 1:30 Prize Bingo 3:30 Exercise with Amy 5:30 Scrabble Club 6:00 Resident Council Meeting AR	3 National Walk Day 8:30 Dr. Appointments 9:30 Grocery Orders with Amy 10:00 Worship with Pastor Davis 1:30 Portraits for Veterans WR 3:00 Wii Game: Jeopardy 5:00 Dominos	4 10:00 Exercise With Legacy 10:30 Country Store 11:00 Lunch at The Green Turtle 🚌 1:30 Jackpot Bingo\$ 3:00 Game: Finish Lines 4:00 Easy Listening Music Hour	5 9:30 Walking In the Courtyard 10:00 Grocery Shopping at Kroger 🚌 1:00 Shopping Trip to Rose’s 🚌 3:00 Happy Hour 4:00 MSNBC Evening News	6 9:00 Word Search Puzzles 10:30 Scenic Ride 🚌 2:00 Movie: Residents’ Choice 5:30 Scrabble Club
7 9:30 Jigsaw Puzzles 10:00 Dominos 1:30 Movie: Residents’ Choice 5:30 Tabletop Games	8 9:30 Grocery Orders with Amy 10:30 Bank Runs 🚌 1:00 Dominos 1:30 Trip to AMC Movie Theatre 4:00 MSNBC Evening News	9 8:30 Dr. Appointments 10:00 Coffee & Pastries, AR 11:00 Country Store 1:30 Prize Bingo 3:30 Exercise with Amy 5:30 Scrabble Club	10 8:30 Dr. Appointments 9:30 Grocery Orders with Amy 10:00 Worship with Pastor Davis 1:30 Game “Blank Slate” 3:00 Book Club Meeting 5:00 Dominos	11 10:00 Exercise With Legacy 10:30 Country Store 11:00 Chat w/ Our ED 1:30 Jackpot Bingo\$ 2:30 Craft Hour: Tie Dye Bandanas 4:00 Easy Listening Music Hour	12 9:30 Walking In the Courtyard 10:00 Hand Massages 1:00 Shopping Trip to Ollie’s Bargain Outlet 🚌 3:00 Happy Hour 4:00 MSNBC Evening News	13 National Scrabble Day 9:00 Word Search Puzzles 10:00 Grocery Shopping at Food Lion 🚌 1:30 Candy Bingo 2:00 Movie: Residents’ Choice 5:30 Scrabble Club
14 International Moment of Laughter Day 9:30 Jigsaw Puzzles 10:00 Dominos 1:30 Movie: Residents’ Choice 5:30 Tabletop Games	15 9:30 Grocery Orders with Amy 10:30 Bank Runs 🚌 1:30 Manicures & Music🎵 3:30 Exercise with Amy 4:00 MSNBC Evening News 6:00 Bingo with Northampton Women’s Club, AR	16 8:30 Dr. Appointments 10:00 Coffee & Pastries, AR 11:00 Country Store 1:30 Prize Bingo 2:30 Worship with Canaan Baptist Church 3:30 Exercise with Amy 5:30 Scrabble Club	International Haiku Poetry Day 17 8:30 Dr. Appointments 9:30 Grocery Orders with Amy 10:00 Worship with Pastor Davis 1:00 Town Hall Meeting 1:30 Game “Blank Slate” 3:00 Haiku Poetry Reading	18 10:00 Exercise With Legacy 11:00 Country Store 1:30 Jackpot Bingo\$ 2:30 Men’s Group 6:00 Entertainment with Eddie Sal 🎵 6:00 Special Event “Wild Wild West”	19 9:30 Walking In the Courtyard 10:00 Grocery Shopping at Lidl 🚌 1:00 Movie: Residents’ Choice 3:00 Happy Hour 4:00 MSNBC Evening News	20 9:00 Word Search Puzzles 1:00 Scenic Ride 2:00 Movie: Residents’ Choice 5:30 Scrabble Club
21 9:30 Jigsaw Puzzles 10:00 Dominos 1:00 Sunday Worship Service with Pastor Davis & LaShanda 2:00 Movie: Residents’ Choice 5:30 Tabletop Games	22 National Jelly Bean Day 9:30 Grocery Orders with Amy 10:30 Bank Runs 🚌 1:00 Jelly Bean Tasting 1:30 Popcorn & A Movie 3:30 Exercise with Amy 5:30 Visit with Therapy Dogs “Copper” & “Hattie”	23 8:30 Dr. Appointments 10:00 Coffee & Pastries, AR 11:00 Country Store 1:30 Prize Bingo 3:30 Exercise with Amy 5:30 Scrabble Club	24 8:30 Dr. Appointments 9:30 Grocery Orders with Amy 10:00 Worship with Pastor Davis 1:30 Candy Bingo 2:30 Painting on Canvas 🎨 5:00 Dominos	25 9:30 Country Store 10:00 Exercise With Legacy 10:30 Shopping Trip to The Parrish Thrift Shop 1:30 Jackpot Bingo\$ 2:30 Menu Chat with Tom DR 3:00 Ping Pong 4:00 Easy Listening Music Hour	26 National Pretzel Day 9:30 Walking In the Courtyard 10:00 Grocery Shopping at Games Farmers Market 🚌 1:00 Shopping Trip to Dollar Tree 🚌 3:00 April Birthday Celebration 4:00 MSNBC Evening News	27 9:00 Word Search Puzzles 12:30 Movie: Residents’ Choice 2:30 Worship with Canaan Baptist Church 5:30 Scrabble Club
28 9:30 Jigsaw Puzzles 10:00 Dominos 1:30 Movie: Residents’ Choice 5:30 Tabletop Games	29 9:30 Grocery Orders with Amy 10:30 Bank Runs 🚌 1:30 Manicures & Music🎵 3:30 Exercise with Amy 4:00 MSNBC Evening News 5:30 Ladies’ Night	30 8:30 Dr. Appointments 10:00 Coffee & Pastries, AR 11:00 Country Store 1:30 Prize Bingo 3:30 Exercise with Amy 5:30 Scrabble Club				

