

## A Dash of Derby Details

The first Saturday in May hosts the longest-running sporting event in the country, the Kentucky Derby. Since 1875, jockeys and their horses have been gathering at the Churchill Downs racecourse in Louisville for a 1 1/4-mile dash to the finish line. Saddle up for these fun facts about the competition:

- Thoroughbreds that enter the race must be 3 years old.
- A blanket of roses is draped over the winner, providing the race's famous nickname "The Run for the Roses."
   Made of more than 400 roses, the blanket weighs about 40 pounds.
- Because of the typical time it takes a horse to run the course, another moniker for the race is "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports."
- Secretariat, who won the race in 1973, still holds the record for the fastest Derby finish at 1:59.4. The 2010 film "Secretariat" tells the inspiring tale about the horse and his owner, Penny Chenery.
- Horse names cannot exceed 18 characters or contain horse terms, such as "filly" or "stallion."
- The current purse for the Derby is \$3 million, with \$1.86 million going to the first-place winner.
- Starting lanes No. 5 and No. 10 are the luckiest. Riders in these posts have won more times than those in other lanes.
- The mid-1960s brought a new tradition for women attending the event—wearing large, fancy hats.
- The 1892 Kentucky Derby only saw three horses race; today, 20 horses compete.
- The official drink of the Derby is the mint julep.



#### **MAY 2025**



## Horse Racing With Rhonda!

Don't miss out on the fun—place your bets and let the races begin!

In celebration of the Kentucky Derby, Rhonda Bedrick, Community Manager with BrightStar Care of Flower Mound, invites you to join the excitement of Horse Racing with Rhonda! Save your quarters and get ready to bet on your favorite horse! A door prize raffle will be held at the conclusion of the races. Dress to impress! Wear your Derby hats and colorful suits for the occasion. Enjoy mint juleps and small appetizers while cheering on your picks! Don't miss out on the fun—place your bets and let the races begin!

**Upcoming Races:** 

Kickoff May 2 and June 20 Rhonda returns the first Friday of each month beginning again in August!







**INDEPENDENT LIVING** 

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#### Locations

Parking Lot	PL
Bistro	
Community Room	CR
Dining Room	. DR
Fitness Room	FR
Garden	G
Library	LL
Lobby	L
Outing	O
Route 66	
Theater	TH

Monday, 10AM (Grocery Stores)

Tuesday & Thursday, 10AM (Walmart)

**Wednesday, 10AM** (Post Office/Bank)

**Thursday, 2:30PM** (Misc. Errands)

Friday, 9:30AM

### **May Birthdays**

- 4 Leo Bunderson7 Willa Hagood
- 8 Bob Vale
- 11 Dottie Wheeler
- 27 Gene Wilkins
- 30 Nancy J. Jones

# Sweet and Silly

Q: What kind of bouquet did the little boy give to his mom? A: Son-flowers.

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"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope."

—Emily Bronte



## St. Patrick's Day Fun

St. Patrick's Day was a blast this year as our residents and staff dressed in their finest green attire to celebrate! The festive spirit was in full swing as we welcomed **Mr. Accordion**, who filled the air with lively Irish tunes, setting the perfect mood for the day. We treated ourselves to a delicious spread, featuring **Caprese salad** and the ever-popular **Shamrock Shakes**, which were a big hit!

Adding to the excitement, we held a special **raffle**, where five lucky winners took home beautiful **gift baskets** filled with goodies, generously donated by **Homestone Health**. The suspense and joy of the raffle made for a thrilling highlight of the day!



















