

The Bluffs Senior Community

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May 2021 NEWSLETTER

Resident Birthdays

10th- Marilyn Mu.

10th- Gert S.

Employee Birthdays

3rd- Kilie I.

18th- Dave P.

21st- Cathy M.

23rd- Renee C.



Letter from our Executive Director

Many May greetings to you all,

Another month has come and gone. It has been so fulfilling to see smiles, hear laughter and see people gathering again. The positivity radiating is contagious and it has been a joy to see all throughout the building. May is such a special time! We celebrate Mother's Day and cherish those who raised us. We will also have our annual Memorial Day picnic as we remember those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy each and everyday.

This year we have four high school seniors that all have big plans for their careers, education and lives. We are very proud of this group and their accomplishments and wish them the best of luck with all their future endeavors! We appreciate all of their hard work and dedication to The Bluffs over the years!

Congratulations...to our 2021 Seniors!



Sylvia H.
Travel
&
Continue
Education



Elisa I.
Gogebic
Nursing



Emma G.
Nursing
School



Isabelle C.
NMU
Elementary
Education

Activity Highlights

Happy May!

I hope everyone got outside and enjoyed some of the nice weather we've been having! With summer on its way we will be doing more activities outside. We will enjoy cocktail socials, picnics, bonfires and some outside games throughout the coming months. With picnics on their way, please let me know how often and what you would like to see served! We will likely be having our picnics under the patio here at The Bluffs so we have more menu options!

May also means that The Kentucky Derby is here and we are ready to celebrate! We will be making derby hats, playing the dice horse racing game and having a social while watching the derby and wearing our derby hats that we made.

Throughout May there are a couple of national holidays coming up that we will be celebrating such as National Wine Day and National Apple Pie Day. We will also observe Memorial Day and have our annual picnic on Monday, May 31st. We will enjoy food fresh from the grill and some delicious sides. Please see the Culinary Corner for more food related news for May!

I would like to remind you all that my office is in the 2nd Floor Library! If you have any activity comments, concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to see me at any time!

May the Month of May bring you lots of happiness and love!

~Maria



Culinary Corner

Spring Greetings from The Kitchen!

April was amazing! I hope you all enjoyed our April Fools Joke, we had SO much fun planning the surprise. We spent a few weeks coming up with a good idea for a "trick" and many of you mentioned you wanted breakfast for dinner and it was the perfect opportunity!

Easter brunch was also a lovely day to share with you all, thank you for the compliments!

In May, I look forward to getting to continue to work on our new menu changes and improvements in the Kitchen. We are working hard to make your dining experience as wonderful as possible while also having an efficiently run system. May will also bring Mother's Day! Traditionally we enjoy a brunch buffet filled with delicious options and we will do just that! Buffets will not be self serve at this time, your wait staff will fill your plate for you but the buffet will allow you to see and smell the delectable meal!

If you have any feedback, comments or concerns regarding the menu or dining experience, please see me! Now is the time to bring those comments to me while we are making changes!

~Jodi

Culinary Manager



Employee Birthdays

Kilie Ingram

May 3rd
Dining Attendant

Favorite Animal?
Sloths

What Is Your Proudest Accomplishment?
Giving Birth To My Daughter!



Cathy Manninen

May 21st
Resident Assistant

What Is On Your Bucket List?
A Trip To Nashville

Favorite Movie?
Titanic

Dave Pleimling

May 18th
Resident Assistant

When Are You Happiest?
Boating With My Family!

Favorite Book?
Check Book



Renee Coponen

May 23rd
Culinary Team Member

What Is A Fun Fact About You?
I Used To Drive Trucks

Favorite Travel Spot?
Agate Beach

Cinco De Mayo

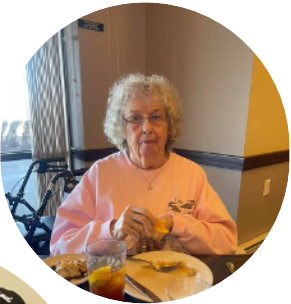


Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. The day, which falls on Wednesday, May 5 in 2021, is also known as Battle of Puebla Day. While it is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations.

Join us for a celebration of Cinco De Mayo! We will enjoy a refreshing Mexican cocktail and appetizers and a small presentation on the history of May 5th.



Community Captures



Copper Country Corner

Naval Training Ship U.S.S. Yantic

Yantic, an 1864 wooden hull gunboat, was based at Hancock, Michigan, from 1907 to 1917, on loan from the U.S. Navy for use as a training ship for the second battalion of the Michigan Naval Militia. In addition to drilling and training local units in Hancock and Escanaba, Michigan, the ship also took part in annual



maneuvers with other state naval militias on the lower lakes. Although Yantic only spent a brief portion of its active life in Michigan's Copper Country, the ship played an important role in local military training and was a notable part of the waterfront landscape of Hancock and Houghton during the zenith of copper production. Yantic was constructed in Philadelphia and commissioned on August 12, 1864 at the height of the Civil War.

Unconfirmed accounts claim she was originally designed to serve as President Abraham Lincoln's private yacht, but for some unknown reason was ultimately put into service as a gunboat. She was originally configured as a

three-masted bark, but was described as having "the lines of a yacht with well deck and plenty of shear." The ship was named after a river in the state of Connecticut.

Additional Reminders

- Patio furniture is now outside! Enjoy a visit outside on our back patio, observation deck, rocking swing or around the building!
- Masks should continue to be worn at all times and washed daily.
- The suggestion box is always available for feedback in all areas of The Bluffs. Suggestions, nominations and feedback are read weekly!
- Please remember to not assist other residents if they need help from a fall, pushing in their chair, standing or sitting. Staff members should be the only ones to help for your safety and theirs.

June Save The Dates



4th- Birthday Lunch
14th- Flag Day
20th- First Day of Summer
20th- Father's Day





Our *Amazing* Team



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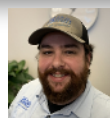
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