

From the Desk of Happy Dan



April has arrived, and we're carrying forward all the joy, laughter, and connection from a truly wonderful March here at Grand Haven!

We kicked things off with a bit of Irish luck and a lot of fun at our Open House Bingo—full of festive cheer, friendly competition, and plenty of “lucky” moments! It was especially heartwarming to welcome friends from the Winfield Whipperwills 4H Club, North Ridge and Eldridge Lions. Our residents loved sharing smiles, stories, and laughter with the kids—these intergenerational moments truly make our community special.

The month was also filled with music that brought everyone together. From Jacob playing piano alongside residents to performances by Terry Stone, Ray Wierson, Robert Dahms, and more, each moment was full of energy and joy. That musical spirit carried right into our St. Patrick's Day celebration, where the Ukaladies filled the room with lively Irish tunes, laughter, and singalongs during a delicious corned beef and cabbage lunch.

We were also grateful for the kindness of First Central State Bank of Eldridge, who hosted a wonderful happy hour complete with a delicious chicken dinner and great conversation. Outings like our lunch trip to Pho and a countryside bus ride for ice cream gave everyone a chance to enjoy the fresh air, good food, and even better company. And of course, we wrapped up the month cheering on the season with our Opening Day Baseball cookout—nothing says spring quite like that!

Thank you to everyone who helped make these moments so meaningful. We're looking forward to all the beauty and new memories that spring will bring.

Warmly,
Happy Dan

April Birthdays!

Emily Justice Scott	4th
Dorothy Watson	5th
Joyce Hay	6th
Elecia Arrington	10th
Cindy Higgins	11th
Ann Klopp	12th
Jacalyn Squires	12th
Leo Schmeink	21st
Bev Gustafson	22nd
Larry Crotty	24th

NEW

RESIDENTS

Jerry Tillman	303
Magda Brodersen	103
Peggy Weidner	516 MC
Petra Westphal	510 MC

MOVED

RESIDENTS

Jerry & Kristin Schwien
moved from 600 to 305 TH

STAFF

ANNIVERSARIES

Denise Little	8 years
Cindy Higgins	4 years
Lola Johnson	1 year



Residents at Grand Haven Retirement Community welcomed spring with a festive floral activity inspired by St. Patrick's Day. Using bright green blooms and shamrock accents, each arrangement reflected creativity and charm.



Residents enjoyed a colorful Spring Wreath Workshop, turning ribbons and mesh into beautiful handmade creations. Activities like these bring everyone together to connect, create, and celebrate the season!



Grand Haven Retirement Community had a lively month filled with great food, music, and connection! Residents enjoyed a special happy hour sponsored by First Central State Bank of Eldridge, featuring a delicious chicken dinner and wonderful conversation. We also hosted a fantastic Open House with a festive St. Patrick's Day lunch and live music from the Ukaladies. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events so memorable!



In Memoriam

*Softly the leaves of memory fall,
Gently we gather and treasure them all.*



Ruth Buikema
Terry Shellton



Moments Corner

Outdoor sensory activities boosted mood and engagement, while indoor bowling encouraged movement and social connection—supporting both cognitive health and joyful moments each day. These simple, purposeful activities help support cognitive function while creating joyful, shared experiences each day.



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NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

Live Music

Wednesday, April 1st, 1:30 pm
Grand Haven Choir Presentation

Friday, April 3rd, 1:30 pm

Piano music with Jacob

Sunday, April 5th, 1:00 pm

Robert Dahms

Tuesday, April 14th, 1:30 pm

Ron Lubbers

Friday, April 17th, 10:00-10:30 am

Lancer Production "Addams Family"

Wednesday, April 22nd, 1:30 pm

Heartland Harvest Music

Thursday, April 30th, 1:30 pm

Ray Wierson

Church Service

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

April 1st - St. Ann's Church

April 8th - Cornerstone Church

April 15th - Northridge Church

April 22nd - Faith Lutheran Church

April 29th - Eld. Und. Methodist Church

Plant Craft with St. Croix Hospice

Friday, April 24th, 1:30 pm

BINGO

Thursday, April 16th, 5:30 pm

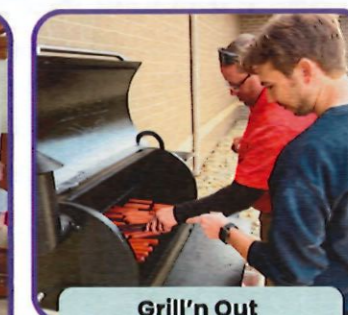
with Eldridge Lions

Thursday, April 23rd, 5:30 pm

with Encompass Health



BINGO with
Winfield Whipperwills
4H Club



Grill'n Out
Baseball Opening Day



"April is the sweetest month of the year, the
mellow season of rebirth and renewal."
— Mary Sojourner



April FUN FACTS

- April was named for "aperire" (to open 🌸)
- Spring is in full swing
- April Fool's Day is April 1
- Earth Day is April 22
- Birthstone: Diamond
- Birth flowers: Daisy & Sweet Pea
- Rainy season in many places
- National Poetry Month
- Average of 30 days (always!)
- "April showers bring May flowers"

ha ha ha

JOKE

of the month

What do you call a group of bunnies
hopping away from you?
A receding hareline.

RECIPE

Cottage Cheese Snack Jar

Ingredients
1 servings

- ½ cup low-fat, no-salt-added cottage cheese
- ½ cup chopped cucumber
- ¼ cup crunchy chickpeas*

Directions

- Place cottage cheese in a 16-ounce container.
Top with cucumber and chickpeas.

*You can find crunchy chickpeas, sometimes labeled chickpea snacks, at most well-stocked grocery stores.

Source: www.eatingwell.com

