



Thornapple Tribune

Enjoy our monthly newsletter that celebrates our employees, showcases the love we have for our residents, and brags about the fun we have!

This Month's Highlights

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April 2026



March came in full of energy and celebration on campus. We embraced the festive spirit by celebrating Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day, bringing plenty of color, laughter, and fun to our days. Alongside those special events, we continued to enjoy our regular activities like nail painting, group socials, and wonderful entertainment that keep everyone engaged and connected.

Music filled the halls, lifting spirits and creating joyful moments. We were treated to performances from the Basement Bluegrass Band, as well as beautiful piano and ukulele music that had toes tapping and smiles all around. There's something truly special about how music brings everyone together.

We also took time to recognize and celebrate our incredible staff. Their dedication, compassion, and years of service do not go unnoticed. Our 70s themed party was a groovy way to honor their hard work and longevity, and it was a hit with everyone involved.

As the weather teased us with warmer days, we soaked up every bit of sunshine we could, enjoying the fresh air and doing our best to ignore the lingering snow. Spring is certainly trying to make its way in, and we are ready for it! Looking ahead to April we are excited for even more fun!



Staff Member Message and Wellness Challenge



Teresa Coenen
Director of Harvest Pointe

I have been part of the Thornapple Manor family for over 33 years and have had the privilege of serving in several roles along the way. I started as part of the Social Work team, later becoming the Director of Social Services, and now serve as the Director of Harvest Pointe.

One of the things I appreciate most about working here is the opportunity to get to know our residents and staff. Every person has their own unique story, and getting to know those stories is one of the many reasons I enjoy coming to work each day. No two days are ever the same, and I'm grateful for the chance to keep learning new things along the way.

When I'm not at work, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, traveling, reading, biking, and exploring the beautiful lakeshores of our state.

I am thankful to be part of such a caring community and look forward to continuing the work we do together.



"National Garden Month"

By: Alexis Erbenraut, GVSU Dietetic Intern

April is National Garden Month, making it a great time to explore gardening! Whether you have a backyard garden or just a small pot on the windowsill, growing your own herbs or vegetables can be rewarding. Fresh herbs like basil, parsley, and mint are easy to grow and can add great flavor to meals without extra salt. Gardening can support both physical and mental wellness. Activities like planting, watering, and weeding help keep you moving, while spending time outdoors can improve mood and reduce stress.

Some things you can make with items from your garden: pesto, salads, salsa, pasta sauce and pickles.

Gardening is more than growing food – it's a simple way to nourish your body, boost your mood, and enjoy the rewards of your own hard work.



Celebrating our Employees

Our Employee Of The Month!



Samantha Hoyle

Certified Nursing Assistant

Congratulations to the April Employee of the Month, Samantha Hoyle! Samantha's nominations highlighted her outstanding work ethic, serving heart, and her willingness to go above and beyond to provide exceptional care. She is always ready to help others with a smile and demonstrates true dedication to the residents at Thornapple Manor.

Anniversaries

We would like to acknowledge our staff members for their service and dedication to our residents.

- Trinity B. 1 Year
- Amanda E. 1 Year
- Janet H. 1 Year
- Heather W. 1 Year
- Jimmy A. 11 Years
- Heather W. 17 Years
- Karen D. 12 Years
- Anna T. 8 Years
- Ashley B. 3 Years
- Abby R. 5 Years
- Sarah P. 3 Years
- Kiara B. 5 Years
- Darnell P. 26 Years
- Taylor L. 4 Years
- Madalin T. 2 Years
- Taiwo H. 1 Year



Reminders and Upcoming Events

Foot pedals are vital to the safety of your loved ones. Please, when pushing them in their wheelchairs, put their foot pedals on or ask the staff for assistance to put them on.

Friendly dogs are welcome to come visit. Before visits are approved, dogs must be brought to the Life Enrichment Director to be assessed, including a copy of the dog's vaccination record.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- April 3- Bill H.
- April 5- Linda R.
- April 6- Jean S.
- April 7- Dorothy C.
Betty S.
- April 8- Donna K.
Lois V.
Hillis L.
- April 11- Jim V.
- April 13- Fred S.
- April 15- Linda K.
- April 17- Bob B.
Bernard W.
- April 26- MaryAnn N.
- April 27- Cathy G.
- April 28- Joyce T.



Upcoming Events

April Happenings

April 4

- 9:30am- Easter Egg Hunt, Front Lawn Main Building
- Walking Club @ The Cottage

April 6

- 2pm- JellyBean Boozled, WWLR
- Book Club @ The Cottage
- 1pm- Easter Service, Harvest Pointe

April 17

- 10:30am- Catholic Mass, SBLR
- 2pm- Minute to Win It, SBLR
- Reminiscing @ The Cottage
- 2:30pm- Monogram Art, Harvest Pointe

April 20

- Basement Bluegrass Band, Harvest Pointe
- 2:30pm - Music with Doc, CDDR
- Glam Hour @ The Cottage

April 23

- BINGO @ The Cottage
- 10am- Lemon Bobbing, WWLR
- 2pm- Manor Market, CDLR
- 2:30pm- Tasty Travels Poland, Harvest Pointe

April 21st

- 10am- St. Rose Choir, Harvest Pointe
- 10:45am- St. Rose Choir, CDDR
- 2:30pm- Ukulele Music

April 28

- 10am- Cardio Drumming, Harvest Pointe
- 2pm- "Senior" Prom, Rehab Gym
- Travel Log @ The Cottage

Check out all our events using this QR Code

