

*Everyone Deserves
a Great Life*

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THE VILLAS OF HOLLY BROOK

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From Jenni's Desk...

Hello everyone!

Thank you all for being so kind and welcoming to me. We've had a great winter here at the Villas, and I'm looking forward to spring!

We are adding activities to our calendar and are always looking for suggestions. Please drop by my office or put a suggestion in the box outside the office door.

Our mission is to enrich the lives of our residents, families and employees through extraordinary experiences... because everyone deserves a great life!

I feel very blessed to work here and be a part of such an amazing community. Please don't ever hesitate to come talk to me or give me a call... I'm here to serve you!

Thank you so much,
Jenni

Breaking News!

Our very own Skyler Reedy is going to be a mom! She is expecting a bundle of joy sometime in late fall... Congrats Skyler!!

Resident and Family Easter Lunch

Sunday, April 9, 2017

We will have two sittings.

11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The cost is \$7.00 per person

Please RSVP by April 6, 2017



Welcome Phillis Sain to apartment 26!
We're so glad you are part of our family!



Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 14, 2017

- Door prizes
- Drinks and Snacks
- Ages 1-10 years old welcome

Don't forget your baskets!
RSVP to Jenni at 217.774.1040



Happy Birthday!

Kelli Connour 4/7

Skyler Reedy 4/11

Denell Burch 4/18

Janine Furr 4/30



Good-Bye and Good Luck!

Emma Qualls, Assistant Executive Director, resigned to work at her family business in Mattoon.
Fred and Janet Ensign moved to Talorville.

We miss you all and wish you good luck!

Write Away

From composing thank-you notes to keeping a journal, the physical act of writing by hand is a great boost to the brain. Take notes on these advantages of putting pen to paper.

Activates the brain. Visual input, motor skills and memory are all in action when we form letters and words. One of the main reasons handwriting benefits the brain is because we're using so much of it. These linked regions are not activated when typing or texting.

Improves memory. Studies show that jotting down words, such as taking notes when learning a new skill or listening to instructions, strengthens memory and helps retain information.

Promotes creativity. Composing sentences on paper is a slower process than typing and tends to inspire more creative thinking. Even in this age of technology, many professional writers still create first drafts in longhand.



Provides a workout. Just like our bodies need exercise, our brains need regular workouts, too. Some physicians believe that the act of writing is good cognitive exercise for people who want to keep their minds sharp as they age.

Helps concentration. Writing in longhand, without the distractions of the internet just a click away, enables us to focus better.



Trivia Whiz

Busy Beavers

Known for their unique ability to adapt their environment to suit them, beavers are fascinating animals.

With powerful jaws and strong teeth, beavers fell trees and use them to build log and mud structures that block streams. These dams turn fields and forests into ponds.

Beaver dams are an important part of the ecosystem, helping slow floodwaters and control erosion.

These semi-aquatic rodents move easily through the water thanks to their stiff, flat tails and webbed feet. Their thick fur is waterproof, and they can hold their breath underwater for up to 15 minutes.

Beavers have orange teeth that never stop growing. They eat bark, roots and leaves from trees, as well as aquatic plants.



A Rose for Peace

Distinguished by luscious, creamy yellow petals edged with pink, it's a flower that symbolizes the end of a war and hope for the future—the Peace rose, introduced to the world on April 29, 1945.

The beautiful blossom's story begins in France, where it was developed by

third-generation rose breeder Francis Meiland between 1935 and 1939. With World War II looming, Meiland sent cuttings of the hybrid tea rose to friends in Germany, Italy and the U.S., who were able to grow the roses with great success. Marked by hardiness and large, long-lasting blooms, the new variety was destined to be a favorite in the gardening world.

Days before Germany's surrender, a ceremony for the new rose was held. As two doves were released, it was announced that the variety would be "named for the world's greatest desire: peace."

The Peace rose has been called the most popular rose in the world, with an estimated 40 to 50 million plants grown around the globe.



The Shoeshine Tradition

In years past, it was a regular habit for a man to make a stop at his local barbershop for a haircut, shave, and the finishing touch: a shoeshine.

In addition to barbershops, shoeshine stands were a fixture at train stations, where businessmen and other travelers could stop for a polish, ensuring they reached their destination looking their best.

"Shoeshine boys" would also patrol busy city streets, carrying their supplies in a box and offering a shine to passersby.

Shiners are still around today, and they continue to have a deep pride in their work, viewing their profession as an art and devoting years to perfecting their polishing techniques. Many people choose to have their shoes shined while they are wearing them, resulting in a personal, relaxing experience that shiners are honored to provide.

Due to workplace and everyday fashions becoming increasingly more casual, today's shoeshine stands are a little harder to come by, and are typically found in airports and specialty shops.

Appealing Apricots

Tasty, versatile and loaded with nutrients, apricots are a standout selection for those who crave nature's sweet treats.

With yellow-orange skin tinted red on one side, apricots resemble peaches but are more closely related to plums. Classified as stone fruits—meaning a large "stone" or pit surrounds the seed—they are in season from April through July.