April Employee of the Month



Our employee of the month is Shareef Bradley. He is a PCA in our Assisted Living Community. Shareef has only been with us a couple of months but he has really been a great addition to our family. He really enjoys all of our residents different personalities. He enjoys being the first person to greet our residents in the morning, helping them out with anything they may need, showing them around, and playing Bingo with them. In his free time, Shareef enjoys relaxing at home while watching TV or playing video games. He also enjoys reading, cooking, and exercising. Shareef is a Pescatarian. He enjoys eating salmon, scallops, and shrimp boils. He would like to go back to Las Vegas one day to visit family.

The Nation's Crustaceans

What do you call the freshwater lobster-like creatures found across the U.S.? Many Southern folks know them fondly as crawfish, whereas people in northern states are more likely to say crayfish. In other parts of the South, as well as the Midwest and the West Coast, the little critters are commonly called crawdads.

We Won't Get Fooled Again

Every April Fools' Day, inventive pranksters try to outdo each other with large-scale hoaxes. Here are some of the more memorable ones, according to www.MuseumOfHoaxes.com:

Color me fooled. In 1962, a TV station in Sweden announced that viewers could change the station's black and white broadcasts into instant color by pulling a nylon stocking over their TV screens. Thousands of people fell for the trick.

Paint your puppy. In 1965, a newspaper in Copenhagen reported that the Danish Parliament had passed a law requiring all dogs to be painted white so drivers could spot them more easily at night.

Tower tale. The Parisien, a French newspaper, shocked citizens in 1986 when it reported that the Eiffel Tower would be dismantled, moved and reconstructed in the Disney theme park planned near Paris.

The nose knows. BBC TV aired an interview in 1965 about "smell-o-vision," technology that allowed viewers at home to smell aromas in the TV studio. Many viewers called to say they did smell the coffee and onions shown onscreen.

Around and around. In 1991, the London Times announced that the transportation department had come up with a plan to ease congestion on the M25, the circular highway surrounding London. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, traffic would travel clockwise; on Tuesdays and Thursdays it would travel counter-clockwise.

Green Grocery Tip

In addition to reusable grocery bags made of fabric, other eco-friendly ways to haul home your purchases include storage bins, laundry baskets, milk crates and cardboard boxes. You can place them in the cart and fill them as you shop, or keep a couple in your vehicle and unload your cart there.



April Is National Poetry Month

Whether you believe that poetry is merely "the best words in the best order" (Samuel Taylor Coleridge) or "language at its most distilled and most powerful" (Rita Dove), April is the month to celebrate this lyrical form of expression. Brush up on these interesting poetry facts to impress your friends with!

- The longest poem in the world—the Indian epic poem "The Mahabharata"—is around 1.8 million words long!
- "The Epic of Gilgamesh," from ancient Sumer, is one of the oldest surviving epic poems. Gilgamesh's adventures were written on stone tablets sometime in the second millennium B.C.
- One of the shortest poems ever written is by George MacDonald. At a brief two words, the poem is shorter than its title ("The Shortest and Sweetest of Songs")! Another contender is "Lines on the Antiquity of Microbes" by Strickland Gillilan, more commonly known as "Fleas." The Guinness Book of Records, though, recognizes Aram Saroyan as the winner, with his four-legged "m."