

April 2024

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BIRTHDAYS

Here's to celebrating you!

April 9: Nancy N.

April 9: Elaine S.

April 12: Tootie W.

Happy Birthday to each of you!

CELEBRATE APRIL

Solar Eclipse- April 8

Earth Day- April 22

**Lawn and Garden
Month**

Humor Month

**Occupational Therapy
Month**

**Volunteer Appreciation
Month**

On Monday, April 8, a solar eclipse will be observable across much of North America.

In the totality path, extending from Texas to Maine in the United States, numerous individuals will have the unique opportunity to witness a total solar eclipse, during which the Moon will completely obscure the Sun.

Outside this path, individuals throughout the contiguous United States will be able to view a partial solar eclipse, where the Moon partially covers the Sun.

It is imperative to emphasize the use of proper eye protection during the partial phases before and after the totality. Utilizing certified solar viewing glasses or handheld solar viewers is essential for directly observing the eclipse. It is important to note that eclipse glasses are specifically designed for this purpose, and ordinary sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the Sun.

For us the partial solar eclipse will begin at 2:08pm and reach maximum at 3:23pm, ending at 4:35pm. Safety view glasses will be available through the activity dept.



April is Occupational Therapy Month!

A huge shout out to our Occupational Therapists, Wanda and Christina, from H2 Health!

Join us on 4/24 at 2pm for our OT Event!

ACTIVITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

April 3rd AT 3PM

This will be a time for any resident who wishes to help shape the upcoming activity calendars to offer suggestions and ideas. We will be working on planning for **MAY**. Please bring ideas! All residents are welcome to join; this will be a group discussion.

SIGN UPS

Sign up for the following events in the West Annex Community Room. All costs go on incidental bills, unless indicated. All outings \$5.00 bus fare.

April 4th: Ice Cream Club- Hilltop

Depart 1:30pm

Cost: \$5 bus fee, plus food cost, tax & tip

April 11th: Breakfast Club- Country

View Diner

Depart 8:30am

Cost: \$5 bus fee, plus food cost, tax & tip

April 17th: In House Diner's Club-

Lunch from Sauce'

West Community Room- 12:15pm

Cost: \$15

April 19th: Color Street Manicures-

Manicures that last up to 2 wks or more!

West Annex Community

Cost: \$7.00

April 25th: Diner's Club- Triplet's

Depart 11am

Cost: \$5 bus fee, plus food cost, tax & tip

April 29th: Family Dollar Outing- Must

be able to shop independently in store and have own money to purchase items.

Depart 1:30pm

Cost: \$5 bus fee only

ART AND CRAFT CORNER

Pictures of our crafts are on display on the café screen.

April 2nd at 1:30pm: Birdhouse Craft

April 16th at 1:30pm: Hydrangea Flowers Craft

April 23rd at 1:30pm: Art: Mandalas

April 30th at 1:30pm: Canvas Painting

Purls of Wisdom- Yarn Club is now open to the community! All are welcome to join us every Tuesday at 10am for knitting or crocheting, socializing, coffee and tea!

We are continuing to work on lap blankets for the local hospital! Beginners and experts welcome! Yarn is supplied, if needed!

volunteer appreciation month

IT'S TIME FOR US TO SHOWER OUR VOLUNTEERS WITH *Appreciation!*

Join us on Tuesday April 9, 2024.

Sign up to help serve our volunteers!

VOTING- Primary Election is 4/23/24!

If you are interested in voting in the upcoming General Primary Election (April 23, 2024), you must see Carrie immediately. Absentee Ballot requests are due 4/16 at the registration office, however, due to time restraints activity dept will only assist and accept them til 4/8.

Those that have completed the absentee ballot request form should begin to receive their ballots. If you need assistance due to vision, assistance is available, see Carrie.

Bingo Marathon Success!

We extend a massive thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Bingo Marathon on March 28th. With fantastic guest callers, exciting prizes, and numerous winners, it was truly a wonderful event!



