

## May Brings Birds and Blooms to Gardenside

**By Nate Behrends**  
**Evening Activity Coordinator**

May was a month filled with birds and blooms—and lots of entertainment and activities. Music filled the room and halls as Bill King came to play his music for Gardenside as Merry Makers performer brought to us by the Dream Weaver Foundation. Bobby Gadoury also entertained as he joined in the fun of Nursing Home Week.

The Nursing Home Week theme was Memories in Bloom, so flowers were abundant. Laura DeBoer, RN, director of nursing planted flowers in the courtyard. Wayne and Nate helped residents make a variety of beautiful flowers in art activities. We also played games outdoors, including horseshoes, ring toss, ladderball washer toss, and chicken flickin'. Then Captain Morgan and his birds took the stage and oh, what a show it was. Several exotic birds entertained the residents and staff for hours. We finished the week with homemade ice cream.

Local firemen brought up their ladder trucker and talked about the duties of the fireman and how the truck is used in emergencies. Many other activities filled the days and evenings. Activities included; bus rides, Bingo, games and more. Thank you to St. Michael's Altar Society for helping with Bingo, Kitty DeBoer for hosting Coffee with Kitty and Songs and Prayers, Pastor Emery and Pastor Hart for services held in the chapel, and Rhonda for volunteering to do nails.

In May, we celebrated birthdays with Elva, Clarence, Keith, Vicky, Bev, Carol and Norris with cake.

As we look to June, we welcome back Mike McCracken, a Merry Makers performer brought to us by the Dreamweaver Foundation. Several residents and staff will be attending a Saltdogs game. We also plan to have watermelon, homemade ice cream and rootbeer floats as we move into the summer months.

Til next month, thank you for your continued support.



*Exotic birds were a big hit during Nursing Home Week. Helen Keen looks on; Above, Dorothy Reid enjoys holding the birds brought by Captain Morgan.*

## Staff Celebrate Nursing Home Week



*Gardenside staff posed for a group picture during Nursing Home week, showing their Moments in Bloom shirts.*

### **Admissions**

- Shelley Bartling, May 12
- Catherine Thomas, May 15
- Elinor Krause, May 18
- Richard Krause, May 18

### **Birthdays**

- June Weichel, June 1
- Ervin Hennerberg, June 3
- Dona Glenn, June 22

Facetime and Skype are available. Please schedule calls ahead of time to ensure staff availability to assist. To schedule a time, call (402) 729-5220 (press 1)

### **Our Team to Serve You**

#### Chief Executive Officer & Administrator

Holly Wolff, MHA

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Melissa McBride

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Lana Likens

### **Most recent state survey:**

**In a folder on east side of the wall by the Activity Room.**

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### **Construction to Affect Gardenside Entrance**

The construction project anticipated to begin soon at Jefferson Community Health & Life will affect entrances to Gardenside. The project will add a state-of-the-art therapy department and renovation of the fitness center pool and locker rooms. During the project there will also be some work in Gardenside rooms 106 and 107. The project is expected to take just more than a year. A start date has not yet been set.

Once the project begins, Doors 31 and 32 will not be available for entry or exit for the duration of the project (except in case of emergency.) Those visiting Gardenside will be able to use the main JCH&L entrance (accessed from H Street) or the main Cedarwood entrance (accessed from 22nd St.)

JCH&L apologizes in advance for any inconveniences. We strive to keep inconveniences to a minimum. If you have concerns, please visit **with Laura DeBoer, director of nursing.**

### **Join us for Entertainment and Fireworks!**

Join us for entertainment and fireworks in honor of the fourth of July—on Thursday, July 2. We will have Bobby Gadoury at 7 p.m. and fireworks at dusk. We plan to be on the north side of Cedarwood.

Results of the most recent state survey are available on the east side of the wall by the Activity Room.

Nurse staffing hours are posted west of the nurses station.

