

From the Desk of Happy Dan



As we wrapped up June, we continued making wonderful memories together at Grand Haven Retirement Community! Our Summer Games, Life is an Adventure, are off to a fantastic start, bringing fun, laughter, and friendly competition to residents. The adventures will continue throughout July with even more exciting activities planned.

One of the highlights of the month was welcoming WQAD News 8 to Grand Haven for a special edition of Weather on the Road! Thank you to everyone who stopped by to spend time with us and our residents—it was a wonderful morning filled with community spirit. Residents also enjoyed a variety of special events, including Happy Hour sponsored by Precision Air, Bingo with Cornerstone VBS and Beacon of Hope, and a memorable Father's Day "Boys Day Out." Our gentlemen celebrated with a trip to Hooters Restaurant, enjoying great food, laughter, and time together.

Music continues to be a favorite at Grand Haven, and we extend a heartfelt thank you to this month's talented performers: Ray Wiersen & Son, Ron Lubbers, Robert Dahms, and the Ukuladies. Your performances brought joy, memories, and plenty of smiles to our residents.

Looking ahead to July, we're excited to celebrate a very special milestone—our 19th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, July 11! Along with the anniversary festivities, residents can look forward to more live music, bus trips, summer outings, and many more opportunities to enjoy the season together. Here's to another month filled with friendship, adventure, and making Grand Haven feel like home!

Warmly,
Happy Dan

July Birthdays!

Victoria Sanders	2nd
Sue Collins	9th
Ann Bainter	10th
Harold Harness	11th
Sherry Ramsdale	11th
Ginny Goodrich	16th
Dorothy Holst	20th
Henri Chapdelaine	21st
Pete Klopp	27th

FUN FACTS

- July is named after Julius Caesar
- July is National Ice Cream Month
- July is known for its hottest days
- Birthstone: Ruby
- Birth flowers: Larkspur & Water Lily
- It's peak vacation season
- National Hot Dog Month

NEW RESIDENTS

Ginny Goodrich	401
Kathy Rhinehart	102

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Anna Black	1 year
Debbie Frahm	19 year
Sherry Ramsdale	19 year

In Memoriam

Though your smile is no longer seen,
its warmth remains with us always.
Doris Rayburn

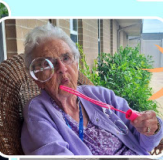
A special thank you to Precision Air for sponsoring our Happy Hour and to Cornerstone VBS and Beacon of Hope for hosting Bingo. Your generosity and support brought smiles, laughter, and wonderful memories to our residents. We truly appreciate you!

Happy Hour



A heartfelt thank you to Andrea and Carson Guy for growing and donating vegetables for our Memory Care garden—they're already beginning to bloom!

Thank you to our amazing maintenance and staff team for creating a beautiful courtyard where residents can relax, enjoy the flowers, fresh air, and watch the garden grow.



BOYS DAY OUT

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UPCOMING EVENTS

19TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Saturday, July 11th, Starts at 9am

BINGO, COOKOUT, MUSIC

LIVE MUSIC

Sunday, July 5th, 1:30 pm

Robert Dahms

Saturday, July 11th, 12:30 pm

Lyle Beaver & the Brass Notes

Wednesday, July 15th, 1:00 pm

QC Symphony

Friday, July 17th, 1:30 pm

Ray Wiersen & Son

Tuesday, July 21st, 1:30 pm

Terry Stone

BINGO

Saturday, July 11th, 9:00 am

with Parrotheads

Tuesday, July 28th, 1:00 pm

with Residents & Staff

Check out our Facebook page for updates on upcoming events that are open to the public!



WQAD 8 VISITS GRAND HAVEN FOR "WEATHER ON THE ROAD!"

Thank you, WQAD News 8, for visiting our community and showcasing the wonderful people who make our community so special!



Easy Strawberry Cheesecake Ice Cream

Ingredients

- 1 cup half-and-half cream
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cubed and softened
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1-1/2 cups fresh strawberries
- Optional: Sliced fresh strawberries and crushed graham crackers

Directions

1. Blend the first 6 ingredients until smooth. Add whipping cream and blend until combined. Pour into a large bowl.
2. Puree 1 1/2 cups strawberries and stir into the cream mixture.
3. Freeze in an ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's directions.
4. Transfer to freezer containers and freeze 4-6 hours, or until firm. Serve with sliced strawberries and crushed graham crackers, if desired.

Source: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/easy-strawberry-cheesecake-ice-cream/#RecipeCard>

JOKE of the month

What's red, white and blue?
A sad candy cane.



"Let us live like flowers—wild and beautiful and drenched in sun."
— Ellen Everett