

Sweet Galilee Times

JANUARY 2024

At A Glance



Try some Berry Cobbler!



Let's Ring in this New Year Together!

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From the Desks of the Co-Presidents

Julie Simpkins & Greg Echols

As 2024 begins, I find myself reflecting on the past year and the moments we have shared. I want to take this

opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our residents, families, employees, and stakeholders.

This year has been filled with memorable experiences, and I am grateful for the connections I have had with many of you. Your support and encouragement have truly made a difference in my life and the lives of those we serve.

As we envision 2024 together, I want to express my sincerest wishes for your happiness, health, and success. May the coming year bring you exciting adventures and blessings.

I look forward to the year ahead, the experiences we will create and the lives we will touch together!



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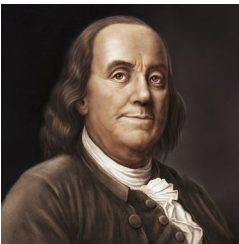




IN THE NEWS

ABOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Rick Banas



Benjamin Franklin, who helped draft the Declaration of Independence, was born on Jan. 17, 1706. An inventor, he is credited with inventing what we now call bifocals. As he grew older, Franklin became both near-sighted and far-sighted. Tired of switching from one pair of glasses to another, he had the lenses of the two pairs of glasses sliced horizontally in half and remade them into a single pair – the top half for distance and the bottom half for reading. Franklin never patented any of his inventions, believing they should be freely shared.

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863.

The first Rose Bowl Parade dates back to 1890. It featured horse-drawn carriages filled with flowers. In the afternoon after the parade, there were foot and chariot races, jousting, and tug-of-war. The Rose Bowl college football game was added in 1902 to help fund the cost of the parade. Michigan played Stanford.

On Jan. 1, 1892, Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. It served as an immigration processing center for more than 60 years until it closed in 1954. It has been estimated that nearly 40 percent of current U.S. citizens can trace at least one of their ancestors back to Ellis Island.



Jan. 22 is Celebration of Life Day. It is designed to honor the children and grandchildren who bring joy to our lives.

The week of Jan. 22 to Jan. 28 is National Activities Professional Week.

Jan. 24 is Global Belly Laugh Day. It is no joke that laughter is great medicine. According to the Mayo Clinic, laughing has many short-term and long-term benefits, including stimulating your heart, lungs, muscles, and circulation; enhancing your intake of oxygen; relieving stress; improving your mood and your immune system; and increasing the endorphins released by your brain.



January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month. Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that damage the optic nerve in the back of the eye, which can lead to vision loss and blindness. Symptoms can start so slowly that you may not even notice them at first. The only way to find out is with a comprehensive dilated eye exam.



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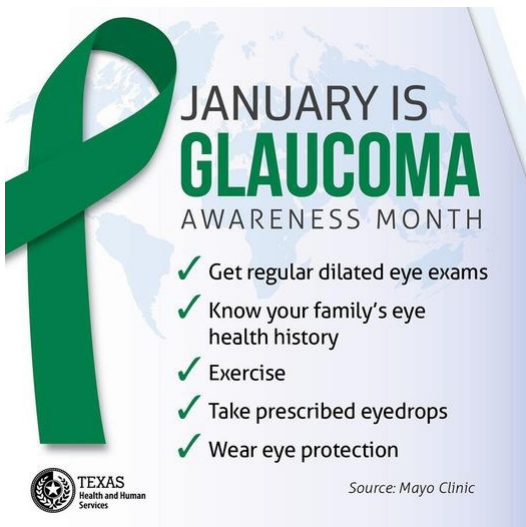
January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

Chrisi Karcz VP Clinical Operations

January is recognized as National Glaucoma Awareness Month. Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases which gradually leads to blindness without warning. Damage caused to the optic nerve results in loss of vision. Currently there is no cure, but early diagnosis can lead to treatment including medications and surgery. While most often it occurs in the middle-aged and elderly, it can affect people of all ages.

It is important to spread the word about the sight-stealing disease as it impacts over 3 million people in the United States. According to the Glaucoma Research Foundation (2023), by 2030, it is predicted to be over 4.2 million people will have glaucoma. There are no symptoms and once vision is lost it is permanent. Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness.

Glaucoma is more prevalent in African Americans and Latinos. With African Americans 6 to 8 times more likely than Caucasians to be diagnosed with glaucoma. Additionally, glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness in African Americans. Older Hispanics are at as high of risk as African Americans.



Regular eye exams are important in protecting one's sight from glaucoma. Early detection leads to early treatment. African, Asian and Hispanic individuals are at greatest risk. Individuals 60 years and older, diabetics, family history of glaucoma and those very nearsighted are also at greater risk. Routine eye exams may help prevent vision loss.