Originating in Asia about 4,000 years ago, apricots were later introduced to Europe, where they soared in popularity. The Greeks called them "golden eggs of the sun." Spanish and French explorers brought the fruit to the Americas in the 1700s.

Apricots are good sources of vitamins A and C, and are loaded with potassium, fiber and antioxidants. Kernel oils and other extracts from the crop are often used in skin and hair care products.

In addition to the fresh seasonal offerings at stores and farmers' markets, apricots are available frozen, canned and dried year-round. Their sweet flavor makes them an ideal ingredient in jams, sauces and baked goods. They are also found in many savory dishes and are used to complement chicken and pork.

California grows nearly all of the apricots in the U.S.; Turkey and Iran are the largest producers worldwide.



Wit & Wisdom

"Baseball was, is and always will be to me the best game in the world."
—Babe Ruth

"There are only two seasons—winter and baseball."
—Bill Veeck

"Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good, too."
—Yogi Berra

"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."
—Rogers Hornsby

"Now, there's three things you can do in a baseball game. You can win, or you can lose, or it can rain."
—Casey Stengel

"Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona."
—George Will

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



						1 April Fools' Day! 10 - Coffee & Cinnamon Roll 2 - Bingo 6 - Movie
2 10 - Coffee & Chat 1 - Pictionary 2 - Knobs Baptist Church Service	3 Chocolate Mousse Day! 8:15 - Morning Exercise 2 - Bingo	4 8:45 - HSHS Exercises 10:30 - Walk Around the Block 2 - Easter Craft 6 - Movie	5 8:15 - Morning Exercise 9:30 - Walmart 1 - Resident Council	6 8:45 - HSHS Exercises 2 - Fingernail Painting	7 8:15 - Morning Exercise 10:30 - Pictionary 2 - Stuff Easter Eggs for Egg Hunt	8 10 - Coffee & Danish 2 - Bingo 6 - Movie
9 10 - Coffee & Chat 11:30 & 1 - Easter Family Lunch 2 - The Lighthouse Church Service	10 8:15 - Morning Exercises 2 - Bingo	11 8:45 - HSHS Exercises 10:30 - Walk Around the Block 2 - Scenic Drive 6 - Movie	12 8:15 - Morning Exercises 9:30 - Walmart 2 - Quad County Hospice Music	13 8:45 - HSHS Exercises 10:30 - Decorate Easter Eggs 2 - Fingernail Painting	14 8:15 - Morning Exercises 10:30 - Pictionary 2 - Community Easter Egg Hunt!	15 10 - Coffee & Cinnamon Roll 2 - Bingo 6 - Movie
16 10 - Coffee & Chat 1 - Pictionary 2 - Holy Cross Lutheran Church Service	17 8:15 - Morning Exercise 2 - Bingo	18 8:45 - HSHS Exercises 10:30 - Walk the Block 2 - Wii Bowling 6 - Movie	19 8:15 - Exercises 9:30 - Walmart 2 - Kitchen Club	20 10 - Coffee & Muffin 2 - Plant Garden Boxes 6 - Movie	21 8:15 - Morning Exercises 10:30 - Pictionary 2 - Movie	22 10 - Coffee & Muffin 2 - Plant Garden Boxes 6 - Movie
23/30 10 - Coffee & Chat 1 - Pictionary 2 - Church Service	24 8:15 - Morning Exercises 2 - Bingo	25 8:45 - HSHS Exercises 10:30 - Walk the Block 2 - Activity Board 6 - Movie	26 8:15 - Morning Exercises 9:30 - Walmart 2 - Jim Morgan Music	27 8:45 - HSHS Exercises 2 - Fingernail Painting	28 8:15 - Morning Exercise 10:30 - Pictionary 2 - Monthly Birthday Party	29 10 - Coffee & Cinnamon Roll 2 - Bingo 6 - Movie

"This Month In History"

APRIL

1789: George Washington is inaugurated as the first president of the United States.

1792: Congress establishes the first U.S. Mint. It is in Philadelphia, which was the nation's capital at the time.

1805: Author Hans Christian Andersen is born in Denmark. He wrote more than 150 fairy tales for children, including the classics "The Little Mermaid" and "The Ugly Duckling."

1817: Thomas H. Gallaudet and Laurent Clerc establish the first American school for the deaf.

1822: Landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted is born. He helped design some of the most famous parks in America, including Central Park in New York City.

1925: "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald is published.

1949: The Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opens on Broadway.

1970: Earth Day is observed for the first time.

1974: Hank Aaron hits his 715th home run, passing Babe Ruth as the all-time home run leader.

1976: Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak form Apple Computer Inc.

1981: The first space shuttle, Columbia, is launched from Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

1990: The sketch comedy series "In Living Color" premieres on television. It is credited with helping to launch the careers of several Hollywood stars, including Jennifer Lopez, Jim Carrey and Jamie Foxx.