# JUNE

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 10:00 Pitch 2:00 Mike McCrackin 6:30 Movie Night	2 10:00 Balloon Tennis 2:00 Root Beer or Orange Floats 6:45 Word Games	3 Lincoln Saltdogs Game!	4 10:00 Coffee with Kilty 2:00 Current Events	5 10:00 National Donut Day 2:00 Social Hour	6 <b>Get Some Sunshine!</b>
7 <b>Church Radio/ T.V.</b>	8 10:00 Pitch 2:00 Fruit Kabobs 6:30 Movie Night	9 10:00 Mason Jar Craft 2:00 Bingo 6:45 Jingo	10 10:00 Bible Trivia 2:00 Current Events	11 10:00 Balloon Tennis 2:00 Birthday Party! 6:45 Word Games	12 10:00 Flag Day Trivia 2:00 Social Hour 6:45 Word Games	13 <b>Walk the Garden Courtyard!</b>
14 <b>Church Radio/ T.V.</b>	15 10:00 Pitch 1:30 Resident Council 2:00 Ice Cream Bars 6:30 Movie Night	16 10:00 Wheelchair Waka 2:00 St. Michael's Bingo 6:45 Bus Ride	17 10:00 Show & Tell 2:00 Bus Ride/ Men's Group 6:45 Word Games	18 10:45 Pastor Emery 2:00 Current Events	19 10:00 Father's Day Trivia 2:00 Social Hour 6:45 Jingo	20 <b>Go Bird Watching!</b>
<b>HAPPY FATHERS DAY</b> 21	22 10:00 Pitch 2:00 Bingo 6:30 Movie Night	23 10:45 Pastor Hart 2:00 Bus Ride/ Ladies Group 6:45 Word Games	24 10:00 Balloon Tennis 2:00 Ladder Ball 6:45 Bus Ride	25 10:00 Gardenside Chapel with Kilty 2:00 Current Events	26 10:00 July Crafts 2:00 Social Hour 6:45 Jingo	27 <b>Visit with a Friend!</b>
28 <b>Church Radio/ T.V.</b>	29 10:00 Memorial Service 2:00 Nate Sings 6:30 Movie Night	30 10:00 Wheelchair Walks 2:00 Bingo 6:45 Word Games	1	2	3	4

**SUMMER**

**Happy Birthdays!!**  
**June 1st Ervin 3rd**  
**Dona 22nd**

# June 2026 Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i> L: Beef tacos S: chicken lasagna	<i>2</i> L: Creamy Swiss chicken S: Sloppy joe	<i>3</i> L: Meatloaf S: Turkey club on croissant	<i>4</i> L: Chicken teriyaki S: Pork roast	<i>5</i> L: Baked fish S: Chili	<i>6</i> L: Roast beef S: Chicken tender salad
<i>7</i> L: Bacon wrapped chopped steak S: Tuna melt	<i>8</i> L: Oriental Beef Stir Fry S: Cream chicken and biscuit	<i>9</i> L: Pork Tenderloin S: Spagetti with meat sauce	<i>10</i> L: Chicken Fried Steak S: Homemade pizza	<i>11</i> L: Sirloin tips with peppers and onions S: Fairbury Hot Dog	<i>12</i> L: Shrimp alfredo S: Boneless BBQ wings	<i>13</i> L: Glazed ham S: Patty melt
<i>14</i> L: Turkey roast S: Philly Cheese Steak	<i>15</i> L: Beef enchilada S: Kielbasa	<i>16</i> L: Chicken cordon bleu S: Goulash	<i>17</i> L: Chef salad S: Sloppy joe	<i>18</i> L: Runza casserole S: BBQ Rib sandwich	<i>19</i> L: Beer battered fish S: Hot roast beef and Swiss sandwich	<i>20</i> L: Salisbury steak S: Fried shrimp
<i>21</i> L: Roast beef S: Pork fritter	<i>22</i> L: BBQ meatballs S: Cranberry chicken salad sandwich	<i>23</i> L: Virginia turkey roast S: Reuben	<i>24</i> L: Green pepper casserole S: BLT sandwich	<i>25</i> L: Brown sugar glazed ham S: Pancakes	<i>26</i> L: Lasagna S: Chicken Caesar Salad	<i>27</i> L: Turkey tetrazzini S: Hamburger pizza
<i>28</i> L: Glazed meat loaf S: Chicken Tenders	<i>29</i> L: Chicken fried chicken S: Smoked pork on bun	<i>30</i> L: Swiss steak S: Fried Shrimp				