Thank you to our sponsors!

H2Health

Monroe Hearing

St. Luke's Hospice

State Rep. Jack Rader

Senator Rosemary Brown

Monroe County Commissioner, David Parker

Creations by Tammy

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Protestant Services: We continue to look for churches to come in and provide services, if you have a connection with a local church that may be interested in providing a service, please see Carrie.

April 10th- 2:30pm- Jerusalem UCC – Pastor Marion

April 17th- 2:30pm- Middlecreek Christian Church

Catholic Services:

Every Sunday at 9:30am: Communion

Every Wednesday at 1:30pm: Rosary (in private dining room)

April 18th at 10am: Mass

Bible Study:

1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10:30am: led by Pete and Jean DeSanto

2nd Wednesday at 10:30am: led by Loida

Hymn Sings:

April 24th at 10:30am: Join us as we sing our favorite hymns w/ Volunteer Marsha

CHANNEL 60

We are excited to announce our NEW house TV Channel...Channel 60!

Tune in each day to see announcements, menus, daily activity calendar and more!

Are you a garden enthusiast?

Mrs. Bush's Garden Club will resume next month in May once the threat of cold weather and frost has passed. The club will gather on Tuesday mornings.

Following a successful season last year, we are excited to witness this year's harvest!

For the Love of Birds



Many have heard of the Audubon Society and know it as an environmental organization dedicated to studying and preserving birds and their natural habitats. The organization is named after John James Audubon, the French American painter of birds who dedicated his

life to his unique art. His birthday, April 26, is now celebrated as Audubon Day.

Audubon showed an affinity for birds starting in childhood. He spent hours roaming the countryside, collecting birds' nests and eggs, and drawing them once he returned home. Audubon's father was a sailor and hoped his son would join the navy, so John James went to military school. However, he suffered from seasickness and so returned to the woods.

In 1803, the Napoleonic Wars broke out in France. Audubon's father obtained a fake passport and sent John James to America to avoid the war. It was at his family's farm in Pennsylvania that Audubon devoted himself full-time to the outdoors: hunting, fishing, and drawing birds.

Audubon was obsessed with birds. In an effort to study their habits, he tied string around their legs to see if they returned year after year. He learned the art of taxidermy and worked in natural museums. But his greatest contribution to ornithology was his brilliant book *Birds of America*. He dedicated his life to drawing every single bird in America. His style was new and different: a highly detailed drawing of each bird, more accurate than ever before. His drawings were life-sized, with some pages over three feet tall and two feet wide. After 14 years of traveling the entire country, Audubon drew over 700 species of birds. *Birds of America* is often considered the greatest picture book ever made, and original copies have sold for over \$10 million. How's that for a nest egg?

Have a SUGGESTION?

If you have any suggestions, compliments, or complaints, please feel free to share them at the suggestion box.

You can find our suggestion box in the West Annex Community Room. Your feedback will be reviewed monthly and discussed either in our monthly planning meetings or in private with you.

Major League Debut

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson played his first major league baseball game with the Brooklyn Dodgers against the Boston Braves in front of a crowd of 25,000 spectators at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. This marked the first moment that an African American athlete played a sport in any of the major leagues.

Robinson did not get a hit that day, but he was awarded the first ever Rookie of the Year title that year. In 1949, he was named the National League's Most Valuable Player. The next year, he became the Dodgers' highest paid player with a salary of \$35,000. In 1955, Robinson led the Dodgers to a World Series victory over the New York Yankees. A perennial All-Star and Hall of Famer, Robinson's number 42 was retired by all of baseball on April 15, 1997.

Join us on April 18th at 2pm for a Take Me Out To The Ball Game Party. Wear your favorite baseball team gear or colors!

Pack your bags, we are headed to KEY WEST, FL!

Join us as our Armchair Travelogue takes us to sunny Florida. Learn about this beautiful destination and enjoy key lime pie!

Thursday April 25th at 2pm