

APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

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A word from your ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Residents, Families, and Team,

April has arrived, and with it comes that gentle feeling of renewal that only spring can bring. This is the month where everything starts waking up again — the air feels lighter, the days stretch a little longer, and the world begins to brighten in ways we didn't realize we were missing.

That same sense of newness is something I see in our community. Whether its residents try new activities, families reconnecting, or staff finding fresh energy in their work, there's a quiet blossoming happening here — steady, hopeful, and honestly inspiring.

To our residents: thank you for the warmth and wisdom you bring into this home. Just like spring, you remind us that growth never stops, no matter the season of life we're in. Your strength and your stories give this place its heart.

To our families: your support means everything. Thank you for staying involved, checking in, and trusting us with the care of the people you love. Your presence brings comfort and connection.

To our staff: your compassion is the root system that keeps this community grounded. The patience you show, the care you give, and the love you put into your work truly make Grand Oaks bloom.

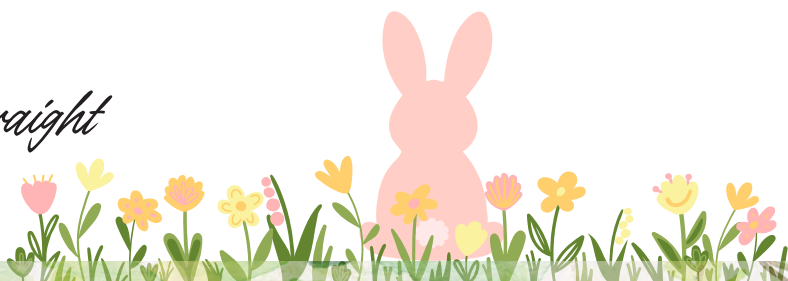
As we move through April, I hope we all take a moment to appreciate the fresh start that spring brings. Even small changes — a little sunshine, a shared laugh, a new beginning — can spark something meaningful.

My door is always open. If you ever need to talk, suggest something, or simply share a thought, I'm here.

Warm regards,

Sabrina Straight

Sabrina Straight,
Administrator





CHEF'S SPECIAL

COCONUT SHRIMP



Crispy fried, coconut breaded shrimp, served with cilantro lime rice, and a house made pineapple coconut dipping sauce.



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

DOROTHY



This month, we're proud to shine the spotlight on Dorothy Schantz. She was born in the month that everyone says is for lovers in Evanston, Illinois. Eventually she relocated to Okeechobee, Florida with her parents in 1945 with her two brothers.

Dorothy is a proud mother of two sons and grandmother to five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dorothy is a shy person and over the years has had a variety of occupations in her life from administrative secretary, office manager and patient care assistant. In 1969 Dorothy was the first female signed painter in Okeechobee.

Her proudest moments were raising her sons and being honest. Dorothy loves her love for God and reading the Holy Bible, spending time doing her artwork, and crocheting for everyone.

When asked what she loves most about Grand Oaks, Dorothy shared: their kindness, total cooperation of the staff and open-door policy. This is a fun and affordable place to live. Grand Oaks of Okeechobee is a family.

Dorothy is a wonderful addition to our community!

EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT

The Easter Bunny has hidden eggs all throughout this newsletter for you to find!

As you read, keep an eye out for the eggs scattered across the pages. They come in different sizes, colors, and patterns, so look closely—you won't want to miss any!

When you reach the end, check the Easter basket on the back page—the total number of eggs will be revealed. Happy hunting!



New Residents WELCOME!

- Diane W.



Happy BIRTHDAY!



APRIL 8

Violet K.

APRIL 18

Regina M.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

April 2026

Grand Oaks of Okeechobee
203 SE 2nd Street, Okeechobee Fl 34974

ALF#11944



All Activities are subject to change!

			9:15a Sit & Fit 1 9:30 Walmart 10am U-N-O 11a Price is Right 2pm Milkshakes 3pm Rummi-kub	9am Porch Talk 2 9:30 Activity Mtg 10a B-I-N-G-O 11a Deal No Deal 2p Painting 3pm Hidden Objects	9am Easter Egg 3 Hunt 10am Auction 11am Deal No Deal 2p Easter & B-day Party	9:30a Porch Talk 4 10a Word Search 2:30p Penny Poker 4p Checkers!
Easter Sunday 5 9:30a Porch Talk 10a Word Search 11am Church 1:30p B I N G O! 4p Checkers!	9:15a Sit & Fit 6 9:30a Porch Talk 10am LCR 11a Deal No Deal 2p Arts & Crafts 3p Movie & Snack	9:30 Porch Talk 7 10a Penny Poker 11:15 Bible Study 2p WJ & Friends 3pm Puzzles	Violet's B-day 8 9:15a Sit & Fit 9:30 Walmart 10am Puzzles 11a Price is Right 2pm Po-Keno 3pm Treats & Drinks	9:30a Porch Talk 9 10a Cornhole 11a Let's Make a deal 2pm B-I-N-G-O 3p Movie & Snack	9:15a Sit & Fit 10 10am Casino 11am Wheel of Fortune 2pm Coloring 3pm Puzzles	9:30a Porch Talk 11 10a Word Search 2:30p Penny Poker 4p Checkers!
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APRIL IN HISTORY

April 2, 1513
Juan Ponce de León lands in Florida.

April 14, 1865
President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated at Ford's Theatre.

April 6, 1896
The first modern Olympic Games begin in Athens.

April 15, 1912
The RMS Titanic sinks after hitting an iceberg on its maiden voyage.

April 7, 1948
The World Health Organization is officially established.

April 12, 1961
Yuri Gagarin becomes the first human to travel into space.

April 4, 1968
Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated in Memphis.

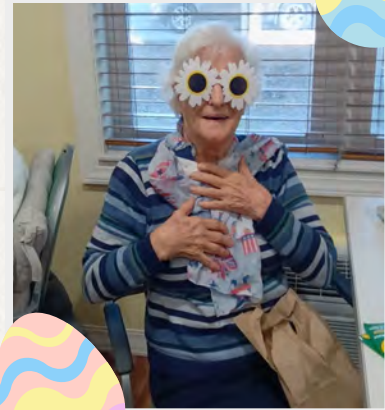
April 22, 1970
The first Earth Day is celebrated, launching the modern environmental movement.

April 26, 1986
The Chernobyl disaster occurs in Ukraine.

April 30, 1993
CERN announces that the World Wide Web will be free for anyone to use.







Spring Word Search

- BLOSSOM
- BLOOM
- FLOWERS
- RAIN
- SHOWERS
- EASTER
- SPRING BREAK
- GRASS
- HATCH
- BIRDS
- SUNSHINE
- SEASON
- MARCH
- APRIL
- MAY

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*Calendar
Spotlight*

Grand Oaks
ASSISTED LIVING BY THE VNA
OKEECHOBEE

*Our Roots
Run Deep
IN OUR
COMMUNITY*

April 3rd

Easter Egg Hunt
9:00am



April 14th

Boho Birthday Party
2:00pm



April 13th & 27th

Salon Day