If you would like to join us for a meal, please let us know a few days in advance by calling 402-729-6849 so we can plan for food and space. Regular meals are \$5 (tax included) and holiday meals are \$10 (tax included.) You will pick up meals and pay for them in the JCH&L cafeteria.

# Residents Made, Delivered and Received May Baskets



**May Baskets**—Clockwise from top left: Idonna Gaston, Janis Westerhoff, Don Mahlman, Bev Leseberg, Joyce Holes and the Sports Medicine and Rehab Services staff, Joyce and laboratory staff, Arlene Kellogg.

# Gardenside Derby



**Gardenside Derby**—Clockwise from top left: Kayla Garst and Don Mahlman; Vickie Curry, Mark Schmidt, Rhonda McDaniel; Derby jockeys celebrate; Kelsey Dietl is the winner; Annie Marie Bryon and Mary Feldkamp; Kelsey Dietl, Lori Allen wins best dressed jockey, and Nate Behrends.

## Gardenside Blooms During Nursing Home Week



**With a Nursing Home Week theme of Moments in Bloom. Gardenside was in bloom!** Top left, Bev Leseberg paints a flower on a trash bag for an art project. Top right, Vickie Curry, Wayne Franzen, Don Mahlman and Idonna Gaston paint flowers; Middle left and right, Laura DeBoer RN, director of nursing plants flowers in the courtyard and encourages residents to share memories of flowers and gardens; bottom left, Gayle Durfee creates a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

# Captain Morgan's Feathered Family Visits



**Birds flock to Gardenside**—Captain Morgan brought his exotic birds to Gardenside for Nursing Home Week. Top left, Mary Ann Klecan. Top right, Mrak Schmidt. Bottom, left to right, Anne Itzen and Vickie Curry, Clarence Marschman, and Don Mahlman.

## Gardenside ladies honored with a special lunch



**A special lunch**—Gardenside ladies were treated to a special fried chicken lunch in the day room. From left, Mary Adkins, Mary Feldkamp, Helen Keen, Faye Francis, Joyce Holes and Elva Smith.

## Residents enjoy visit from Fairbury Rural Fire Department

In honor of International Firefighters Day some local firefighters brought out a truck for residents to see and talked about fire fighting.

Thank you, firefighters, for keeping us safe!



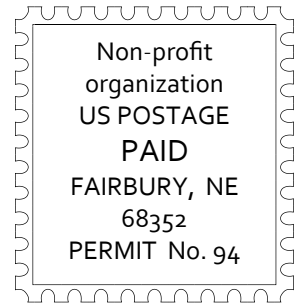
## Fourth Annual Car Show Rescheduled to July 2

The fourth annual Nostalgia of Cars Show to benefit Gardenside residents was postponed because of a severe storm that hit Fairbury the night before it was scheduled. It has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 2, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Watch for more details! All types of vehicles are welcome. The entry fee is \$20, and forms are available at Gardenside. T-shirts will be for sale the day of the show. We will have food trucks on site. There is no admission fee for those who would like to come and see the vehicles on display.

(Entertainment and fireworks will follow the car show—see more details on page 2.)

If you need more information, please ask!

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*Photos Inside!*

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## Happy Birthdays



*Happy May birthdays to: Vickie Curry, Norris Gold, Keith Snyder, Clarence Marschman, Bev Leseberg, Elva Smith and Carol Hart.*