Recipe Corner

Microwave "Baked" Berry Oatmeal Cobbler

- 1/2 cup instant oats
- 1 egg
- Cinnamon to taste
- 1 Tbs. milled flax seed
- 1/3 cup milk or almond milk
- 2 tsp. honey
- 1/3 cup blueberries
- Spray coconut oil (or any oil)

Directions

1. Spray a coffee mug with the oil. Add oatmeal, a tablespoon of flax seed, some cinnamon, milk, an egg, and the honey to the cup.
2. Mix it up then toss in the blueberries. Gently mix together.
3. Place the mug in the microwave for 3 minutes but check it after 2 minutes to ensure that it doesn't bubble over.
4. Careful when handling, it will be hot. Enjoy!





LIFESTYLE

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Resident Birthdays:

Glenda E.- 1/04

Diana F.- 1/07

Donald C.- 1/09

Roy N. 1/12

Deborah P.- 1/14

David T.- 1/22

Carol W.- 1/24

Phillip P.- 1/26

Barbara L.- 1/29

Staff Work Anniversaries:

Daphne N (1/26/23)

Brian R (1/31/23)

Welcome New Staff

Jayvon (Front Desk)

Ashley (Nursing)

A Note from the Executive Director

Daphne New

Happy 2024, Sweet Galilee!!

We have enjoyed the last few months of festivities and visitors, it has been great! I don't know about you all, but I am ready for a little wind down. While we enjoy the last few days of Holiday decorations (which likely will be gone by the time this reaches you).. it's time to plan for the new year.

The arrival of our Sweet Galilee bus is the best news!! Please have just a bit more patience while we get our drivers signed off for final approval before we're allowed passengers on the open road! We are almost there!

We will have scheduled outings that you can sign up for. I cannot wait!!

We ask that you help ensure that Sweet Galilee is/remains a clean, safe place to live and work.

Some reminders, that no one is to smoke indoors NOR at the front door. If you must be out front (instead of the courtyard), make sure you are 25 ft or more from the door.

If you have a dog, you must take the dog outside to potty & clean up your dog's waste and dispose of it appropriately.

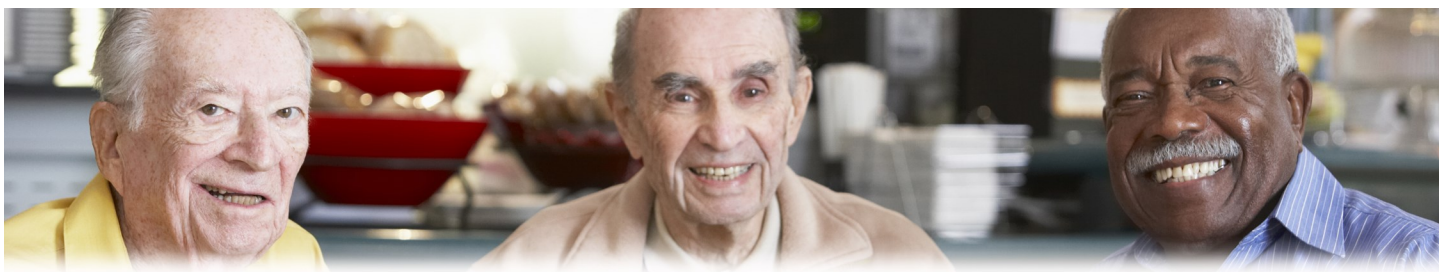
Everyone is aware of what is needed before bringing a pet into the building and we have been patient to extend extra time.

All pets must have required updated vaccination & spay/neuter records turned in to Elly by Jan. 5th as well as the lease addendum if you haven't already signed one, or the pet must leave the premises. No exceptions.

Thank you to those who have provided the requested necessary information!

Sincerely,

Daphne New



LIFESTYLE

Wake up Wednesday

Date: January 31st

Time: 9 am

Location: Dining Room

Details: Different Vendors will be here to help make sure you have access to everything you need to age as healthy as possible!

Pictured below is events from the Holiday Season like our GingerBread Open House, Santa and Cookies, and our Shining Star Gala!



Horoscope

Aquarius (1/20-2/18)

Try to reduce the demands of others in order to repair relationships

Pisces (2/19-3/20)

After the full moon, peace will reign in the soul for Pisces.

Aries (3/21-4/19)

This month will have dynamic change, in a good way!

Taurus (4/20-5/20)

Don't be afraid to express your feelings this month.

Gemini (5/21-6/20)

Success can not be achieved alone.

Cancer (6/21-7/22)

Have patience with yourself and others.

Leo (7/23-8/22)

The beginning of the year is great for taking on a new position

Virgo (8/23-9/22)

January will cause an upliftment and desire to live in a new way!

Libra (9/23-10/21)

Attention should be focused on moments that cause warm feelings

Scorpio (10/22-11/21)

This month is great for new hobbies, household chores, and sports!

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)

A powerful upsurge of energy will make it easier to achieve your goals.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19)

Take part in a special project or plan a new trip!



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